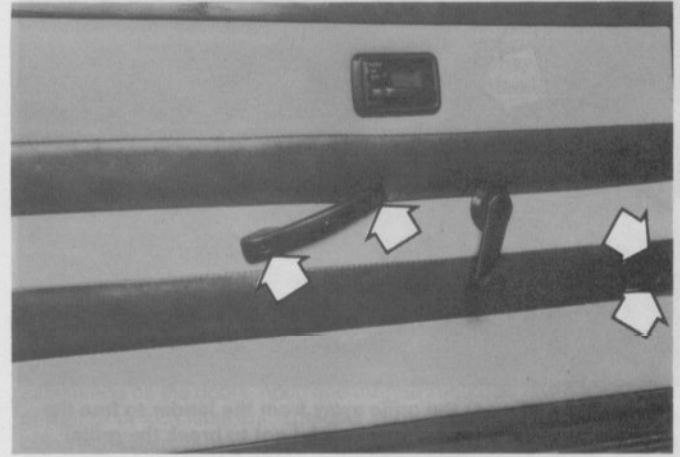


10.4 Remove the bumper retaining bolts located under the wheel wells



12.2a Remove all door trim panel retaining screws and the armrest (Samurai shown)

11 Seat belt check

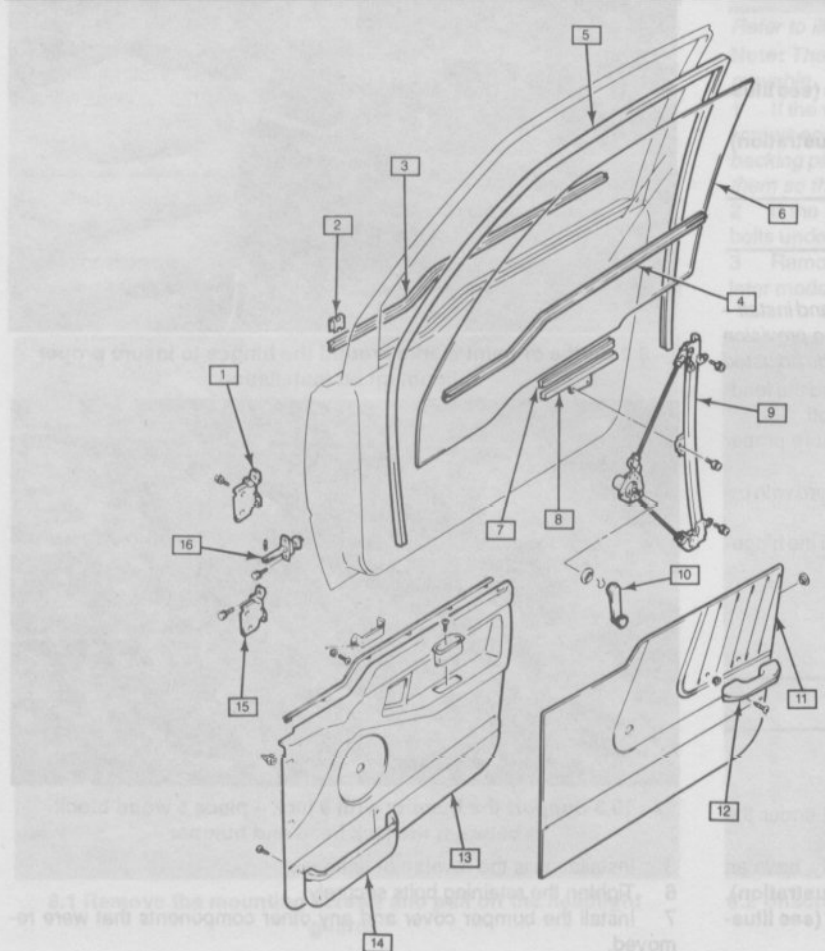
- 1 Check the seat belts, buckles, latch plates and guide loops for obvious damage and signs of wear.
- 2 Check that the seat belt reminder light comes on when the key is turned to the Run or Start positions. A chime should also sound.
- 3 The seat belts are designed to lock up during a sudden stop or impact, yet allow free movement during normal driving. Check that the retractors return the belt against your chest while driving and rewind the belt fully when the buckle is unlatched.

