

928 Door Panel Removal, with Photos

First, let's take a look at the door with the panel on. (these photos are from a U.S. car)



Now, let's go through the removal of the door panels, step-by-step. Some of these steps (the initial ones at least) can be done in various orders, but the big pieces need to come off in this order. I find the best way to do this is to have the door partially open, and to sit on the edge of the car next to the seat.



1. Remove the two screws holding in the [triangular piece](#) at the front of the door, where the wires enter. One screw is easy to see in the photo, the other is hidden, but the screwdriver is pointing at it. Once the screws are out, pull the triangular piece down a little (it wedges up under the armrest), and then back, like [this](#).





2. Pull the door handle to reveal a [screw](#) behind it that holds in the door-handle backing. Remove this screw, and [pull the backing off](#) over the door handle.



3. Now remove the door panel [insert](#). It's held in at the top by white push-in clips, as well as being pushed down over the armrest. So first pry the upper rear portion away from the panel (the clips are both on the tip, one at the rear, one in the middle). Once both clips are out, then pull the insert upwards. In the photo, the clips have been pulled out of the panel (they should stay in the insert), and it is about to be pulled up.



4. Now the doorlock knob needs to be removed. First [pry off the cover](#) over the knob with a thin screwdriver (or something similar).



This will reveal a [screw](#) which holds the knob in. Remove the screw, then pull the knob straight off. Next the knob backing needs to be removed.



It just [screws](#) out. The center of the backing is threaded. If it is hard to get started, you may need to find something that you can insert into the notches in the backing to turn it (I brightened the previous photo some so the notches are more visible).



5. Now it's time to start removing some bolts. The panel and armrest are held in by several 10mm hex-head bolts, so you will need a 10mm socket, and an extension for your socket wrench.

There is a bolt in the [air duct hole](#) at the front of the panel,



and [two are located](#) below and just forward of the doorhandle.



There is [one](#) at the rear and just above the map pocket - it is easiest to get to if you open the pocket.



Once the pocket is open, you will also notice the two bolts down inside the pocket, one at the [front](#),



and one at the [rear](#).



6. Once all of those bolts are out, you can pull the armrest off. It should just [lift right up](#). This is on the passenger's side panel,



but on the driver's side panel when you remove the armrest you should just tilt it towards you some, exposing the [wires](#) on the underside of the power mirror switch (and seat position memory switch if you have it - I don't). Just unplug the wires. Make sure you keep track of which wires connect where on the crossover switch in front of the power mirror switch.



7. Then remove the [screw](#) at the rear of the panel (already removed in photo), at the base of where the armrest sat. There may also be another screw somewhere along the bottom of the door panel (I seem to recall one), but if there is, it is missing in my panel. Before proceeding to the next step just look around and make sure there aren't any other screws in the carpeted portion of the panel.



8. The panel is held in by about 9 white clips, spread along the [bottom](#), [top](#), [rear](#), and [front](#) edges of the panel (note: those photos taken after panel was removed).



Work your way [around](#) the edge of the panel, prying it away from the door (the clips "pop" in and out). In addition to the clips, the panel is held in at the top where it pushes down into place.



So once the clips are all out, you should lift it upwards, and towards the front of the car to remove it.



Once the panel is pulled away from the door, it's helpful to have someone else [hold it](#) or lean it against yourself while you unplug the [speakers](#).



You will then also need to unplug the [three wires](#) going to the door panel light.



9. To pull the panel off the door, you need to pull the black plastic [wire holder tube](#) through the hole in the front of the panel.

And that's it! Before re-installing the panel, check and make sure none of your panel clips are broken.