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### Rear hatch rattle & damping

I had a slight rattle in my rear hatch and I HATE rattles. I didn't see a lot of info on removing the hatch panel, and I found it a little tricky, so I'll post some quick info.

After you remove the two screws on the panel, there are a bunch of clips that need to be popped:

**Green** clips are easy, just pull the panel.

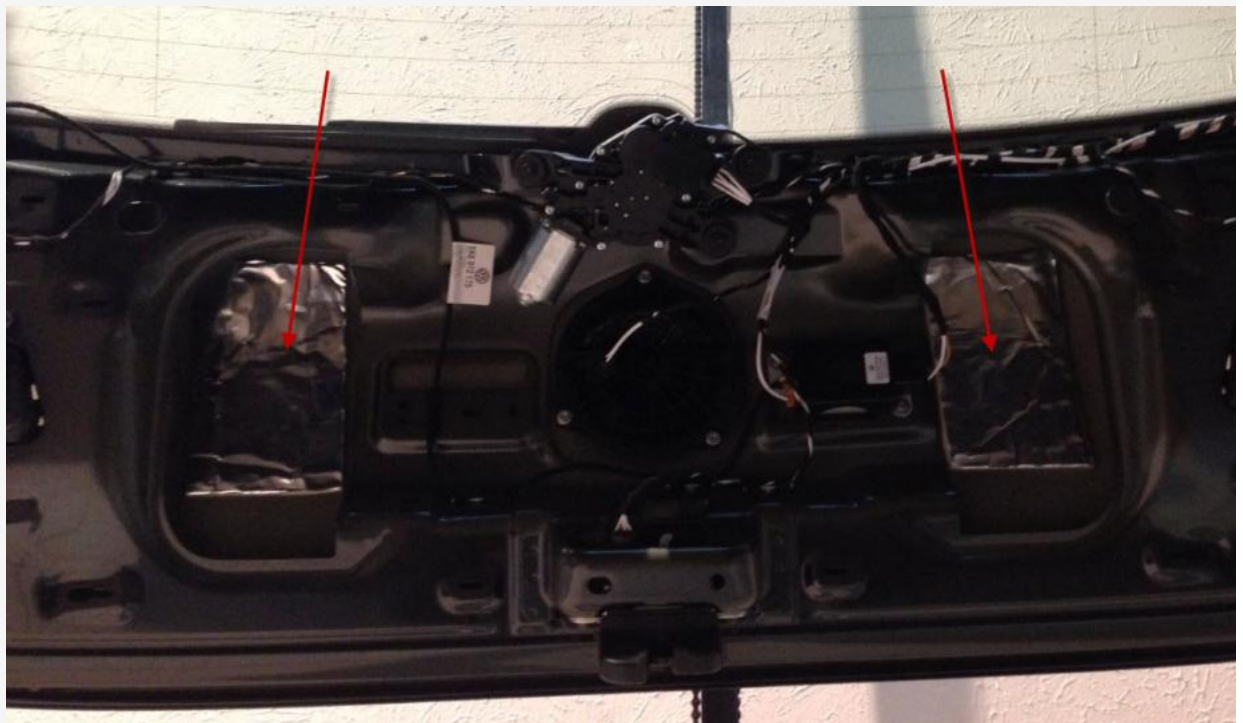
**Red** clips, I recommend reaching in with a long flat blade screwdriver to pop them loose.

**Purple** clips will then pop out easily.

**Orange** clips in the corners are easy to miss and may require the help of a screwdriver to get loose.



I had some left over lightweight uber-expensive damping from an aircraft that I thought I'd put on there. While I was at it, I buttered up all the clips with white lithium grease:



Overall, it's not a dramatic difference, but I noticed a very slight improvement in noise. No more rattles either. 😊

-Brandon  
 '12 GTI Autobahn DSG  
 '86 BMW E30 S50  
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 '03 BMW 540i M-Sport (sold)



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Nice - couldn't find the orange ones when I pulled the hatch latch assembly because my emblem was stuck. Thanks for pictures in case I pull it off to dampen it as well.

2012 CSG 4dr GTI Autobahn with DSG  
 Mods: Blk Smk DEPO LED tails; Door Warning Lights; Red LED puddles; Smoked Seq. Mirrors; deAutoKey LED Full Interior, Most Exterior, & Color-changing Footwells; boldsport LED Reverse lights; Window Tint; Red & Black front emblem



**engineered2win**

Rally Car Champion



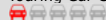
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That just looks like jute carpet padding. Any more details on the "uber expensive damping?" I'm planning on using 3m Thinsulate Acoustic, but if that stuff is any cheaper and/or easier to located I may give it a shot.

**Orient Express**

Touring Car Champion

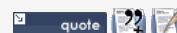


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Have you considered just adjusting the rear hatch bump stops?

Those are the 2 rubber bumpers on the body just below the hatch struts and above the taillights? They have a small torx screw in the center of them that allows them to be extended. When the hatch is closed, if you can push down on the hatch a significant amount, then the bump stops just need to be extended out a bit to seat the hatch and keep it from moving around and making noise.

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Originally Posted by **engineered2win**   
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You're looking at the OEM insulation, not the damping I added. The OEM padding you're looking at has acoustic value as well, as it helps reduce higher frequencies, so I didn't want to get rid of that. Looking back, I forgot I also had some foam that would have been good to glue to the backside of the damping. Oh well.  
 BTW, that's probably \$500-\$1000 worth of damping because it weighs next to nothing and is fire retardant. It's normally installed on fuel tanks.

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Good to know those are adjustable. I haven't noticed any excess movement, but I'll keep that in mind for the future.

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