

Car completely off. It is not necessary to disconnect the battery.

Apply the parking brake. Push the armrest to the most rearward position.

Remove shift knob by unscrewing it counterclockwise.

Remove shift mechanism cover by pulling up from the right side (OK to tilt the cover)



Wrap some electrical tape or duct tape around a ¼" flat-blade screwdriver to use as a pry tool. Remove the seat heater switch assembly by prying along the front edges, then pull up along the passenger side edge. Don't pry directly against the silver-finished top panels.



Note: keep the plastic knife forward of the 2 silver tabs; they are attached to the switch.



Disconnect the connector (squeeze release tab), and set the switch aside

Open the storage tray located just behind the cup holders. Open the cup holder cover.

Start from the driver's side to lift the console cover (which includes the cup holder and NAV controller). Pull up through the heater switch cavity and use a plastic putty knife to create a 1/8" gap on the outside edge between wood grain and gray plastic sections. Don't twist the putty knife; just work it up and down, and slide it from side to side.



With the putty knife, work your way toward the rear, opening the entire seam to ~1/8".

Now go back to the original starting point and open the seam to ~1/4". Keep repeating until the rearmost retainer is completely withdrawn.

Slide the putty knife to extend the seam forward up to the point where the wood grain curves upward.

Now go around to the passenger side and repeat the same procedure.



If not previously done, apply the parking brake.

Push the shift lock release button (located to the upper left of shift handle), and shift the transmission from Park to "D".

Lifting from the rear, approximately where the seat heater switch was located, lift the entire piece so that it is raised about 6" at the rear.

The topmost retainer clips are in a groove, which allows you to slide the piece down to clear the upper dash cover. Now you can withdraw it entirely an inch or so. The wires to the NAV controller (if you have one) will prevent complete removal. Release the NAV controller connector, and remove the entire assembly.

To reassemble, repeat all steps in reverse. Connect the NAV, engage the top retainers in the grooves, the slide up and forward while lowering the back into place. Push down firmly to re-engage all retainers, working from front to back.

