



26.35 Unclip and remove the fascia upper end panels on both sides



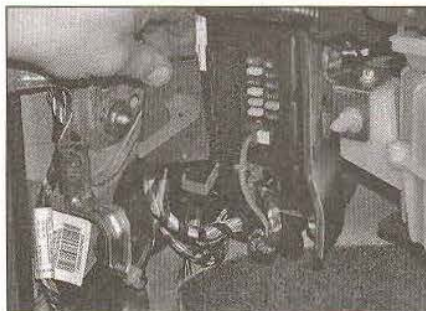
26.37a Undo the bolt (arrowed) at the left-hand and right-hand end of the fascia ...



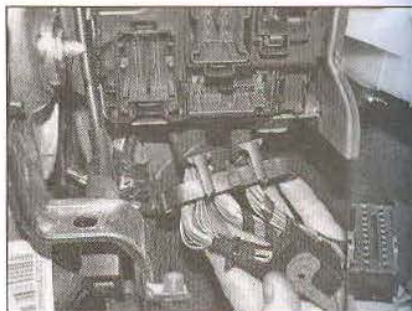
26.37b ... the bolt (arrowed) on each side of the fascia lower centre section ...



26.37c ... and the bolt (arrowed) in the fascia centre switch/vent panel aperture



26.42 Open the locking bars and disconnect the three main wiring harness connectors on the fuse/relay box



26.43 Release the wiring harness guide from the base of the fuse/relay box and move the harness to one side

the fascia to the fascia crossmember (see illustrations):

- a) 1 bolt at the left-hand and right-hand end of the fascia.
- b) 1 bolt on each side of the fascia lower centre section.
- c) 1 bolt in the fascia centre switch/vent panel aperture.

38 With the help of an assistant, carefully lift the fascia from its location. Check that all wiring has been disconnected, then remove the fascia from the car.

Refitting

39 Refitting is a reversal of removal ensuring that all wiring is correctly reconnected and all mountings securely tightened.

Facia crossmember

Note: This is an involved operation entailing the disconnection of a multitude of wiring connectors. Make notes on the location of all disconnected wiring, or attach labels to the connectors, to avoid confusion when refitting.

Removal

40 Remove the complete fascia assembly as described previously in this Section.

41 Remove the steering column as described in Chapter 10.

42 Open the locking bars and disconnect the three main wiring harness connectors on the fuse/relay box (see illustration). Also disconnect the smaller wiring harness plug below the fuses.

43 Release the wiring harness guide from the base of the fuse/relay box and move the harness to one side (see illustration).

44 Open the locking bar and disconnect the wiring harness connector at the left-hand side of the passenger's footwell (see illustration).

45 Open the locking bar and disconnect the wiring harness connector at the front of the airbag control unit (see illustration).

46 Undo the nuts and disconnect the earth lead behind the airbag control unit, and on the right-hand side of the passenger's footwell (see illustrations).

47 Disconnect the wiring harness connector on the right-hand side of the driver's footwell (see illustration).

48 Undo the four bolts securing the fascia



26.44 Open the locking bar and disconnect the wiring harness connector at the left-hand side of the passenger's footwell



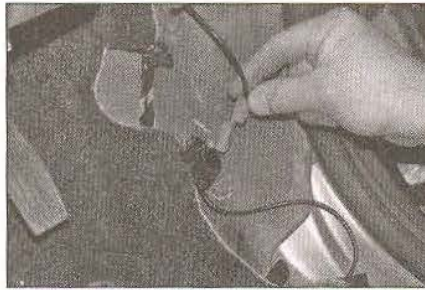
26.45 Open the locking bar and disconnect the wiring harness connector at the front of the airbag control unit



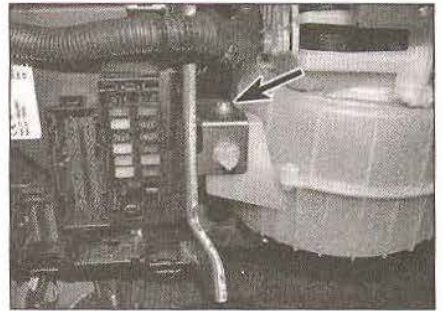
26.46a Undo the nuts and disconnect the earth lead behind the airbag control unit ...



