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**BMW 3-Series and Z4 (99-05) Includes 2006 325ci/330ci Coupe and Convertible models Haynes Online Manual.**

## 28 Center console - removal and installation

### Warning:

The models covered by this manual are equipped with Supplemental Restraint systems (SRS), more commonly known as airbags. Always disarm the airbag system before working in the vicinity of any airbag system component to avoid the possibility of accidental deployment of the airbag, which could cause personal injury (see Chapter 12) . Do not use a memory saving device to preserve the ECM's memory when working on or near airbag system components.

1 Disconnect the cable from the negative terminal of the battery (see [Chapter 5, Section 1](#)).

2 Roll down the rear storage box/ashtray lid. Press down on the lid edge and lift the box/ashtray from the rear of the center console (see illustration) .

**28.2 Press down on the edge to remove the ashtray**



3 Loosen the retaining screws, pull the screws out complete with the plastic expansion rivets, and remove the ashtray/storage box surround, disconnecting the illumination bulb holder as it is withdrawn (see illustration) .

### 28.3 Remove the ashtray/storage box surround screws



4 On all models unclip the parking brake lever boot from the console (see illustration) .

### 28.4 Unclip the parking brake lever boot



5 Remove the two screws, then pull out the sides and remove the ashtray/storage box surround from the rear of the console (see illustration) .

### 28.5 Remove the ashtray/storage box trim screws



6 Carefully pry out the gear lever boot from the surrounding trim (see illustration) . On automatic transmission models, pry the boot up complete with the surrounding trim.

**28.6 Carefully pry up the gear lever boot - on automatic transmission models, remove the trim bezel from around the shift lever**



7 Remove the two screws at the rear of the gear lever boot aperture, lift the boot surround trim, and pull the rear section of the console slightly to the rear (see illustration) . Note their fitted locations, then disconnect any wiring connectors as the console is withdrawn. Maneuver the center console over the parking brake lever. On models with a center armrest, lift the armrest and pull the rear of the console up and forward.

**28.7 Remove the two screws at the rear of the gear lever boot aperture**



8 If required, the armrest can now be removed by unscrewing the mounting bolts and disconnecting the parking brake warning switch wiring.

9 Maneuver the center console over the parking brake lever, then over the upright armrest (where installed). The remainder of installation is the reverse of removal, making sure all fasteners are securely tightened.