

Audi A3/S3 8P chassis (2003-2012) tweeter upgrade

Removing the A pillars

The stock tweeters are mounted on the back of the tweeter grilles in the A pillars. Unfortunately these grilles are secured into the A pillars from behind, so you can't simply prise them out without breaking them. Removing the A pillar trim sounds daunting but is actually very easy. I strongly recommend you buy a trim removal pliers for this job as the spring clips holding the trim is very stubborn and you have very little space. With a trim removal pliers it takes 2 minutes, without them you will be swearing away for half an hour.



The stock tweeters use an inline capacitor to filter the high frequencies on the tweeter itself, so you can use the stock wiring to feed your new tweeters, just ensure you install whatever filter is supplied with them. Components with an inline filter are far easier to install than ones with a full on crossover unit.

Pull back the door rubber all the way down the A pillar. You can then just about see the clips. They are enormous considering the size of the trim they are holding. You really have to yank on them or



use trim removal pliers to prise them out. Once released you then need to slide the trim upwards and then out.





With the trim removed the stock tweeter unclips by twisting them out of the grille – you need to push down on a plastic locking pin in order to twist them.

Depending on the design of the new tweeter you can either mount them into the stock mounts or simply hot glue them directly to the grill.

