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How To: Remove MKV Fenders

At some point, for whatever reason, you may want to remove your fenders..

This task is actually a lot easier than some may think..



Difficulty:

• Easy-Medium

Tools:

- Ratchet (1/4" or 3/8")
- 10mm Socket
- Small 10mm Wrench
- T25 Torx Drive
- T30 Torx Drive
- Hammer or Pry Bar
- Flathead Screwdriver
- Scissors or Blade

Start by jacking up the car and removing the wheel..







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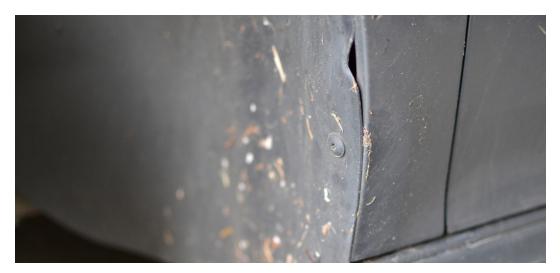




Locate about ten T25 Torx screws securing the fender liner..



Unscrew all of them and place them somewhere safe..





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Remove the fender liner..



Once the fender liner is removed, locate the bumper / fender alignment screw on the edge of the fender..



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Push the bumper forward.. give it a good yank to slide the mounts apart from each other..



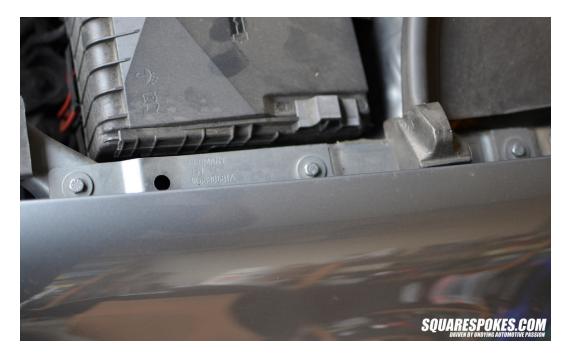
What you want to do now is locate the two 10mm bolts holding the fender to the chassis.. they are a bit deeper in there so I couldn't get a picture..

Loosen them using a small 10mm wrench.. (this part could be a little tedious)



Now to the easy part. locate the remaining bolts holding the fender..

Pop open your hood and there should be four 10mm bolts along the edge.. (one is near the windshield)



There is also a T30 Torx screw that sits behind the door..



Open the door wide to fit a driver in..





Now go back down to your wheel well and locate the last four 10mm bolts..







As you can see.. the bolts can be a little gunky.. it's probably from assembly glue during production..

If you can't fit your 10mm socket onto the bolts.. take a flat head screw driver and scrape some of the gunk off..



Also, once you get the bolts off.. the mounting tabs might be stuck on pretty good still..

Take a pry bar or the sharp edge of a hammer and pry it loose..



At this point.. you should be able to wiggle your fender, but some how it is still not completely free..

Look under the edge of your fender and you should see some adhesive holding it down.. you may want to cut it with a blade or a pair of scissors..



That should be the last thing holding your fender on.. and off it comes!



To reinstall your fender is basically the reversal of this process, though I recommend sliding the fenders back into the bumper mount before you start bolting things down. Also, be careful not to over tighten any of the bolts during reinstallation..