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SECTION **VTL**

VENTILATION SYSTEM

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PRECAUTIONS

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Precaution for Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) "AIR BAG" and "SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER"

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The Supplemental Restraint System such as "AIR BAG" and "SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER", used along with a front seat belt, helps to reduce the risk or severity of injury to the driver and front passenger for certain types of collision. This system includes seat belt switch inputs and dual stage front air bag modules. The SRS system uses the seat belt switches to determine the front air bag deployment, and may only deploy one front air bag, depending on the severity of a collision and whether the front occupants are belted or unbelted. Information necessary to service the system safely is included in the SR and SB section of this Service Manual.

WARNING:

- To avoid rendering the SRS inoperative, which could increase the risk of personal injury or death in the event of a collision which would result in air bag inflation, all maintenance must be performed by an authorized NISSAN/INFINITI dealer.
- Improper maintenance, including incorrect removal and installation of the SRS, can lead to personal injury caused by unintentional activation of the system. For removal of Spiral Cable and Air Bag Module, see the SR section.
- Do not use electrical test equipment on any circuit related to the SRS unless instructed to in this Service Manual. SRS wiring harnesses can be identified by yellow and/or orange harnesses or harness connectors.

PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING POWER TOOLS (AIR OR ELECTRIC) AND HAMMERS

WARNING:

- When working near the Airbag Diagnosis Sensor Unit or other Airbag System sensors with the Ignition ON or engine running, DO NOT use air or electric power tools or strike near the sensor(s) with a hammer. Heavy vibration could activate the sensor(s) and deploy the air bag(s), possibly causing serious injury.
- When using air or electric power tools or hammers, always switch the Ignition OFF, disconnect the battery, and wait at least 3 minutes before performing any service.

Precaution for Working with HFC-134a (R-134a)

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WARNING:

- CFC-12 (R-12) refrigerant and HFC-134a (R-134a) refrigerant are not compatible. If the refrigerants are mixed compressor failure is likely to occur. Refer to [HA-4, "Contaminated Refrigerant"](#). To determine the purity of HFC-134a (R-134a) in the vehicle and recovery tank, use Refrigerant Recovery/ Recycling Recharging equipment and Refrigerant Identifier.
- Use only specified oil for the HFC-134a (R-134a) A/C system and HFC-134a (R-134a) components. If oil other than that specified is used, compressor failure is likely to occur.
- The specified HFC-134a (R-134a) oil rapidly absorbs moisture from the atmosphere. The following handling precautions must be observed:
 - When removing refrigerant components from a vehicle, immediately cap (seal) the component to minimize the entry of moisture from the atmosphere.
 - When installing refrigerant components to a vehicle, do not remove the caps (unseal) until just before connecting the components. Connect all refrigerant loop components as quickly as possible to minimize the entry of moisture into system.
 - Only use the specified oil from a sealed container. Immediately reseal containers of oil. Without proper sealing, oil will become moisture saturated and should not be used.
 - Avoid breathing A/C refrigerant and oil vapor or mist. Exposure may irritate eyes, nose and throat. Remove HFC-134a (R-134a) from the A/C system using certified service equipment meeting requirements of SAE J2210 [HFC-134a (R-134a) recycling equipment], or SAE J2209 [HFC-134a (R-134a) recovery equipment]. If accidental system discharge occurs, ventilate work area before resuming service. Additional health and safety information may be obtained from refrigerant and oil manufacturers.
 - Do not allow oil, Genuine NISSAN A/C System Oil Type R to come in contact with styrofoam parts. Damage may result.

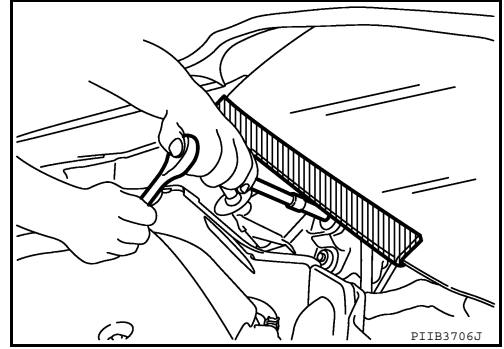
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Precaution for Procedure without Cowl Top Cover

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When performing the procedure after removing cowl top cover, cover the lower end of windshield with urethane, etc.



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Commercial Service Tool

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IN-CABIN MICROFILTER

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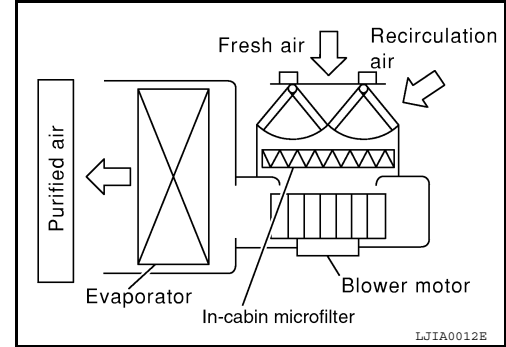
IN-CABIN MICROFILTER

Description

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FUNCTION

The air inside the passenger compartment is filtered by the in-cabin microfilters when the heater or A/C controls are set on either the recirculation or fresh mode. The two in-cabin microfilters are located in the heater and cooling unit assembly.



REPLACEMENT TIMING

Replacement of the two in-cabin microfilters is recommended on a regular interval depending on the driving conditions. Refer to [MA-9, "For North America: Introduction of Periodic Maintenance"](#). It may also be necessary to replace the two in-cabin microfilters as part of a component replacement if the in-cabin microfilters are damaged.

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IN-CABIN MICROFILTER

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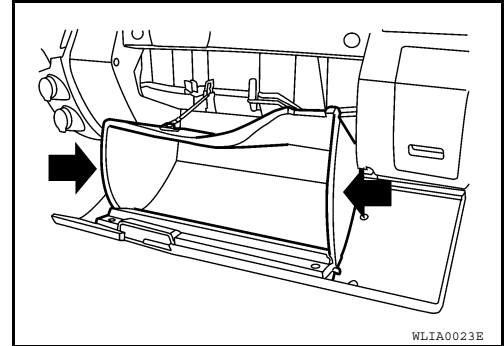
IN-CABIN MICROFILTER

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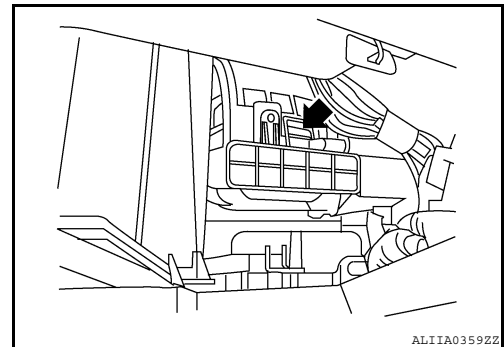
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REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE

1. Open the lower glove box and press in on the sides so that it will open completely allowing it to hang by the cord.



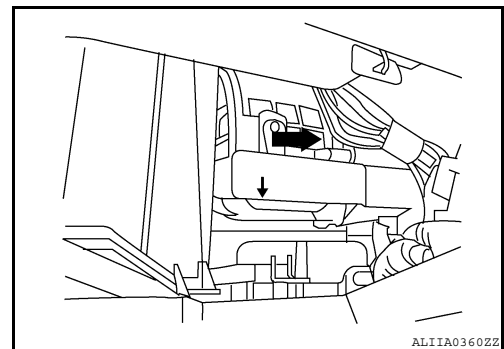
2. Depress the tab and remove the in-cabin microfilter cover as shown.



