

Removing interior Colour Line from R56 JCW



Tools Needed;

- Plastic Interior Trim Removal Tools
- T20 Torx Screw
- T10 Torx Screw
- Extra Small Allen Key
- Pliers

1. The first part of this process is to remove some parts of the interior trim surround, this includes the passenger side air vent and also the Speedo surround;

Pop the trim up to reveal the secret compartment, there is two plastic covers either side of the compartment, use the plastic tool or screwdriver to pop these off...



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Next job is to remove the passenger side air vent, there is 4 t20 torx screws holding this in place, one hidden behind the A pillar trim, two behind the 'Pass Airbag Deactivation' and one behind the plastic cover we have just removed. The A pillar trim is removed by taking off the 'airbag' cover at the top and unscrewing the t20 torx, then just pull from the window towards yourself...



The torx screw at the top unfortunately hasn't got any room to get a screwdriver in, I used the screw bit and used pliers to twist the screw open, once you remove the screws the air vent surround will just pop off..



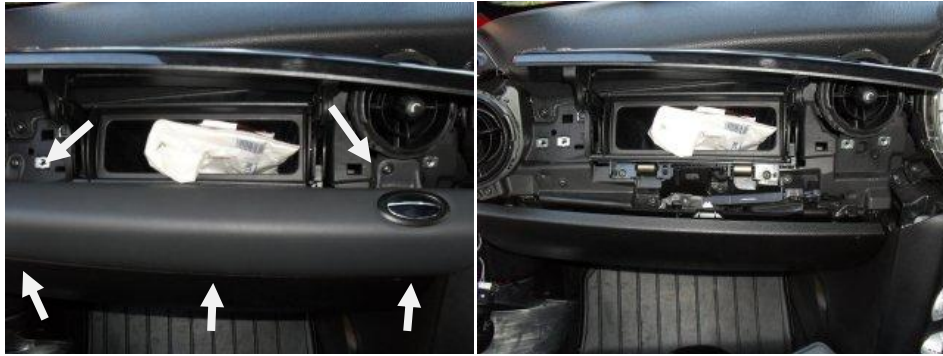
The next job is to remove the dash trim behind the steering wheel, this is held in place by a few pop clips, using one of the plastic tools start at the left side and just pop it off bit by bit..



The next job is to remove the Speedo surround (not as daunting as it may seem), this is also held in place by 6 torx screws, two of these are hidden behind the air vent at the top of the dashboard, two behind the plastic cover we removed in step one and two behind the trim behind the steering wheel, it's not necessary to disconnect the surround from the hazard lights, just turn it around and sit it on top of the dash..



Starting not to remove the colour line trims the passenger side is held on with 5 torx screws, two of these are visible behind the air vent we removed and behind the Speedo surround we just removed, the other 3 screws are under the trim, so just open the glove box and these will be visible..

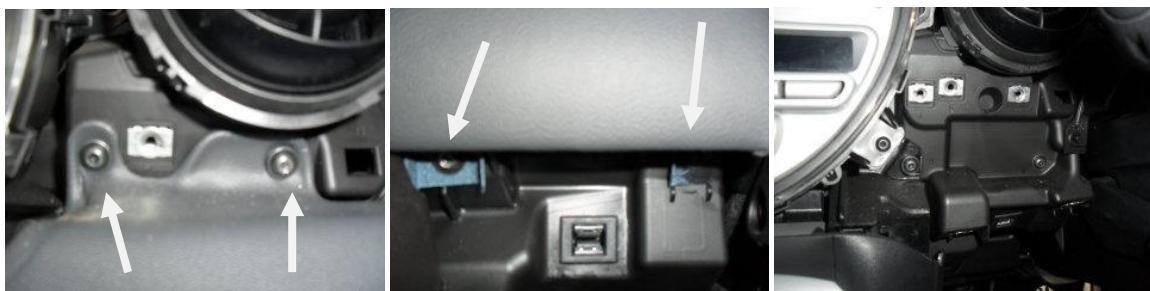


It may seem to have taken a long time to get to this stage but I was going slow and taking my time to take loads of picture

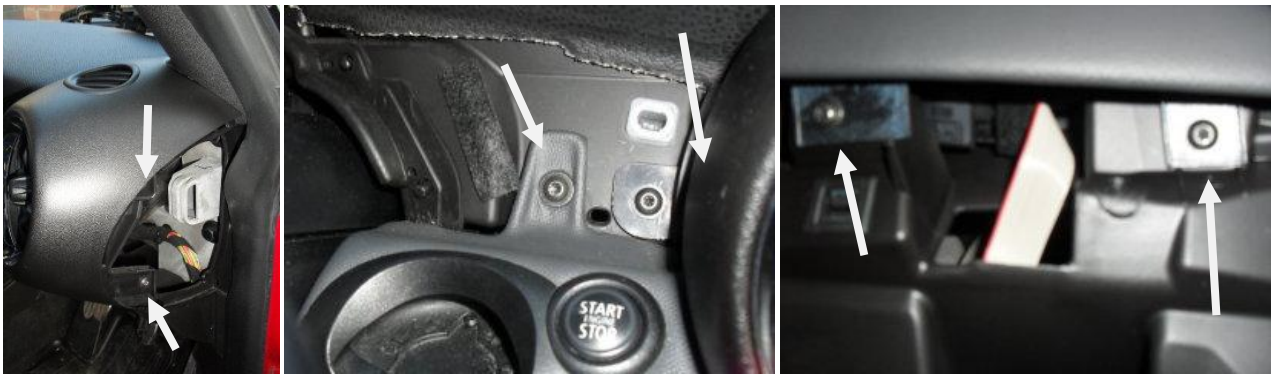
We are now going to start on the driver's side, the trims are in separate pieces so we will start with trim on the left of the steering wheel. The first job though is to remove the trim under the steering wheel area, this is held in place with 3 torx screws and then some pop pins, once the screws are undone just pull from the bottom and the trim will come away..



The trim on the left of the steering wheel is held on with 4 torx screws, 2 are on the underside , the other two are visible behind the speedo surround and the trim piece i.e. Piano Black..



The next of the process involves removing the trim around the ignition area, unfortunately it is necessary to loosen the driver's side air vent, like the one earlier this is done by removing the cover at the side then removing the 3 torx screws. It is not necessary here to remove the A pillar trim. Once the vent is removed you can get access to the torx screw hiding behind holding the ignition trim in place. The ignition trim is again held on with 4 torx screws, two on the underside, and the other two behind the Piano Black trim and the air vent..



The final part of the process involves removing the ignition/key slot from the trim, this involves removing the plastic trim cover. To do this use one of the plastic trims and prise it off at one side, using a small allen key press the visible metal clip to release the cover, the same process can be used for the other side. Once you remove this you need to unscrew the key slot, this is held in place with 4 T10 Torx screws..



My only advice on the above would be that the plastic key slot surround is very fragile, I have ordered a replacement part from the dealer as mine broke when removing it. The part number is 51452753776 and costs about £7 from MINI.



Time taken approx 40-45min

Just complete the steps in reverse to replace the trim with your new colour 😊