

MULTIPLE MODELS PREVENT DAMAGE TO CENTER PANEL FINISH

When removing and installing the center panel during diagnostics and repair procedures on Mazda vehicles (with center console mounted AT or MT shifter) to gain additional access during removal the gear shift knob may be removed. When the gear shift knob is removed, the gear shift lever threads are left exposed and have a sharp edge that may damage the finish of the center panel during removal or installation (especially when unplugging the audio unit connectors).

To prevent damage to the center panel finish, after removing the shift knob, place a straight spark plug boot (such as used for a Tribute or B-Series truck) over the threads of the shift lever. The spark plug boot will prevent damage as a result of contact between the center panel and the shift lever threads.



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For his efforts, Norm will receive a \$50 Snap-On gift certificate.
Thanks again Norm!!!