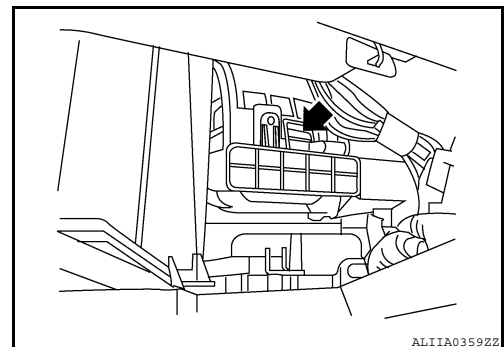
3. Remove the in-cabin microfilters from the heater and cooling unit housing.
4. Insert the first new in-cabin microfilter into the heater and cooling unit housing and slide it over to the right. Insert the second new in-cabin microfilter into the heater and cooling unit housing as shown.

NOTE:

The in-cabin microfilters are marked with air flow arrows. The end of the microfilter with the arrow should face the rear of the vehicle. The arrows should point downward.



5. Install the in-cabin microfilter cover, make sure the tab is locked in place as shown.



6. Close the lower glove box completely.

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CONTROL UNIT

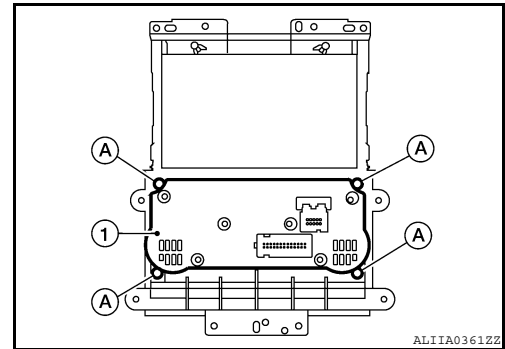
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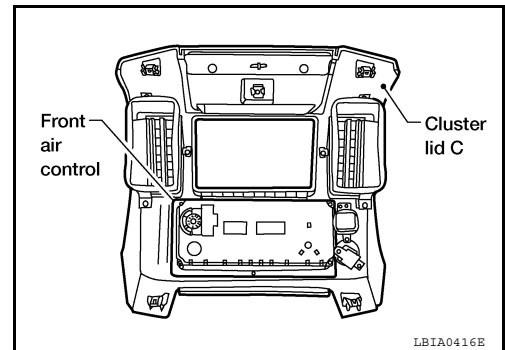
FRONT AIR CONTROL

Removal

1. Remove cluster lid C. Refer to [IP-10. "Exploded View"](#).
2. Remove the front air control from cluster lid C.
 - For type 1, remove the four screws (A) securing the front air control (1) to cluster lid C.



- For type 2, remove the four screws securing the front air control to cluster lid C.



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INTAKE SENSOR

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INTAKE SENSOR

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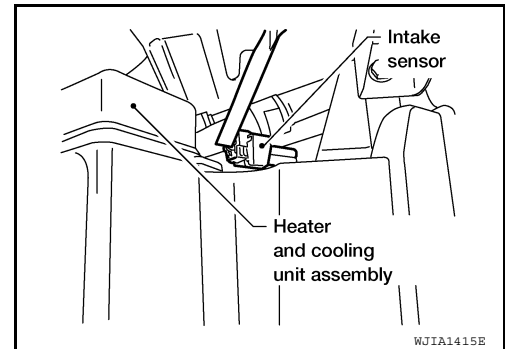
REMOVAL

1. Remove the front kick plate. Refer to [INT-18, "Removal and Installation"](#).
2. Remove the lower dash side finisher. Refer to [IP-10, "Exploded View"](#).
3. Remove the front pillar lower finisher. Refer to [INT-18, "Removal and Installation"](#).
4. Remove the assist grip handle. Refer to [INT-17, "Component"](#).
5. Remove the front pillar upper finisher. Refer to [INT-18, "Removal and Installation"](#).
6. Remove the lower glove box. Refer to [IP-10, "Exploded View"](#).
7. Remove the upper glove box (cluster lid E). Refer to [IP-10, "Exploded View"](#).
8. Disconnect the intake sensor electrical connector.

NOTE:

The intake sensor is located on the top of the heater and cooling unit assembly next to the A/C evaporator cover.

9. Twist the intake sensor to remove the intake sensor from the heater and cooling unit assembly.



INSTALLATION

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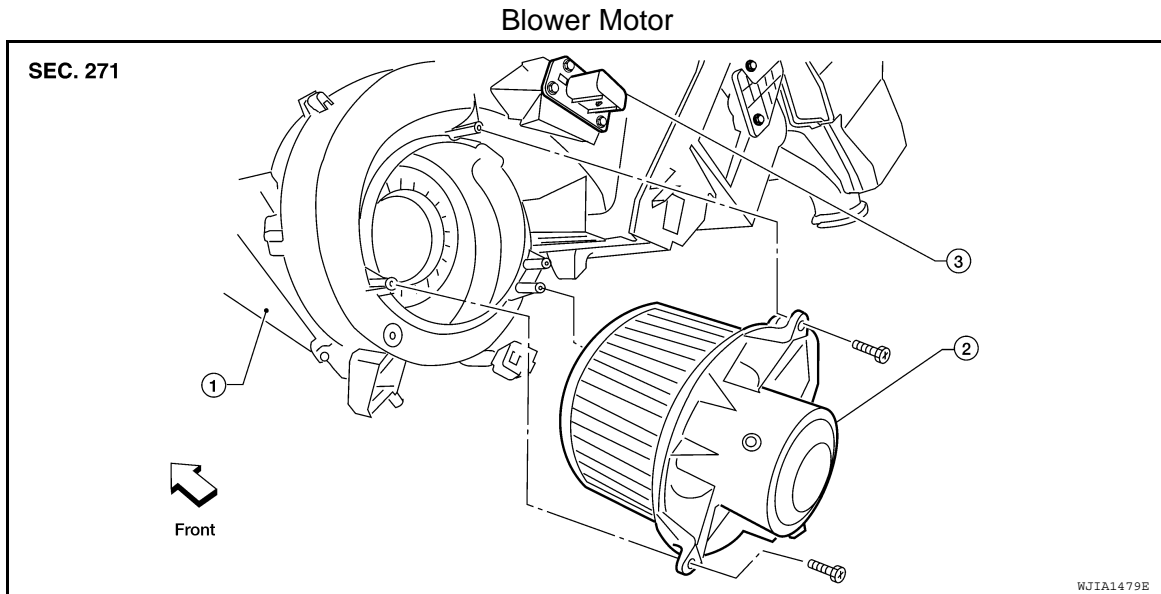
BLOWER MOTOR

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BLOWER MOTOR

Component

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1. Heater and cooling unit assembly

2. Blower motor

3. Variable blower control/Blower motor resistor

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove the lower glove box assembly. Refer to [IP-10. "Exploded View"](#).
2. Disconnect the blower motor electrical connector.
3. Remove the three screws and remove the blower motor.