4 If any of the above checks reveal problems with the seat belt system, replace parts as necessary.

12 Door trim panel – removal and installation

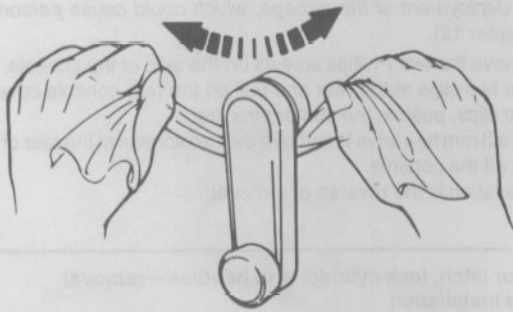
Refer to illustrations 12.2a, 12.2b, 12.3 and 12.6

- 1 Disconnect the negative cable from the battery.
- 2 Remove all door trim panel retaining screws and door pull/armrest assemblies (see illustrations).



12.2b Front door assembly – exploded view (Sidekick/Tracker) (rear side doors similar)

- 1 Door hinge
- 2 Clip
- 3 Weatherstrip (outside)
- 4 Weatherstrip (inside)
- 5 Door glass run
- 6 Door glass
- 7 Glass bottom channel rubber
- 8 Glass bottom channel
- 9 Window regulator assembly
- 10 Window crank handle
- 11 Trim panel (standard interior)
- 12 Armrest
- 13 Trim panel (deluxe interior)
- 14 Door trim pocket
- 15 Door hinge
- 16 Door open stop



12.3 Remove the snap-ring by working a cloth back-and-forth under the crank handle

- 3 Remove the window crank handle. Pop out the snap-ring using a cloth (see illustration).
- 4 Insert a putty knife between the trim panel and the door and disengage the retaining clips. Work around the outer edge until the panel is free.
- 5 Once all of the clips are disengaged, detach the trim panel, unplug any wire harness connectors and remove the trim panel from the vehicle.
- 6 For access to the inner door, carefully peel back the plastic watershield (see illustration).
- 7 Prior to installation of the door panel, be sure to reinstall any clips in the panel which may have come out during the removal procedure and remain in the door itself.
- 8 Plug in the wire harness connectors and place the panel in position in the door. Press the door panel into place until the clips are seated and install the armrest/door pulls. Install the window crank handle.



12.6 Remove the plastic watershield, being careful not to tear it

necessary as follows:

- a) Up-and-down and forward-and-backward adjustments are made by loosening the hinge-to-body bolts and moving the door as necessary.
- b) The door lock striker can also be adjusted both up-and-down and side-to-side to provide positive engagement with the lock mechanism. This is done by loosening the mounting screws and moving the striker as necessary (see illustration).
- c) If the striker is too far to the front or rear to properly engage the door latch, the striker may be adjusted by adding or removing shims from beneath it.

13 Door – removal, installation and adjustment

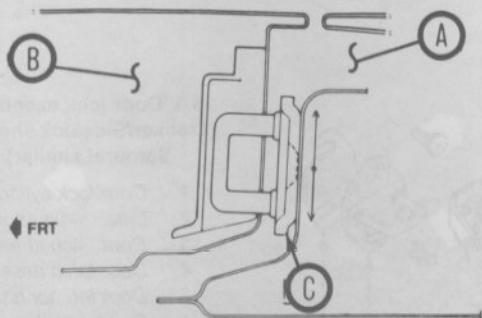
Refer to illustration 13.6

- 1 Remove the door trim panel (see Section 12). Disconnect any wire harness connectors and push them through the door opening so they won't interfere with door removal.
- 2 Place a jack or jackstand under the door or have an assistant on hand to support it when the hinge bolts are removed. **Note:** If a jack or jackstand is used, place a rag between it and the door to protect the door's painted surfaces.
- 3 Scribe around the door hinges (see illustration 12.2b).
- 4 Remove the hinge-to-door bolts and carefully lift off the door.
- 5 Installation is the reverse of removal.
- 6 Following installation of the door, check the alignment and adjust it if

