

How To: Check Air Con drain pipe for blockages

Since this affected me in a way today I thought I'd do a write up. Finding topics on this was hard work. You can get to it in the passenger side, but I was already working on the driver's side anyway, also the pipe snakes more round the drivers side.

All you need is a Torx 20 bit on a screwdriver & / or small socket.

Firstly remove your centre console / non-smokers kit etc & put the car in 4th gear to give you a little more room.

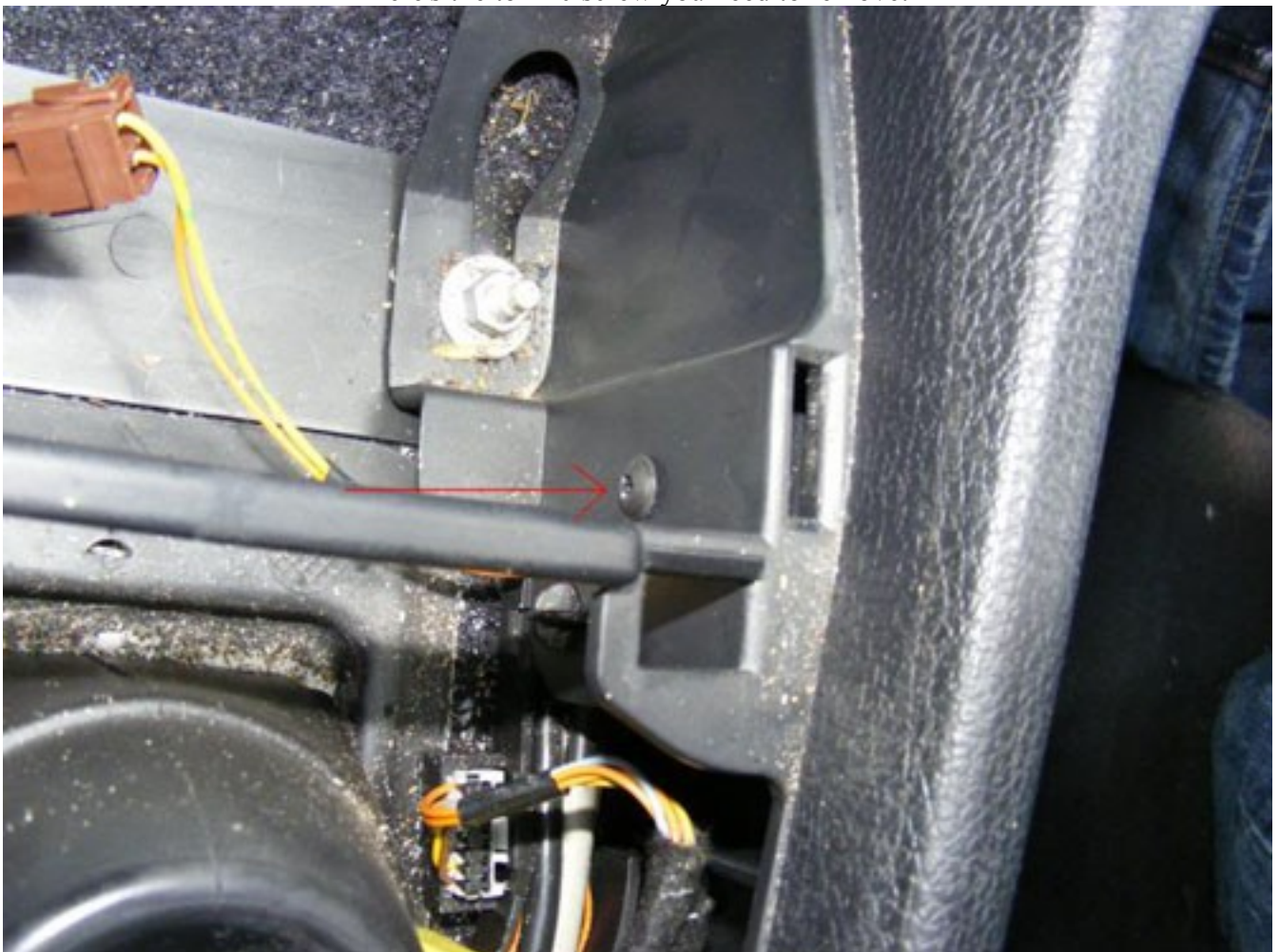
Remove this torx20 screw:



Here's what we have:



Here's the torx20 screw you need to remove:





Now back into the footwell, ease the side panel off from the furthest point forward, it's easier that way:



Gently ease off the lower air vent tube:



Now you can see the pipe & how it snakes past the drivers side:



Gently pull it upwards out of the rubber grommet. It comes out really easy. Mine luckily was clear:



Refit the lower vent tube. Due to the metal bracket in the way & the fact it has a slope at the upper end, it's tricky to get it to fit right. It actually fits fully over the bit behind the dashboard. You'll know it's fitted right when the flat plastic tab (circled in red) slots into the centre console unit, if it won't go in, then it's not properly over the heater unit:



Ease the console side panel back into place, it takes a little jiggling about:



Put the torx20 screw back in under the drivers footwell:



Refit the other torx20 screw inside the console:



The end...