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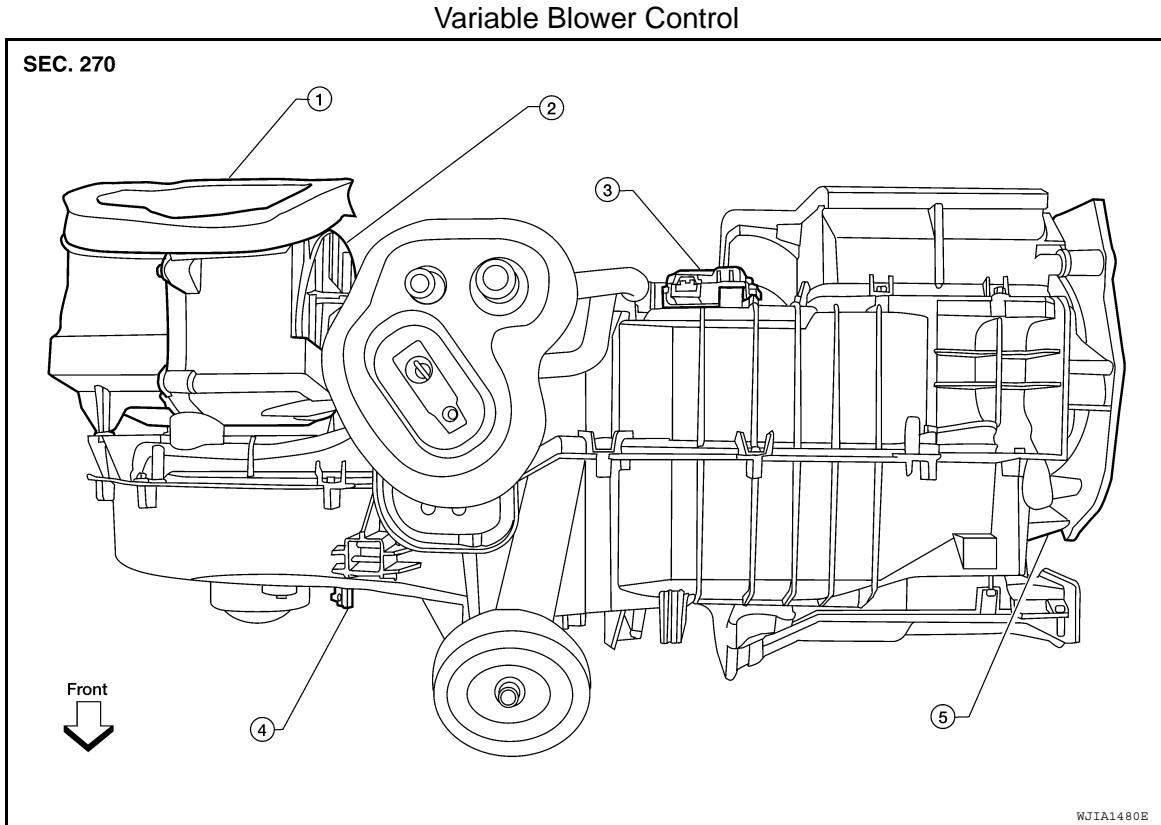
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VARIABLE BLOWER CONTROL

Removal and Installation

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| 1. Heater and cooling unit assembly | 2. Intake door motor | 3. Air mix door motor |
| 4. Variable blower control | 5. Mode door motor | |

REMOVAL

1. Disconnect the variable blower control electrical connector.
2. Remove the two screws and remove the variable blower control.

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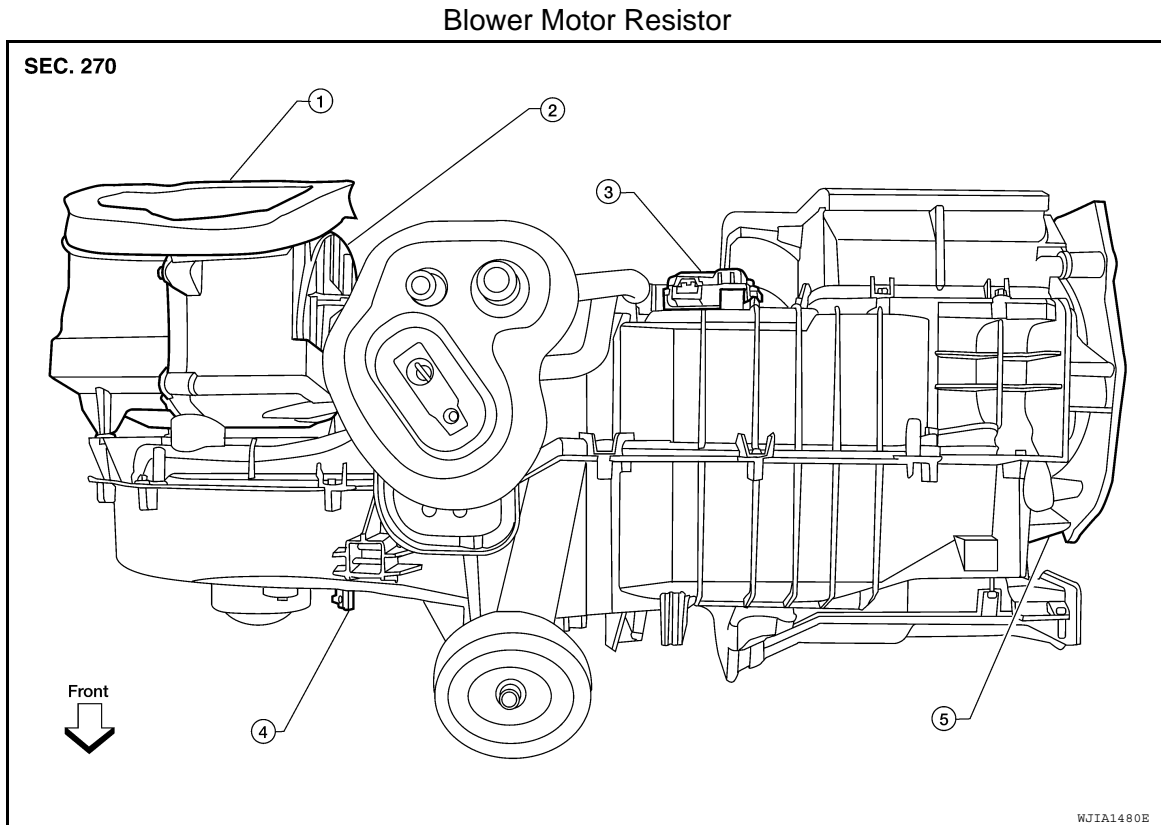
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FRONT BLOWER MOTOR RESISTOR

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| 1. Heater and cooling unit assembly | 2. Intake door motor | 3. Air mix door motor |
| 4. Blower motor resistor | 5. Mode door motor | |

REMOVAL

1. Disconnect the blower motor resistor electrical connector.
2. Remove the two screws and remove the blower motor resistor.