14 Tailgate – removal, installation and adjustment (hardtop models only)

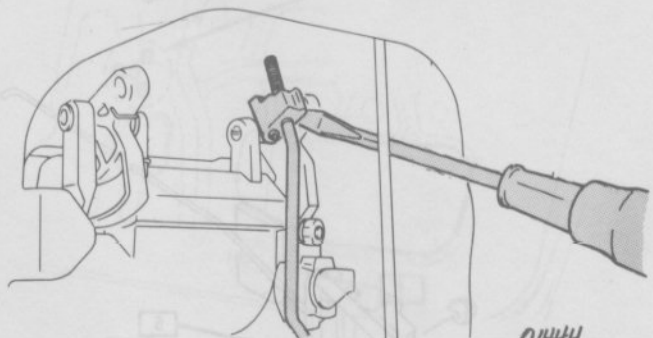
Removal

- 1 Remove the spare tire assembly.
- 2 Remove the trim panel by pushing the plastic stud retainers in the center to release them.
- 3 Remove the plastic watershield. Be careful not to tear it.
- 4 Disconnect the electrical connectors for the rear window defogger and wiper and also disconnect the license plate lamp.
- 5 To ensure proper adjustment when the tailgate is reinstalled, use a scribe or a marker to mark around the tailgate hinge plates.



13.6 To adjust the door latch striker, loosen the mounting screws and move it, as necessary

- A Body
- B Door
- C Door latch striker



16.3 Pry the door opening control rod from the outside door handle

- 6 Disconnect the support strut from the tailgate.
- 7 Have an assistant support the tailgate. Alternatively, support the tailgate using a wood block and a floor jack. Place a towel or cloth between the wood and the tailgate.
- 8 Remove the upper and lower hinge bolts from the tailgate.
- 9 Remove the tailgate.

Installation

- 10 Have an assistant help you lift the tailgate into position. Alternatively, lift it with a floor jack and a wood block.
- 11 Install the tailgate following the reverse order of the above procedure. To ensure proper adjustment, be sure to align the marks you made on removal.

Adjustment

- 12 After installation, close the tailgate and check that it is in proper alignment with the surrounding body panels. Adjustments to the tailgate are made by moving the position of the hinge bolts in their slots. To adjust, loosen the hinge bolts, reposition the tailgate the desired amount and retighten the bolts.
 - 13 The engagement of the tailgate can be adjusted by loosening the lock striker screws, repositioning the striker on the body and retightening the screws. If the striker is too far to the left or right to properly engage the the latch on the tailgate, add or remove shims from beneath the striker.
- NOTE:** Do not adjust the latch.

15 Center console – removal and installation (Tracker and Sidekick only)

Warning: 1996 and later models are equipped with an airbag system. Always disable the airbags prior to working in the vicinity of the steering col-

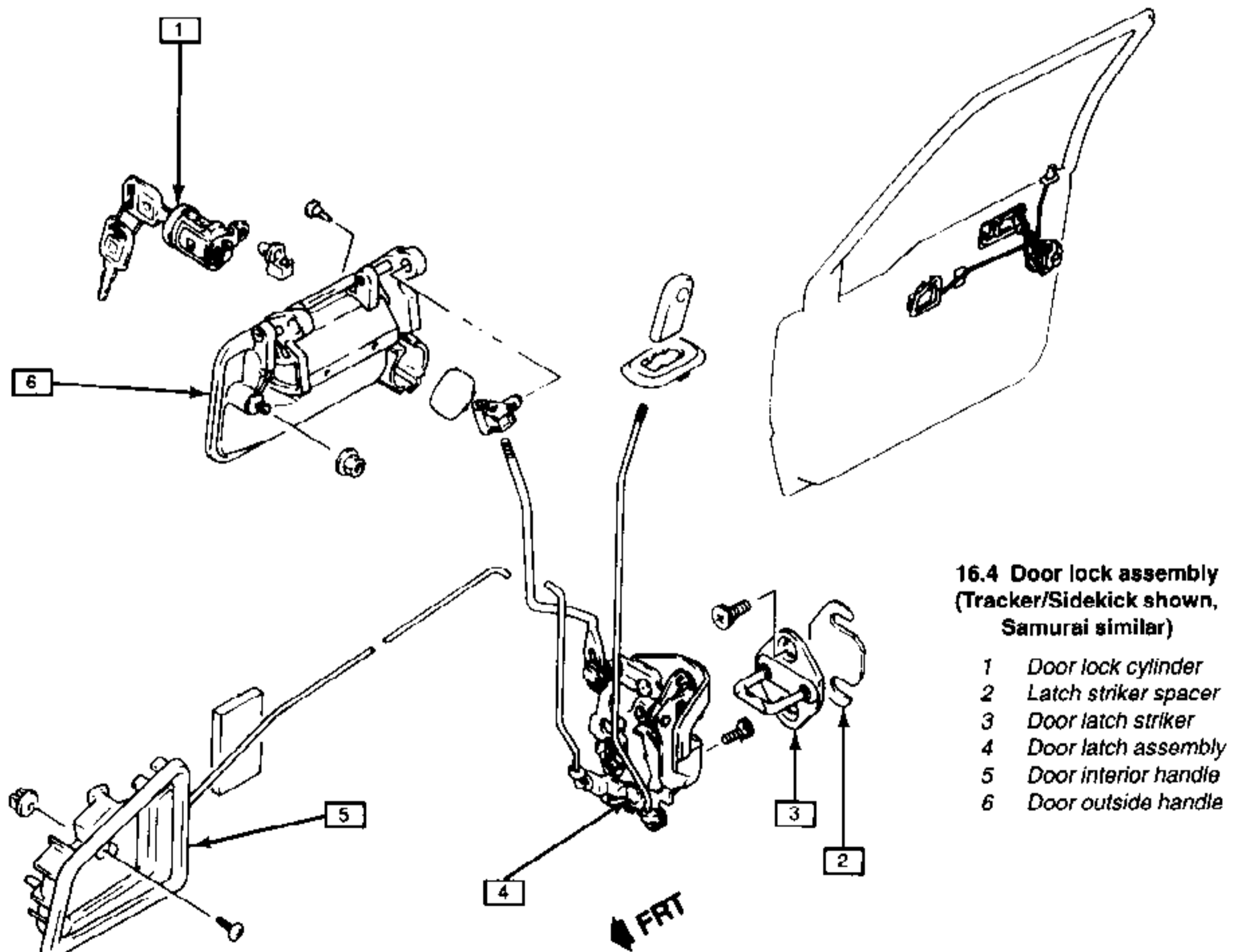
umn, instrument panel or airbag components to avoid the possibility of accidental deployment of the airbags, which could cause personal injury (see Chapter 12).

