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dudemanz

Oval Newbie



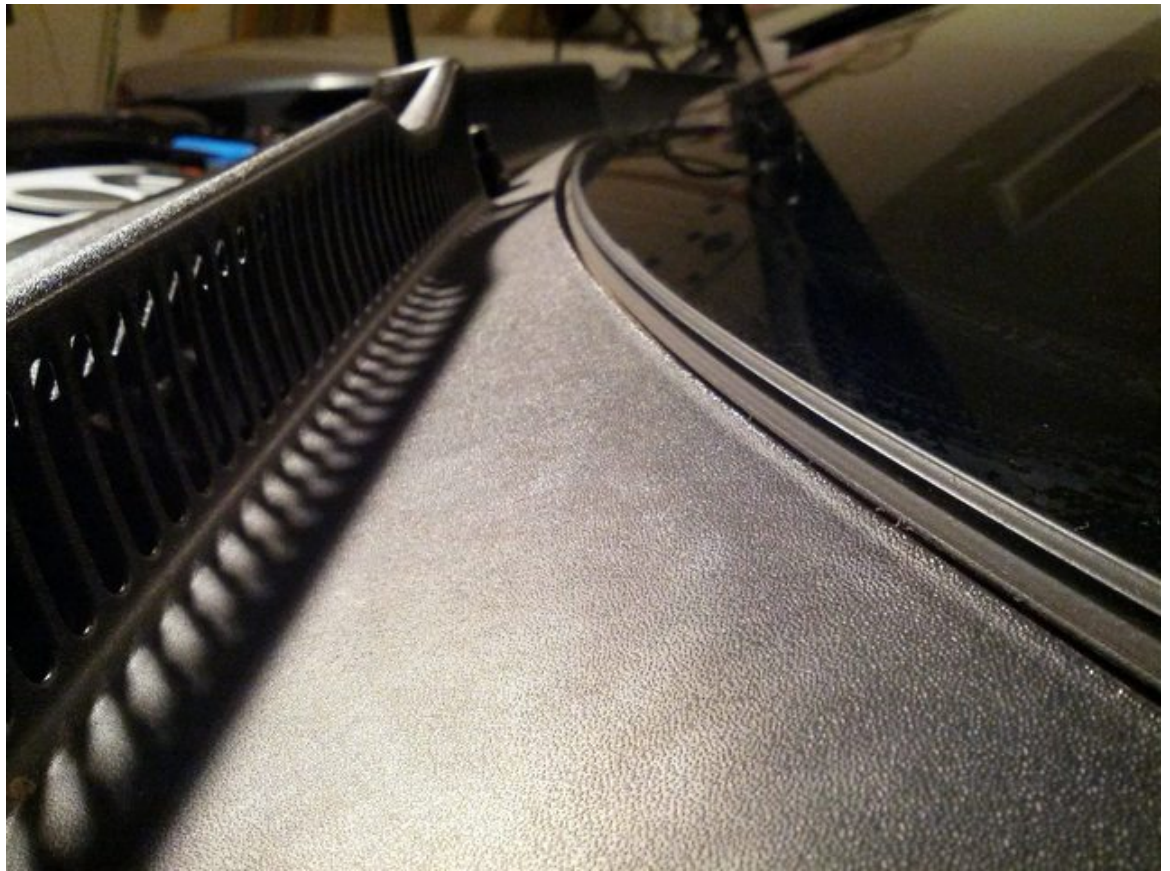
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DIY: Disconnect Soundaktor

I just finished disconnecting my Soundaktor and love the quiet in my car. I am a bit of an audiophile would rather hear my music clearly than an artificial engine noise. Before doing disconnecting it, I read the best threads and watched a good video by LastHumansGarage, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mUbY...eature=related>. The video is good but didn't give enough detail on a few steps. I'll fill that in here.

It'll probably take an hour to complete this if you prepare first.