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HEATER & COOLING UNIT ASSEMBLY

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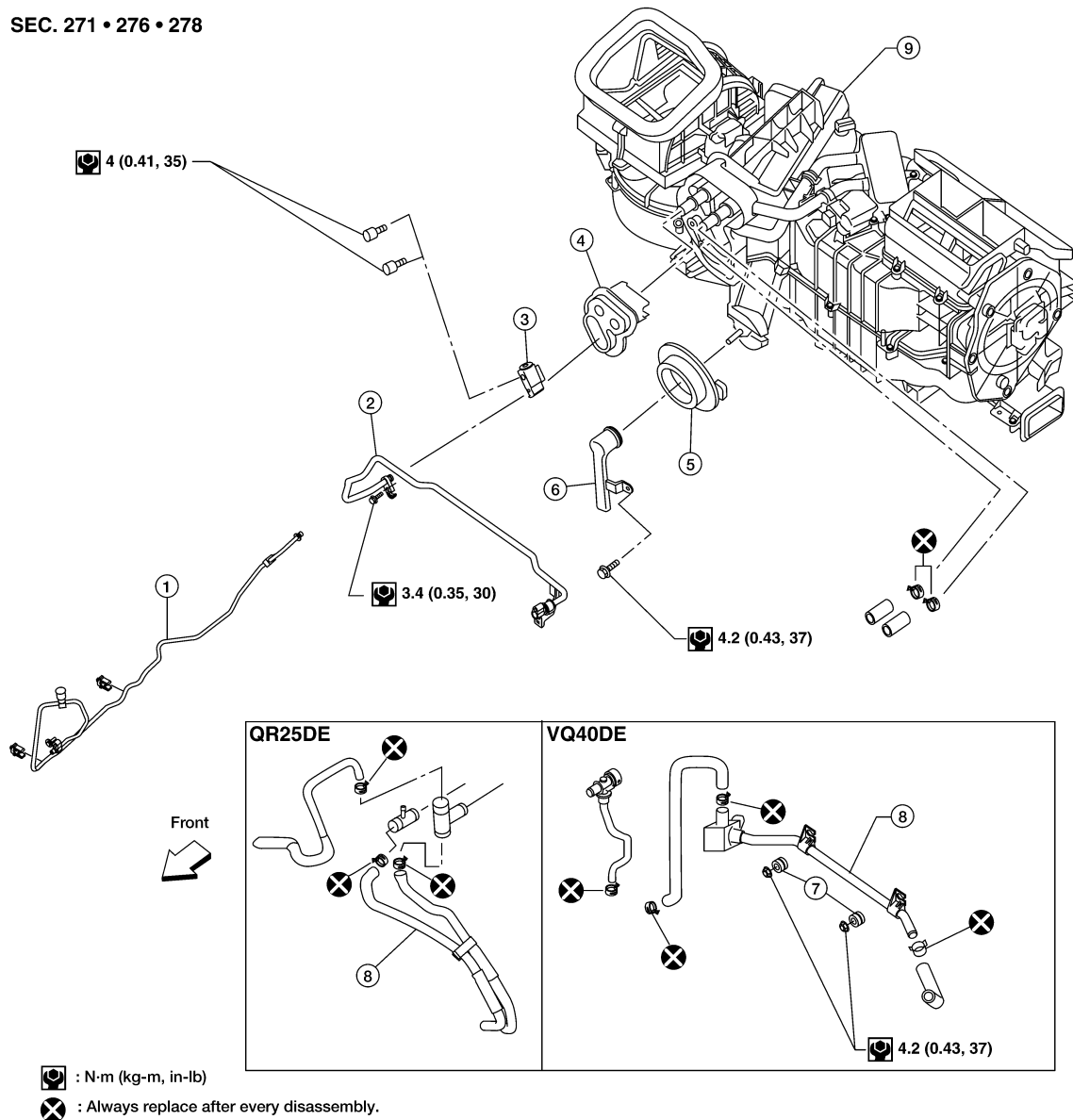
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Heater and Cooling Unit Assembly

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| 1. High-pressure A/C pipe | 2. Low-pressure A/C pipe | 3. Expansion valve |
| 4. Heater core and evaporator pipes grommet | 5. A/C drain hose grommet | 6. A/C drain hose |
| 7. Heater core pipe mounts | 8. Heater core pipes | 9. Heater and cooling unit assembly |

Removal and Installation

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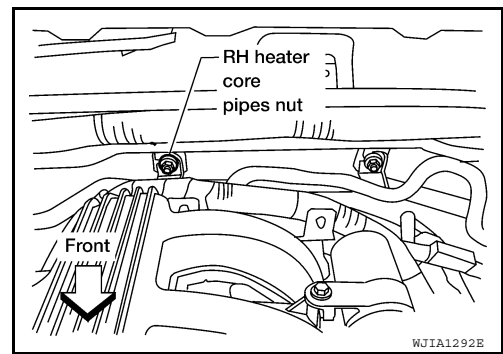
REMOVAL

1. Move the two front seats to the rear most position on the seat track.
2. Discharge the refrigerant from the A/C system. Refer to [HA-26. "HFC-134a \(R-134a\) Service Procedure"](#).
3. Drain the coolant from the engine cooling system. Refer to [CO-12. "Changing Engine Coolant" \(QR25DE\)](#), [CO-39. "Changing Engine Coolant" \(VQ40DE\)](#).
4. Disconnect the battery negative and positive terminals.

HEATER & COOLING UNIT ASSEMBLY

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5. For vehicles equipped with the VQ40DE engine, remove the RH heater core pipes nut.
6. Disconnect the heater core hoses from the heater core.
7. Disconnect the high- and low-pressure A/C pipes from the expansion valve.
8. Remove the instrument panel and center console. Refer to [IP-10, "Exploded View"](#).
9. Remove the two front floor ducts.
10. Remove the steering column. Refer to [ST-12, "Removal and Installation"](#).
11. Disconnect the instrument panel wire harness at the RH and LH in-line connector brackets, and the fuse block (SMJ) electrical connectors. Refer to [PG-38, "Harness Lay-out"](#).
12. Remove the covers then remove the three steering member bolts from each side to disconnect the steering member from the vehicle body. Refer to [IP-10, "Exploded View"](#).
13. Remove the heater and cooling unit assembly with it attached to the steering member, from the vehicle.
CAUTION:
 - Use care not to damage the seats and interior trim panels when removing the heater and cooling unit assembly with it attached to the steering member.
 - Use suitable plugs on the heater core pipes to prevent coolant leakage.
14. Remove the heater and cooling unit assembly from the steering member.



INSTALLATION

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

CAUTION:

- Replace the O-ring of the low-pressure A/C pipe and high-pressure A/C pipe with a new one, and apply compressor oil to the O-ring for installation.
- After charging the refrigerant, check for leaks. Refer to [HA-20, "Checking of Refrigerant Leaks"](#).

NOTE:

- Fill the engine cooling system with the specified coolant mixture. Refer to [CO-12, "Changing Engine Coolant"](#) (QR25DE), [CO-39, "Changing Engine Coolant"](#) (VQ40DE).
- Recharge the A/C system. Refer to [HA-26, "HFC-134a \(R-134a\) Service Procedure"](#).