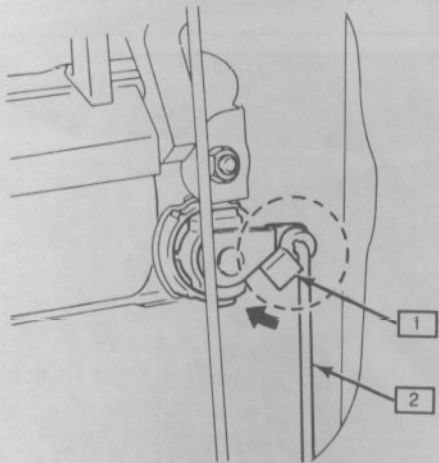
- 1 Remove the two Phillips screws on the side of the console, then remove the two clips at the rear and pull off the rear console cover. To remove the clips, push in the center pins first.
- 2 Use a 3 mm hex drive to remove the two screws at the rear of the console. Lift off the console.
- 3 Installation is the reverse of removal.

16 Door latch, lock cylinder and handles – removal and installation

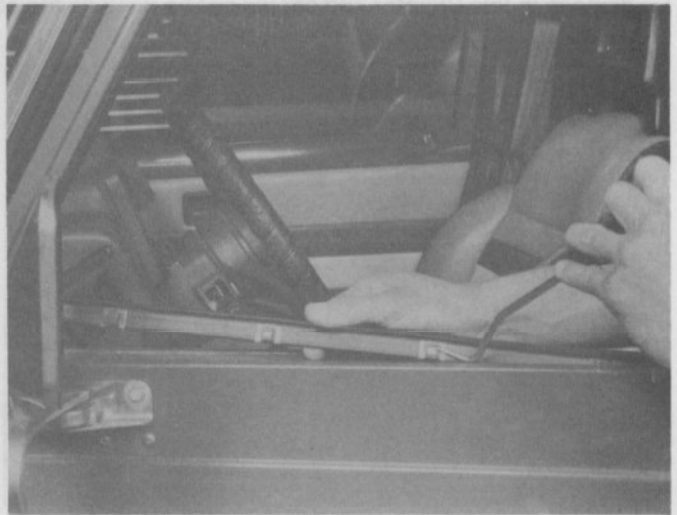
Refer to illustrations 16.3, 16.4 and 16.5

