



VW MKVI
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Dash Cubby

Installation Instructions

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The VW Dash Cubby is an original equipment accessory that adds convenient interior storage space.

The kit includes a new left side dash panel with tilt-out storage bin. The extra compartment is a great place to stash small stuff like spare change, sunglasses, a cell phone, or any other small items that you want to keep close at hand, but safely out of sight.

Installation requires a few small hand tools, including T20, T25, and T30 Torx® head screwdrivers, and a plastic trim removal tool.

- **Trim Removal Tool Set - ES2500877**
- **Torx Screwdriver Set - ES11417**

This is a fun project, so let's get started.



Step 1

- Open the driver side door.
- Insert a non-marring trim removal tool at the front of the dashboard fuse panel cover. Pry on the front of the panel and pivot it away from the dash to pop it from its clips.
- Remove the cover and lay it aside.



Step 2

Use the trim removal tool to pry the upper dashboard trim free, then pivot the entire piece out of the dash.

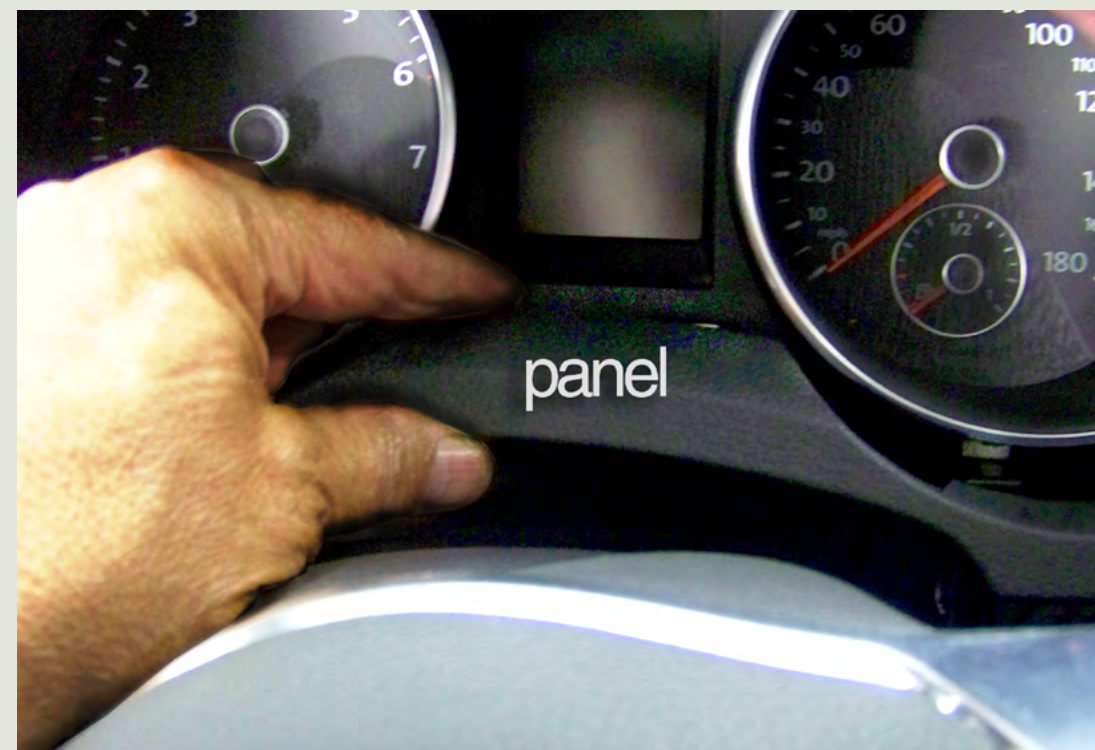


Step 3

To the immediate right of the trim panel removed in Step 2, another plastic trim panel spans the gap between the top of the steering column and the bottom of the gauge cluster. Pry this panel straight out of its retaining clips using your trim removal tool.

Service Tip: Removing this panel may require prying at several spots to release the clips evenly. Be patient and work slowly to avoid damaging the trim, gauge faces, or dashboard soft touch material.

(See next step for more.)



Step 4

Service Tip: The trim panel is attached to a leatherette cover flap. Lift the trim piece far enough to expose the screw (arrow) at the top of the dash panel.



Step 5

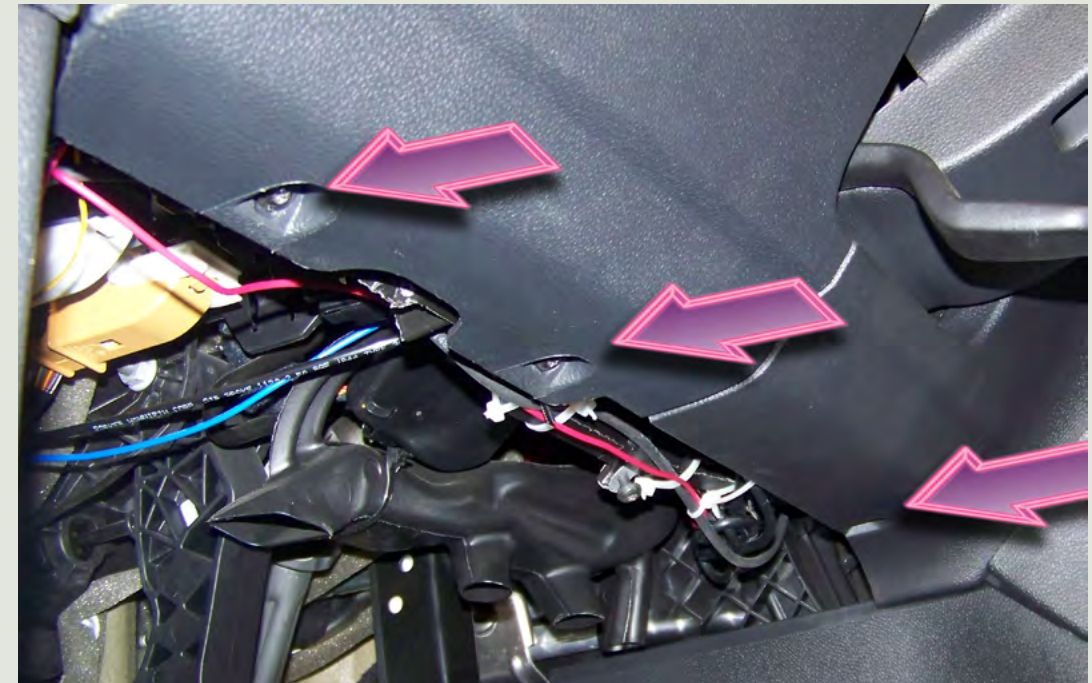
When removing the screw, a magnetic screwdriver is a big help.

