

fUbar Guide: Removing the front door trim (Mk2 Ph1 Clio)

The method described below worked for me. I am not saying it is the only method to complete the task. I will not accept any responsibility for damage caused to the vehicle as a result of following my guide.

The following guide was written for a Mk2 Ph1 172 Clio, other models should be very similar.

If you need to access inside the front doors, you must first remove the door cards. This will give you access to the window regulator, central locking components and will also allow you to remove the external door handle.

- STEP ONE -

The first thing you need to do is remove the smaller plastic trim parts surrounding the door card. They are only held on by clips, so a firm tug should pull them clean from the car. The 3 parts you need to remove at this stage are shown in the images below.



- STEP TWO -

Now you have to remove all of the door components. This includes the speaker, the grab handle and the internal door release handle. These are all held on with torx screws. There will be a small cap on the grab handle which needs to be prised off first to reveal the screw, and the connectors underneath should just pull out.

The door release handle will need to be disconnected from the cable behind, by threading it through the slot in the mechanism. The speaker has 4 screws, and 2 connectors behind which just pull off meaning the speaker can be removed.





- STEP THREE -

Along the bottom of the door card there will be 4 more torx screws. These are the final 4 screws that need to be removed.



- STEP FOUR -

Now for the tricky bit. The only thing that is now holding the trim to the door are a few clips and some sealant putty. This is very strong, and requires a lot of effort to free it up. I found the best method is to use a thin screwdriver and work your way around the door prising the trim away. The putty will become obvious when you start this process. The 3 clips should simply come away from the door as you work your way around.



- STEP FIVE -

With the trim now pulled away from the door, all you need to do is lift it upwards and outwards to remove it completely. Carefully remove any wires that may be caught, and you're done.



- STEP SIX -

Refitting the panel is simply a matter of working backwards through the steps above. You can either replace the putty, or re-use what is already there as it should stick back down without any problems.

