

This is a DIY for removing or changing the center console and armrest. Anyone following these instructions do so on their own risk and I will not take any responsibility for possible inaccuracies or your own mistakes.

Tools needed:

T20 and T45 bits

Ratchet + 8 and 13mm sockets

Instrument screwdriver or similar thin item to separate contacts

Trim removal tool, or flat screwdriver wrapped in tape/cloth

Media unit removal tools (the 2 thingies you remove radio/CD changer etc with)

4xM10 nuts

Time needed, appr 4h. Difficulty 5 out of 10. Basic wrenching but requires patience and removal of a lot of parts.

1. Pop out the trim in the rear console. Behind it are 2 T20 screws. Remove them, wiggle out the ACpanel and vents and disconnect them.



2. Remove the screws (1/side) holding the rear air ducts. Then remove the brackets (3 screws/side) and remove the 2 M8 nuts holding the console to the floor



3. Move to the front, pop out the ash tray and remove the T20 screw under it. Remove ash tray compartment.



4. Grab the trim in any of the lower corners and carefully lift it up, work your way backwards until it comes loose. Unplug the 3 electrical connectors



5. Lift up the tray under the armrest, unplug connectors if you have the phone holder. Remove the armrest.



7. Remove the screw holding the front air duct and the 2 holding the front AC panel. Unplug connectors and remove panel. Behind it are 2 more screws holding the console so remove those as well.



8. In order to get to the last 2 screws you need to drop the glove compartment and the knee panel. Start by pushing out the coin tray, grab the front cover of it and push it to the left so it comes off. Then pop out the grey plastic trim toward the passenger door and work your way toward the steering wheel. Remove the small grey trim toward the drivers door as well. With the trims gone you can see 2 T20 screws holding the knee panel, one on each side of the steering wheel., that needs to be removed.



Then take away the fuse box covers on each side of the instrument panel. Remove 2 screws on each side. Now there's only one more screw at the bottom right of the knee panel before you can lower it down enough to get to the last screw holding the console on left side. It's located fairly low down.

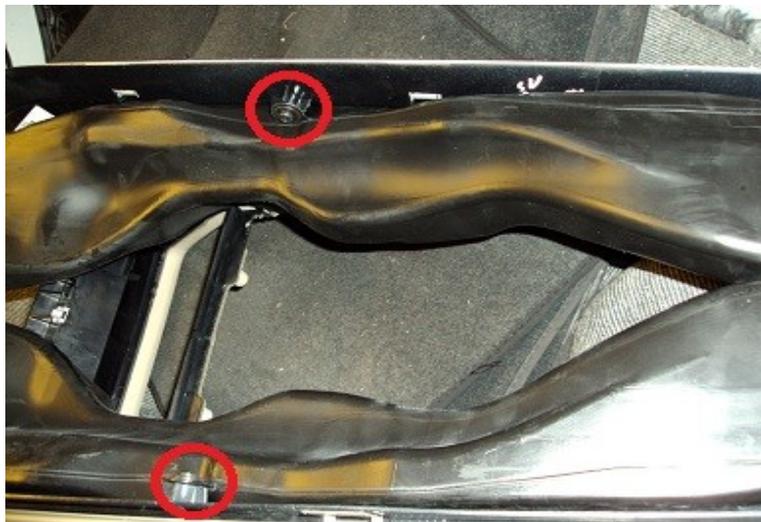
To drop the glove compartment you have 1 screw to the bottom left. Then open the lid, remove 3 screws in the top. Now there are 2 more in the media slots so remove CD changer, AMI or whatever you have in those slots. Once gone you will have to lift and wiggle a bit until it comes loose. Then remove final console screw. See picture for overview on screw locations.



9. Now you're set to wiggle out the console. It might help to unplug the connectors in the rear air ducts and you'll probably have to do that anyway when fitting the new console.



When console's gone, remove the front air ducts and transfer them to the new one.



10. Before fitting the new console you need to fit the bracket for the new armrest. Bolts are already there so just remove the cut outs in the foam (see arrow), put the bracket in place and take 4 nuts to attach it. Once in place you can start refitting everything. Nothing strange about this, only make sure the carpet gets in the correct slot



11. Fit the tray, place the rubber seal around bracket and place the armrest in its place. Tighten the 3 T45 screws and finally fit the cover.



I had no connection for the lights in the armrest storage compartments but just tapped into the rear cigarette light illumination cables. Either use the special gadgets for the purpose or just cut the cables and join all positives with each others and the neg's with each other.

Final result!