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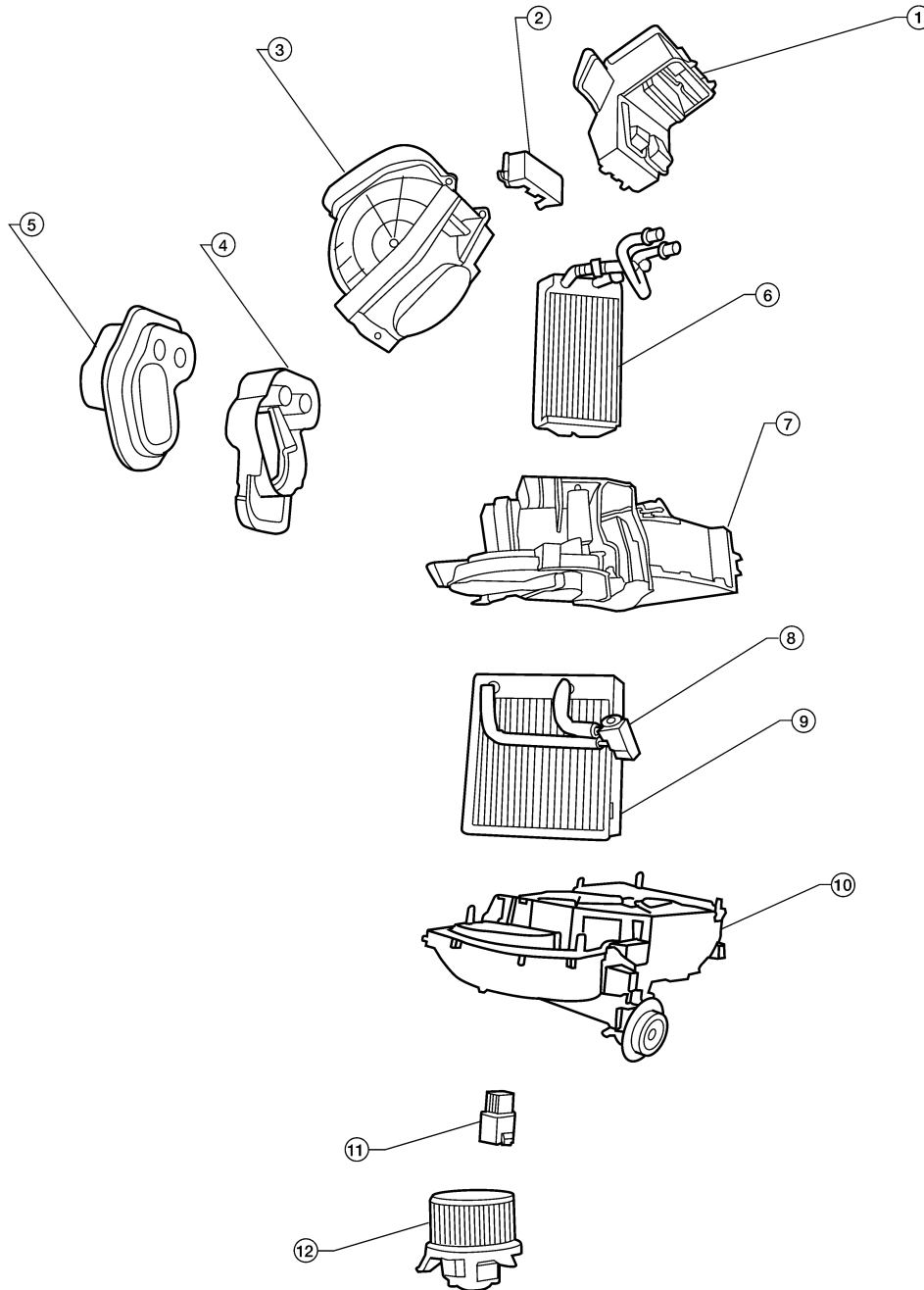
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Removal and Installation

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Heater and Cooling Unit Assembly

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| 1. Center ventilator connector duct | 2. Heater core cover | 3. Intake air case |
| 4. Heater core and evaporator pipes bracket | 5. Heater core and evaporator pipes grommet | 6. Heater core |
| 7. Upper heater and cooling unit case | 8. Expansion valve | 9. Evaporator |
| 10. Lower heater and cooling unit case | 11. Variable blower control/Blower motor resistor | 12. Blower motor |

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EVAPORATOR

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REMOVAL

1. Remove the heater core. Refer to [VTL-16, "Component"](#). A
2. Separate the heater and cooling unit case.
3. Remove the evaporator.
4. Remove the expansion valve. Refer to [HA-39, "Removal and Installation for Expansion Valve"](#). B

INSTALLATION

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CAUTION:

Replace the O-rings on the A/C low-pressure flexible A/C hose and the high-pressure A/C pipe with new ones. Apply compressor oil to the O-rings for installation. D

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HEATER CORE

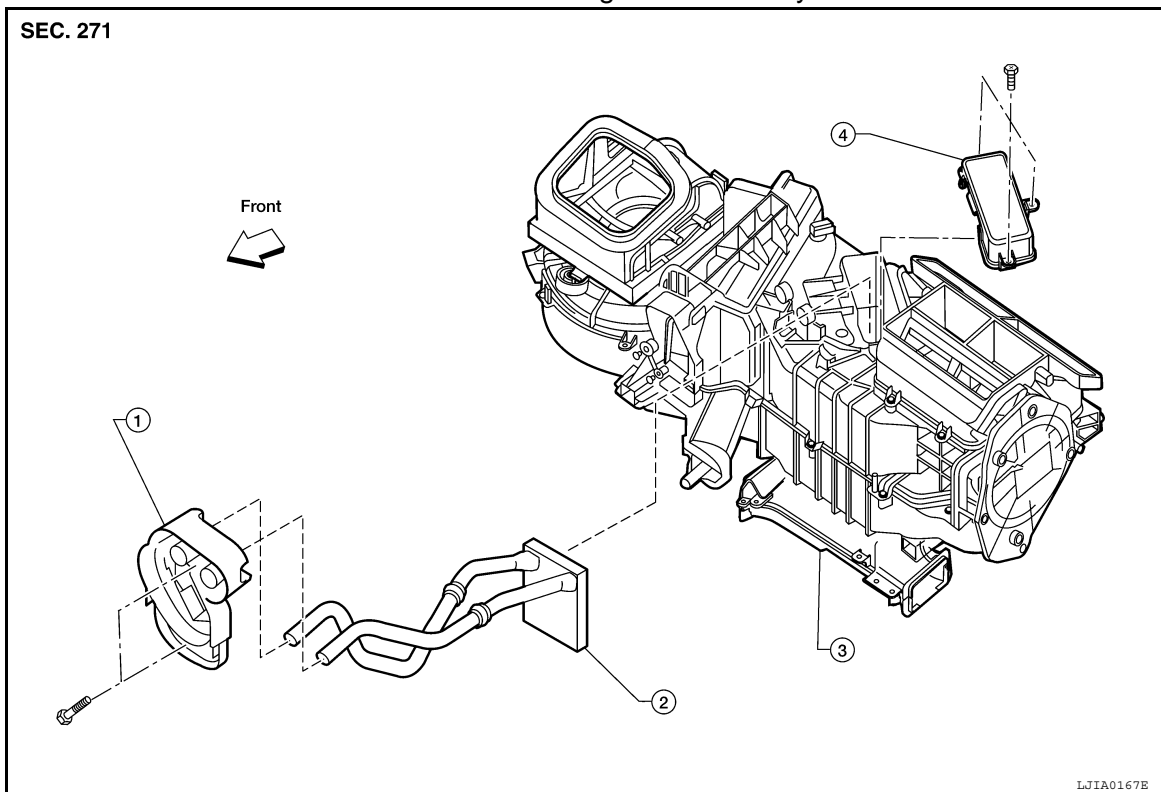
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HEATER CORE

Component

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Heater and Cooling Unit Assembly



1. Heater core and evaporator pipe bracket
2. Heater core
3. Heater and cooling unit assembly
4. Heater core cover

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove the heater and cooling unit assembly. Refer to [VTL-12. "Component"](#).
2. Remove the three screws and remove the heater core cover.
3. Remove the heater core and evaporator pipe bracket.
4. Remove the heater core.

