Removal of Audi A3/S3 8L Door Card

Step 1

First lower the window fully.

Remove the 2 small screws at the top on either end of the door card,





Then remove the single screw inside the grab handle, push down the plastic cuff inside the grab handle (no need to remove it) and remove the 2 main screws behind it.



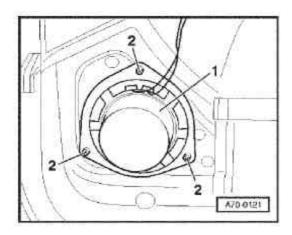
Pull the whole door card straight up and out, but not too far as you need to unhinge the door release cable and unplug the wiring looms.



Peel back the foam liner at the top to reveal the door release cable. Using some long nose pliers or small screwdriver prise off the metal retaining clip. Then unclip the cable retainer and unhook the cable. Remove the polystyrene where the cables enter the liner All the cables have locking connectors so ensure you release these as you pull them out.



Then the door card is free. Place face down on a soft surface and remove the wiring and then the main speaker, 3 Torx screws.





Fit the MDF adapter over the mounting posts and screw into place.

You may not want to use the original screws as their heads can foul the new speaker surround, so if this is the case use countersunk screws of a similar size.

Place the new speaker into position and screw into the MDF.

Wiring – In true Audi style the black stripe is the positive on the non Bose system (larger spade.

The tweeter is just held in place with a single Torx screw. Remove the tweeter and replace with your aftermarket version, replace the clip and screw.

Do not use the original wiring between woofer and tweeter as this has an inline capacitor to filter the highs. So ensure you chop the feed beyond the capacitor to give you a clean feed for your new tweeters from the new crossover.

Once wired up to the original speaker loom replacement is the reverse of removal. Ensure all the rubber tabs along the bottom of the door are still inplace and line these up with the legs on the door card. Rest the bottom of the door card on this ledge while you reconnect the looms and door release.

Then lift the door card up slightly so the other legs can slot into position and the top slots between the window and the door. With everything lined up push the door card down while ensuring a snug fit all round. Then refit the screws and test.