1. Watch the video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mUbY...eature=related>
 2. Remove the styrofoam parts at each end of the cover under the wipers. Pull sideways on the part closest to the headlights. It is a cap over the end of the rubber molding. The rest pretty much falls out.
 3. Remove the rubber molding that sits between the edge of the hood (when closed) and plastic cover. It slides right off when you pull it. Oddly enough, this molding and the styrofoam parts are all that keep the plastic cover from rattling like crazy. I don't think this part of the car is built to last.
 4. Remove the windshield wipers. Pop the black cap off with a flat head screw driver. Use a wrench to remove the nut from the base of the wiper blade. Now comes the fun part. The blade sits on a tapered rod. It has been squeezed down on top of the rod by the nut. Remember this when you put the nut back on. Too tight and you'll regret it next time.
- Wiggle the windshield wiper up and down until you can lift it off the rod. It took me a while to get one of them off.
5. Remove the plastic cover. it snaps on along the base of the windshield. Pull it up, take it off and get it out of the way. Here's a picture.



6. Unless you have very small hands, remove two nuts holding the windshield wiper bracket. The Soundaktor is connected to it. This will let you push it down and back so you get your arm in to pull out the connector.



7. From the driver's side, shine a flashlight under so you can see the connector coming into the

back of the black circular part. That is the part that vibrates and ruins the tight bass in your stereo.

8. Remove the connector. Check out the picture below. You see the soundaktor and the connector that I have just pulled off. Get a long screw driver and push the light grey pin out to release the connector. Now pull the connector off with your hand if you can fit it in there. If not, call your son/daughter, girlfriend. Last resort is to use needle nose pliers to grab the connector and pull it off. It doesn't come off easy unless you can get a good hold of it.



9. This part is up to you. You need to secure the wire and connector so they don't rattle around and get dirty. Since I could barely get my hand in there so securing the connector with a tie or tape seemed like more trouble than it was worth. Instead, I wrapped the connector in plastic and stuffed it under the cable under the soundaktor. Just make sure it won't get wet and dirty and can't get in the way of the wiper assembly when it moves.

That's it. Putting it all back together is pretty easy. Make sure you don't tighten the wipers too much when you screw them back on.

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2004 Acura MDX AWD

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09-02-2012, 10:26 PM

#2

GeorgiaBII

FIA GT Champion




Drives: SOLD!
Join Date: Jan 2012
Location: Hell!
Posts: 1,206

I was able to use a long common screwdriver to depress the lock and unplug the cable without removing anything other than the bit of insulation that holds the plastic top to the metal. I think it took about 10 min that way.

Nice DIY

Mods:42DD Down Pipe/Nav 315/APR STAGE 2/Stevens 620a /New South Boost Gauge




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09-03-2012, 07:16 AM

#3


dudemanz

Oval Newbie






Drives: 2011 GTI Sunroof and Nav
 Join Date: Aug 2012
 Location: fairfax, va
 Posts: 137




Quote:

Originally Posted by **GeorgiaBII** 

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I had a hell of a time getting one of my wipers off and couldn't get the connector off the soundaktor until I could get a good grip on it. If everything goes smoothly, you probably could do it in 10 mins. Take another 10 to put everything back together.

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09-03-2012, 07:29 AM

#4


dudemanz

Oval Newbie






Drives: 2011 GTI Sunroof and Nav
 Join Date: Aug 2012
 Location: fairfax, va
 Posts: 137




Quote:

Originally Posted by **GeorgiaBII** 

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09-03-2012, 08:44 AM

#5

GeorgiaBII

FIA GT Champion













Drives: SOLD!

I didn't take the wipers off...

Mods:42DD Down Pipe/Nav 315/APR STAGE 2/Stevens 620a /New South Boost Gauge

<p>Join Date: Jan 2012 Location: Hell! Posts: 1,206</p> 	 quote
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 09-03-2012, 09:00 AM #6	
<p>MBorVW Formula 2 Driver </p>  <p>Drives: 2011 VW GTI 4dr Autobahn DSG Join Date: Jun 2011 Location: Kansas Posts: 5,016</p> 	<p>Just unplug it. No need to pull the wipers! You may crack your windshield removing the wipers. Just reach under that plastic rain guard and pull out tab unplug and set the connector securely on a ledge in the rain guard.</p> <hr/> <p>APR stage 2+, Neuspeed P-Flo intake w/ AEM Dryflow filter, Ultimate Racing DP, Whiteline 24mm front/rear sway bars, AWE tuning CBE, VWR Streetsport plus coilover suspension, ECS smoked side markers, R8 coilpacks, P3 gauge, Enkei RS-7 lightweight wheels</p> <p>Also: 2012 Tiguan LE 2wd</p>  quote

