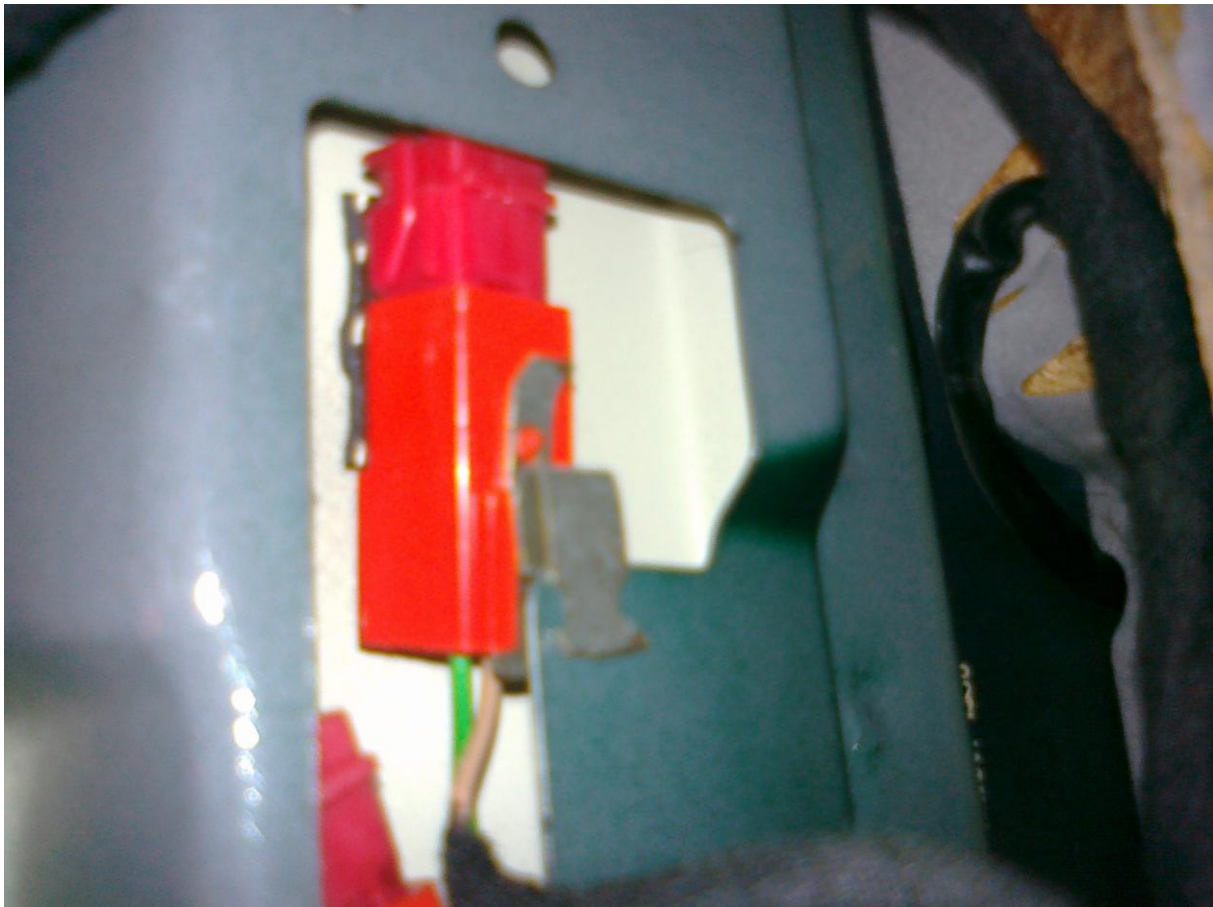


Sunshine roof repair + Roof lining removal - additional and (hopefully) useful tips from Tomasz.

Back in the summer I had to remove roof lining from my car because the sunroof had stuck. I found the how to guide from the website very helpful but there were some things missing for me. I divided this guide into two parts: 1 - roof lining and 2 - sunshine roof.

1. Roof lining - additional tips

1. Plugs from sun shields are connected in the middle console (if you have lights in them). To remove the shield first unplug, then unscrew and then pull the cable out. Don't worry, refitting the cable was easier than I expected.