NOTE:

If the in-cabin microfilters are contaminated from coolant leaking from the heater core, replace the in-cabin microfilters with new ones before installing the new heater core.

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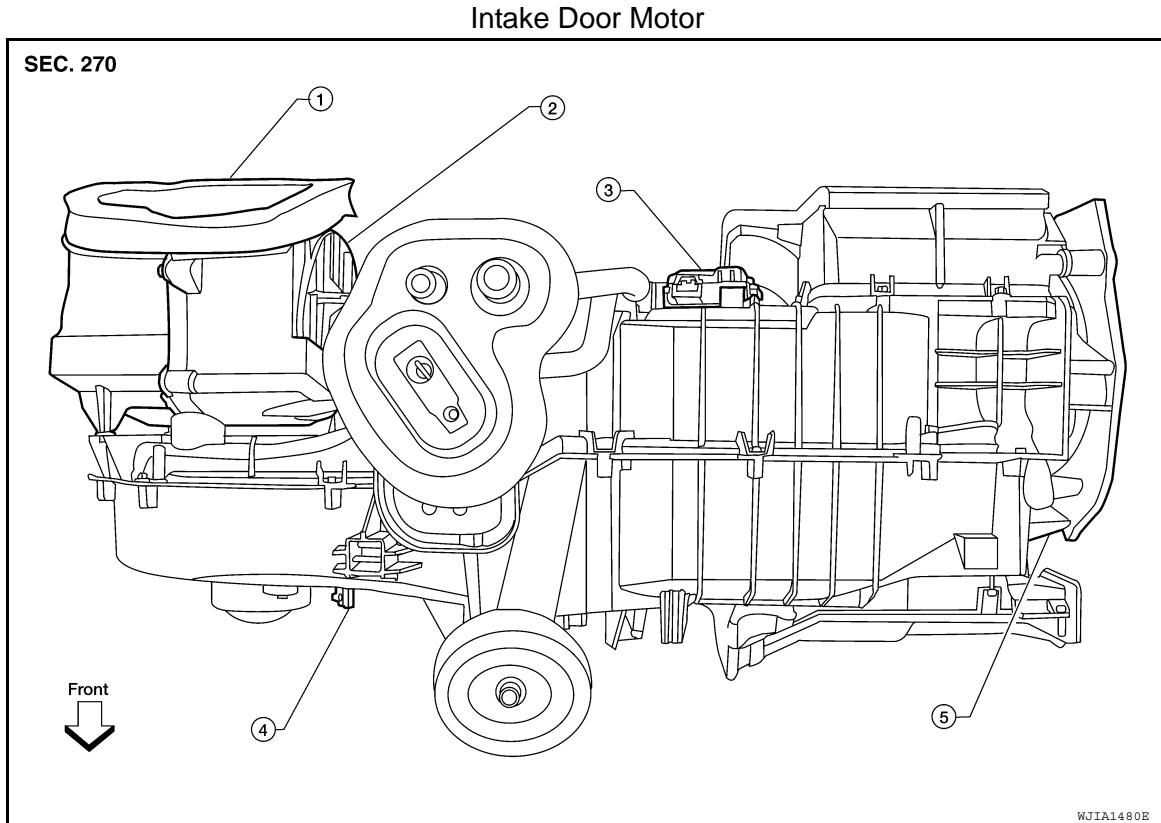
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INTAKE DOOR MOTOR

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| 1. Heater and cooling unit assembly | 2. Intake door motor | 3. Air mix door motor |
| 4. Variable blower control/Blower motor resistor | 5. Mode door motor | |

REMOVAL

1. Remove the heater and cooling unit assembly. Refer to [VTL-12. "Component"](#).
2. Disconnect the intake door motor electrical connector.
3. Remove the three screws and remove the intake door motor.

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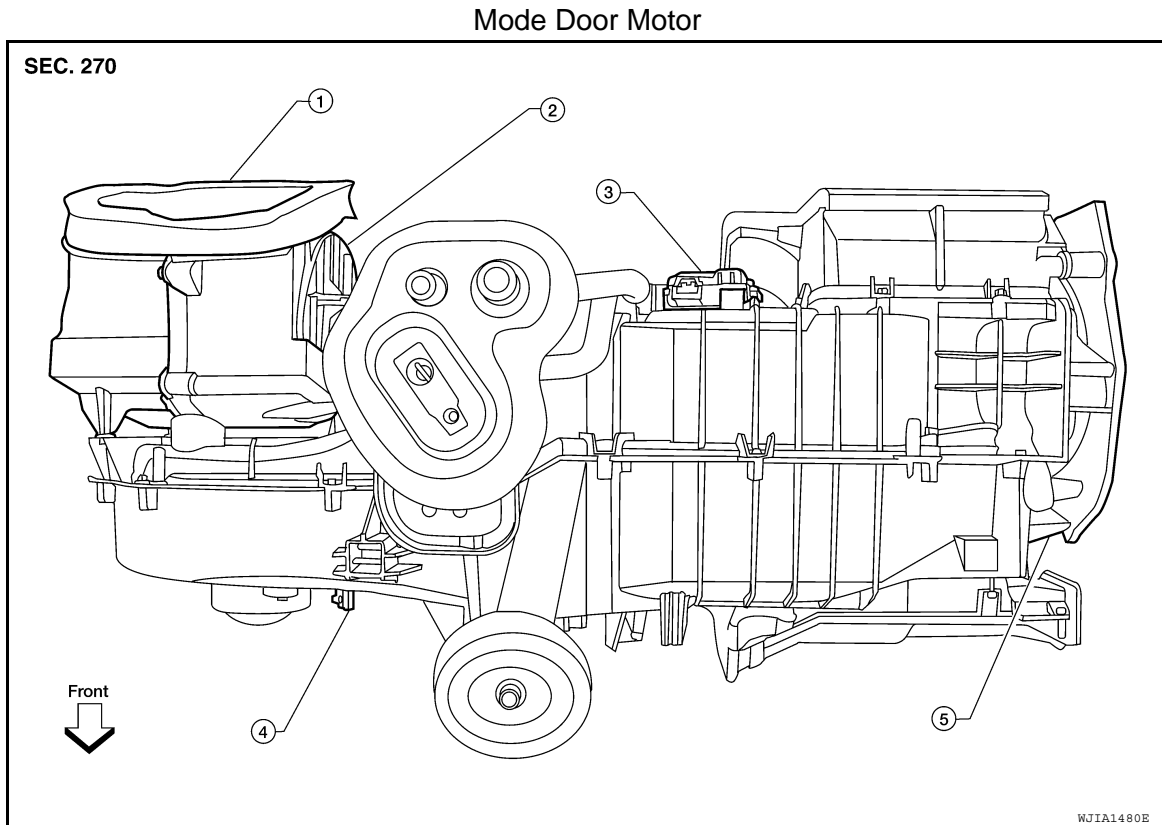
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MODE DOOR MOTOR

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| 1. Heater and cooling unit assembly | 2. Intake door motor | 3. Air mix door motor |
| 4. Variable blower control/Blower motor resistor | 5. Mode door motor | |

REMOVAL

1. Remove the BCM. Refer to [BCS-54. "Removal and Installation"](#).
2. Disconnect the mode door motor electrical connector.
3. Remove the three screws and remove the mode door motor.

