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**BMW 3-Series 320i & 320xi (12-14), 325i, 325xi, 330i & 330xi (06) & 328i & 328xi (07-14) Haynes Online Manual**

## 22 Interior trim - removal and installation

### Warning:

These models are equipped with a Supplemental Restraint System (SRS), more commonly known as airbags. Always disable the airbag system before working in the vicinity of any airbag system component to avoid the possibility of accidental deployment of the airbag(s), which could cause personal injury (see Chapter 12 ).

### Warning:

Do not use a memory saving device to preserve the PCM or radio memory when working on or near airbag system components.

- 1 The interior trim panels are secured using either bolts or various types of trim fasteners, usually studs or clips.
- 2 Check that there are no other panels overlapping the one to be removed; usually there is a sequence that has to be followed that will become obvious on close inspection.
- 3 Remove all obvious fasteners, such as bolts. If the panel will not come free, it is held by hidden clips or fasteners. These are usually situated around the edge of the panel and can be pried up to release them; note that clips and fasteners can break quite easily, so have a supply of new ones on hand. The best way of releasing such clips without the correct type of tool (see [Section 6](#) ) is to use a large flat-bladed screwdriver or putty knife.
- 4 Some panels are secured by plastic expanding rivets, where the center pin must be pried up before the rivet can be removed. **Note:** *In many cases the adjacent sealing strip must be pried back to release a panel.*
- 5 When removing a panel, never use excessive force or the panel may be damaged; always check carefully that all fasteners have been removed or released before attempting to withdraw a panel.

### A-pillar trim

- 6 Disable the airbag system (see [Chapter 12](#) ).
- 7 Pull the rubber weatherstrip from the door pillar in the area of the pillar trim.

8 Using a pry tool, carefully pry out the trim insert from the A-pillar trim (see illustration) .

**22.8 Pry out the insert and remove the bolt**



9 Remove the retaining Torx bolt, and pull the trim to the center of the vehicle, starting at the top (see illustration) .

**22.9 Note how the base of the A-pillar trim engages with the instrument panel**



10 Installation is the reverse of removal; secure the fasteners by pressing them firmly into place and ensure that all disturbed components are correctly secured.

## B-pillar trim

11 Carefully pry up the front door sill trim panel from its retaining clips.

12 Pull away the rubber weatherstrip on each side of the B-pillar (see illustration) .

**22.12 Pull away the weatherstrip at each side of the B-pillar**



13 The lower edge of the lower trim is secured by plastic clips. Pull the lower edge of the trim inwards, then pull it downwards to disengage it from the upper trim panel (see illustration) . Note how the trim engages with the rear door sill trim panel.

**22.13 Pull the lower edge of the trim panel inwards**



14 Pull the lower edge of the upper trim inwards to release the retaining clips, then pull it downwards. Note how the upper edge of the trim engages with the headliner molding (see illustrations) . Feed the seat belt through the trim panel as it's withdrawn.

**22.14a Pull the lower edge of the trim inwards to release the clips**





**22.14b The two lugs of the upper trim engage with the headliner**



15 Installation is the reverse of removal; secure the fasteners by pressing them firmly into place and ensure that all disturbed components are correctly secured. Pry the retaining clips from the door sill and install them on the sill trim prior to installation.

## C-pillar trim

### Sedan models

16 Pull the door weatherstrip away from the area adjacent to the pillar trim.

17 Pry out the cap at the top edge of the trim and remove the Torx bolt beneath (see illustration) .

**22.17 Pry out the cap and remove the bolt beneath**



18 Pull the pillar trim upward from the pillar.

19 Installation is the reverse of removal; secure the fasteners by pressing them firmly into place and ensure that all disturbed components are correctly secured.

### Sports wagon models

20 Pry out the cap and remove the bolt beneath (see illustration) .

**22.20 Pry out the cap and remove the mounting bolt**



21 Pull the trim panel upwards and inwards to release the clips.

22 Installation is the reverse of removal.

## D-pillar trim

23 Lift out the luggage compartment floor panel, then rotate the fastener counterclockwise and lift out the side panel above the battery.

24 Remove the C-pillar trim panel (see Steps 20 and 21).

25 Pry out the clip at the front edge, then pull the upper pillar trim panel downwards to release the retaining clips (see illustration) .

