



E46 M3 door card/panel removal

Remove the door card from an E46 M3

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TOOLS:

- [Metal Spudger](#) (1)
- [Spudger Retail 3 Pack](#) (1)
- [Jimmy](#) (1)
- [T20 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)

Step 1 — Identify the screws



- The door card is held securely in place with 5 screws.

⚠ Keep in mind the door card has up to 3 wire bundles attached to it. Be careful when removing it! Be prepared to support it while dealing with the wires.

Step 2 — Remove screw covers



- Using a spudger, work off the cap of the first screw. The cap is tight; you may need a jimmy or metal spudger.
- Using the flat end of a spudger, remove the airbag emblem. The emblem has clips on the top and bottom -- work carefully.

Step 3 — Remove bolts



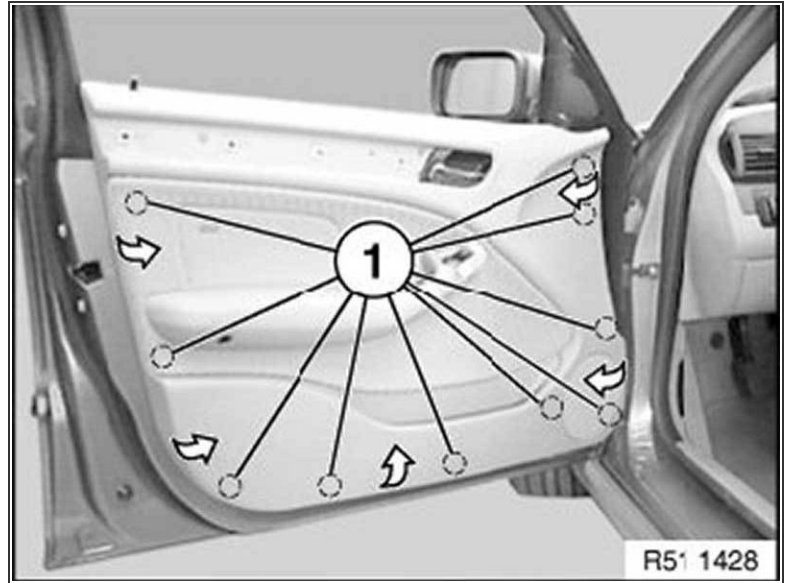
- Using a T20 Torx driver with extension, remove all 5 bolts.

Step 4 — Remove mirror control



- If you're working on the driver side door, remove the mirror control module. Disconnect it from its wiring plug.

Step 5 — Pop door card clips



- Using a trim tool or similar, begin at the bottom of the door card and pop the card away from the door frame.
- After you've released the bottom clips, work your way around.
- ⓘ You will need to lift the door card from the door frame in order to fully release it. Be careful!

Step 6



- Disconnect the following from the door panel:
 - Unlocking cable
 - Speaker cable(s)
- Set the door panel aside.

Step 7 — Door panel removed!



- The door panel is now removed.
- You will see the airbag module, vapor barrier, and other components.

To reassemble your door, follow these instructions in reverse order.