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24 Center console - removal and installation

Removal

1 On manual transmission models, carefully squeeze the sides of the shift lever boot inward, then pull it upwards from the center console trim (see illustration) .

24.1 Squeeze together the sides and pull up the shift lever boot



2 On 6-speed automatic transmission models, pull the selector lever knob from the lever with a sharp pull straight up. **Caution:** *Do not twist the knob or the mechanism will be damaged.* Squeeze the sides of the gear lever boot inwards, pull it upward from the center console trim, then pry up the shift boot trim. Disconnect the electrical connector as the trim is removed (see illustrations) .

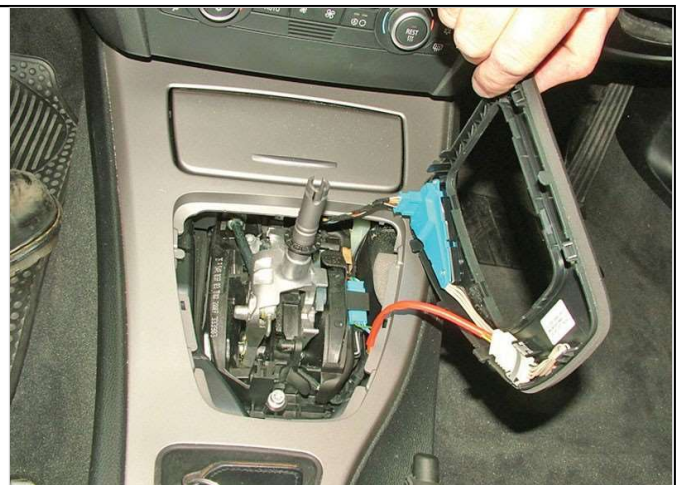
24.2a Pull the shift lever knob sharply upwards



24.2b Squeeze together the sides and pull the boot upwards



24.2c Pry up the boot surround trim



Note:

On models equipped with iDrive controllers, place a piece of tape between controller panel and the instrument panel and carefully pry the iDrive controller trim panel up until the electrical connectors can be disconnected, then remove the controller panel and iDrive controller.

3 Remove the trim screw, if equipped, then using a plastic trim tool (see [Section 6](#)), carefully pry up the trim from the top of the center console (see illustration). Disconnect any electrical connectors as the trim is

removed.

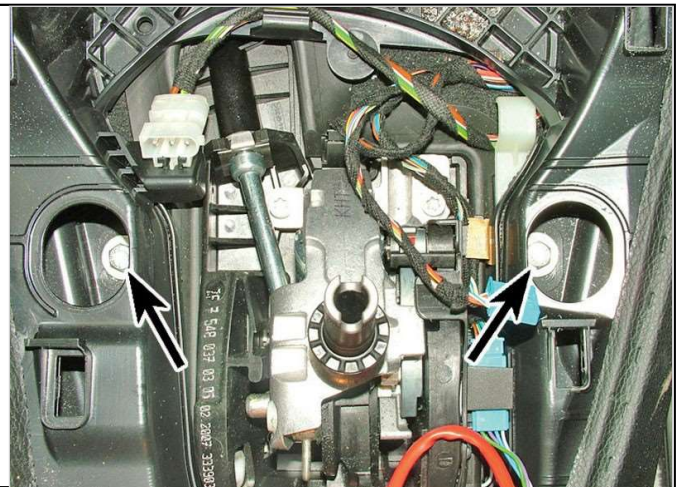
24.3 Pry up the trim from the top of the center console



4 On 8-speed automatic transmission models, remove the shift lever four mounting screws then lift the shifter up and disconnect the electrical connectors.

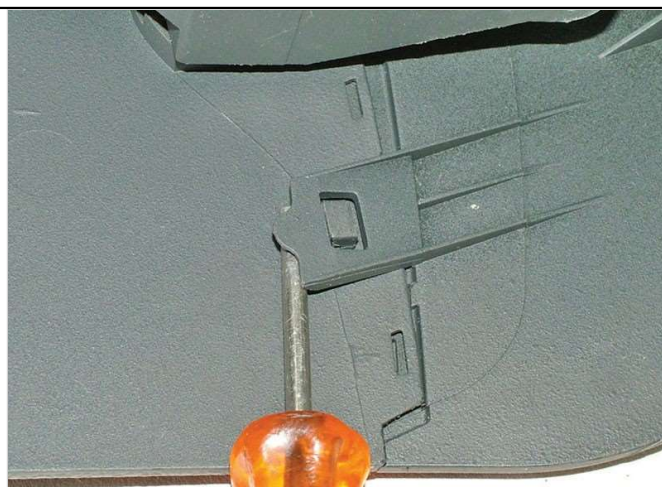
5 Pry out the caps and remove the bolts at the front of the console (see illustration) .

