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#1

white ride

Go Kart Champion



Drives: CW 2008 GTI FSI BPY
Join Date: Apr 2009
Location: DC
Posts: 40

DIY: Removing side mirror housing and side mirror lens

I just replaced my car's side mirror lens and thought I'd share pics/steps on how to do this. I know there are a bunch of DIY out there but hopefully this will still be valuable. This works for removing the side mirror housing as well. It's not difficult but do this at your own risk, I'm not responsible if you break something ;P.

The time to remove this varies with your skill level or how anal you are. It can take between 10 to 30 mins for one. Older cars will probably have slightly more stubborn internals.

I bought black/smoke in.pro side mirror lenses to add to my car's ongoing motorsport look.

Before you start there are a few things you need to know. There are a total of 6 screws that you will need to remove. They are different lengths and heads. So I made sure I segregated them and remembered where they were used.

Also, on my 08, the OEM side mirror lenses had felt strips (adhesive back) while the in.pro. ones did not. I decided to just to transfer them to the new one.

You'll also need a Torx #10 tip screw driver. Angled tip probes are optional for the removing the tabs.

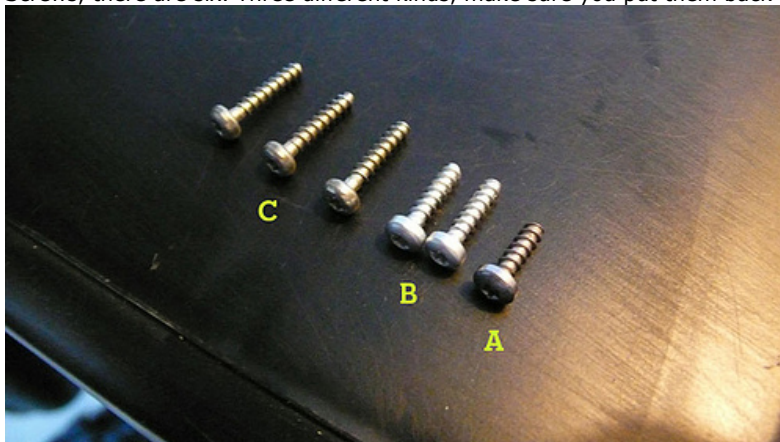
Before -- OEM clear looks good for OEM+ look or chromed/polished wheels or look:



After -- I'm going for the motorsport look:



Screws, there are six. Three different kinds, make sure you put them back in the same location:



You'll need a Torx #10 screwdriver. I already had a tip. Some are just screwdrivers:



OEM and in.pro. side by side:



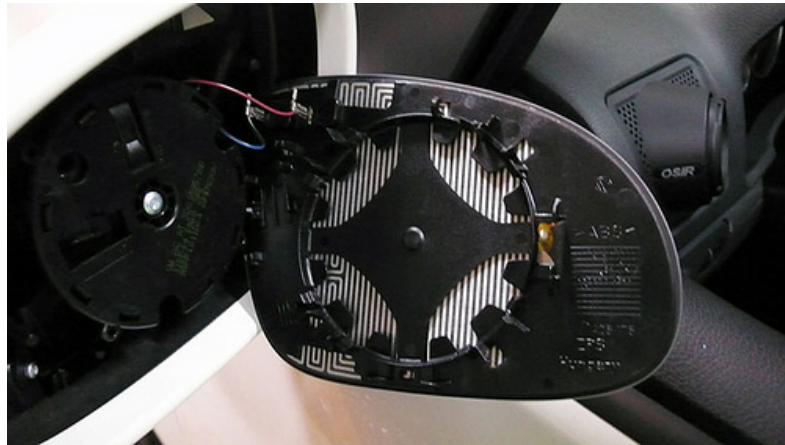
OEM has a black felt strip while in.pro has none. It's up to you but I decided to move it to the new one:



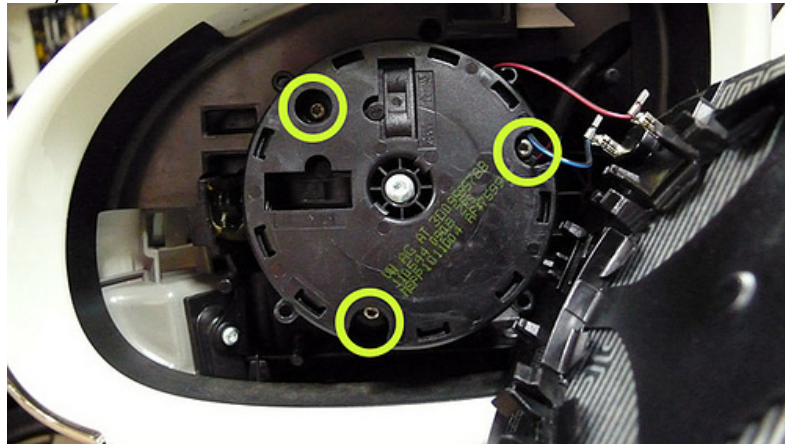
Tilt mirror up using controls until there is a gap:

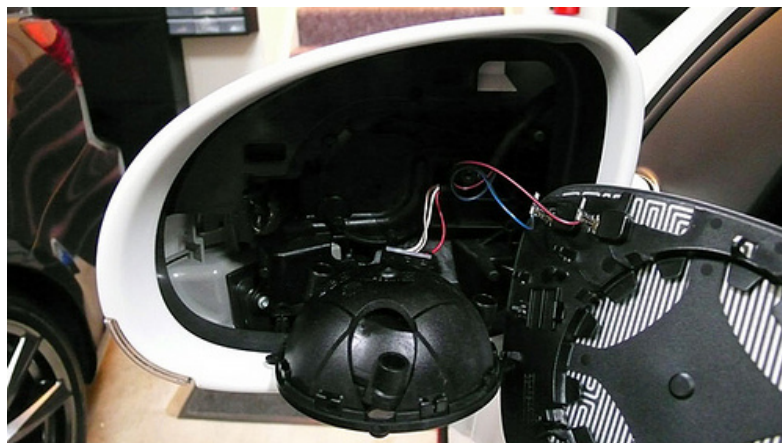


I used a screwdriver wrapped in cloth to gently pry the mirror off. Slip it under the gap. Just don't rush here. You don't want to scratch your mirror housing or break anything behind the mirror. It's not that hard.

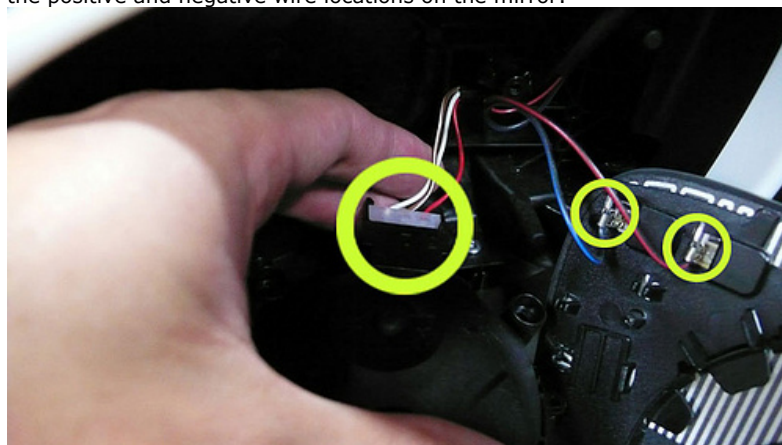


Use your Torx #10 screwdriver and remove these:





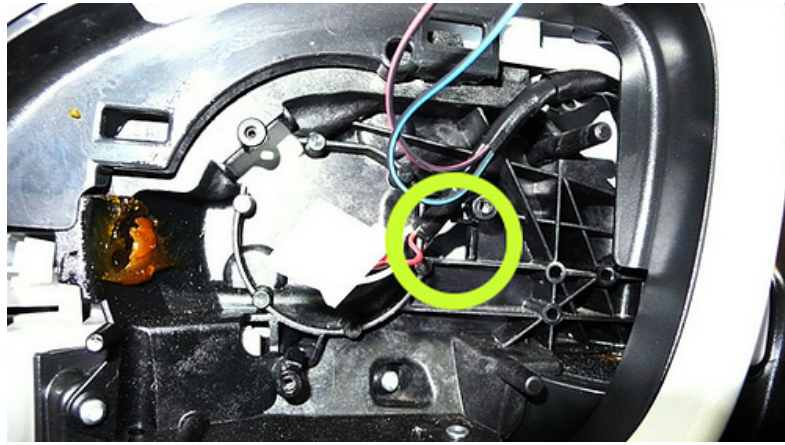
Unplug these. Don't tug too hard. The one with the connector/adaptor is a bit tricky. Remember the positive and negative wire locations on the mirror:



Here is the first tab that connects the side mirror lens to the mirror housing. You'll need to untab this. I used an angled probe, others use screw drivers. Just take your time.



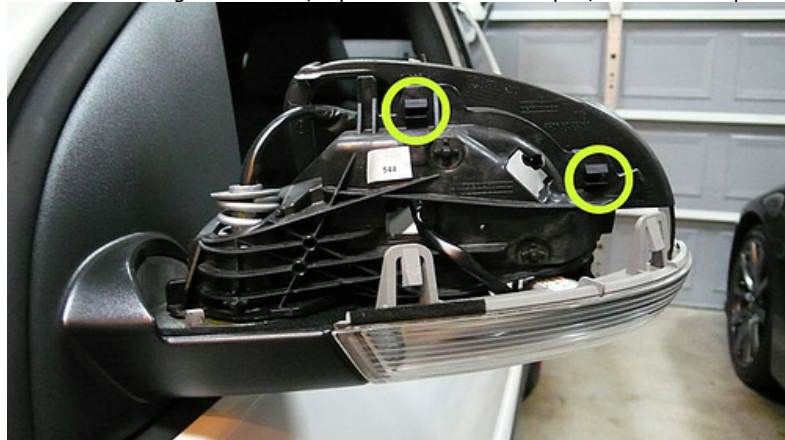
Inside that hole is the second tab. It's a bit more trickier. I used an angled probe for this. Some use screwdrivers:



Once those tabs are removed, I gently pulled out the underside of the mirror housing so I can remove it:

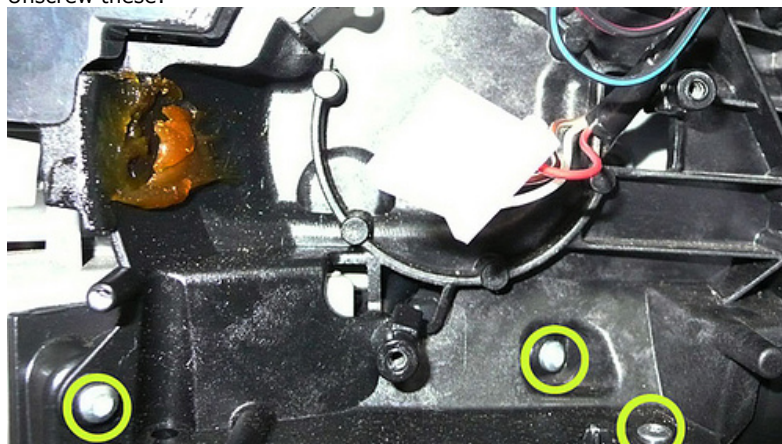


Once the housing is removed, squeeze these tabs to pull/slide out the plastic strip.