Service Tip: If your Torx drivers aren't magnetized, attach a small magnet to the screwdriver shaft as we have done here. It will make removing the screw a lot easier, and you'll be less apt to drop it.



Step 6

Remove the three screws from the lower edge of the underdash panels.

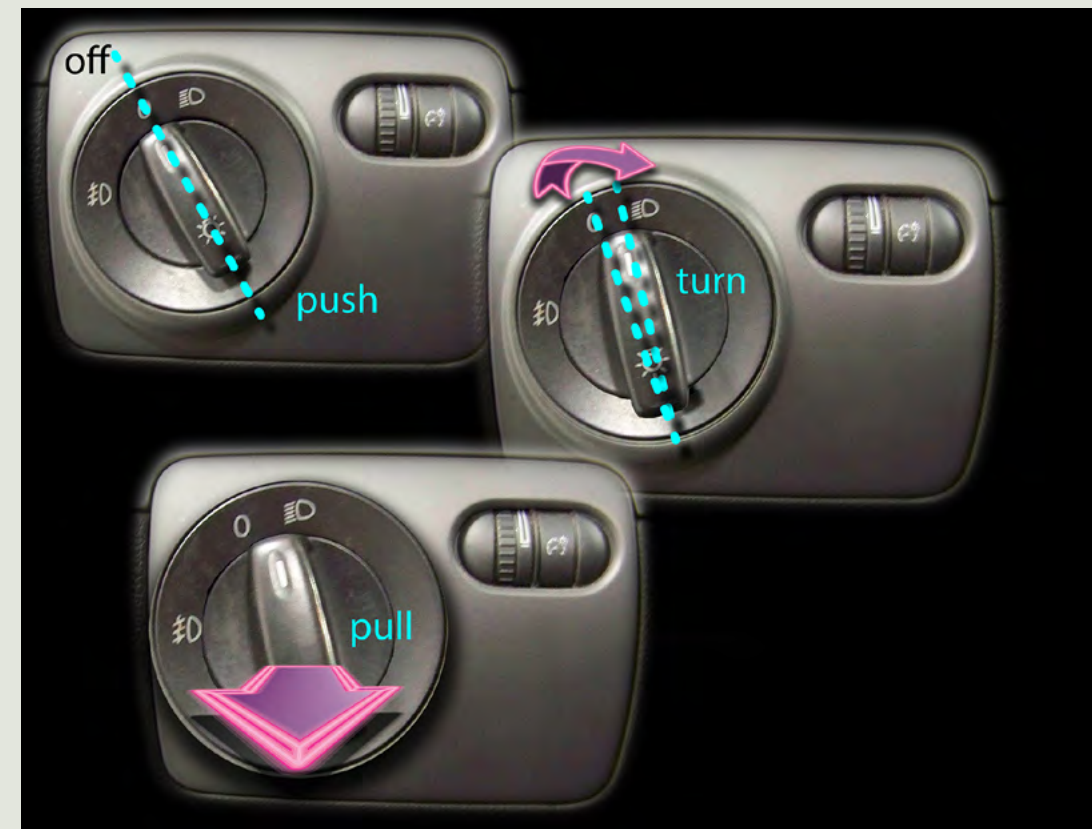


Step 7

Remove the headlight switch.

VW has used the same general headlight switch design for many years, and the removal procedure is simple.

- With the switch in the off position, push the center dial straight in until it stops.
- Hold the dial in as you rotate it clockwise a few degrees until it stops.
- Pull the entire switch assembly straight out of the dash.



Step 8

Disconnect the switch. To do so, squeeze the lock tab on the electrical connector and then pull it straight out of the switch assembly.

