

Door panel removal and door handle replacement

Here's a description on how to remove the door panels and also how to replace door handles. It will also be useful for anyone wanting to replace switches and other stuff in door or panels.

You do this on your own risk and I take no responsibility if someone messes up something during work after this description. Should you however find something unclear or even wrong, pls email me on mhildensjo@hotmail.com and I'll fix it.

Tools needed:

Ratchet + extension or long screwdriver for bits

T20 bit and 8mm socket

Trim removal tool or other flat tool to pry off trim/panels

Optional:

Extra clips for the door panels. You're almost certain to break a few

Time needed: appr 30min/panel

Difficulty: 3 out of 10

1. Remove the wood trim by popping it out first toward the front of the car. Then work your way backwards. Behind the trim you will for the front doors see one 8mm bolt to the front and for the rear doors you will see 3 of them (could be different if you don't have the rear sunshades)

In the rear doors you also have one 8mm bolt behind the tweeter cover so that one needs to be removed as well. Just pry out the cover.



Finally you have one 8mm bolt in the storage compartment. Do NOT fold out the tray as you may drop the bolt behind it.



2. With all the bolts gone you can now pop out the panels. For me it worked fairly well starting at the top as those clips are different and comes loose easier. The other ones are much tougher but if you try pry out the panel enough to spot the next one you can insert prying tool closeby and it should release.

Once the panel comes off you need to unplug connectors for speakers and the power windows. Then unhook the wire to the lock assembly.

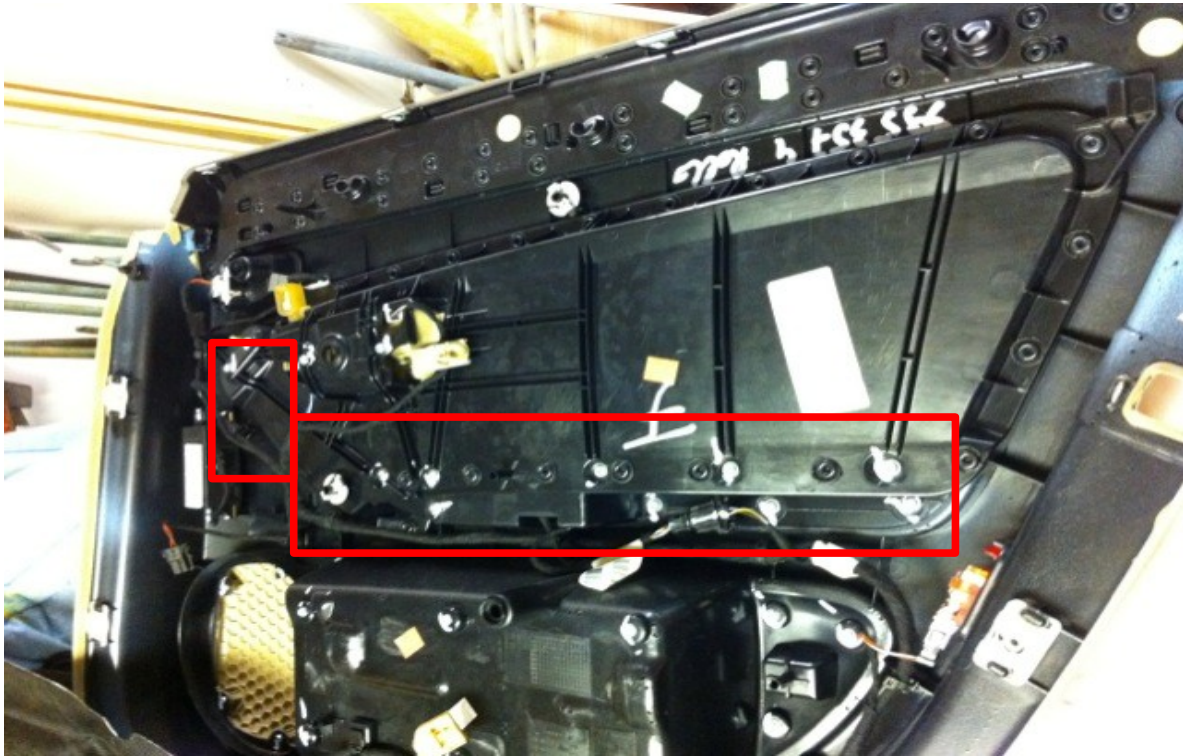




3. With the panel off you need to remove the liner, which sits with some special washers that just unscrew



When liner's gone you can access the screws to handles, speaker grilles etc etc. I'm looking to replace the handles so then there are 11 T20 screws to remove



4. Now you can remove the complete handle. I want to replace the fake leather part with a real leather one so to separate the handle a T20 screw close to the window switch needs to be removed, then just pick the handle apart, fit the new one and reverse the above.



You may notice that pictures are a mix of front and rear doors but the process is all the same.