

# DODGE

## 1998-99 Intrepid

### PRECAUTIONS

**Warning:** The battery is vented to release excess hydrogen gas that is created when the battery is being charged or discharged. However, even with these vents, hydrogen gas can collect in or around the battery. If hydrogen gas is exposed to flame or sparks, it may ignite. Do not smoke, use flame, or create sparks near the battery. Personal injury and vehicle damage may result. The battery contains sulfuric acid, which is poisonous and caustic. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. In the event of contact, flush with water and call a physician immediately. Keep out of reach of children.

**Warning:** To protect hands from battery acid, a suitable pair of heavy duty rubber gloves, not the household type, should be worn when removing or servicing a battery. Safety glasses also should be worn. Remove metallic jewelry worn on hands or wrists to avoid injury by accidental arcing of battery current.

**Warning:** Do not allow jumper cable clamps to touch each other when connected to a booster source. When using a high output boosting device, do not allow the disabled vehicle's battery to exceed 16 volts. Personal injury or damage to electrical system can result.

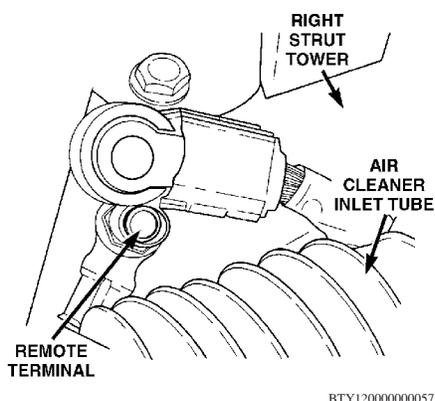
It is important that the battery, starting system, and charging system be thoroughly tested and inspected any time a battery needs to be charged or replaced. The cause of abnormal discharge, over charging or early battery failure must be corrected before a battery is replaced or returned to service.

The battery Group Size number, the Cold Cranking Amperage (CCA) rating, and the Reserve Capacity (RC) rating or Ampere-Hours (AH) rating can be found on the original equipment battery label. Be certain that a replacement battery has the correct Group Size number, as well as CCA and RC or AH ratings that equal or exceed the original equipment specification for the vehicle being serviced.

### BATTERY Removal

This vehicle is equipped with a single, 12-volt battery located under the hood.

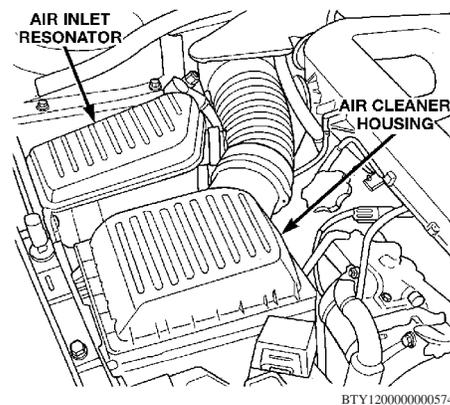
From the factory, most vehicles are equipped with a maintenance-free battery, and others with a low-maintenance battery. Maintenance-free batteries have non-removable battery vent caps and water cannot be added to this battery. Low-



**Fig. 1 Battery ground cable remote terminal connector removal**

maintenance batteries have removable battery cell caps and water can be added to this battery. A maintenance-free battery should be replaced with a maintenance-free battery.

1. Turn steering wheel to full righthand position.
2. Verify that ignition switch and all accessories are "OFF."
3. Disconnect and isolate battery ground cable from remote terminal on shock tower, **Fig. 1**.
4. Remove air cleaner housing, **Fig. 2**.
5. Remove battery splash shield as follows:
  - a. Raise and support vehicle.
  - b. Remove front wheel and tire assembly.
  - c. Remove mounting nut at strut assembly, and remove stabilizer bar attaching link from strut, **Fig. 3**.
  - d. Loosen, but do not remove, outer tie rod end to strut arm attaching nut, **Fig. 3**.
  - e. Release outer tie rod end from steering arm using a suitable puller, then remove nut and tie rod from steering arm, **Fig. 4**.
  - f. Remove speed sensor cable routing bracket from strut assembly if vehicle is equipped with anti-lock brakes, **Fig. 5**.
  - g. Remove 2 guide pin bolts mounting caliper assembly to steering knuckle, **Fig. 6**.
  - h. Remove brake caliper assembly from steering knuckle and disc brake rotor. Do not let caliper assembly hang by brake hose. Support caliper assembly by hanging it from frame of vehicle with wire or some other method.
  - i. Remove front disc brake rotor from hub.



