



LeatherZ Steering Wheel Tabs

NOTE: Read these instructions entirely before you do anything else. Installation is dangerous. You can be hurt or killed by the airbag in your car. Installation of the LeatherZ Steering Wheel Tabs requires technical skills. Incorrect installation will cause damage to your car. If you are unsure about any step in this installation, have your dealership or a professional mechanic install the Wheel Tabs for you. LeatherZ assumes no responsibility for damage to yourself or your car either directly or indirectly from the LeatherZ Steering Wheel Tabs. LeatherZ makes no claims nor assumes no responsibility for the warranty of your car, which may or may not be affected by installation of the LeatherZ Steering Wheel Tabs.

Installation

1. Find your radio security code. Disconnect negative battery terminal. Wait 10 minutes.
2. Rotate steering wheel to 9 o'clock position as shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1. Steering Wheel Rotated to 9 O'clock position. 3 O'clock would be 180 degrees opposite.

3. Locate T30 Torx screw directly underneath steering column and behind airbag. See Figure 2 below. Remove Torx screw.

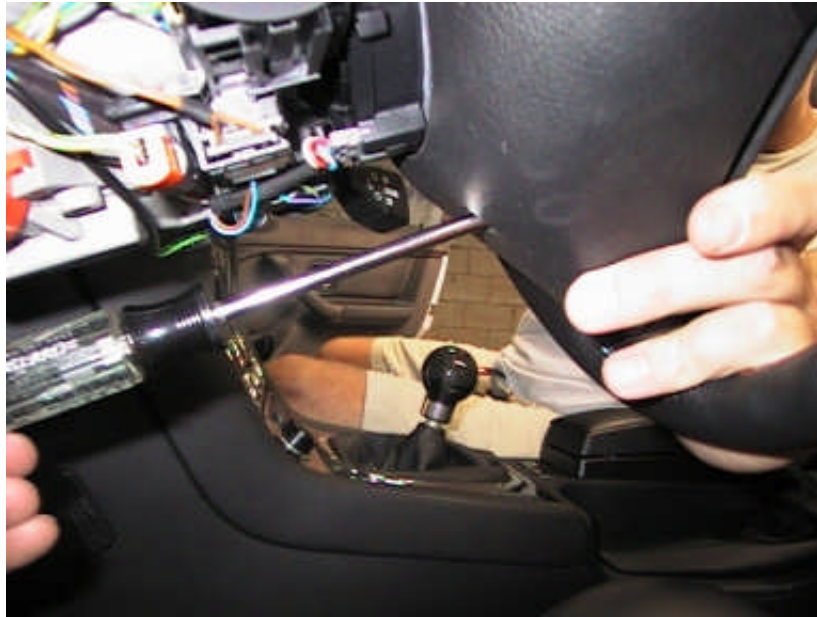


Figure 2. Removal of T30 Torx screw (1 of 2).
Lower steering wheel column is shown removed. This is unnecessary.

4. Rotate steering wheel 180 degrees to 3 O'clock position. Remove second T30 Torx screw, similar to first.
5. Lift airbag out away from steering wheel. See Figure 3. Do not disconnect any wiring. Ask another person to hold the airbag for you for the next step.



Figure 3. Airbag Partially Removed from Steering Wheel

6. Pry out each of the 2 plastic Steering Wheel Tabs. See figure 4. It helps if someone can hold the airbag for you while you do this. You should be able to do it without any tools.

