

Dash Strip and Instrument Binnacle

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This guide is to remove the centre Pininfarina Badge, Coloured dash strip and Instrument binnacle.

N.B. you do not need to remove the centre console to remove the dash strip

Tools required

- Badge puller or packing strip or old credit card
- 8mm socket and ratchet
- 4mm Allen key
- cross head screwdriver

First decide if you want to remove the Pinin Badge. If you do then read the notes below.

However the best thing to do is to push the badge down just enough so that you can get a 4mm Allen key into the whole. This saves a lot of pain and it is easy enough to push back the badge afterwards.

Removal of Pinin Badge



Here are some of the suggested ways of doing this. To understand why the badge is so difficult to remove it is handy to see how it is attached. The two clips are hard to remove and can dig into the pins of the badge, making removal an unnecessarily difficult procedure

- Use a badge puller, they can be bought from Halfords or any decent motor factor and are also useful for removing door trims.
- Slide a credit card under the badge and pull evenly
- Use some of the very strong packing strip and slide under the badge at each end and put at alternative ends until badge comes free.
- Snip the badge in the middle, new badge will be required (£25) but this is cheaper than a new dash strip.

Do not be tempted to try and lever this off or you WILL dent the dash strip. I have been there, be warned



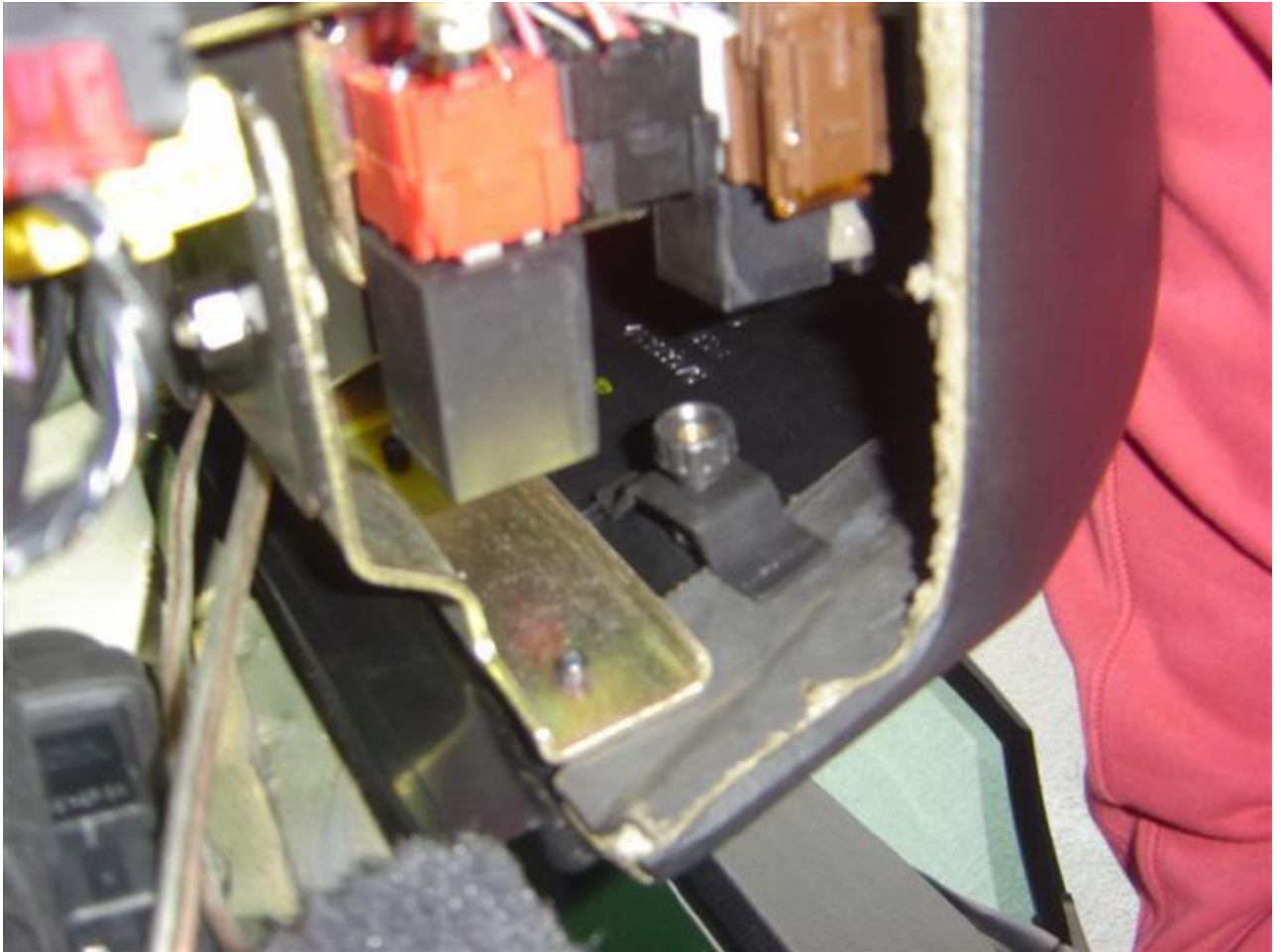
Once the badge is removed the rest of the operation should only take 10 minutes .

Removing the dash strip

Undo the two end panels of the dash board.



These are removed by undoing this knurled nut and removing the plastic clip



knurled nut viewed looking up from the floor.

The end panel can be wiggled and prised off. DON'T force it as one of the clips could break, it is just a matter of getting the correct position and angle.

There is an 8mm nut to be removed at each end of the strip, be careful not to lose the washer



Return to the middle and undo the Allen bolt and carefully remove the dash strip.

You will now be able to see the instrument binnacle and how it is attached.



BEFORE undoing the 4 cross head screws mark the position of the instruments. Otherwise when you replace everything the warning lights and some of the gauges will not line up properly.





Once the 4 cross head bolts are removed the instrument panel can be pulled forward. This gives you just enough room to get your hands behind to release the catches, but these are a complete pain to get at and can be quite difficult to release. Don't worry too much about what plugs go where as they are all unique and only fit in one way.

Once all are released the binnacle can be removed. I found it easier if the steering wheel was dropped to its lowest adjustment.

Fitting is the reverse, BUT do check the binnacle lines up and all the instrument lights work before replacing the dash strip bolts and badges.