**22.25 Pry out the clip at the front edge of the upper pillar trim**



26 Remove the mounting bolts, then pull the lower pillar trim panel inwards to release the retaining clips. Disconnect any electrical connectors as the trim is removed.

27 Installation is the reverse of removal.

## Trunk area trim panel

### Sedan models

28 Lift out the trunk compartment floor panel, pry up the center pins, pry out the plastic expansion rivets, then pry out the caps. Remove the mounting bolts and remove the trunk lid sill trim panel (see illustrations) .

**22.28a Pry up the center pins and remove the plastic expansion rivets**



**22.28b Pry up the caps and remove the mounting bolts beneath**



29 Remove the warning triangle from the holders (where applicable), then rotate the holders counterclockwise and remove them (see illustration) .



**22.29 Remove the warning triangle holder**

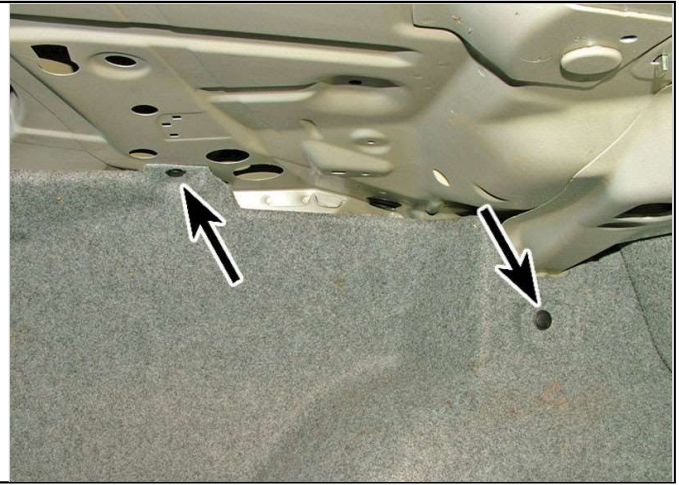
30 Remove the Torx bolt securing the anchor point (see illustration) .

**22.30 Remove the Torx bolt securing the storage anchor**

31 Pry up the center pin and pry out the retaining clips (see illustrations) .

**22.31a Pry up the center pins . . .**

**22.31b . . . and remove the plastic expansion rivets**



32 Remove the panel.

33 Installation is the reverse of removal.

## Sports wagon models

34 Fold the rear seat cushion forwards.

35 Remove the trunk compartment floor panel.

36 Pull up the plastic cover over the seat belt inertia reel, and feed the seat belt through the slot (see illustration) .

**22.36 Pull up the cover over the inertia reel**



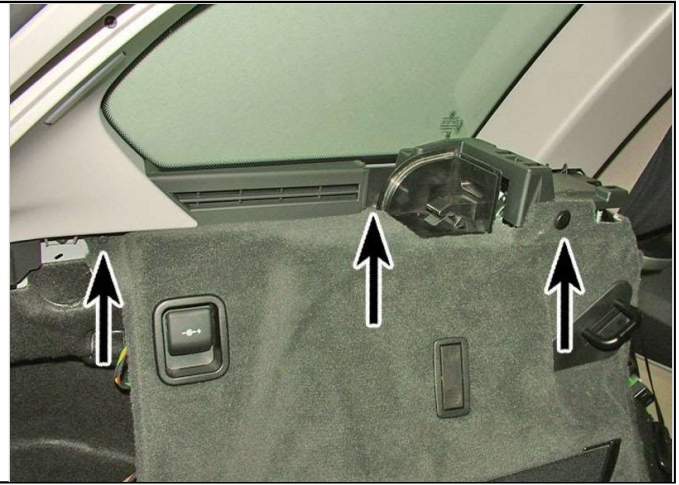
## Left panel

37 Operate the release handle, open the access panel in front of the rear lights, and lift the handle out.

38 Remove the mounting bolts, and pry out the expansion rivet at the top edge of the side trim panel (see illustration) .

