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UNIbrace XB - MK6 Panel Removal DIY and Advice Supplement

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The **Unibrace XB** does come with instructions, but they are multi vehicle application. As such they do not correspond directly with the MK6. Most notable is the panel removal required to pull back the carpeting for nutsert installation.

Follow the installation instructions for seat removal. I found it easier to remove the seat backs first, then the bottoms. Reverse order when putting back mainly due to the 4 plastic pieces surrounding the anchor latches are difficult to remove or put in with the seat backs in place.

After you're done you should see the following picture. Circled areas are screw points.

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Pry the cover off the top screw point. Lift from the back if possible with a slim trim tool. There are two T-25 screws you'll need to remove. One is deep and may require an extension bar. Use a magnet if possible, or you might to fish for it later. This is more important when reinstalling.



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**Next locate the 10mm nut on the bottom-circled area. You'll need to remove this as well.
Use an open socket wrench or similar unless you have a deep 10mm socket.**

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After the top 2 screws and bottom nut are removed the top should pull loose easily.

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The bottom portion is connected to the lower door trim with two plastic clips. Just pull carefully straight off.

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Next go to the rear of the car and open the hatch. Pull the trim material directly next to the tail lights. You don't need to remove the whole thing, just the top portion. It's held in place by 2 metal clips (where the hot dog shaped holes are). If a metal clip gets pulled off the trim and stuck in the hole, use needle nosed pliers to pull off and just slide it back onto the trim.

Once you pull back the trim piece, you'll notice a T-20(?) screw. Remove and set aside.

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Now the upper interior hatch trim can be removed. Both driver and passenger sides are held in place by a T-20 screw (you removed it on the above step) and three plastic screws. The plastic screws are just push in's. To remove the trim pull straight out. If any of the plastic screws remain in the body, pull them out and reattach to the trim piece.

NOTE!!! on the passenger's side be gentle when pulling the trim piece off. Practice on the driver's side first. Before you can fully remove the passenger side, you must remove the wire clipped to the D/C port and the trunk light.



Now you can peel back the carpet to drill.