

406 Coupe gear knob refurbishment. I bought mine on a well known auction site, and it came the next day. <http://www.tiny9.com/u/338> £5.99 inc delivery. They were very helpful as their original advert did not say it was compatible, and they tell me this is the first time (for them at least) it has been done on a 406 Coupe. For the record, this was my 2002 S&B 2.2 Petrol (and the HDi got one aswell.)

1. Typical wear on leather facing of gear knob, remember it's a good ten years old!



2. Pull top of gear knob firmly. Be careful as per previous discussion on the forum.



3.Remove black plastic ring from bottom. Finger tight, perhaps lever with small screwdriver.



4. Prise out, use small screwdriver if needed, the metallic plastic top. Note the two prongs on the silver coloured bit. (sorry slightly out of sequence).



5. Peel away old leather covering exposing grey metal ball with two channels in it.



6.This leaves the metal ball with spongy sticky stuff, so scrape it off.



7. The new cover looks like this, Ease it over the cleaned metal knob. Slide it over the metal knob with the seams lined up with the channels.



8. Leave enough leather to fold into the top and bottom on the metal knob.



9. Replace the black plastic ring and the silver part. There will be “guides” (two double prongs see above) on the plastic top to ensure it goes in the “right way up” for when you put it back in the car. This may need a bit of force, I eventually used a small rubber camping mallet so as not to break the plastic. Both parts tighten the new leather cover so the “grain” is stretched to leave the knob fairly smooth and looking like new...if slightly out of focus.





10. Pop it back on the gear stick.