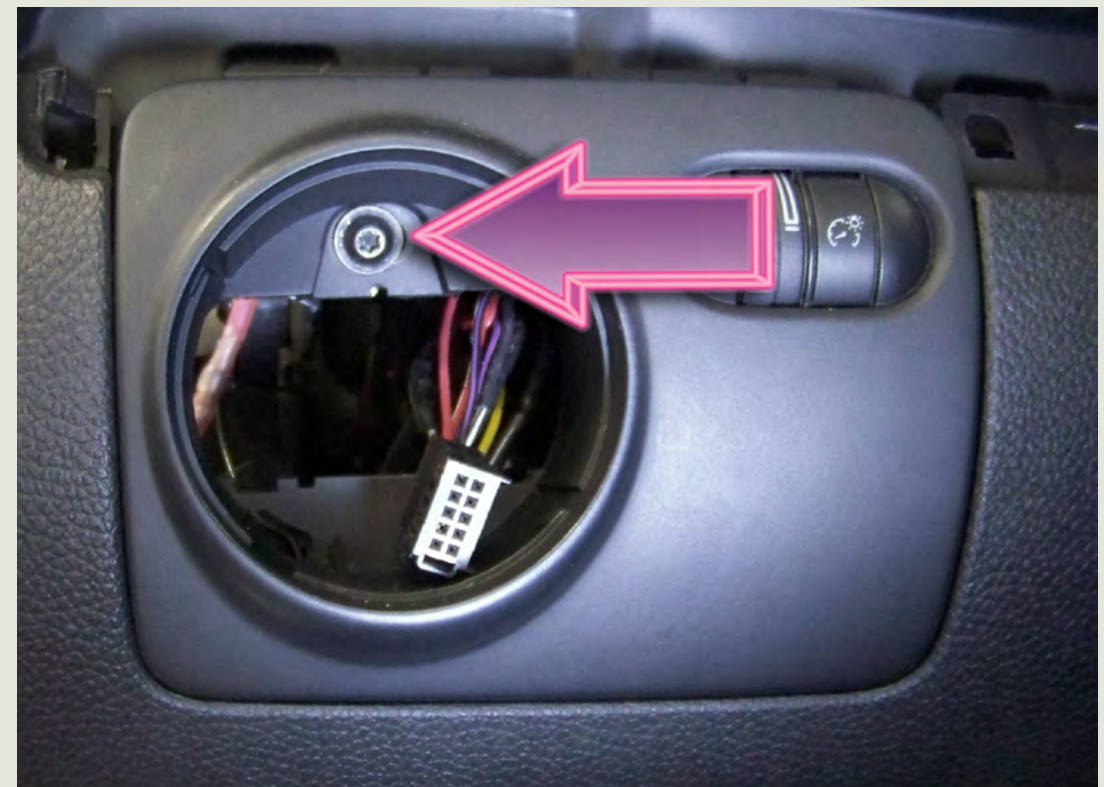
Let the harness hang for now; lay the switch aside.



Step 9

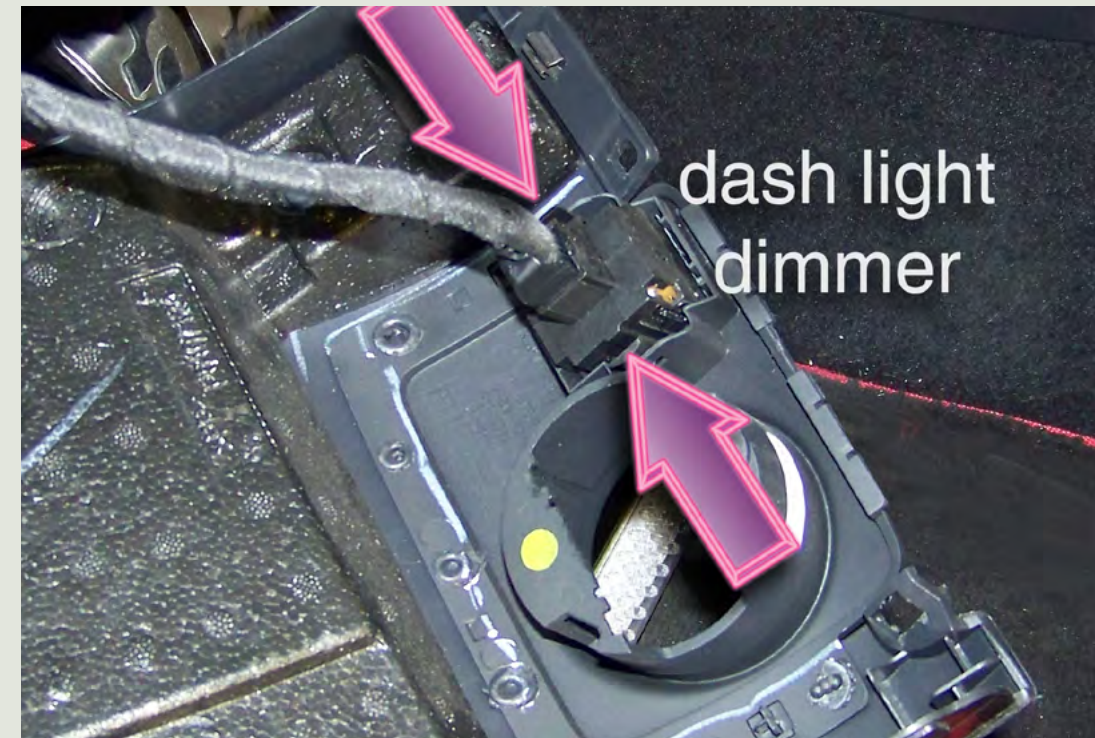
Remove the T20 screw inside the switch cavity.

With all screws removed, tilt pull the dash panel away from the dash to expose the dimmer switch wiring.