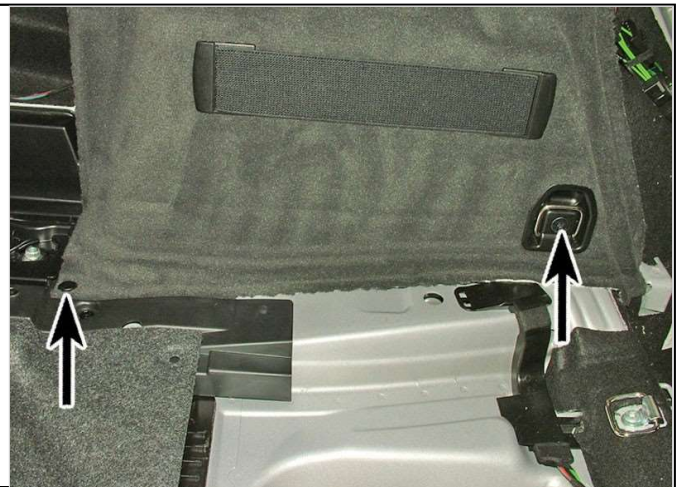


**22.38 Remove the mounting bolts and pry out the plastic expansion rivet**



39 Disconnect the power outlet electrical connector (where applicable), pry out the expansion rivet and remove the bolt securing the hook (see illustration) . Lift out the panel.

**22.39 Remove the storage hook bolt and pry out the plastic expansion rivet**



## Right panel

40 Rotate the fasteners counterclockwise and lift out the panel above the battery.

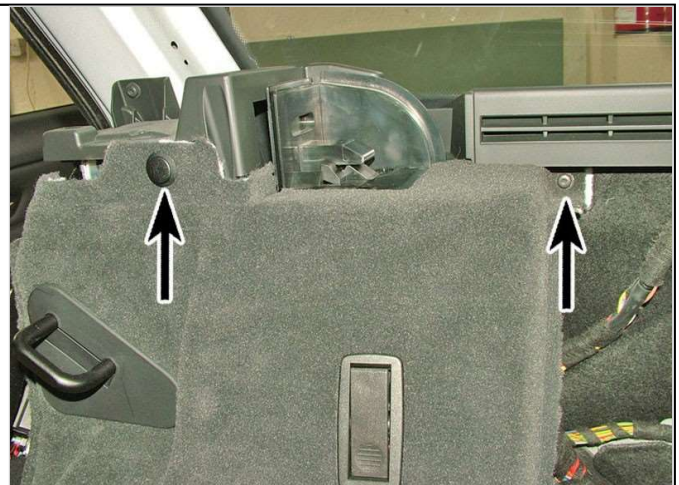
41 Pry up the center pin and remove the plastic expansion rivet. Remove the Torx bolt from the hook at the lower section of the side panel (see illustration) .

**22.41 Pry out the expansion rivets and remove the hook bolt**



42 Remove the mounting bolts at the top of the panel, pry up the center pin and remove the plastic expansion rivet (see illustration) .

**22.42 Remove the mounting bolt and remove the expansion rivet**



43 Lift out the side panel.

**Both sides**

44 Installation is the reverse of removal.

**Glovebox and cupholders**

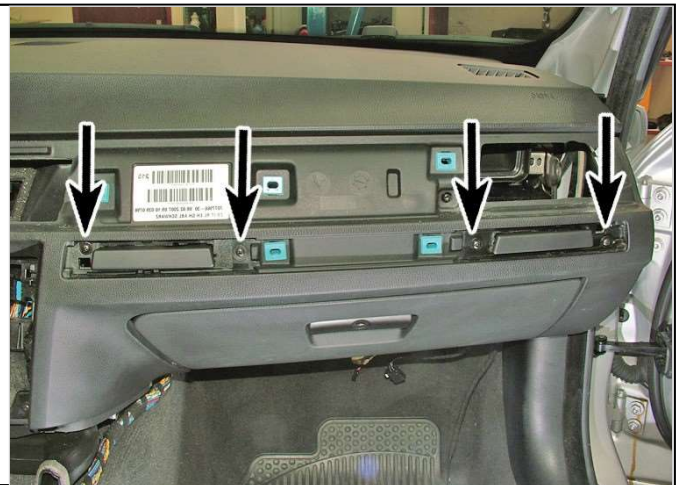
45 Using a blunt, flat-bladed tool, carefully pry the decorative trim strip above the glovebox from the instrument panel (see illustration) .