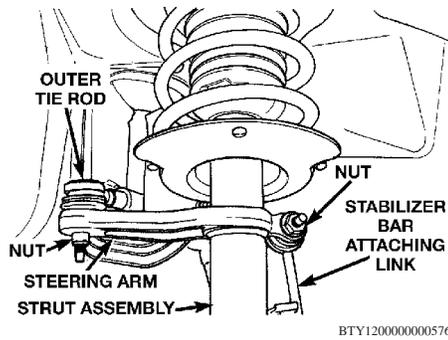
**Fig. 2 Air cleaner housing removal**

- j. Remove strut assembly to steering knuckle attaching bolts, **Fig. 7**. Strut assembly to steering knuckle bolts are serrated where they go through strut assembly and steering knuckle. When removing bolts, turn nuts off bolts. **Do not turn bolts in steering knuckle.** If bolts are turned, damage to steering knuckle will result.
- k. Remove strut assembly upper mount to strut tower mounting nut and washer assemblies, **Fig. 8**.
  - l. Remove strut assembly from vehicle.
- m. Remove speed sensor bracket mounting screws, then move bracket to access speed sensor wire connector, **Fig. 9**.
- n. Disconnect speed sensor wire connector.
- o. Remove fasteners attaching splash shield to inner wheelhouse.
- p. Remove splash shield from vehicle.
6. Remove battery hold down bracket bolts.
7. Slide battery to rear of tray, and disconnect battery ground cable, then battery positive cable from battery.
8. Slide battery toward rear of vehicle, and lift out through wheel well opening.
9. Remove battery.
10. Remove battery blanket heater, if equipped.

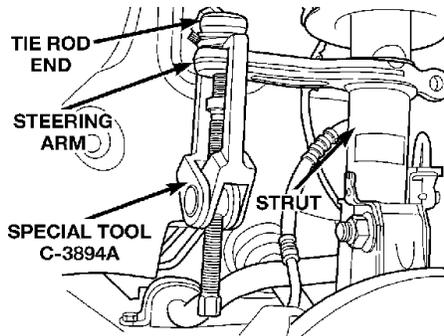
### Installation

Do not over tighten battery cable clamps, or damage to clamps can result.

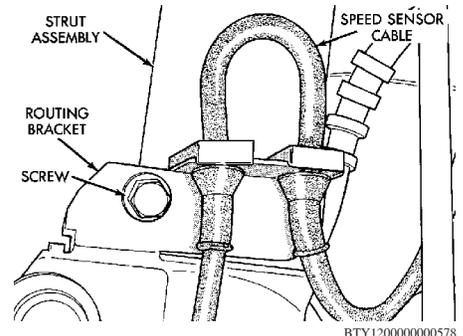
1. Reverse procedure to install, noting the following:
  - a. Connect battery positive cable, then connect battery ground cables.
  - b. **Torque** battery cable clamp nuts to 75 inch lbs.



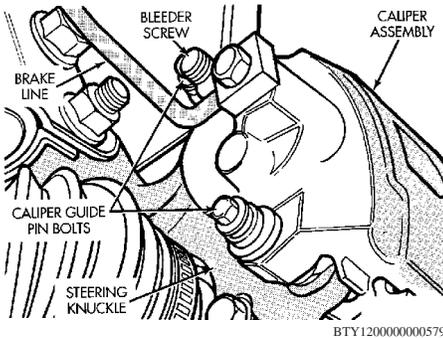
**Fig. 3 Strut assembly removal**



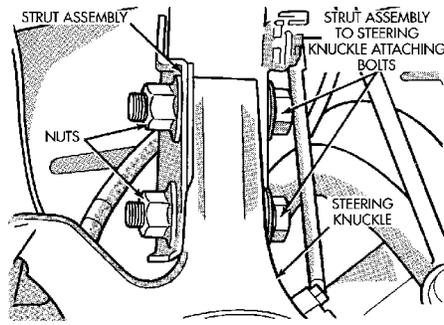
**Fig. 4 Outer tie rod end removal**



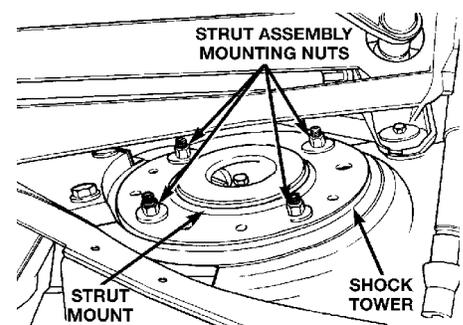
**Fig. 5 Speed sensor cable routing bracket removal**



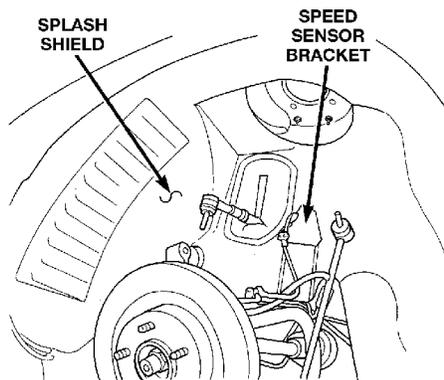
**Fig. 6 Caliper guide pin bolt removal**



**Fig. 7 Strut assembly to steering knuckle attaching bolt removal**



**Fig. 8 Strut assembly upper mounting nut removal**



**Fig. 9 Speed sensor mounting bracket location**

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