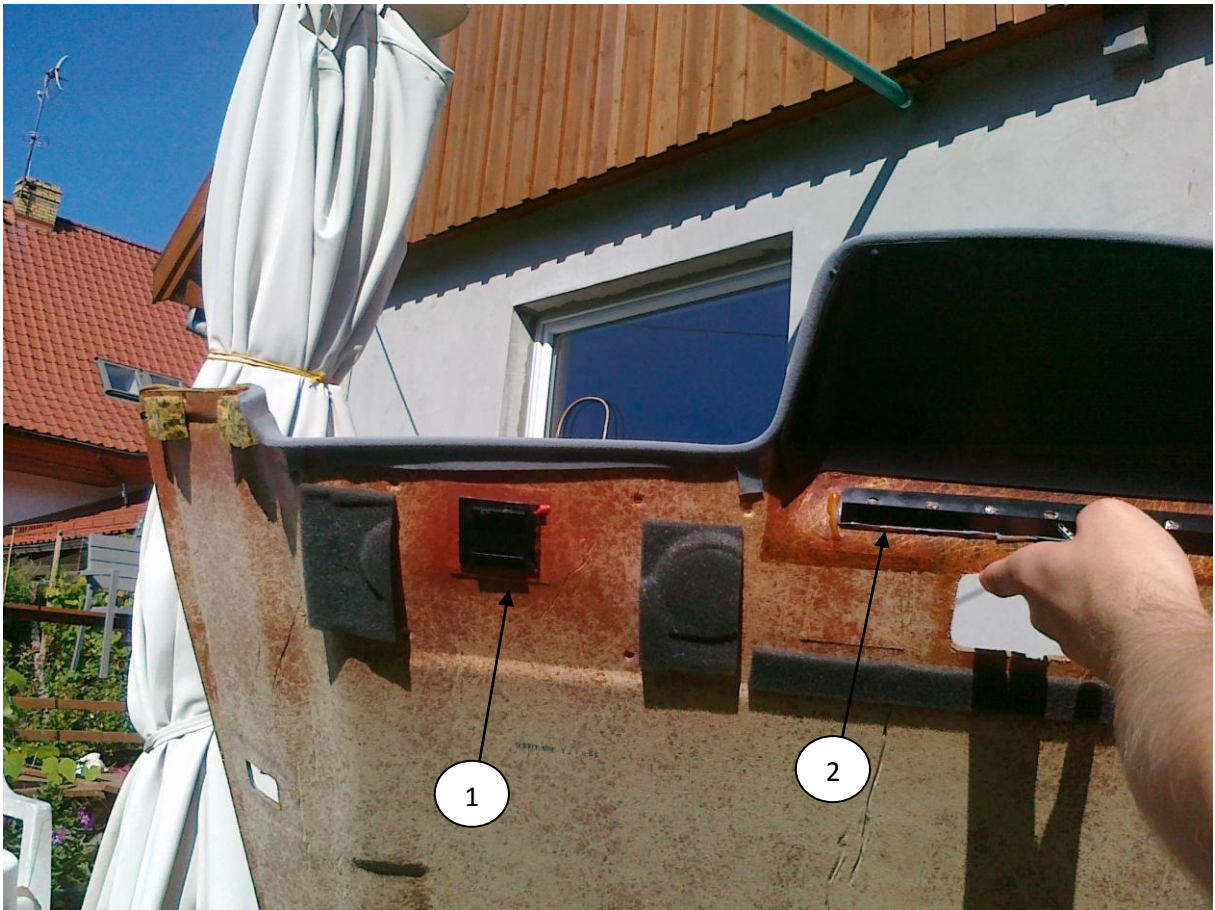


2. If your car is equipped with sunshine roof you have to remove this seal(y) but upholstered kind of thing around it because it keeps the roof lining in place.

3. The tricky rear area... First - look at the pictures that show how exactly is the lining mounted (below). There are three mounting points - two clips (1, fot. below) and metal profile (2, fot. below). You have to use force for the clips and the best is to pull not far from the clip, otherwise you could probably damage your precious roof lining. Clips are actually not in the pictures, they go into this black squares and you can (and should) adjust the position of the lining so it matches all the side window seals perfectly.

IMPORTANT - the metal part is crucial, if it isn't installed properly the STOP light cover will be loose and in the dark you will be getting annoyed all the time by the red reflection in your rear window! I know it because mine was already loose (the quality of factory glue is very poor). Even if yours stick I recommend to detach it and reattach using BETTER GLUE! Remove the remains of factory cr** but leave two 'dots' so you know exactly where it was.





4. In my car there was some glue from the windshield (even though the production year matches the age of the car) holding the roof lining. It was quite tricky to deal with and I had to cut a tiny bit of the fabric. Fortunately it was on the other side invisible after refitting.

5. Finally, it was very hot the day I did it and I decided to wash the whole thing (it wasn't actually very dirty but I couldn't help it) I used head & shoulders shampoo warm water and a sponge/hand. If you go for it do it properly, otherwise there will be damp patches. I recommend to dry it in vertical position in the sunshine. I used a structure built from garden chairs to support the edge of sunroof hole.

6. Really finally, it's a great opportunity to check if the lining on sun roof cover doesn't start to fall of and if that's the case - reattach it with some invisible glue (I used some kind of shoe glue).

7. I almost forgot - taking the whole thing out is very tricky. Leaning seats backwards helps a lot, but it's also a good idea to put steering wheel in most upfront position and change gear if necessary. I managed to refit it alone and was quite pleased with it because my assistant didn't freak out enough about not bending it. To do so you have to take your shoes off and put on some very clean socks - you will need your feet to keep front high while you start to reattach from the rear area :D

2. Sunshine roof

Mine roof was stuck and all I needed to do was removing the motor assembly and refiting it. I also greased all the parts that needed it.

1. After removing the head lining it's really a piece of cake. The motor is held in place by three torx screws and it comes off very easily. Then you can move the roof. If you want you can remove the glass, 4 screws, you also use them to even out the glass (see service manual). Unfortunately I only have a few fotos.

2. IMPORTANT - before refitting the motor assembly check how to do it in the service manual.

3. At this point you probably know that you don't actually want to remove the lining in the foreseeable future so check drain pipes and everything else...