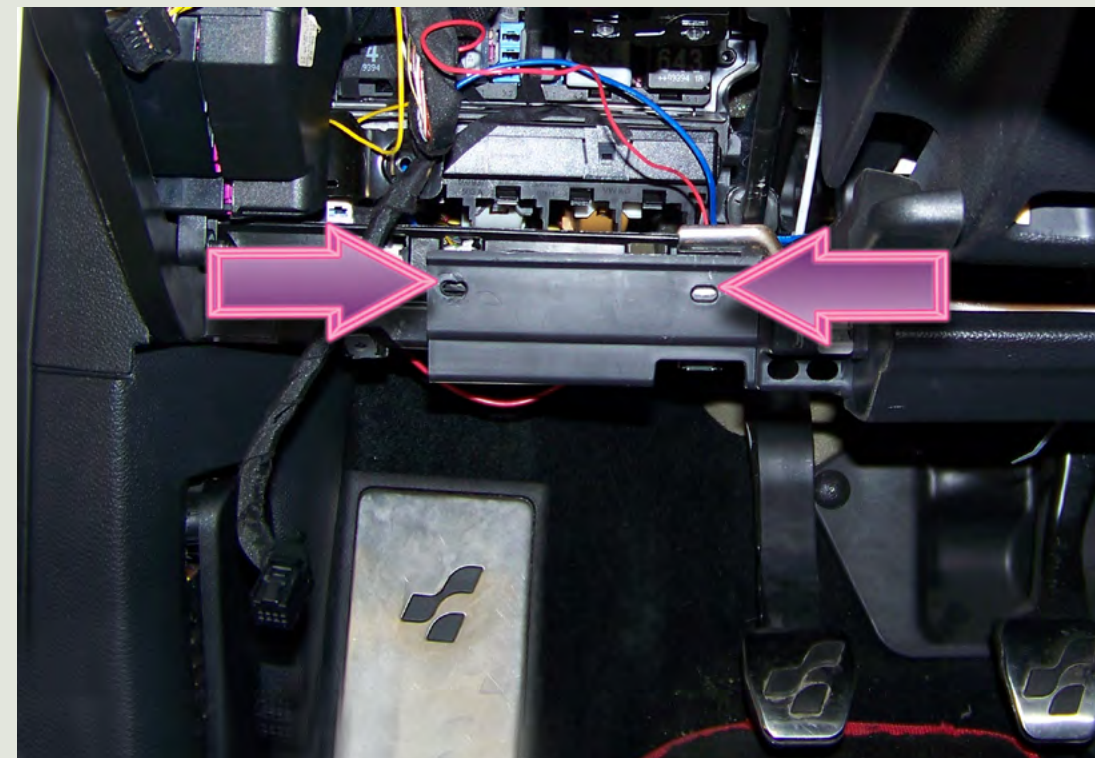
Step 10

Remove the dash light dimmer rheostat. Squeeze the two plastic tabs (arrows) to release the snap clips, then pull the dimmer straight out, connector and all.



Step 11

Remove the screws from the right side underdash panel (arrows). Note their location above and slightly to the left of the clutch pedal.



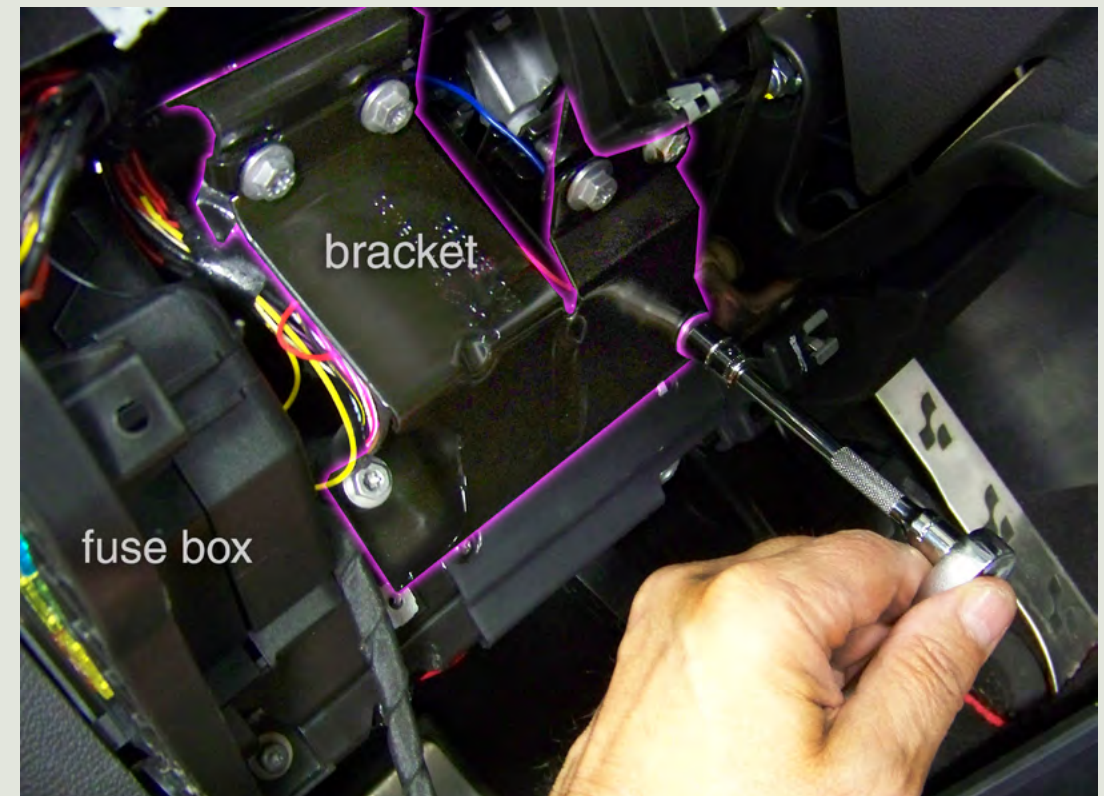
Step 12

There are three metal brackets beneath the dash that must also be removed before the new Dash Cubby panel is installed.