**22.45 Using a blunt, flat-bladed tool, carefully pry the cup holder surround trim from the instrument panel**



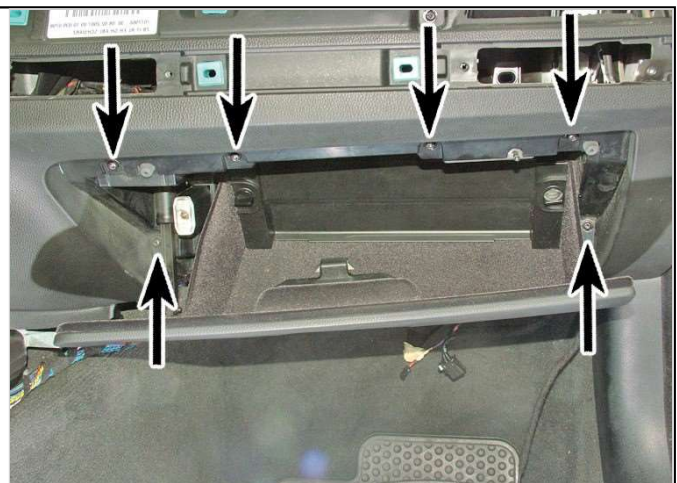
46 Remove the retaining bolts and remove the cup holder assemblies above the glovebox (see illustration) , if equipped.

**22.46 Cup holder retaining bolt locations**



47 On F-series chassis models, disable the airbag system (see [chapter 12](#) ), then remove the instrument panel end caps (see Steps 71 and 72), lower trim panel (see Steps 60 and 61) to access the glovebox lower mounting screws. On all models open the glovebox, remove the retaining bolts, the glovebox, hinge and bracket as an assembly (see illustration) .

**22.47 Remove the mounting bolts and withdraw the glovebox**





**Note:**

**If the glovebox damper needs to be replaced, pry the damper locking tabs back and pull the damper off of the retaining bracket.**

**Package tray**

49 Remove the rear seats (see [Section 20](#) ).

50 Remove both C-pillar trim panels (see Steps 16 through 18).

**Note:**

On Sports wagon models, remove the D-pillar trim panels (see Steps 23 through 27).

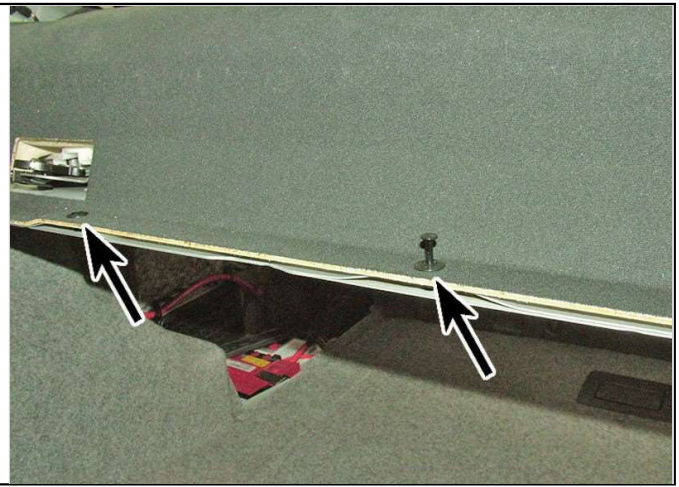
51 Pry up the grille, then remove the bolts and remove the speakers from the rear package tray (see illustration) . Disconnect the speaker electrical connectors as they are withdrawn.

**22.51 Pry up the speaker grille**

52 Remove the bolts and detach the seat belt lower anchors (see [Section 21](#) ).

53 Pry up the center pins, and remove the plastic expansion rivets at the front edge of the package tray (see illustration) .

**22.53 Pry up the center pins and remove the plastic expansion rivets**



54 On models with folding rear seats, remove the side cushion on each side by pulling the top edge forwards, then lifting it out.

55 Pry up the trims around the seat belts where they pass through the package tray.

56 Pull the package tray forwards and remove it (see illustration) . Feed the seat belts through the package tray as it's withdrawn.

