Hard Wire Write-Up for the Mini F56



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Disclaimer:

Obviously (I hope), you are responsible for doing this install. I accept <u>no liability</u> for damages caused by <u>your actions</u> on <u>your vehicle</u> or the results of.

Items Required:

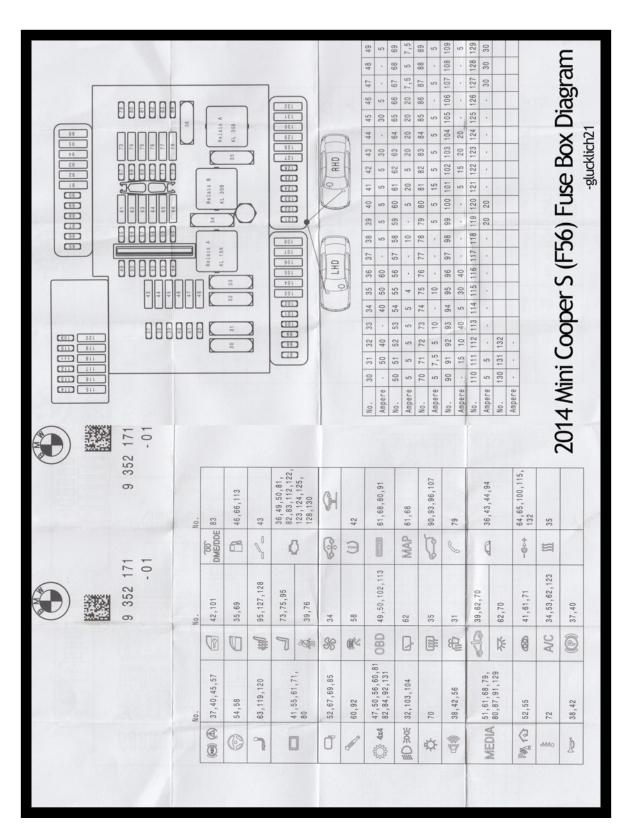
1x ATM Fuse Tap
2x 5 amp Fuse
1x Hardwire Set for your desired device
1x Bundle of Zipties
1x 10mm Wrench

Overview:



- 1. Remove Door Sill Trim
- 2. Open Glovebox
- 3. Remove Lower Kick-panel
- 4. Remove Door Jam Dash Cover
- 5. Remove A-pillar Trim

Fusebox Diagram:



Door Sill Removal:

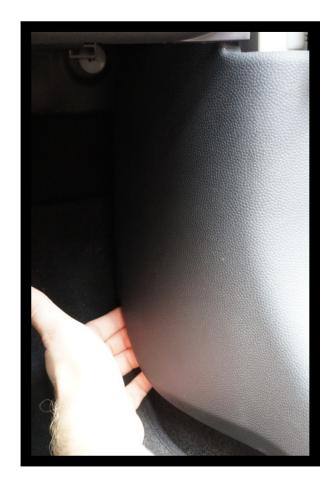


Insert your finger at the edge and gently pull back towards the rear of the car. Complete removal isn't necessary, but helps.



Clips may stay snapped in on the car, no biggie! Just pull upwards with your fingers or a set of pliers. Note the tab that inserts into the kick panel.

Lower Kick Panel Removal:

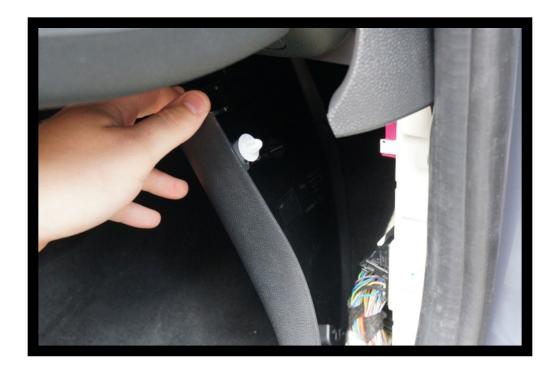


To remove the lower kick panel, pull from the front of the panel closest to the firewall. After a few pops it may still be in place.