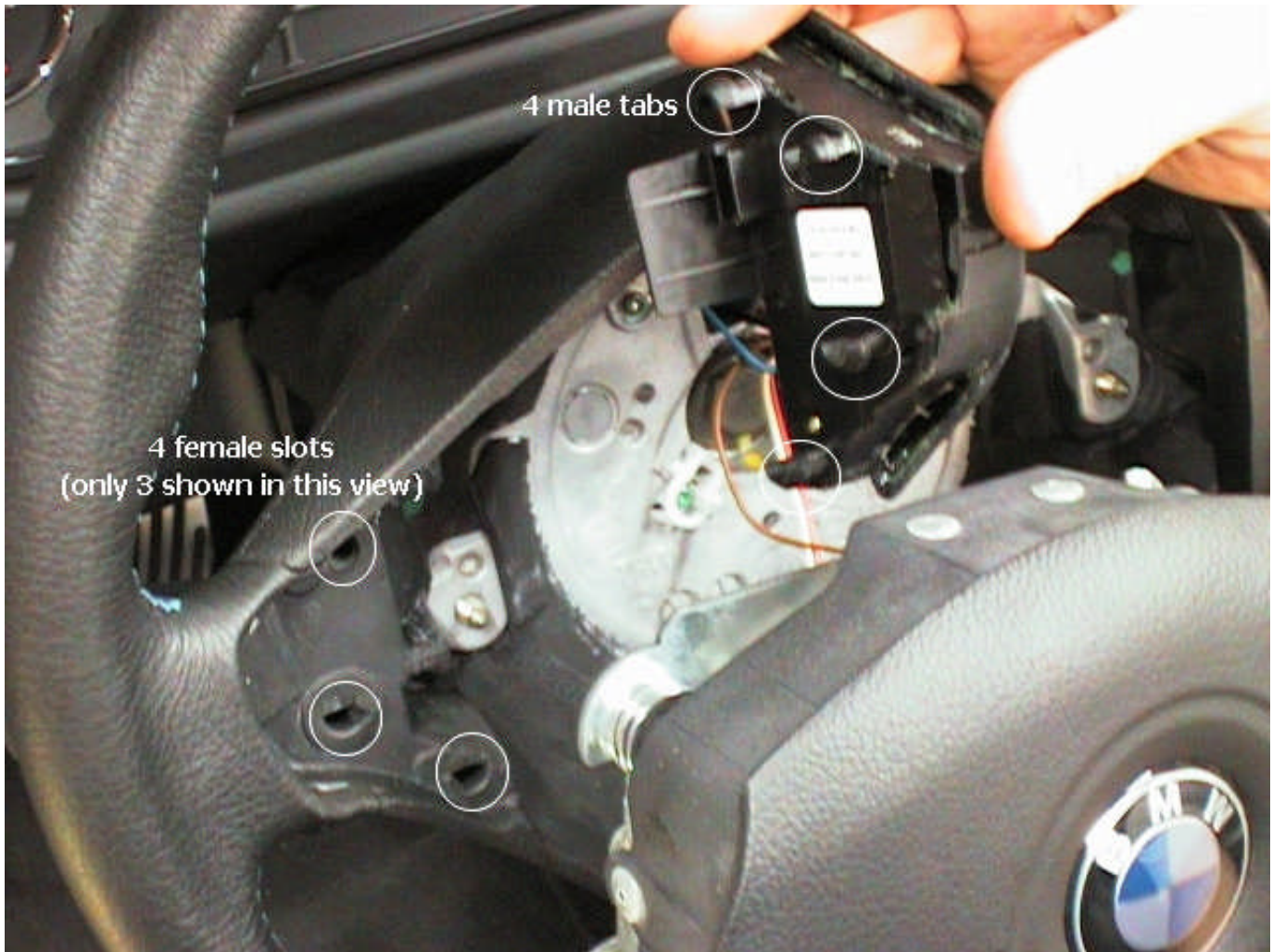


Figure 4. Left Hand Original Plastic Steering Wheel Tab Removed.

4 Male Tabs on the backs of the LeatherZ Steering Wheel Tabs mate with 4 female slots in your steering wheel.

7. There are 4 tabs on the back of each LeatherZ Steering Wheel tabs and there are 4 corresponding female slots on your steering wheel. Each of the 4 must mate together. Press each of the LeatherZ Steering Wheel Tabs into place firmly.
8. Replace airbag. Install each of the two T30 Torx screws. BMW specifies a torque value of 8 Nm = 5.9 ft-lbs. Insert key into ignition position 1 (do not turn key). Reconnect negative battery terminal.

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 let me know. 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