24.5 Remove the caps and remove the mounting bolts

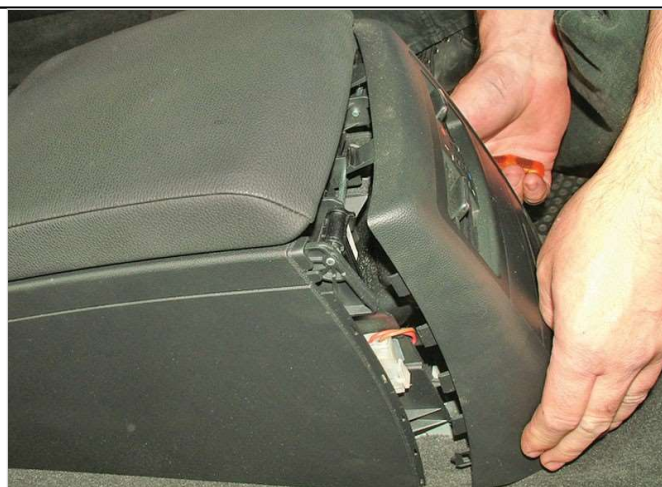


6 Carefully release the clips at the rear/sides of the console, then pull the rear section away to release the clips at the top (see illustrations) . Disconnect any electrical connectors as it is withdrawn.

24.6a Release the clips on each side at the lower part of the rear section (shown from the inside of the console) . . .



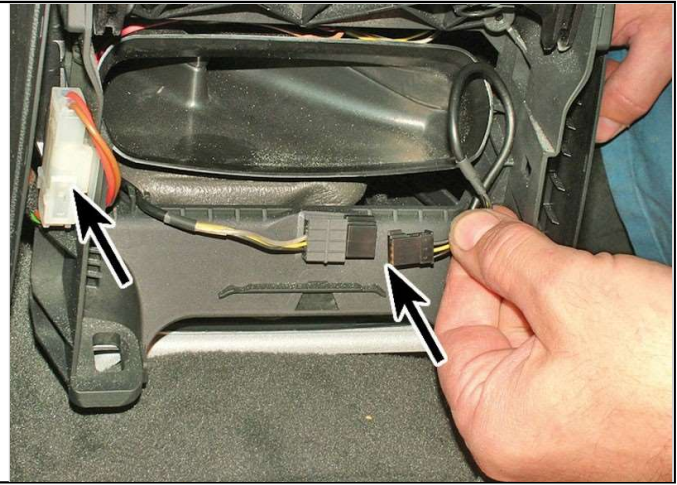
24.6b . . . and pull the rear section out



7 Remove the nuts securing the rear of the console (see illustrations) . Disconnect any electrical connectors accessible through the rear section.

24.7a Remove the nuts . . .



24.7b . . . and disconnect the electrical connectors

8 Carefully pry the parking brake lever boot from the console, and disconnect the electrical connectors below (see illustrations) . To improve access, cut the cable tie and pull the boot from the lever. Ensure the parking brake lever is fully raised.

24.8a Squeeze in the sides and remove the parking brake lever boot from the console**24.8b Rotate the locking lever, and disconnect the electrical connector in the opening**

9 Remove the mounting screws at the front and middle of the console, raise the rear of the console, then pull it rearwards a little to disengage the guides at the front (see illustration) . Noting their installed locations, disconnect any electrical connectors as the console is withdrawn. Maneuver the center console over the parking brake lever.

24.9 Raise the rear of the console and maneuver it over the parking brake lever



Installation

10 Maneuver the center console over the parking brake lever, and ensure the front guides and vent engage correctly. The remainder of installation is the reverse of removal, making sure all fasteners are securely tightened.

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