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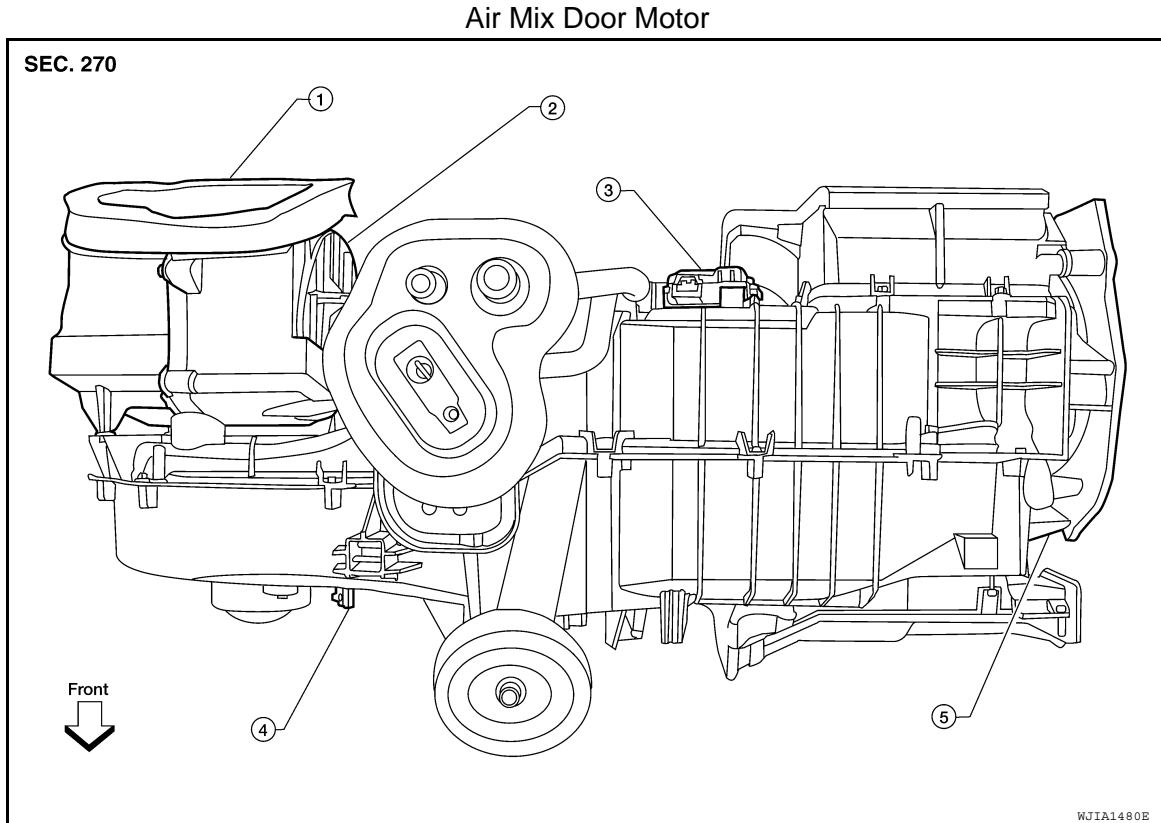
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AIR MIX DOOR MOTOR

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| 1. Heater and cooling unit assembly | 2. Intake door motor | 3. Air mix door motor |
| 4. Variable blower control/Blower motor resistor | 5. Mode door motor | |

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove the heater and cooling unit assembly. Refer to [VTL-12. "Component"](#).
2. Disconnect the air mix door motor electrical connector.
3. Remove the three screws and remove the air mix door motor.

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DUCTS AND GRILLES

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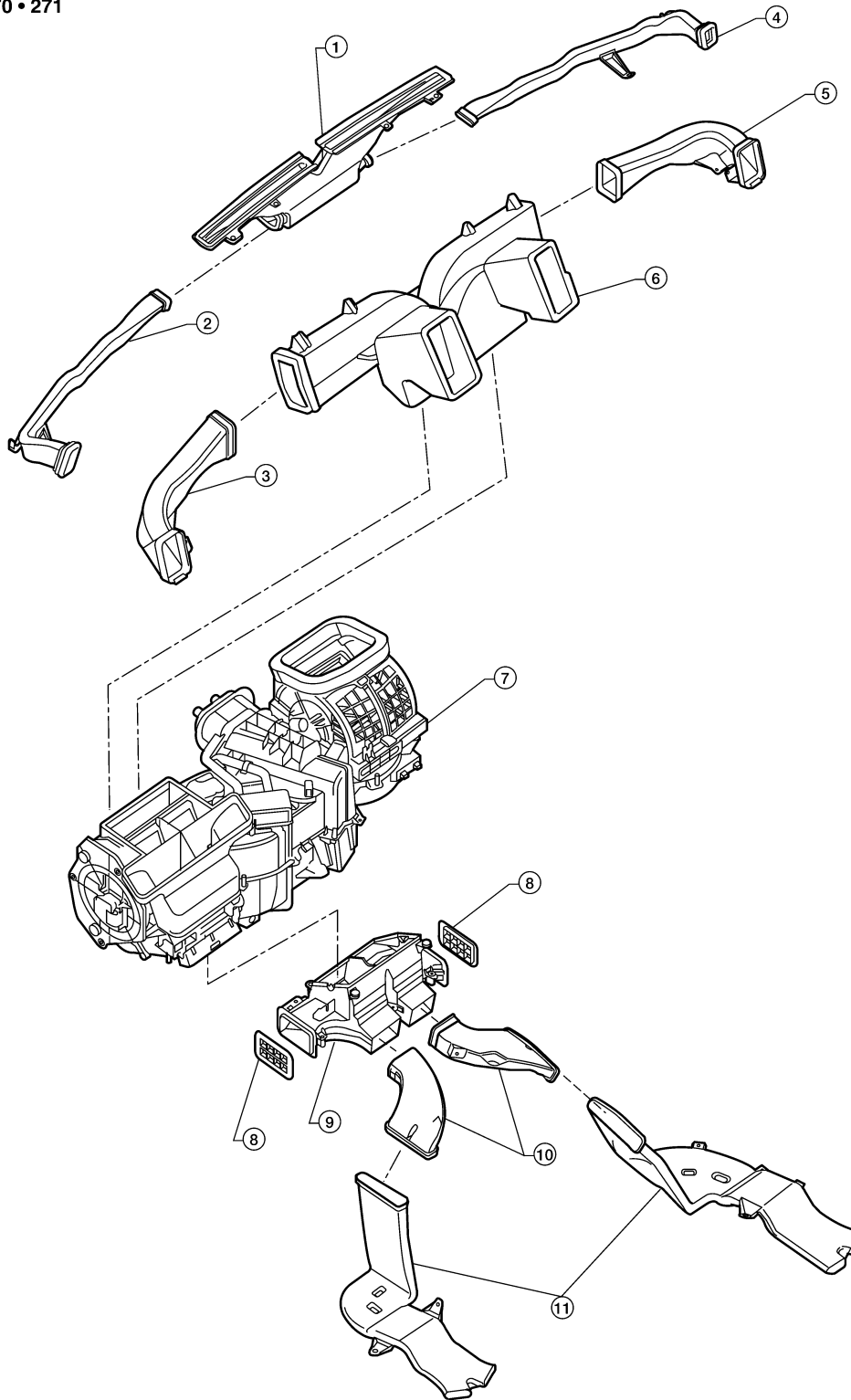
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Ducts