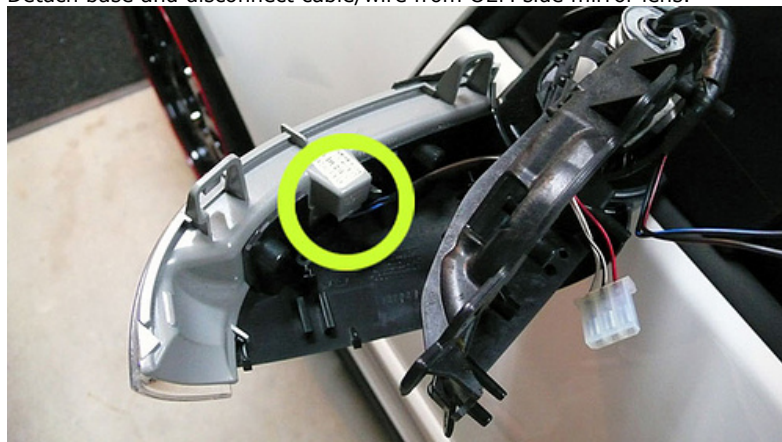




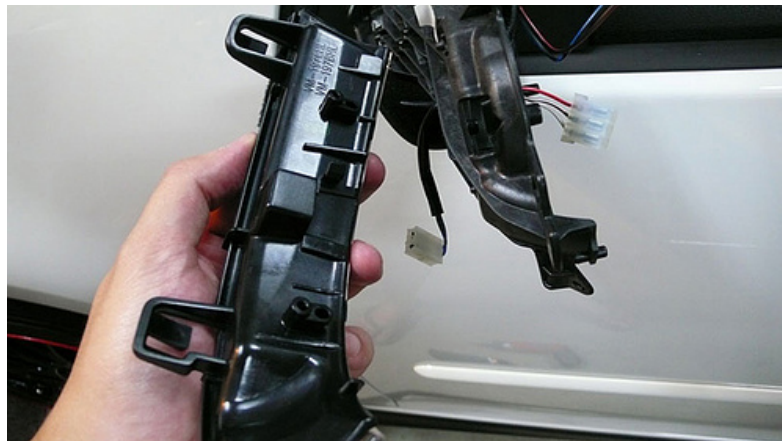
Unscrew these:



Detach base and disconnect cable/wire from OEM side mirror lens.



Connect new side mirror lens or side mirror housing. Start reassembling side mirror in the reverse order:



Just be patient, gentle and clean it up after. 😊



10-12-2009, 07:33 PM

#2

Tpass

FIA GT Newbie



Drives: 08 BMP 6M GTI
Join Date: Oct 2008
Location: Tree city, Or
Posts: 712



Nice DIY,

Have always wanted to change these out but new they were kind of a pain.
not so much now.

Thanks



10-31-2009, 08:47 PM

#3

nismo23

Just finished watching
Fast&Fuzzynuts

Drives: 2007 Jetta FSi Revo Stage
I
Join Date: Dec 2008
Location: Melbourne
Posts: 2



Great write up too..Should be stickied IMO...As with most useful DIY's



10-31-2009, 09:03 PM

#4

Mariach

FIA F1 World Champ..to be



Drives: 2009 BMP GTI DSG
Join Date: Aug 2009
Location: Toronto, ON
Posts: 775

I did this, before the write up, this would of been helpfull! The only issue i ran into was when removing my drivers side mirror, i broke one of the small tabs and now the mirror does not sit perfectly, there is a small distortion in the mirror. Not bad, but annoying. i love the black markers on my bmp. It's much more stealth.

Think very carefully, because if you ever start, you will never be able to leave it alone.



11-07-2009, 10:31 AM

#5

bwen

FIA World Rally Car Champion



Drives: MKV GTI Pirelli
Join Date: Apr 2009
Location: Brisbane
Posts: 536



Great DIY! Thank you

k04 :)

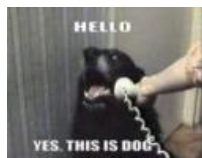


11-07-2009, 11:07 AM

#6

TwentyonePSI

Crody



Drives: SuperDuperTurboRacecar
Join Date: May 2009
Location: Toledo
Posts: 15,327



Nice write-up 🤔

BRO.



11-13-2009, 02:30 AM

#7

icman7286

Go Kart Newbie



Drives: 2009 GTI UG
Join Date: Nov 2009
Location: East Bay, CA
Posts: 33



Great write up! Helped me out tons! 🤖👍



11-13-2009, 03:38 AM

#8

cosedsc

EE Militia



Drives: MK5 GTI
Join Date: Oct 2009
Location: Gobblers Knob
Posts: 1,491

nice write up



11-13-2009, 03:50 AM

#9

HyeWarrior

Banned



Drives: E46 aka douchemobile
Join Date: Sep 2008
Location: San Dimas, CA
Posts: 12,669



Thanks!