The largest of the three brackets is located between the steering column and the fuse box.

The bracket bolts have a Torx center and 10mm hex head, so you can use either a Torx screwdriver or 10mm socket to remove them.

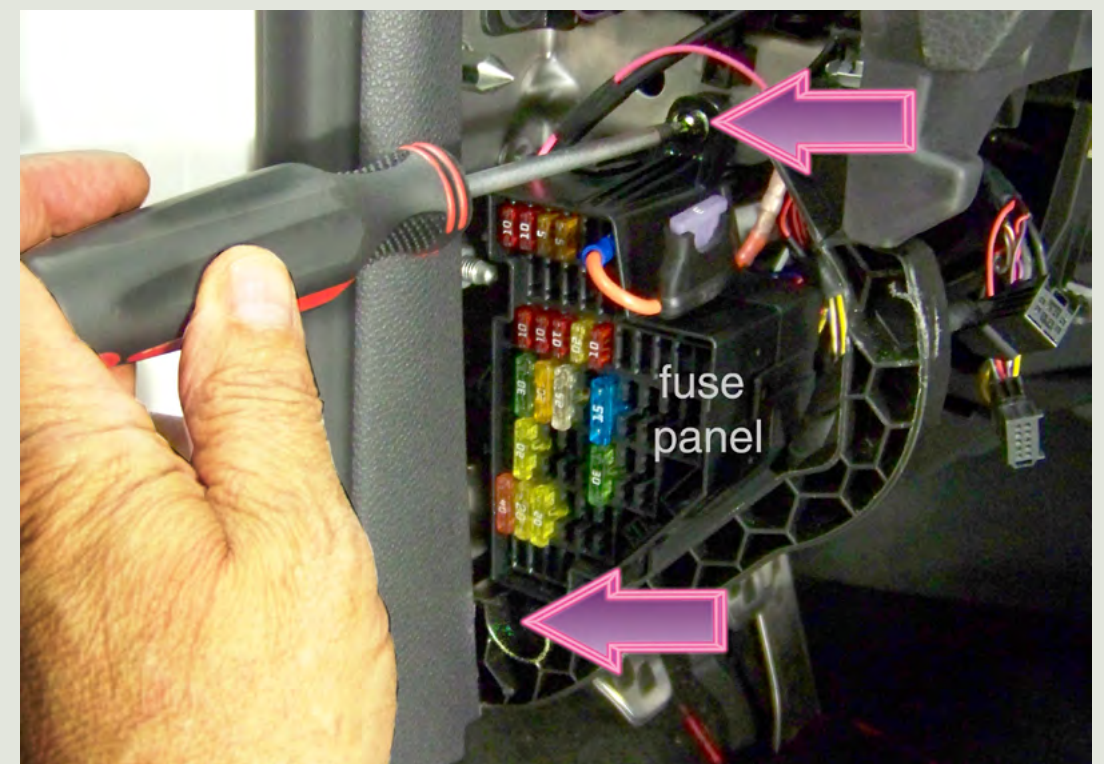
Remove the bracket from the car.



Step 13

A second, smaller bracket is located to the left of the large bracket.

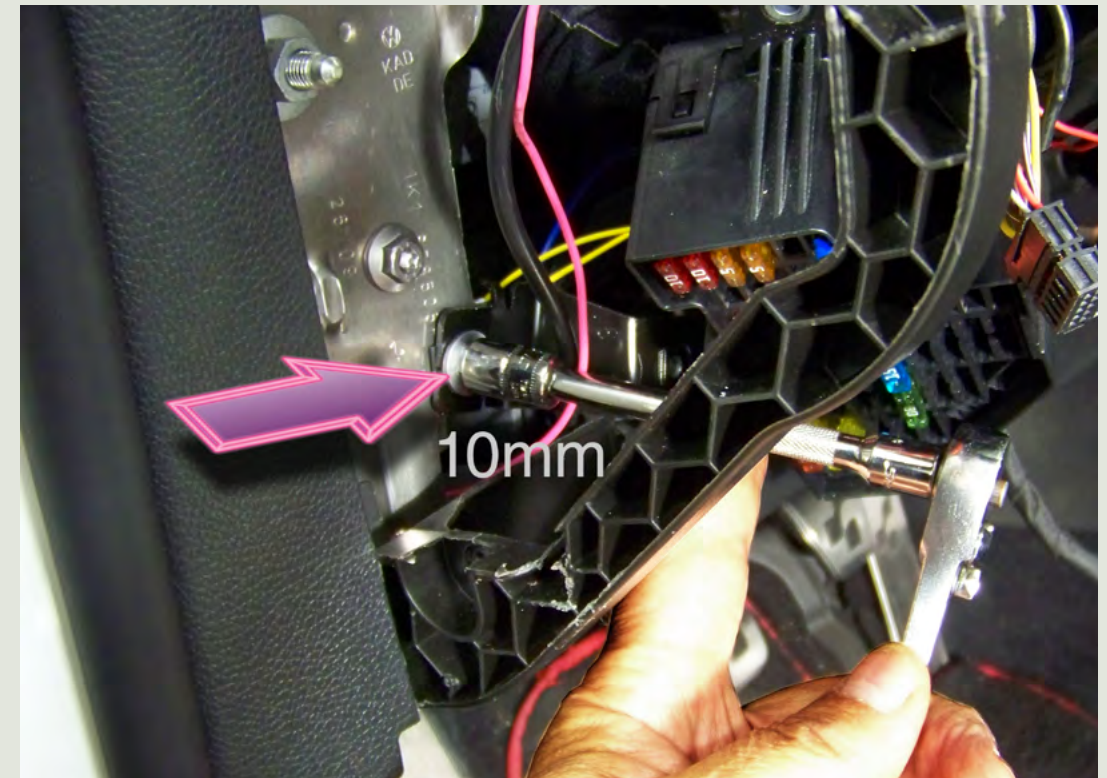
Start by removing the two Torx screws holding the fuse panel to the dashboard metal frame.



