

After replacing the grill on my -06 4.2TDi I figured I should put something together to simplify for others contemplating the same procedure as there is not too much info available from what I could find. Although it worked well for me, anyone else following this information is doing so on their own risk and I will take no responsibility for damage/cost on people and property.

Difficulty:

I'd say about 3/5 for a happy amateur like myself. It's pretty straightforward. Just take it easy and think twice if something looks stuck, to avoid breaking clips/tabs or scratch the paint.

Time needed:

Count at least 2h. I needed 4h but had some short breaks for rain, no previous instructions and also broke a washer hose which cost me another 30min.

Tools needed:

- Jackstands
- Screwdrivers, philips and regular flat
- Ratchet, extension, 10mm socket, T20, T25 and T30 bits



1. Raise the car and remove the front wheels. USE JACKSTANDS SO YOU DON'T KILL YOURSELF.

2. Pop the hood, remove the 5 circled torx screws. Remove the plastic trim by the arrow. It's just clipped in.



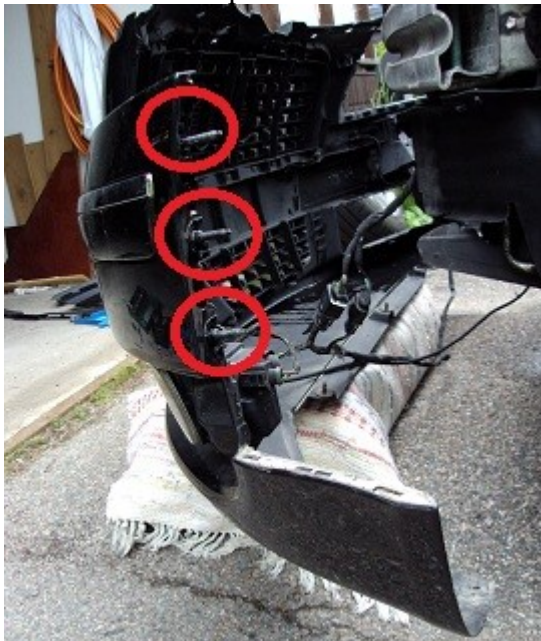
3. Under the trim there are some foam covers on each side of the grill. Use a screwdriver to remove them and remove the T30 screws located under the foam.



4. Look under the bumper, remove 3 screws holding the bumper to the cover under the engine bay



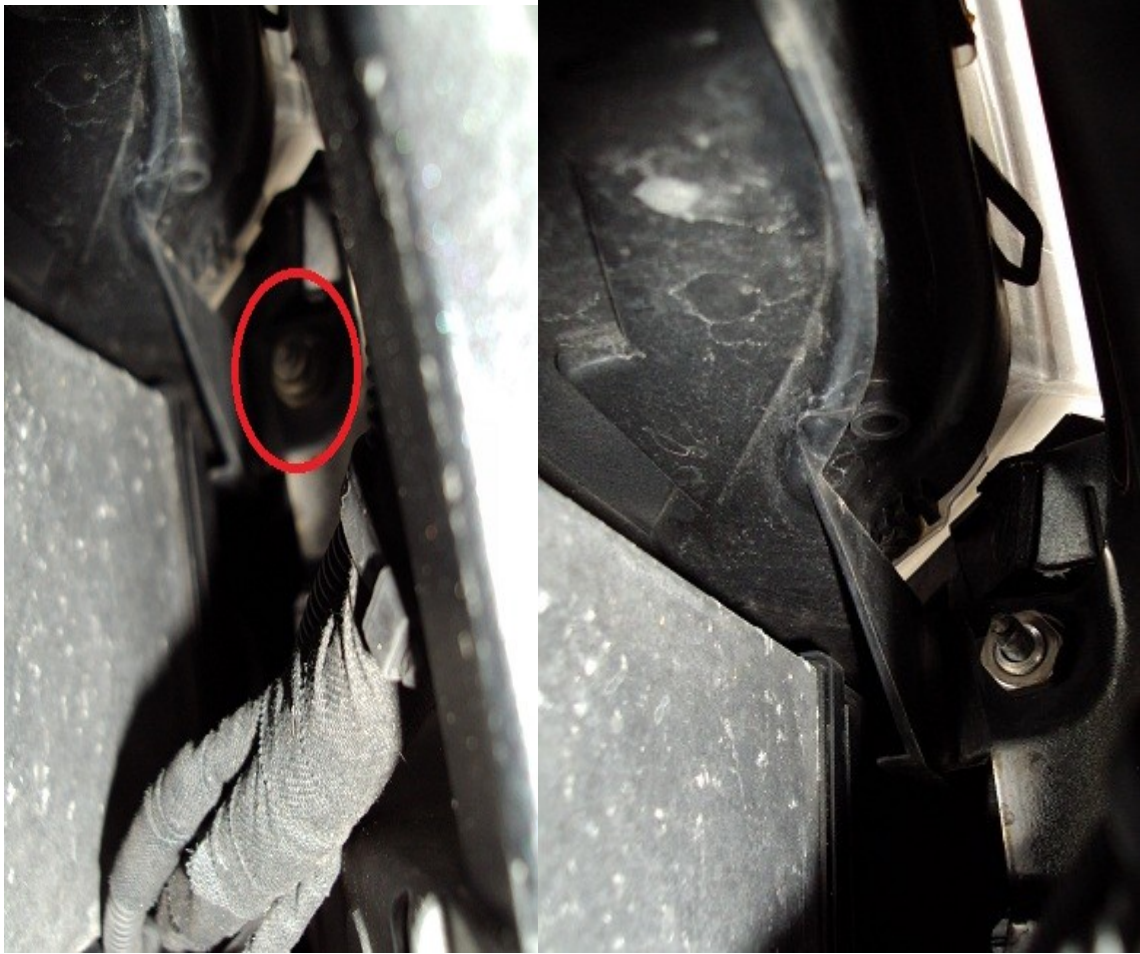
5. Now we got the top and the bottom loose. Time to work on the sides where it sits with 3 studs in the bumper that are held with locking nuts from behind the fender liner. See pic of the removed bumper.



Remove the 2 torx screws and twist the 2 inner quick-lock screws 90 degrees to loosen the fender liner.



6. Behind the liner it's now possible to see the 3 nuts holding the sides. Remove them using a 10mm socket. It looks like the top one is held with a larger 15mm nut as well but it's not the case and you don't need to remove that one. Only the 10mm.



7. Pop out the lower sides if not already loose. Now the bumper is ready to come off so it could be good to have an assistant holding it or at least put something in front to support it so it doesn't just fall off



8. Lift off the bumper carefully, there's some wiring and hoses running at the bottom of it and you don't wanna break those. I broke the washer fluid hose....If you remove the 2 large connectors and pop out the wiring/hoses you get some slack to fold the bumper down.



9. Time to remove the grill. It's held by 16 or so torx screws. Unscrew the PDC sensors (red arrows x 2) as well as they transfer to the new grill.



10. Remove the license plate cover. 4 philips screws in the bottom and clipped in on top. If needed, the green notches could be transferred to the new grill. When putting the PDC sensors back, make sure they end up behind the red tab so they are held in place properly.



Now you're all set to put the grill back in the bumper and the bumper on the car. Just reverse the above and be happy with how much cooler the new grill looks :-D