

HOW TO INSTALL CHROME TRIM PIECES ON A R56 MINI COOPER S OR COOPER

You will need :

T20 Torx Bit Screwdriver. (AND maybe a smaller torx bit that can reach in TIGHT spaces) See #5 in the instructions below, its all the way at the bottom of the page explaining the "A" Pillar Trim)

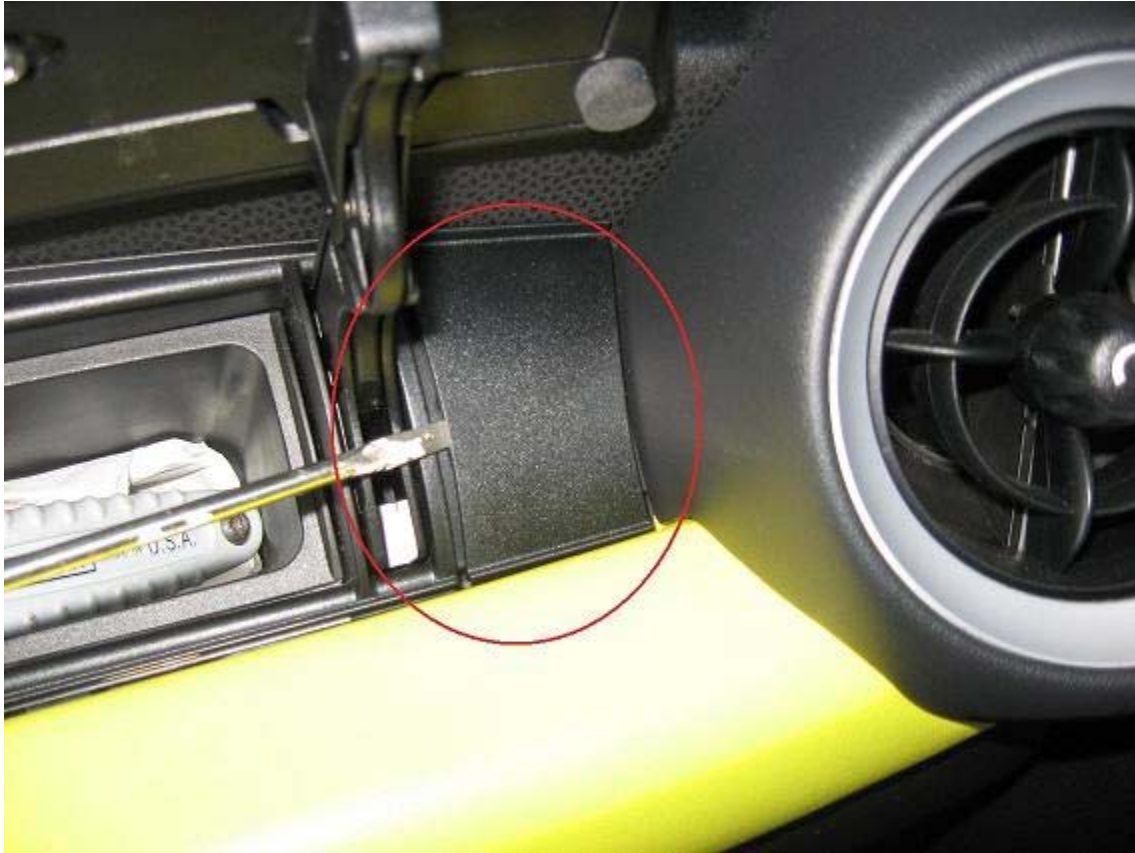
Flat Head Screwdriver

Patience

I've included tons of pics too. It helps me out alot I think. Thats why it's so long.

First Pri off with a flat head screwdriver, the plastic cover piece that is inside the secret compartment door area near its left hinge, its right under the inner air vent that is attached to the speedo. Then you can remove the TWO screws that are on the right hand vent. (two screws circled in red) Do the same for the right side hinge to gain access to passnager side vent screw. Photo below.





Then you will remove the Drivers side dash panel, except you pull the steering wheel all the way down so its out of the way. Then pull on both sides of the dash panel and it will come out. Its held in with a couple of clips, so just pull hard. Then to get it out I had to flip it upside down and then bring it up while tilting the top forward over the wheel. Then you can remove the other TWO screws that are on the drivers side vent. (circled in red)



Next, you will need to remove two screws that secure the top of the speedometer trim. In the two corners of the top vent in the center of the dash, there are covers that look like vent slats. (circled in red, they go where the red arrow is. You will have to snap them out. Then the screws are deep and at an angle but come out with the same size torx bit as the ones for the vents. (three photos below)





After removing all six screws – two by each side vent and two above the speedometer – you will need to gently pull out the speedo/vent ring unit. Note that the right-hand side will require special care with due to it ‘hooking’ in, and being behind the compartment door and hinge. The top of the speedometer should pull out towards you and slightly upwards (the emergency flasher button is part of the ring and will move with it so there will be a wire connecting it. And it will disconnect form the trim with two puch clips on both sides, (circled in red)





To change the right and left A/C vents are as follows.

1) Pull off the side covers first the small round circle piece it prys out with flathead screwdriver, on the vents (R & L Side) You can see them with the doors open, the face the outer of the car.





2) Then you are going to Pull down the window weather strip on the "A" Pillar slightly to allow access to "A" pillar trim.



3) Then With a small screwdriver, pull out the "airbag" cover, pry lightly from the side closest to the rear of the car. Then remove the screw behind the cover. Then you will pull the pillar covers from the top towards you,,lightly. there are 2 clips in the cover. (The reason we HAVE to remove "A" pillar trim is explained in below in #5.)







4) Then remove the the FOUR screws (4 for each vent) that hold the Right & Left vents in Place.

TWO on the outer part of the car towards the door. (circled in red) Then there is one on the inner part of the vent (next to the secret compartment on the passangers side and next to the steering wheel on the drivers side)





5) Then here comes the tricky part the FOURTH screw. Remember we took the "A" pillar trim off this is to get to the screw that holds the vents on top. You may need a small torx bit to get at it since its in an awkward place and there is no room for a screwdriver. (I had to bend a small piece with a wrench to get it to fit because its hidden behind the "A" pillar). I assume they have one of those small tools that bend to get into tight places that allows for a torx bit possibly instead of a Torx screwdriver which I had) Just forwarning you before you do this install, dont want to have to run out and get more tools :)



6) So now that all the screws are off it should do this below.



FYI: All the screws are the same except the one that hold's the "A" pillar trim in. It has a washer type on it. :)

Now just install your Chrome Trim and Re-Instal all the screws and your back in business.

This is what it should look like:

