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12 Door inner trim panel - removal and installation

Removal

Front door

1 On E-series chassis models, use a plastic trim tool (see [Section 6](#)), carefully pry the decorative trim from the door panel starting at the front of the trim, then unhook it from the rear (see illustration) .

12.1 Carefully pry the decorative trim from the panel



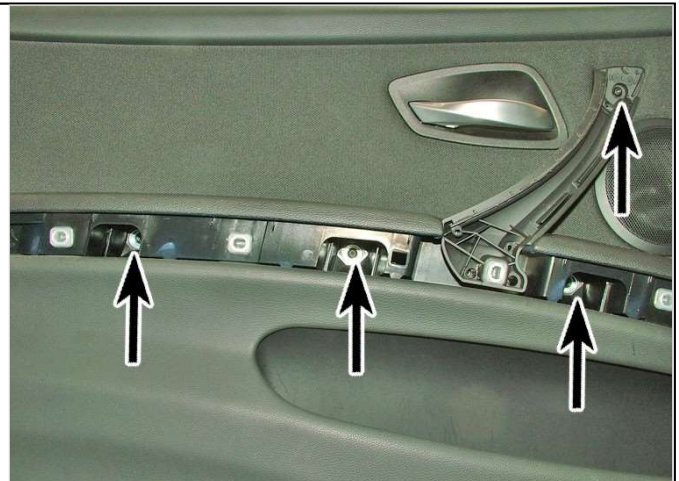
2 Carefully pry out the interior door handle trim starting at the lower edge (see illustration) , then on F-series chassis models, use a screwdriver to disengage the switch cover lock from the opening. Use a plastic trim tool to disengage the switch assembly clips and lift the switch assembly from the door panel enough to disconnect the electrical connector and remove the switch assembly.

12.2 Pry the interior door handle trim from the passenger's door panel



3 On E-series chassis models, remove the Torx bolts securing the door trim (see illustration) .

12.3 Remove the bolts securing the door panel



4 Release the door trim panel clips, carefully prying between the panel and door with a plastic trim tool. Work around the outside of the panel, including the top edge. When all the studs are released, ease the panel away from the top of the door, then lift it over the locking knob (see illustration) .

12.4 Pull the panel inwards, before lifting it over the locking knob



5 Holding the panel away from the door, disconnect the interior handle release cable from the door lock (see illustration) .

12.5 Unclip the rear edge, and disconnect the release handle cable - E-series shown



Note:

On F-series chassis models, disconnect the cable from the support first, then the release handle.

6 Disconnect the various electrical connectors as the panel is removed. An assistant is helpful.

7 If required, carefully peel the watershield away from the door. Use a putty knife to cut through the sealant, if necessary.

Rear door

8 Using a plastic trim tool (see [Section 6](#)), carefully pry the decorative trim from the door panel starting at the front of the trim, then unhook it (see illustration) .

12.8 Pry the decorative trim from the panel



Note:

On F-series chassis models, The decorative trim and door handle cover have been combined into one piece, which is pried off.

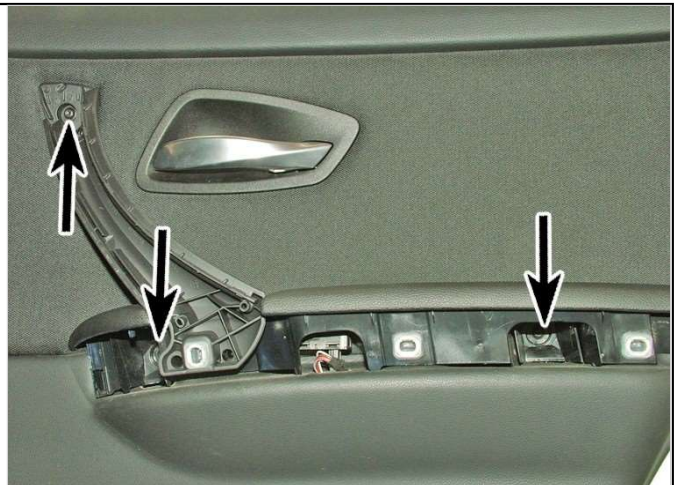
9 Using a trim tool, carefully pry the cover from the door pull handle, starting at the base of the trim (see illustration) .

12.9 Pry the cover from the door handle . .

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10 Remove the panel-retaining Torx bolts (see illustration) .

12.10 . . . and remove the panel retaining bolts - typical E-series chassis models, F-series similar

11 Release the door trim panel clips, carefully prying between the panel and door with a plastic trim tool. Work around the outside of the panel, including the top edge. When all the studs are released, ease the panel away from the top of the door, then lift it over the locking knob (see illustration 12.4) .

12 Holding the panel away from the door, disconnect the interior handle release cable from the door lock (see illustration 12.5) .

13 Disconnect the various electrical connectors as the panel is removed. An assistant is helpful.

14 If required, carefully peel the watershield away from the door. Use a putty knife to cut through the sealant, if necessary.

Installation

15 Installation is the reverse of removal. Before installation, check whether any of the trim panel retaining clips were broken during removal, and replace them as necessary. If the watershield was removed, be sure it is returned to its original location. If the watershield is damaged on removal, it may be repairable with duct tape to keep the inner door waterproofed.

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