

Instructions for Head Unit Installation/Removal for the E46 Chassis

Tools Required:

(All the below are readily available at your local auto parts store)

- **Phillips Head Screwdriver**
- **Panel Removal Tool**

The Process

1. We recommend wrapping the end of the panel tool with some sort of tape to decrease the chances of scratching the panel. Start by prying on the passenger side bottom edge of the panel using your panel removal tool (Figure 1). Pull slightly toward you to release the first clip, and then slowly run your fingers behind the panel finding each successive clip (Figure 2).



Figure 1

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Figure 2

2. Keeping outward pressure, but not too much, continue prying outward until the panel is free from it's four clips and separates at the seam directly to the right of the head unit (Figure 3).



Figure 3

3. Whew! It's all over except the party now! Repeat the above process, moving right to left, for the removal of the panel surrounding the radio. There is only one tab, over close to the steering wheel, which holds this panel in (Figure 4). Careful here, as the tendency to pull too hard has overwhelmed us all at some point, thus causing a highly regrettable headache.

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Figure 4

4. You will now see two Phillips head set screws on either side of the head unit (Figure 5). Turn these both counter-clockwise until they become free. Carefully slide the head unit toward you, take special precautions to not scratch the climate controls directly below it.



Figure 5

5. You will see a large black plug on the rear of the radio on the driver's side. Carefully insert a flat head screwdriver or your panel removal tool through the top of the plug and lift upward (Figure 6). The plug will slide out of the back of the head unit as you continue lifting upward.

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Figure 6

6. Next, simply unplug the antenna from the other side of the rear of the head unit.

You have now removed the head unit from your car! Installation is the exact reverse of the above process.

You may need to install an antenna conversion harness at this time if you have upgraded to a Satellite Radio ready head unit. If so, simply plug the harness into the factory connection and subsequently into the new radio. It's too easy!