If the panel is a little stubborn this clip is the culprit. Try pulling from the top of the panel instead.



Lower Kick Panel Removal:



Insert your finger at the edge and gently pull back towards the rear of the car. Complete removal isn't necessary, but helps.

Door Jam Dash Cover Removal:



Insert your finger at the edge and gently push towards the outside of the car.

The panel should pull out for the most part.



A-Pillar Removal:



- 1. Pull the a-pillar trim panel from where the arrows are pointing.
- 2. After a pop, pull the rest of the panel loose by sliding the trim panel up.

A-Pillar Removal:



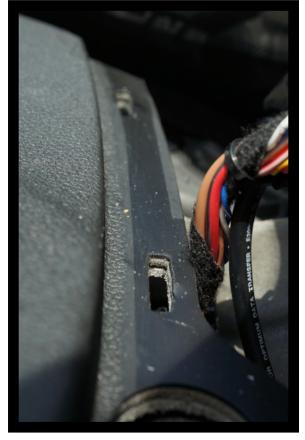
The arrows are pointing towards where the clips go.

A-Pillar Removal:



This should give you an idea of where the clips are and how they sit inside the trim piece.

The bottom of the panel sits inside of these slots. They may prove to provide some resistance when pulling the panel out.



Wiring:

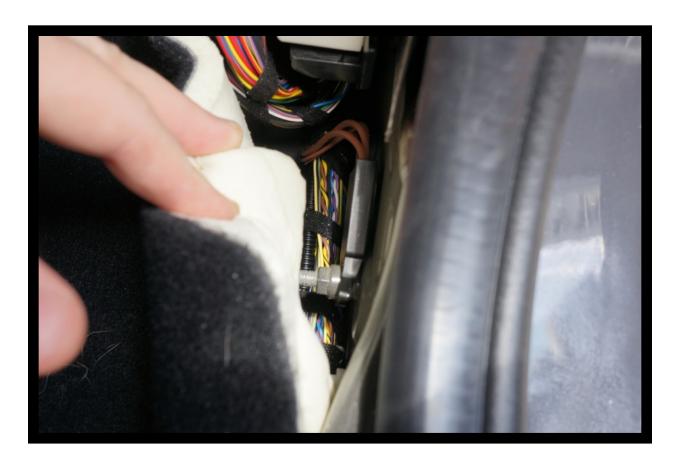
So a couple of things before we get to this part. First off, you need a positive power source and a ground, that part is obvious. What isn't obvious is factoring the start stop function with the wiring. You need a power source that's switched and stays on while the car is off at stop lights. The power outlet in front of the shifter is always on and has momentary pauses when the car starts back up, so this route isn't an option. Tapping into the fuse box for a switched accessory is the next best option. In this case, that is fuse #52. This fuse runs the auto dimming mirror and garage door opener as well as the back up sensors. Refer to the scanned fuse box diagram in the beginning of this PDF for the location.



The fusebox with the tap installed.

Wiring:

A proper ground is important. Tracing back the brown wires you can find a chassis ground back where the door sill trim piece was removed before behind the carpet. You'll need a 10mm wrench to remove it and install the ground for the accessory you are looking to hardwire.



Chassis ground behind the carpet.

Wiring:



Secure the connections and power up the device to test everything is how it should be.

Secure your wiring so that it will not interfere with the side airbag or any dash components.



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Reinstall:

Reinstall is the opposite of removal. I've included some pics to help with panel clip locations. These should come in handy when popping things back in place.



Clips on the back of the door jam dash cover.

Clips on the back of the kick panel.



Reinstall:



Slot on the door sill trim, a tab from the kick panel slips into this hole



A tab that the kick panel slides onto.