

SECTION II

FLOOR CONSOLE—DESCRIPTION

The floor console is a fiberglass shell which houses the gear change selector, choke lever, fuse box, ashtray and cigarette lighter, coin tray, and rear window defroster switch. With the exception of a driving range indicator lamp (automatic transmission models only), electrical connections are identical as is the procedure for removal and replace. (See Figure II-1.)

A. Removal

1. Disconnect the vehicle electrical system by removing the Positive (+) battery cable from the terminal at the battery.

2. Remove the ashtray cover assembly and fuse box cover to expose the forward floor console attaching points.

3. Locate and disconnect the console electrical components at the connectors. (See Figure 1-2.)

4. As shown in Figure II-1, remove the floor console components and attaching hardware as follows:

- a. Setscrew and choke control knob, Items 1 and 2.
- b. Retaining screws and gear change lever handle (automatic transmission), Items 3 and 4, or change lever knob and boot (standard transmission), Items 5 and 6.

c. Attaching hardware (screw) and coin case, Items 7 and 8.

d. Rear console attaching screws, Item 9.

e. Forward console attaching screws, Item 10. (attaching hardware for fuse block and cigarette lighter mounting bracket).

5. Protect the forward top edges of the console shell with masking tape to avoid scratching during removal.

6. Carefully force the fuse box forward through the space between the console shell and the mounting cross member.

7. Lift the console to gain access beneath. Remove the retaining nuts which secure the choke control mechanism to the console. (See Figure II-1, Item 11.)

8. Free the choke cable from the two clips located inside the console shell (lower-right side).

9. The floor console is now free to be removed by lifting upwards and back, while working the gear change lever console escutcheon (automatic transmission) off the gear change lever.

10. The floor console is replaced in the reverse order of removal. Perform a check to verify proper working order of console electrical and mechanical units.

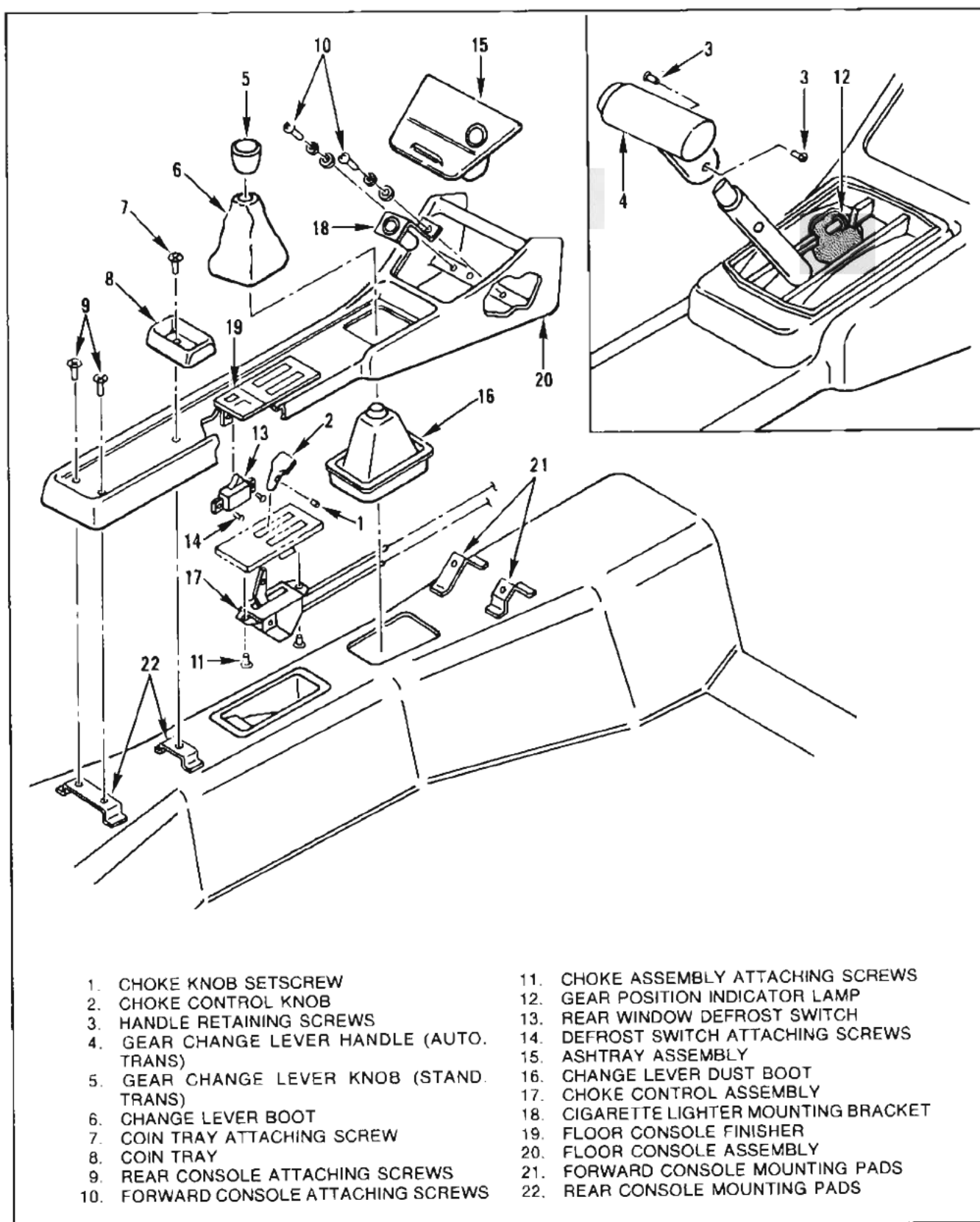


Figure II-1. Floor Console and Attaching Hardware (Exploded View)

B. Remove and Replace (Floor Console Electrical)

NOTE

It is not necessary to remove the floor console to replace the selector position indicator lamp or rear window defrost switch.

1. Perform procedure as described in Paragraphs A-1 through A-6, and prop the console assembly in a raised position to gain access beneath.

2. Refer to Figure II-1 for part identification and R&R as follows:

- a. Replace a burned out indicator lamp, Item 12, by pulling the base from the holder. Insert a new lamp bulb and replace in position.
- b. To replace a faulty defrost switch, Item 13, remove the two Phillips head attaching screws, Item 14, and bring the switch from under the console. Splice and solder in a new switch and secure in place.
- c. Connect the battery and make electrical test to assure proper component working order.

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