 09-03-2012, 09:59 AM #7	
<p>plac Guest</p> <p>Drives: Posts: n/a</p>	<p>This is a thorough DIY. Some people will like to take the shortcuts thats up to them. To get the best room to work, and to tie it down properly, this DIY is the best way to do it. I tie my harness to the faint wire bundle you can see under the silver wiper bar in the last pic.</p>  quote

 09-03-2012, 11:19 AM #8	
<p>TSI_mr.niceguy Formula 5000 Driver </p>  <p>Drives: a racecar Join Date: May 2012 Location: steel city Posts: 1,572</p> 	<p>any lights on the dash?</p> <hr/> <p>Quote:</p> <div>Originally Posted by lilonespaz, <i>yeah my car drives like a** but atleas its the strongest OTS tune on market, bro.</i></div> <p>Quote:</p> <div>Originally Posted by damagi123, <i>You should probably just respond with something about you fucking his daughter. He cant undo that with his fancy mustang can he?</i></div>  quote

 09-03-2012, 11:30 AM #9	
<p>plac Guest</p> <p>Drives: Posts: n/a</p>	<p>Quote:</p> <div>Originally Posted by TSI_mr.niceguy </div> <div><i>any lights on the dash?</i></div>

hell naw

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09-03-2012, 11:37 AM

#10

GTI_likeurmom

GolfMK6 Elite



Drives: Veyron 16.4
Join Date: Jul 2010
Location: woke up in a new Bugatti
Posts: 19,136

i used a battery terminal removal tool to remove the passenger side wiper. i couldnt get the driver side wiper off. i ended up scratching the wiper cowl with the tool so i gave up.
*when i removed my ecu

MY GTI MKVI



Quote:

Originally Posted by **GOBbluth**

I cut the tether off. When I get to the pump, I remove the cap and chuck it into the nearest bush, patch of trees, or some sort of wet lands. I pump gas. Then I spend anywhere from 5 to 165 minutes retrieving the cap. I screw it back on and drive away. I'm not letting it dangle against the paint and I don't know any better way.

quote

09-03-2012, 11:37 AM

#11

dudemanz

Oval Newbie



Drives: 2011 GTI Sunroof and Nav
Join Date: Aug 2012
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Posts: 137

@TSI_mr.niceguy - there are no lights on the dash.

@MBorVW - I couldn't lift my plastic cover up enough to get under it without fear of cracking it. It is flimsy plastic and only a little edge is holding it to the windshield.

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09-03-2012, 12:12 PM

#12


MBorVW



Formula 2 Driver






It's a tight fit but if you're careful you can sneak your hand in there. If you have a monster hand it may be difficult. I'd just be super careful removing the wipers. I know a guy who cracked his windshield doing this. There's a how to video on YouTube for unplugging the Soundaktor.

APR stage 2+, Neuspeed P-Flo intake w/ AEM Dryflow filter, Ultimate Racing DP, Whiteline 24mm front/rear sway bars, AWE tuning CBE, VWR Streetsport plus coilover suspension, ECS smoked side markers, R8 coilpacks, P3 gauge,

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<div>09-10-2012, 09:03 PM</div> <div>#13</div>	
MCPunk79 Go Kart Newbie  Drives: 13 GTI, 06 Evo IX, 08 Stang, 00 SI Join Date: Jul 2012 Location: Virginia, Minnesota Posts: 33 	I actually watched Video of this BEFORE I picked up my GTI... the soundaktor is quite a unique and interesting piece of equipment. How many automobiles use an apparatus like this to make a car's sound amplified? I remember back in the day hearing about that "turbo device" you would put into your exhaust or intake tube, and it give the FAKE impression that you have a turbo charger. In all honesty, why would VW need to create and install a "soundaktor?" <div>quote</div>

<div>09-10-2012, 10:36 PM</div> <div>#14</div>	
Tiggy Formula 3000 Driver   Drives: Bagged Golf Join Date: Jun 2012 Location: South OC Posts: 3,503 <div>?</div> 	Does this work on 2.5 golf two? <hr/> Follow Me on IG! @FWDCONNOR <div>quote</div>

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