And pics of the ISF please :)



12-30-2009, 05:10 AM

#10

ccmorange

Newbie

Drives: Golf 6
Join Date: Dec 2009
Location: MACAU
Posts: 1



Hi, does anyone know how about to remove the door panel? since I had crash my mirror and would like to change by myself. 🙄



01-01-2010, 01:06 AM

#11

POLARBEAR666

FIA GT Champion



Drives: Golf GT TSI
Join Date: Jul 2008
Location: Australia
Posts: 939

Nice work!

***Disclaimer:** nothing I say should be relied upon // **Click the links for pictures**

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01-01-2010, 11:10 AM

#12

-GT-

Go Kart Newbie



Drives: GT 1.4 tsi -06
Join Date: Nov 2009
Location: Finland
Posts: 33

Great DIY, thanks! Can't wait to get smoked in.pro side mirror lenses 🌟👀🌟

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02-16-2010, 11:39 PM

#13

white ride

Go Kart Champion

**femme fatal**

Drives: CW 2008 GTI FSI BPY
 Join Date: Apr 2009
 Location: DC
 Posts: 40

Thanks all, glad it's helpful

Quote:

Originally Posted by **HyeWarrior**

Thanks!

And pics of the ISF please :)

Don't have a lot of pics of it, but here is one:



05-14-2010, 11:19 PM

#14

KingOfBattle

Oval Champion



Drives: 2008 VW GTI FSI
 Join Date: May 2009
 Location: Oceanside, CA
 Posts: 154

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Thanks for the diy. Used it today, worked great.

2008 GTI FSI
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06-21-2010, 03:23 PM

#15

MKVinthe702




















Ready to race!







Drives: 06 GTi
 Join Date: Jun 2010
 Location: Las Vegas
 Posts: 17

you are a saint. I saw some other post and it led me to break my mirror. this is an incredible write up thank you.



<div>12-12-2010, 08:19 AM</div> <div>#16</div> <div>r_fethi Just finished watching Fast&Fuzzynuts Drives: Golf V 1.4 TSI 122 hp Join Date: Dec 2010 Location: Turkey istanbul Posts: 3</div> <div></div>	<p>Thank you. I changed the broken left mirror signal reflector.</p> <div> </div>
<div>01-18-2011, 06:13 PM</div> <div>#17</div> <div>Vins25 Dump Valve 7000RPM   Drives: MK5 GTI '08 Join Date: Jul 2010 Location: Lebanon Posts: 443 View Vins25's Garage</div> <div></div>	<p>Thank you so much man , cracked the glass of my lens , gonna get a new one now and replace it :)</p> <p><u>GTI RS 2008 BWA Engine</u> 🙄🙄</p> <p>Upsolute Chip Tuning</p> <p>Quote:</p> <div>Originally Posted by TwentyonePSI ➡ <i>I own 3 cars, but only have a 2 car garage.</i></div> <p>Stage 1+ - Remaped (Upsolute) , Forge DV , EuroJet CAI</p> <div> </div>
<div>02-01-2011, 01:41 AM</div> <div>#18</div> <div>rodeopunk_je87 Silver Sleeper   Drives: '11 Evo & GSX-R600 Join Date: Jul 2009 Location: Chicago/Oswego Posts: 909</div> <div></div>	<p>Great write up bump. Just ordered a replacement driver's side mirror indicator lens. Gonna need this.</p> <p><u>Johnny</u></p> <p>Stage 2</p> <div> </div>
<div>02-24-2011, 07:01 PM</div> <div>#19</div> <div>thechromecoyote FIA World Rally Car Newbie   Drives: 2006 CW FSI GTI Join Date: Dec 2010 Location: Northern NJ 07424 Posts: 477 </div>	<p>bump for a great write up, just did this today, and its really not complicated at all thanks to this. Took me about 45 minutes to swap both sides.</p>







QUOTE

06-30-2011, 02:49 PM#20




















































Rafał
Newbie
Drives: MK5
Join Date: Jun 2011
Location: Poland
Posts: 1

Where's that tab?!
EDIT: Nevermind, I have finally untabbed it (kinda hard with a screwdriver) and successful completed installation. Thanks for the DIY!
Last edited by Rafał; 07-01-2011 at 09:14 AM. Reason: Solution found :)



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07-05-2011, 06:16 PM#21

Bsherb34
Ready to race!


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