**22.56 Pull the package tray forwards and feed the seat belts through**



57 Installation is the reverse of removal.

## **Kick panel**

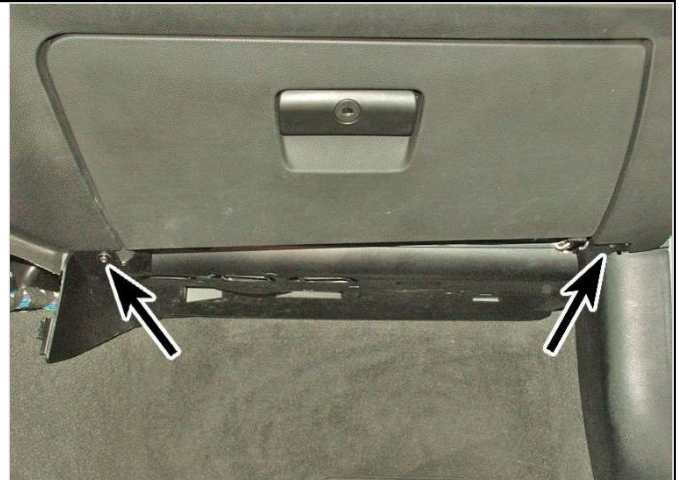
58 Pull away the rubber weatherstrip in the area of the trim panel.

59 Pull the door sill trim panel upwards to release the clips at the front.

## **Passenger's side**

60 Remove the mounting bolts and pull the lower fascia panel rearward (see illustration) . Disconnect the electrical connectors as the panel is withdrawn.

**22.60 Remove the trim panel mounting bolts and pull the trim panel rearwards**



61 Pull the kick panel inward to release the retaining clips.

## Driver's side

62 On F-series chassis models, disable the airbag system (see [Chapter 12](#) ). Remove the bolts and remove the panel above the pedals (see illustration 8.11) . Disconnect any electrical connectors as the panel is withdrawn.

63 Remove the bolt and pull the hood release handle out (see illustration 8.12) .

64 Remove the retaining bolt, then pull the kick panel inwards/rearwards to release the retaining clips. Disconnect any electrical connectors as the panel is withdrawn.

## Both sides

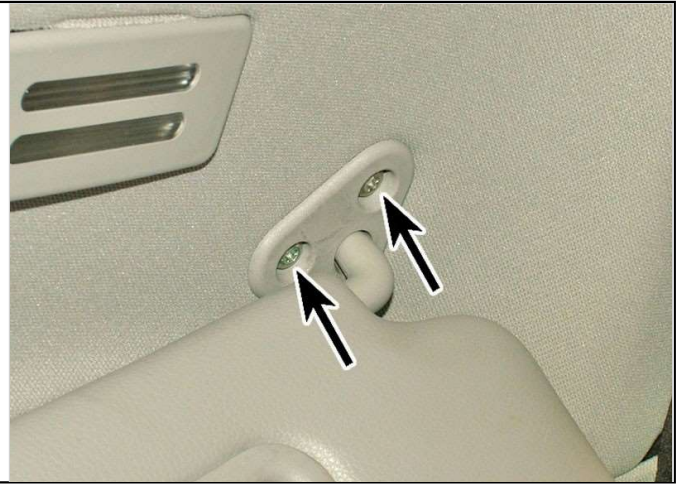
65 Installation is the reverse of removal.

## Sun visors

66 To remove the sun visor, remove the Torx bolts securing the outer mounting (see illustration) . Disconnect the vanity mirror switch electrical connector as the sun visor is withdrawn.



### 22.66 Sun visor outer mounting bolt locations



67 To remove the inner mounting, pry open the plastic cover and remove the mounting Torx bolt (see illustration) .

### 22.67 Pry open the cover and remove the inner mounting bolt



68 Installation is the reverse of removal.

## Grab handles

69 Pry down the plastic covers and remove the retaining Torx bolts to remove the handles.

70 Installation is the reverse of removal.

## Instrument panel end caps

71 To remove an end cap, simply pry it off.

72 Installation is the reverse of removal. Make sure the locating pins are not broken and align them with their respective slots.

## Driver's side storage compartment

73 Pry out the driver's side vent trim panel.

74 Open the storage compartment door and remove the two screws at the top.

75 Remove the storage compartment holder from the back side of the instrument panel through the vent opening.

76 Carefully pull the storage compartment out through the front of the instrument panel.

**Note:**

The storage compartment is mounted to the holder and both are fastened to each other on the back side of the instrument panel.

77 Installation is the reverse of removal.

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