Step 14

With the screws removed, push the fuse panel down and toward the steering column far enough to insert a 10mm socket over the single bracket bolt. Remove the bolt and bracket from the car.

Move the fuse panel back to its original position and reinstall the two mounting screws.



Step 15

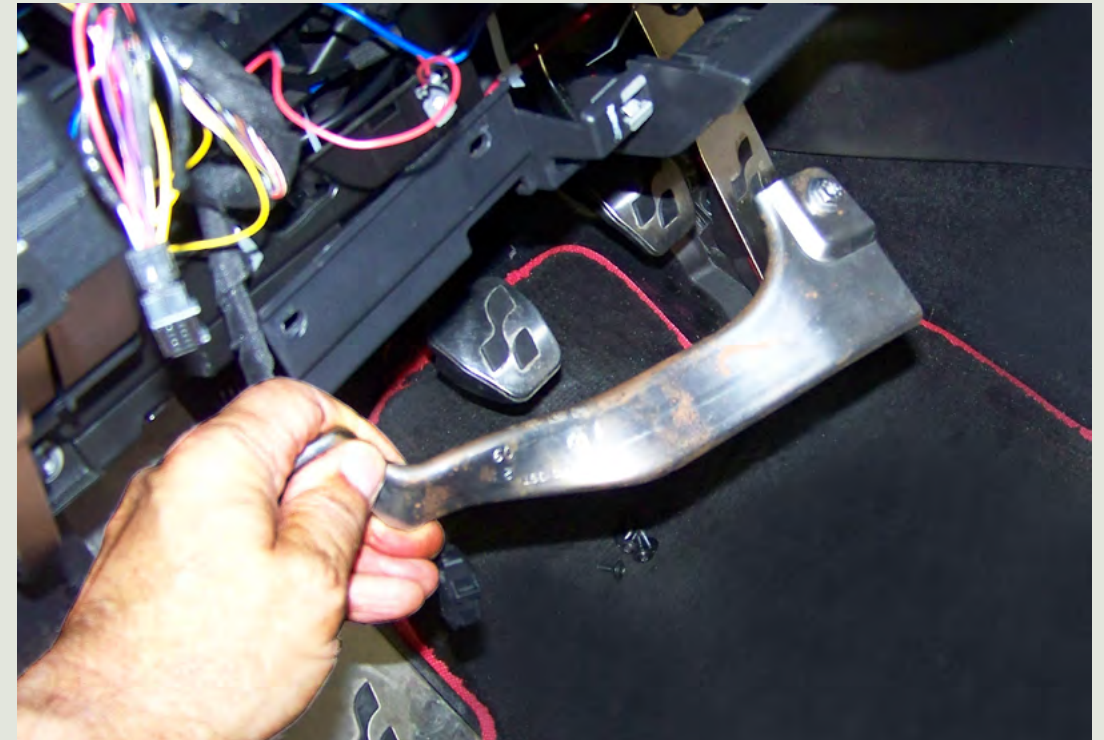
The last bracket straddles the base of the steering column. Pull down the lower edge of the right side underdash panel. Reach up with a 10mm wrench and loosen the bolt holding the cross bracket in place.

Service Tip: There isn't a lot of working room, so a ratcheting box wrench comes in handy and saves a lot of time.