- 1 Remove the door trim panel as described in Section 12.
- 2 Remove the plastic watershield, taking care not to tear it (see Illustration 12.6).
- 3 Disengage the door opening control rod from the connection at the door outside handle. Pry gently with a screwdriver (see illustration).
- 4 Remove the screw(s) that retain the interior handle assembly and lift it out (see illustration).
- 5 Disengage the door lock rod from the door lock assembly (see illustration).
- 6 Remove the retaining clip from the door lock cylinder and remove the cylinder.
- 7 Remove the door latch assembly mounting screws, located on the outside rear of the door, and lift out the latch assembly.
- 8 If necessary, remove the two nuts retaining the exterior handle and lift it out.
- 9 Installation is the reverse of removal. **Note:** During installation, apply grease to the sliding surface of all levers and springs.

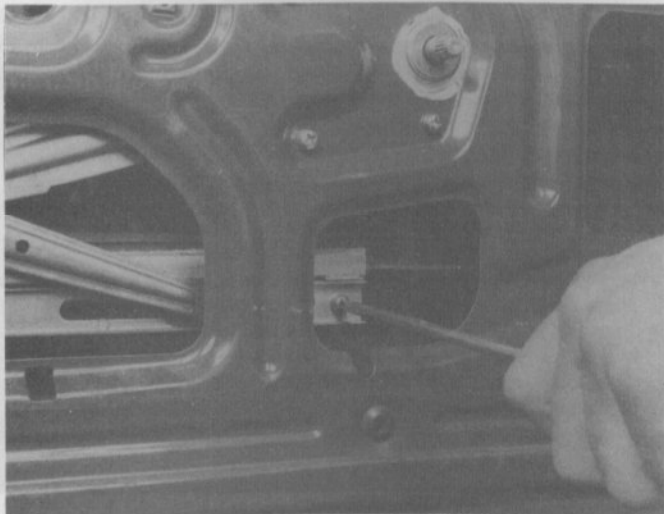




16.5 Unclip the retainer (1) and remove the door lock control rod (2)



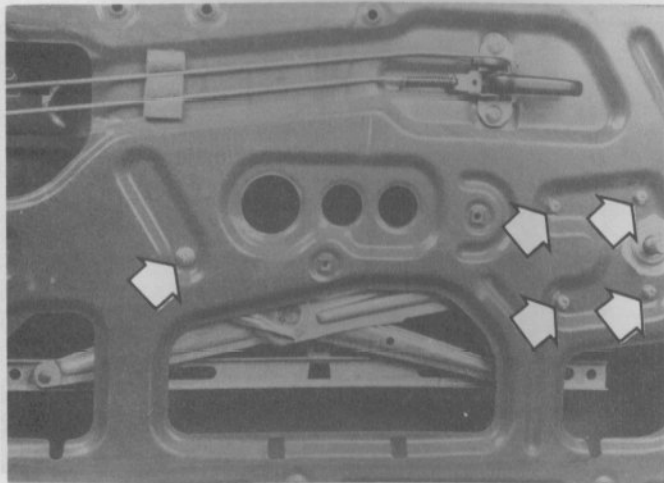
17.2 Locate the molding clips and pry them up to remove the molding pieces



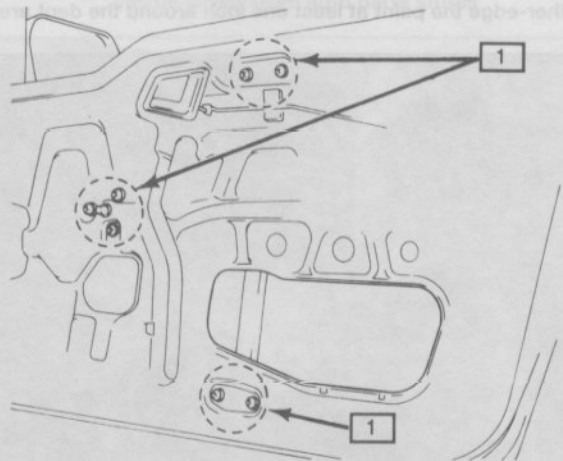
17.3a With the window rolled down, remove the two mounting screws (Samurai shown, Sidekick/Tracker similar)



17.3b Remove the glass by carefully pulling it up – tilt it so it clears the channel



17.4a Locations of the regulator mounting screws (Samurai)



1 SCREWS

17.4b Locations of the regulator mounting screws (Sidekick/Tracker)