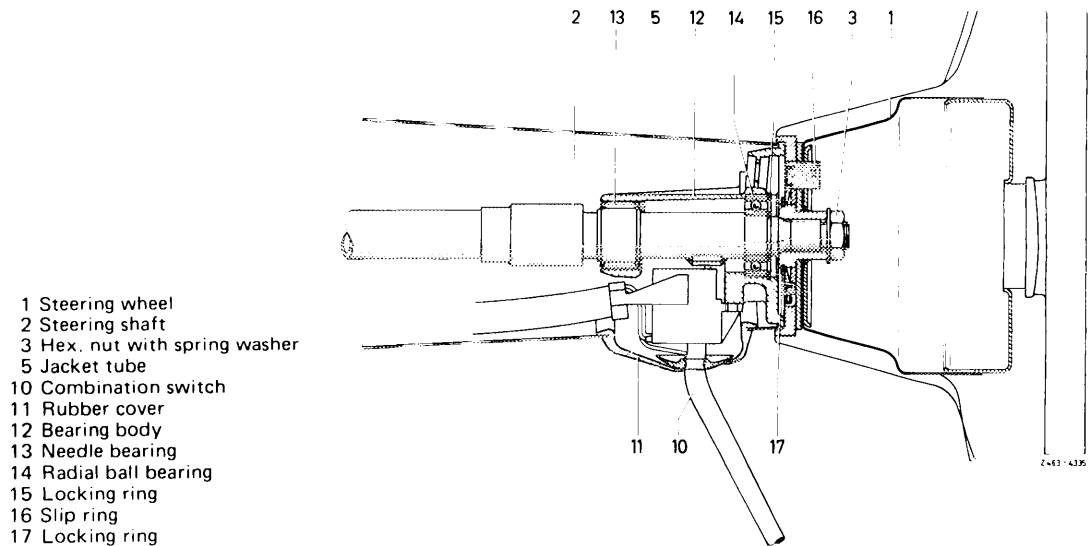


46–610 Removal and installation of steering wheel

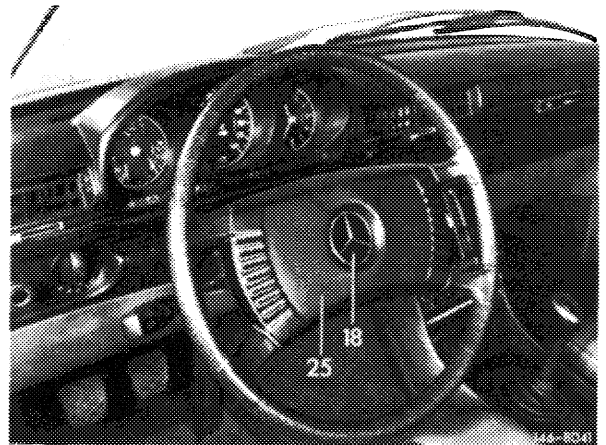
Tightening torque

		Nm
Hex. nut for attaching steering wheel to steering shaft	M 14 x 1.5	50
	M 18 x 1.5	80



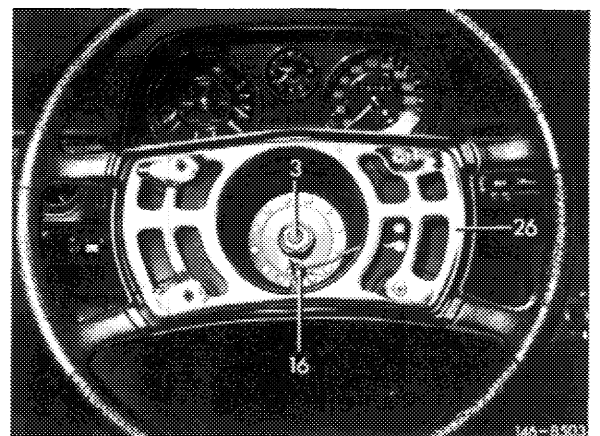
Removal

1 Pull pad (25) from horn carrier in upward direction. Pulling is done best at a corner of pad near one of the two steering wheel spokes.



2 Unscrew hex. nut (3). Remove spring washer first, then take steering wheel from steering shaft.

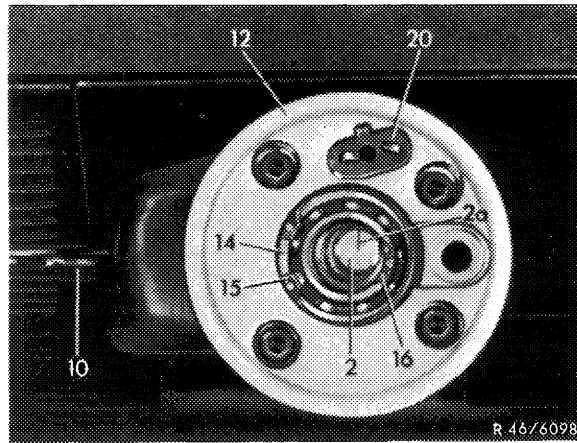
Note: In vehicles manufactured starting 1978, the steering wheel with larger hub dia. valid for model 123 is installed. These vehicles have no spring washer.



Installation

3 Turn steering shaft (2) so that marking line (2a) is pointing accurately upwards.

4 Place steering wheel on splining of steering shaft while making sure of horizontal position of spokes on steering wheel; the slightly curved spoke should be below.



5 On steering wheel 1st version, place spring washer on steering wheel shaft, screw-on hex. nut and tighten to 50 Nm.

Note: On steering wheel 2nd version (with larger hub dia.), no spring washer is installed. Tighten hex. nut to 80 Nm.

6 Attach pad to horn carrier. Unbuttoning pf pad is done best by starting at a corner near steering wheel spokes. Do not use force so that the horn carrier is not damaged.

7 During trial run, check position of steering wheel in straight-ahead position of road wheels. If the steering wheel position when driving straight ahead is not in agreement with front wheels, check toe-in and correct, if required. If the steering wheel position requires additional correction, the steering wheel can be displaced in splining by max. 2 teeth to the left or right.

8 Check signal horns for function and automatic return of combination switch.

Note: Dirty or sticky steering wheels can be cleaned with neutral household cleaner, by washing the steering wheel with a lukewarm solution of the cleaner.

Do not use abrasive cleaners, since they will attack the plastic foaming.