

How To: access the rear speakers on a 5 Door

Courtesy of tminal

Thought it was about time I did a 'how to' for upgrading/accessing the rear speakers on a 5 door 1 series. This will of course vary if you have a 3 door, coupe or convertible but should help in some way hopefully so here goes.

Before you start ensure you have clean hands as any contact with the headlining will result in marks which are difficult to remove.

Gently remove the Airbag cover with a flat blade screwdriver. Be careful not to slip though!! (this does not affect the airbag)



Remove 1 off Torx fixing, TX20 I think but not sure!



Remove the door aperture seal and tailgate seal on both sides of the trim, there is no need to remove all of it. Gently remove the trim from the sides so as not to touch the headlining and lever the trim inboard from the top.



Remove seat striker cover, slides off.



Remove striker loop Torx fixing and loop trim.



Gently lift off the 2 covers on the tailgate scuff plate with a flat blade screwdriver and be careful not to slip. Remove 2 screws.



Remove 2 trim plugs (a trim plug removal tool is useful for this to avoid damage to the trim) from the tailgate scuff plate and remove trim.



Gently pull top of seat bolster to unclip



Feed seatbelt through gap in trim



Slide rear trim out of location on underside of shelf trim by sliding the lower part of the rear 1/4 trim inboard



Remove 3 shelf fixings



Remove 2 more shelf fixings



The shelf can now be removed from the car to remove the standard shelf and speaker. Be careful though, if the loadspace lamp has been on the whole time it will be damn hot as I found out On the right hand side shelf the PDC speaker (business HU only) will need to be removed. Then fit upgrade speaker/tweeter and work in reverse to re-assemble.

There maybe a better/easier way of doing this but this is the way I completed it and it went back together very easily with no rattles. If anyone has any other tips of shortcuts then please add to this thread.