

## Removal of Audi A3/S3 8L Rear Speaker panel

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Remove base of back seat. Flip the base up and push the two retaining bars towards each other to free from the bodywork.

Fold the back of the back seat down flat.

Removing the rear panel is easier with the surrounding trim removed as it all interlocks.

Remove the side trim in the footwell, single xhead and one metal clip into the floor.

Remove the sill trim (5 or 6 metal spring clips). Start at the front and work your way to the door pillar. Using angled long nosed pliers remove any clips from the bodywork and slide back into the underside of the trim.

While sitting on the folded down rear seat you can now start on the rear panel.

Open the rear window and release the window rubber completely along the length of the speaker panel, leaving the end nearest the door pillar in position.

Starting at the base of the door pillar, pull the panel free, working your way up to the top of the panel. The panel is secured with 4 clips up the door pillar and 3 along the top.

The top ones are the trickiest and be careful not to rip the panel by pulling on it too hard.

The use of a pry bar does help with the middle clip. Don't lever it out by pulling on the panel as you'll rip it. To release the back clip work from the seat belt upwards.

Carefully lift the panel up & out, making sure you unplug the rear speaker first. It is common for some of the clip mountings to come away from the rear panel. These need to be hotglued back in place. Again check that each mounting has a metal clip still attached.

Remove the stock speaker (3 Torx screws) and place the adapter ring over the 3 mounting posts so it sits flush to the aperture in the panel.



The stock screws are too short to use with the MDF adapters, so you will need slightly longer ones.

**Do not overtighten the screws as you will break the fixings**

### **Refitting**

When refitting the panel ensure the little grey plastic clip is hooked over the square hole in the front of the wheelarch. This cannot be done once the panel is in situ.

Line up the 2 guiding legs with their holes in the bodywork along the top. Gently push the panel into place (but not all the way), feeling for any metal clips that have missed their slots. By pushing against each position where there is a metal clip you should feel the resistance of the clip and the panel should push back out on its own. If it doesn't check it is lined up with its slot.

Once all clips are aligned thump the panel back into place with the base of your hand where there is a corresponding clip.

Guide the window rubber back into position and thump it down.

Replace the sill trim ensuring it locks into place with the speaker panel.

Refit the footwell trim.

On the drivers side you will need to remove the 2 screws holding the bonnet opener to give you enough height to guide the clip home on the footwell trim.

Also when removing the drivers side rear panel, ensure you unplug the motion detector override at the bottom of the door pillar.