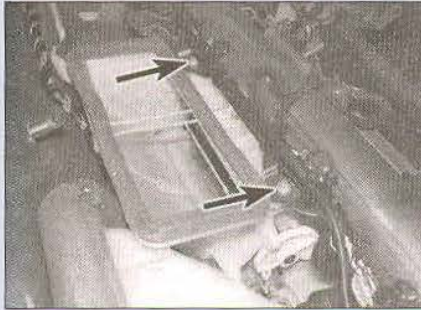
26.46b ... and on the right-hand side of the passenger's footwell



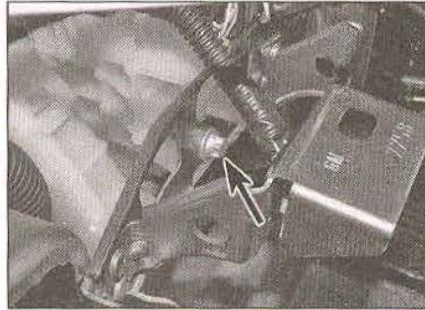
26.47 Disconnect the wiring harness connector on the right-hand side of the driver's footwell



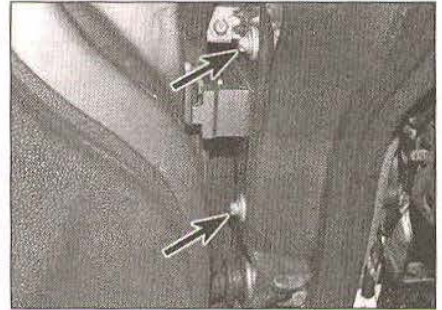
26.48a Undo the bolt (arrowed) on the side of the heater blower motor housing ...



26.48b ... the two bolts (arrowed) at the top centre ...



26.48c ... and the lower centre bolt (arrowed) above the airbag control unit



26.49 Undo the two bolts (arrowed) securing the crossmember to the A-pillar on each side

crossmember to the air distribution housing in the following locations (see illustrations):

- a) One bolt on the side of the heater blower motor housing.
- b) Two bolts at the top centre.
- c) One lower centre bolt above the airbag control unit.

49 From outside the car, undo the two bolts securing the crossmember to the A-pillar

on each side (see illustration). Note that the bolts cannot be completely removed due to the proximity of the doors, but can be unscrewed enough to release the crossmember.

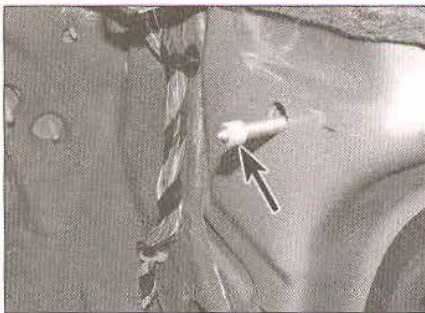
50 With the help of an assistant, check that all wiring has been disconnected, then remove the crossmember from the car.

51 Once the crossmember has been removed,

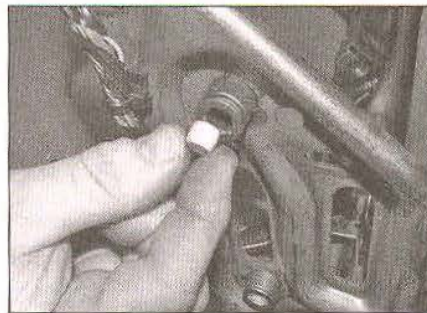
unscrew the plastic guide sleeves from the crossmember-to-A-pillar bolts and refit them to the captive nuts in the crossmember (see illustrations).

Refitting

52 Refitting is a reversal of removal ensuring that all wiring is correctly reconnected and all mountings securely tightened.



26.51a Unscrew the plastic guide sleeves (arrowed) from the crossmember-to-A-pillar bolts ...



26.51b ... and refit them to the captive nuts in the crossmember