



Mark2 Leather Armrest Assembly and Installation

Kit Contents

"Lid Only" Option

- 1 Mark2 Armrest
- 2 Washers
- 2 8/32 nuts
- 2 #8-32 screws
- 1 11/64 drill bit
- 1 Instruction Sheet

"Complete Unit" Option

- 1 Cupholder Console with Integrated Mark2 Armrest
- 1 Sheet metal screw for the floor of the storage area
- 1 Instruction Sheet

Instructions for removing the console option in your Z3 can be found under the "Installation Instructions" link on the Mark2 Armrest page at www.LeatherZ.com or directly at: http://www.leatherz.com/install_mark2.htm

Installation

If you need help with installation, please go to <http://www.LeatherZ.com/mk2.htm> If this doesn't help, call me. My name is Andy Maddux. I built your Mark2 armrest and my phone number is 513.631.2275. Talking to BMW owners is what makes this fun for me and I want you to be happy with your purchase.

Note that these instructions cover both assembly and installation of a Mark2 Armrest. Some steps may not apply to you.

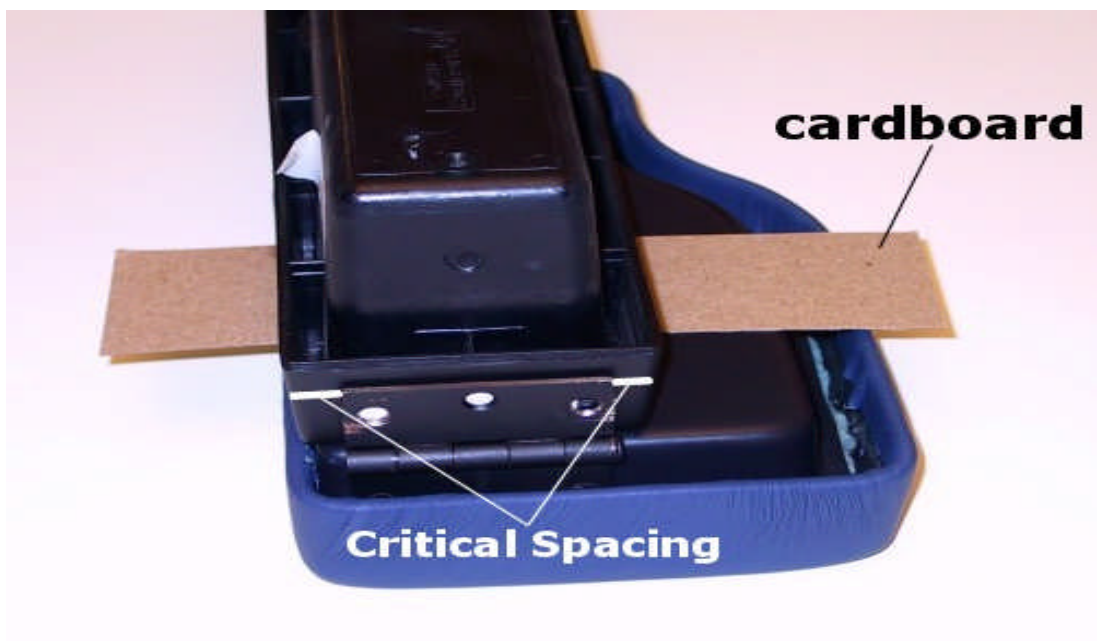
1. Removal of Existing Cupholder Console
 - a. Remove carpet on the floor of the aft storage area.
 - b. Remove Phillips screw (quantity 1) on the floor of the storage area.



- c. Lift console from the rear. There is a holding tab in the front of the cupholder console behind the hazard light button. Once the cupholder console has been lifted enough to clear the center console, pull backwards to disengage the tab in the front of the unit.

2. Installation of Mark2 Armrest onto Cupholder Console

- a. Place cupholder console on solid flat surface.
- b. Position the Mark2 Armrest onto the console, engaging the "key" into the aft cupholder. Be sure armrest hinge is exposed on the console (i.e.: hanging down). I recommend that you place a piece of cardboard under the armrest at the back of the base. This will ensure that you do not drill the holes for the hinge too low. Drilling the hinge holes too low will result in the front of the armrest to stick in the air. A thin piece of cardboard from the back of a pad of paper will work fine. I personally use a stack of four (4) business cards. Turn the armrest and the cupholder upside down as shown.



- d. Position the armrest hinge side-to-side so there is an equal console space on each side of the hinge. This is a critical step. If you do not position the hinge correctly, the Mark2 will not open and close properly. Remove the backing on the double-sided tape on the hinge and press the hinge on to the console. The tape will hold the hinge in place when you drill the holes for fasteners.
- e. Using the included 11/64" diameter drill bit, drill through the first console surface only, at only the 2 outside hinge holes (do not drill the center hinge hole). Try to drill at the center of each hinge hole. Do not drill too deep or you will put holes into the storage area of the cupholder-console.
- f. Insert each 8/32 screw into the hinge and console.

With the screws in place, use a pair of needlenose pliers or tweezers (preferred) to set the washer onto the screws. Repeat the process to get the nuts started on the screws. Use a pair of needlenose pliers to fully tighten down the nuts. This is critical to maximize the strength of the armrest to the base.

3. Reinstallation of Cupholder Console into your Car

- a. Install the front of the cupholder console first. Make sure the male tab in the cupholder console mates with the female slot in the center console of your car.
- b. After the tab is engaged, lower rear of console and re-attach sheet metal screw on the floor of the storage area.
- c. Replace the carpet on the floor of the storage area.

Care Instructions

The most important factor that affects the life of leather is cleanliness. You should try to keep your LeatherZ Armrest (and all of your factory leather) as clean as possible. At least once per month, you should wipe the leather with a damp cloth and pat it dry with a soft cotton diaper. Tiny dirt particles rubbed into the surface of the leather will make it shiny and eventually thin the leather and cause cracks. Keeping the leather surface clean will prevent this. Every 6 months, you should treat the leather with Spinneybeck Leather Cleaner and Conditioner. The Spinneybeck leather maintenance products were specifically designed for the leather we use. We sell the Spinneybeck kit online, or you can buy it directly from Spinneybeck by calling (800) 482-7777. We also recommend Connolly Hide Food for cleaning and conditioning leather. We will not warranty any item that has been treated with any product other than these two products.

Customer Satisfaction

If you like my work, please drop me a line and say so. Tell other Z3 and M owners. If you are not happy with my work, let me know. Let me make it right for you. -- Andy Maddux