

# MiTo Airbag Removal

There is a very specific process for removing the airbag on the MiTo, and it needs a very special tool. A screwdriver. Of course, it's never quite that simple - the screwdriver needs to be a flat-headed screwdriver, over 65mm shaft length with a blade of approx. 6.5mm wide. Any smaller and it isn't going to work.

Every MiTo steering wheel has some 'hidden', pre-cut template holes specifically for removing the airbag.

Pic.1 below shows the location of the holes at the bottom of the steering wheel. If your airbag has never been removed they may not be very obvious, but if you feel with your fingertip you will find the two holes.

The airbag is attached to the steering wheel with internal, flexible brackets on each side which are eased open through the rotation of the screwdriver.

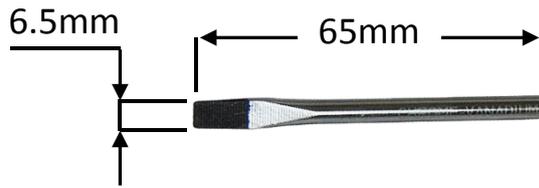
## Step 1. Disconnect battery

Disconnect the negative battery terminal and wait at least 15 minutes.

## Step 2. Release right-hand side of airbag

Whilst sitting in the driver's seat, carefully insert the screwdriver vertically through the right-hand pre-cut hole and ease it slowly up the inner guide approximately 65mm.

Whilst gently pulling on the right side of the airbag, rotate



the screwdriver anti-clockwise until the airbag releases from the flexible bracket.

## Step 3. Release left-hand side of airbag

Whilst still holding the airbag to ensure the right-side does not clip back into place, carefully insert the screwdriver vertically through the left-hand pre-cut hole and ease it slowly up the inner guide approximately 65mm.

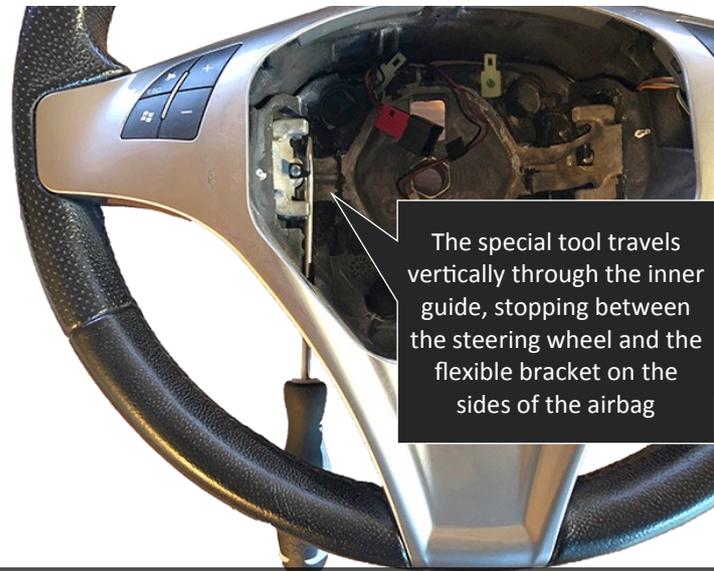
Whilst gently pulling on the airbag, rotate the screwdriver anti-clockwise until the left-side of the airbag releases from the flexible bracket, then gently release the airbag a few inches from the steering wheel to access the electrical connections.

## Step 4. Disconnect electrical connections

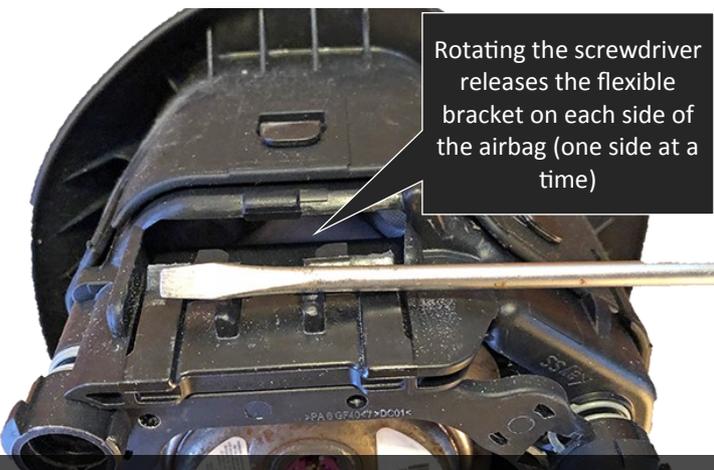
You can now carefully disconnect the three electrical plugs on the rear of the airbag, then remove the airbag from the steering wheel.

## Refitting

Once the electrical plugs are re-connected, the airbag simply pushes firmly in place. Re-connect the battery.

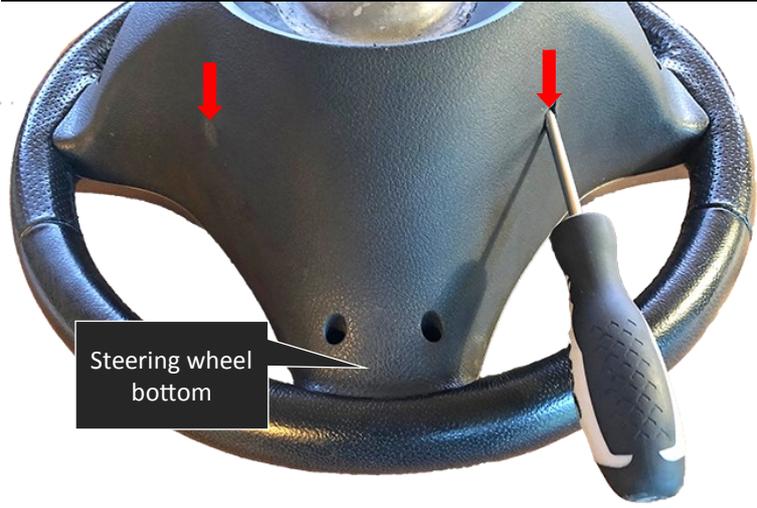


Pic. 2. What happens inside the steering wheel



Pic. 3. What happens on the airbag (inside the steering wheel)

Pic. 1. Pre-cut template holes on the underside of the wheel



Pic. 4. Releasing the airbag inside the car using the screwdriver