



Installation Procedures

MK5/MK6 Rear Hatch Pop Kit Install Instructions

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Safety first:

Before you undertake this installation, it is important that you read these instructions; and that you also have the necessary tools and skills required to complete the job. If the installation of this product seems overwhelming, please contact a qualified installer in your area.

Tools needed:

13mm wrench
24mm wrench
Flathead screwdriver
3mm allen

Please note: The installation of this kit requires the use of diagnostic equipment/software such as VCDS or an equivalent to be installed. Without it, you will not be able to enable features that are required to make the latch work properly. Make sure you either have or have access to this equipment before attempting this installation.

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Begin this installation by first replacing the hatch struts and the strut mounting pins on the vehicle. Working on one side at a time, (one strut is not strong enough to support the hatch on its own) remove the strut. Use a regular screwdriver to pry up the metal retainer on the strut until it release from the pin.



Then use a 13mm wrench to remove the old mounting pin. Install the new mounting pin and the new hatch strut. Repeat for the other side.



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Then using a 24mm wrench turn the existing bump stop 45 degrees and pull it out. Then insert the new bump stop into the hatch and turn it 45 degrees to lock it in place. Insert a 3mm allen into the bump stop and turn counter-clockwise until it stops. Doing this loosens the adjuster allowing it to be fully compressed. Then compress the stop and turn the allen clockwise until it stops. This needs to be done before closing the hatch. Do this on both sides.



For the last step you need a computer with diagnostic software such as VCDS or something equivalent. If using VCDS, go to coding for the number 46 control module. Open the long coding helper, and go to byte 2 and check box 3. Save the changes and your install is complete. The hatch should now completely open when releasing it with the key fob or the interior button.

