



## E8X Shift and Brake Boot Removal

The removal of the shift and brake boots is pretty straight forward. If you are not familiar with BMW boots, each boot is glued to a plastic ring. That plastic ring clips into the center console.

### Removing the Emergency Brake Boot

To remove the Emergency Brake Boot, lift at the back of the boot to unclip the plastic ring. There is a clip at the back, along each side and a tab at the front. You want to work your way from the back to the front. Lift as indicated:



With the Boot unclipped, slide the boot forward over the brake lever. You will turn the boot inside out as you go.



At the base of the Emergency Brake Handle is a tie wrap that secures the boot. Cut the tie wrap and the boot will be able to come off.

### **Installation**

Installation is the reverse of removal. You will want to use a low profile tie wrap so you do not have a big 'knot' under your brake boot.

### **Removing the Shift Boot**

The Shift Boot can be removed in a similar way to the brake boot. Begin by undocking the plastic ring from the center console. You will want to lift at each side as indicated.



With the Shift Boot undocked, remove the shift knob. The shift knob lifts straight up off the shift lever. Do not turn or twist it. Just pull straight up. Some shift knob can be stubborn so be careful, plenty of BMW owners have hit themselves in the face when the shift knob finally lets go.

If you are switching to a new Shift Boot or switching to a different Shift Knob, you will need to separate the shift boot and the shift knob. If you turn the shift boot inside out, you will see a white plastic disc that presses up to the bottom of the shift knob.



The shift knob has 3 teets that pass through the shift boot and lock into the disc. To remove the disc, use a small screw driver and carefully pry it off. Go slow and be careful.

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If you are switching to an aftermarket shift boot and want to use your stock shift knob, you will need to remove the teets from the bottom of the shift knob. Carefully cut them off with some wire snips

and then de-burr with an X-acto knife.

### **Installation**

Installing the shift boot is the inverse of removal.

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