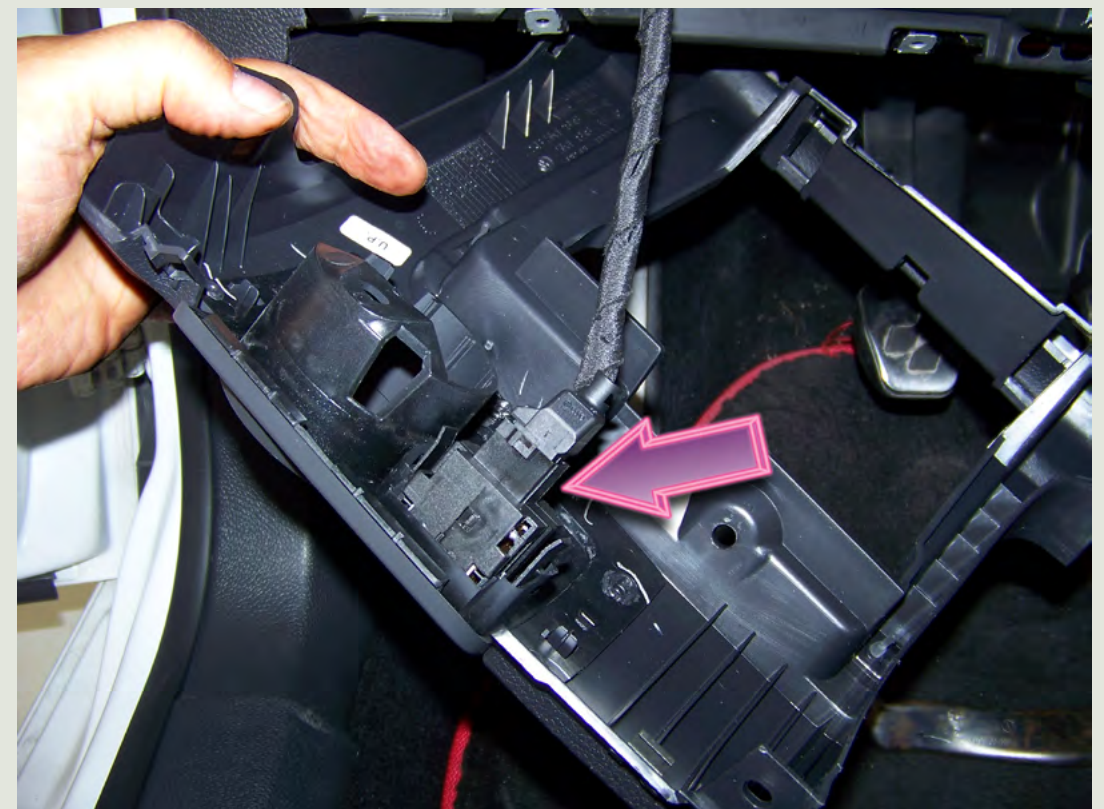
Step 16

- Remove the bracket from the car.
- Push the lower dash panel back to its normal position reinstall the lower dash screw.



Step 17

Install the headlight dimmer switch in the new dash panel. Push the switch all the way in until you hear the snap clips lock in position.



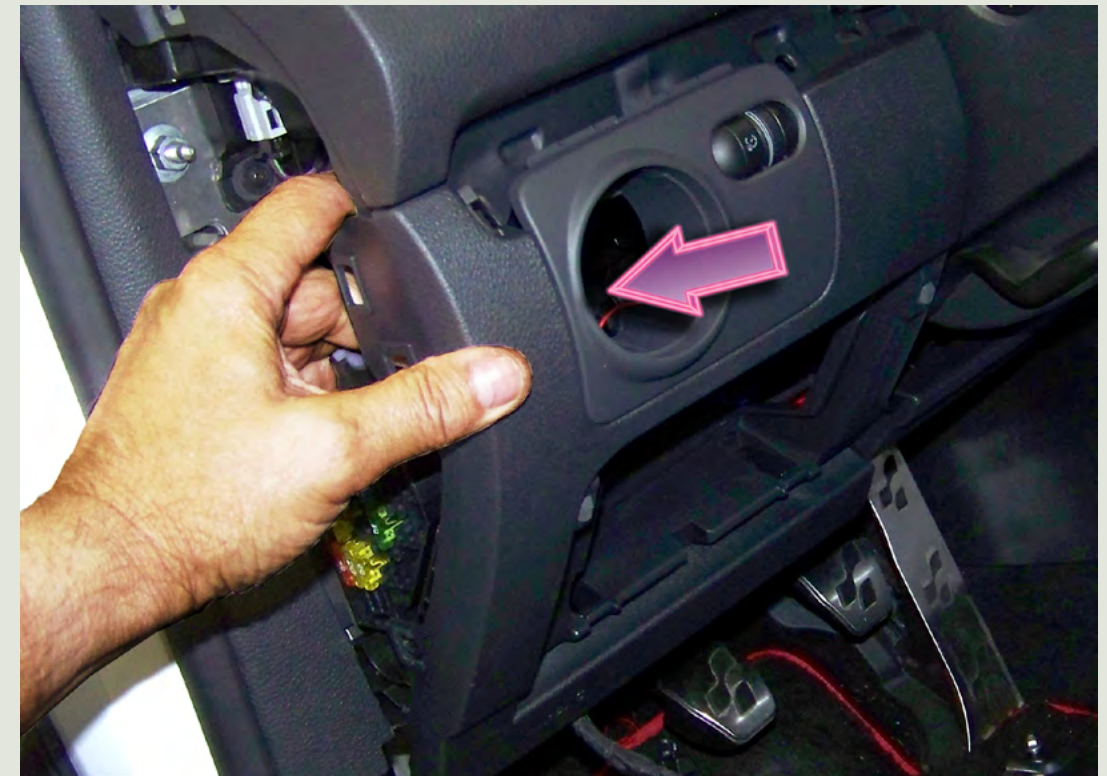
Step 18

Install the new dash panel onto the dashboard frame.

Service Tip: Make sure you can reach the headlight switch wiring connector through the hole in the dash (arrow).

Align the lower right hand corner of new dash panel with the other under dash panel as you slide it in place.

