

# STEERING

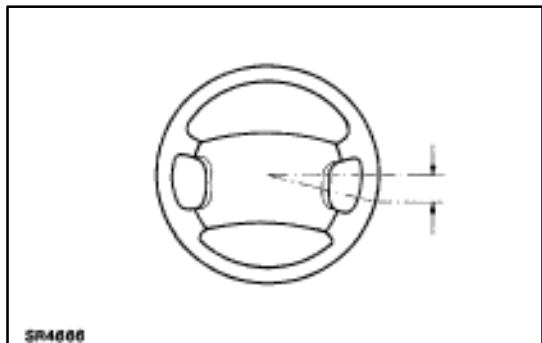
## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- Care must be taken to replace parts properly because they could affect the performance of the steering system and result in a driving hazard.
- The steering wheel pad has an airbag built in, so take all due precautions when handling it. For more details, see the SRS AIRBAG section.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

You will find the cause of trouble more easily by properly using the table shown below. In this table, the numbers indicate the priority of the probable cause of trouble. Check each part in the order shown. If necessary, repair or replace the part.

Trouble	Parts Name	See page																						
		Tires (Improperly inflated)	SA-4	Front wheel alignment (Incorrect)	SA-4	Fluid level (Low)	SA-78	Drive belt (Loose)	-	Steering system joints (Worn)	-	Suspension arm ball joints (Worn)	SA-40	Steering column (Binding)	-	Sliding yoke (Worn)	-	Steering gear housing	-	Solenoid valve	SA-119	Electronic control	SA-115	Front wheel bearing (Worn)
Hard steering		1	4	2	3	5	6	7		10	8	9												
Poor return		1	2					3		4														
Excessive play						1	2		3	5														4
Abnormal noise				1		2				3														



## ON-VEHICLE INSPECTION

### CHECK THAT STEERING WHEEL FREEPLAY IS CORRECT

With the vehicle stopped and tires pointed straight ahead, rock the steering wheel gently back and forth with light finger pressure.

Freeplay should not exceed the maximum.

**Maximum freeplay: 30 mm (1.18 in.)**

If incorrect, repair.