

## Glove Fit Console Cover

**Installation Instructions** 

To avoid mistakes, please read these directions fully before beginning. Study the parts and pictures to make sure you know how to reassemble the parts you remove. It is easy to install this console cover if you fully understand these directions before beginning assembly. We've made every effort to make your new console cover easy to install. Allow about 20-30 minutes to complete this job. With experience this console cover can be installed or removed in less than five minutes.

## Tools you'll need:

- Old credit card OR 1" flexible putty knife covered with a layer of duct tape on the bottom (sharp) edge
- 14 mm open-end wrench OR adjustable wrench
- Sharp knife OR single-edge razor blade
- These directions.
- 1. With the 14 mm wrench, loosen the nut under the shift knob and remove the knob and nut by unscrewing. Set these parts aside in a safe place.
- 2. Loosen the plastic assembly from the center console by pulling gently up on either rear corner (at the back of the perforated pad.) Working gently forward, loosen each of the eight press fit clips (four on each side). As you remove the plastic assembly, be careful not to whack it into the exposed thread on the shift lever, because this is a foolproof way to scratch the plastic.
- 3. Lift the loosened plastic assembly from the center console about three inches and disconnect the two connectors, one for the hazard flasher and one for the roof switch. Each of these connectors has a rectangular push button on one side at the bottom. They are easiest to reach from the driver's side. Push the pushbutton in firmly and wiggle the connectors loose. DO NOT FORCE APART THE CONNECTOR. WHEN THE RELEASE BUTTON IS PROPERLY PUSHED, THE CONNECTOR WILL WIGGLE APART WITH VERY LITTLE FORCE. IT IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO TELL, THOUGH, WHEN THE BUTTON IS FULLY PUSHED.





- 4. Being careful not to scratch the brake handle, remove the plastic assembly from the center console and set aside in a safe place. At this time, check to see that all six metal spring clips are still attached firmly to this part.
- 5. Smooth out your new console cover on a flat surface. Don't worry about any bends or wrinkles. They will disappear on assembly or within a day after assembly
- 6. Position the console cover by lining up the scalloped back cut out against the clip assembly on the bottom of the center compartment storage assembly. The back should be just touching the plastic assembly and centered from side to side.
- 7. Open the radio cover door and (when mostly open) grab the door and pull it sharply toward you. This will loosen the door assembly and allow it to be pulled rearward and upward a little bit. Later, your new console cover will slide under this assembly.
- 7. Smooth the console cover forward keeping it centered on the console and keeping the rear located as indicated above. Remember to position the cover so that the shifter and brake handle are inside the cut openings. Try to line up each of the holes in the cover with matching ones on the center console.
- 8. When properly located, about 3/8" (10 mm) will slide under the radio door. Slide it under now, but don't push the radio door back in yet. Now you are ready to do the final fit of your new console cover. But first, recheck your rough positioning of the cover.
- 9. On both sides, fold the plastic retainers up under the inside of the cover. The cutouts in the plastic retainer system should face up but be hidden underneath the leather sides.
- 10. Starting at the back (on either side) place two or three fingers up under the carpet and slide the plastic piece between the carpet and your fingers. Repeat on the opposite side and for each of the three more attachment points on each side (moving from side to side as you go.) You can make minor positioning adjustments as you work but try to keep the leather even from back to front. Smooth any wrinkles as you go. For the front attachment points of the plastic piece, wiggle the pieces (on both sides) until a uniform position is found.









- 11. You will notice two metal tabs sticking up from the console, one near the emergency brake handle and one on the opposite side. Pull the leather on each side over these points until the stitching is nice and straight. Mark the location of the tabs and using a sharp knife or razor blade -- cut a straight, matching line in the leather so that it will fit over these tabs. Place the slice over the tabs and push down.
- 12. Now that your new console cover is properly positioned and fitted:
  - Push the radio door back in firmly
  - Using the credit card or putty knife wrapped with a single layer of duct tape, gently push the fronts of the sidepieces into place under the kneepads. They need only be about 1/16" (2 mm) behind the kneepads (see photo 12).
  - Place the plastic assembly from the center console back on the center console and reattach the two connectors. They only fit in one direction. Check to be sure that the hazard flashers and roof switch are working properly. (You will need to turn on the key for the roof.)
  - Make sure there are no wrinkles under where the plastic assembly from the center console will attach.
  - Starting at the front snap each of the eight snaps in the plastic assembly from the center console back down into place.
  - Reattach the nut and shift knob and tighten the nut against the knob to hold it firmly in place.

## To remove your console cover:

If you ever need to remove your new console cover, follow the steps above to remove the shift knob and plastic assembly. Then grasp the plastic retainer system firmly (at the back) and pull upwards. The console cover can be removed and replaced many times as long as it is done carefully.

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