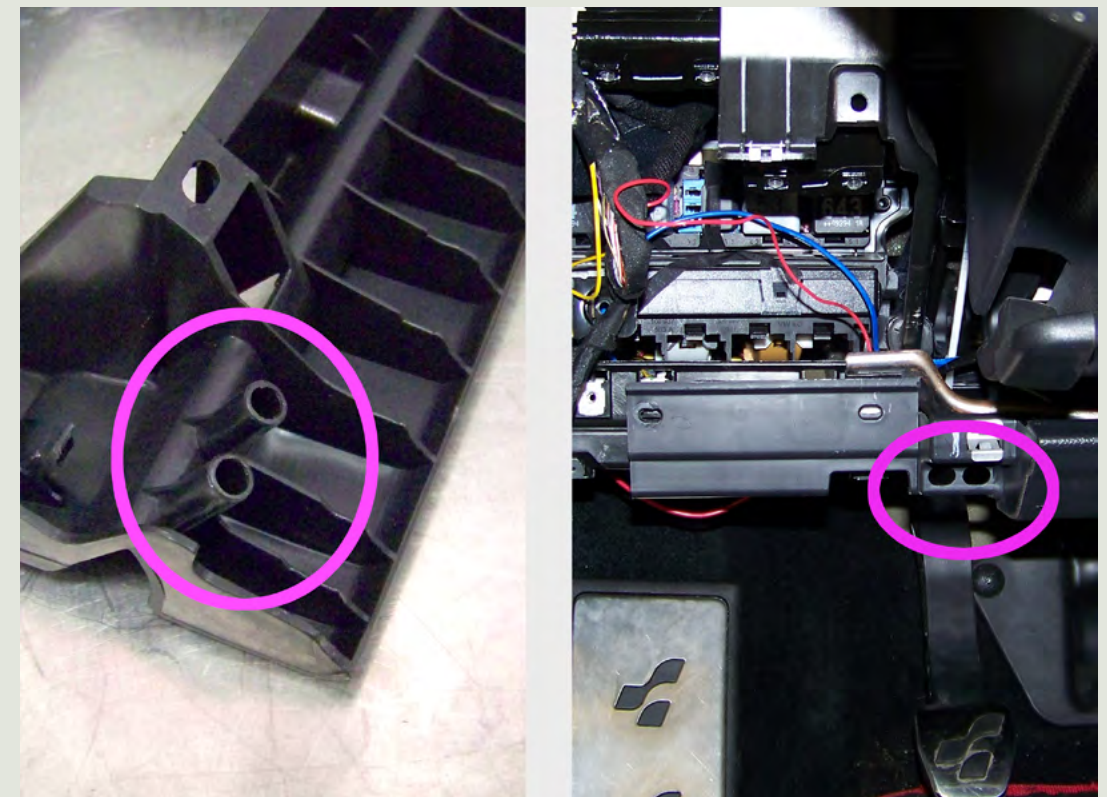
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Step 19

Service Tip: There are two round alignment dowels at the bottom right hand corner of the new Dash Cubby panel.

Make sure the dowels are inserted into the mating holes in the other dash panel (holes circled in right side photo).



Step 20

Reinstall the dash screw in the headlight switch cavity.



Step 21

Reconnect the headlight switch.

Push the switch into the dash cavity, until it snaps in place.



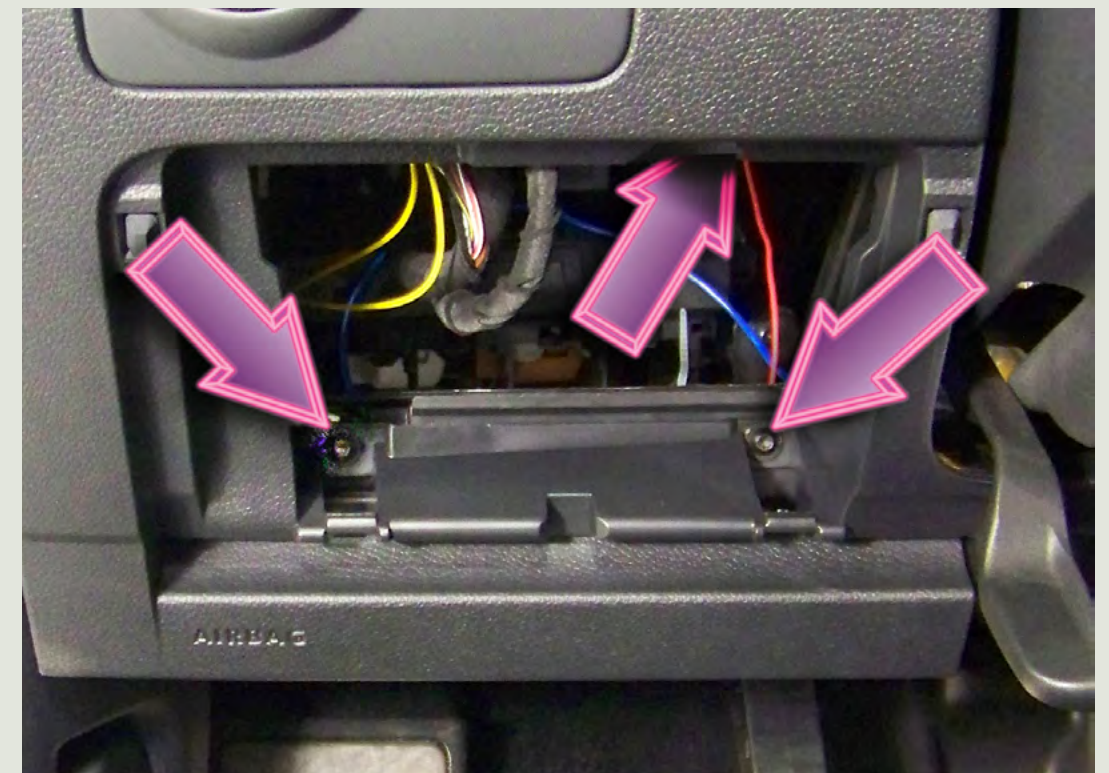
Step 22

Reinstall the dash panel screw removed in Step 5.



Step 23

- Install the dash screws inside the dash panel drawer opening (arrows). An extra screw is included in your kit.
- Reinstall the right side underdash panel screw.



Step 24

- Replace the trim panel at the top of the left side dash panel.
- Reinstall the trim panel above the steering column (removed in Step 3).



Step 25

Install the drawer. It snaps in place over two horizontal rods (left side rod indicated by arrow).

Align the “jaws” in the drawer with the pins, then push inward until the drawer snaps in place.



Step 26

Complete the installation by reinstalling the side panel over the fuse panel. Place the front edge against the rubber door seal, then pivot the rear of the panel inward until it snaps in place in the dashboard metal retainer clips.



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