- 1. Defroster nozzle
- 4. RH side demister duct

- 2. LH side demister duct
- 5. RH ventilator duct

- 3. LH ventilator duct
- 6. Center ventilator duct

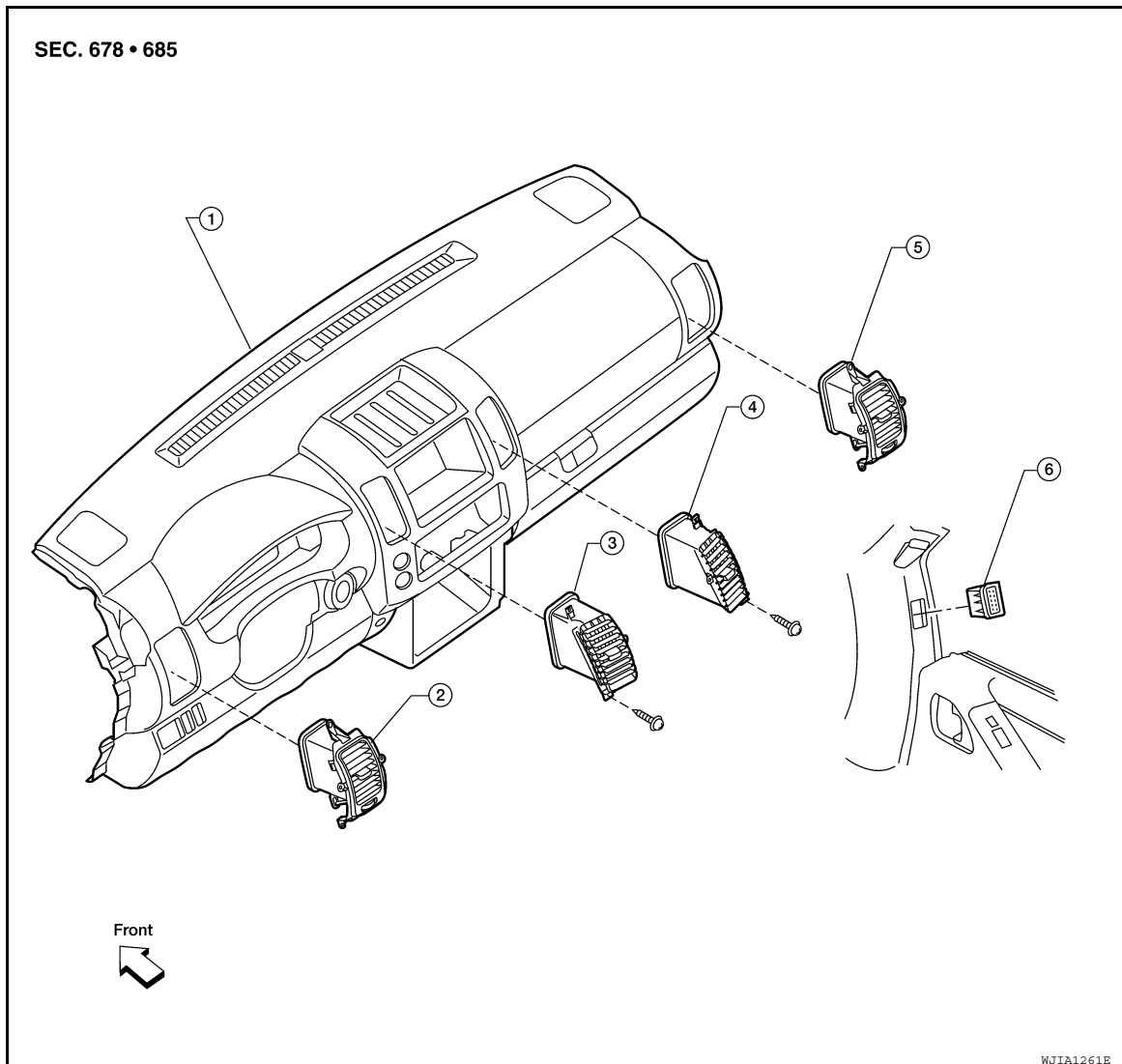
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DUCTS AND GRILLES

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- 7. Front heater and cooling unit assembly
- 8. Floor connector duct grilles
- 9. Floor connector duct
- 10. Front floor ducts
- 11. Rear floor ducts

Grilles



- 1. Instrument panel
- 2. LH side ventilator grille
- 3. LH ventilator grille
- 4. RH ventilator grille
- 5. RH side ventilator grille
- 6. RH side demister grille

Removal and Installation

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DEFROSTER NOZZLE

Removal

1. Remove the heater and cooling unit assembly. Refer to [VTL-12. "Component"](#).
2. Remove the defroster nozzle.

Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

RH AND LH SIDE DEMISTER DUCTS

Removal

1. Remove the heater and cooling unit assembly. Refer to [VTL-12. "Component"](#).
2. Remove the RH or LH side demister duct.

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RH AND LH VENTILATOR DUCTS

Removal

1. Remove the heater and cooling unit assembly. Refer to [VTL-12, "Component"](#).
2. Remove the RH or LH ventilator duct.

Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

CENTER VENTILATOR DUCT

Removal

1. Remove the heater and cooling unit assembly. Refer to [VTL-12, "Component"](#).
2. Remove the defroster nozzle.
3. Remove the RH and LH ventilator ducts.
4. Remove the RH and LH side demister ducts.
5. Remove the center ventilator duct.

Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

FLOOR CONNECTOR DUCT

Removal

1. Remove the heater and cooling unit assembly. Refer to [VTL-12, "Component"](#).
2. Remove the floor connector duct.

Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

FRONT AND REAR FLOOR DUCTS

Removal

1. Remove the floor carpet. Refer to [INT-22, "Removal and Installation"](#).
2. Remove the clips and front and rear floor ducts.

Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

GRILLES

Removal

1. Remove the interior trim panel as necessary that contains the grille to be removed. Refer to [INT-17, "Component"](#) and [IP-10, "Exploded View"](#).
2. Remove the grille from the interior trim panel.

Installation

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.