

2. Precaution for Supplemental Restraint System (Airbag)

The Supplemental Restraint System (Airbag) has been implemented in some Subaru vehicles. For proper and safe maintenance of this system, please ensure that you carefully read the precautionary notes given in "5-5 SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM" in the Service Manual before servicing.

It should also be noted that in the SM table of contents, an AIRBAG mark is added to each of the items which do not directly concern the airbag system but need to be considered in their relationship to it. So, during the service work for such items, make sure you refer to "5-5 SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM". <Ref. to 5-5 [W1A0].>

- **Take utmost care to follow faithfully the service procedures specified for the airbag, since otherwise it might deploy unexpectedly.**
- **With the airbag system, failures such as faulty connection of harness connectors or neglect of tightening sensor mounting bolts can lead to failure of deployment in an accident. Recheck each check point after maintenance work and use the on-board self-diagnosis to ensure there is nothing wrong with the system.**
- **All wire harnesses of the airbag system are encased in a yellow cover to make them distinct from those of other systems.**

● The following are the parts involved in the airbag installation:

- Steering wheel
- Steering column
- Toe-board (center, left & right ends)
- Front seat floor and side sill
- Front pillar (left, lower)
- Combination meter
- Steering support beam
- Instrument panel
- Front fender

Care should be taken when servicing in areas where the above parts are installed since it can affect the airbag system.

- Examples of service work involving the airbag system:
 - Replacement of steering gear
 - Steering maintenance and repair of the area adjoining toe-board
 - Removal and installation of combination meter
 - Installation of car stereo and other optional extras
 - Replacement and repair of the instrument panel