

Installation Instructions – Mk5/Mk6 Dash Cubby

**VW Eos (1Q0)
VW Golf (1K0)/(5K0)
VW Jetta (1KM)**



Overview

If you'd like a little more storage in your MkV, take a look at this dash cubby. Door and mounting panel are a direct replacement for the stock plastic panel below your headlight switch. Don't forget to check out our <[Seat Drawers](#)> if you're still need more!

Difficulty Rating



Parts Required for Installation

- [Storage - Dash Cubby](#)

Tools Required for Installation

- Flashlight
- T-20 Driver or Socket
- T-30 driver or Socket
- Ratchet drive wrench for sockets
- Socket extension (wobble not necessary)
- Long, flat blade screwdriver
- 10mm box wrench, ratcheting if you have 'em!

Installation

- First things first, you'll need to remove the headlight selector switch. It has a different connector than earlier models but removes much the same way. With the lights off, push the selector in approximately an eighth of an inch then turn clockwise half an inch to disengage the switch prongs from the dash.



- Pull the disengaged switch from the dash, unplug, and set aside in a safe place. Peek inside the opening for a look at the first of five T-20 coarse screws that attach the original dash piece.



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- Next, you'll need to expose the T-20 screws that attach each of the driver's lower dash pieces to the midline of the dash. Lower your steering column for better access and simply slide the center section of the lower gauge cluster bezel toward you to unclip it from the dash. You will see each of the two T-20's, one on each side underneath.



- At the very bottom of the left side lower dash panel will be three more T-20's. Before removing them, pop off the fuse panel cover on the left side of the dash, facing the door. It simply pops out using the key/screwdriver access notch along the bottom edge. Find the steel clips in the lower dash cover and pop them out for safekeeping. You may lose them as the lower dash comes away from the car in a moment.



- Now remove each of the five T-20 screws that attach the lower left dash panel to the car. Carefully drop the panel and unplug the dimmer switch from the wiring harness.
- Take the original panel to a clean workspace and compare it to your replacement panel.
- First, notice that the original trim piece and dimmer need to be moved from the back of the original panel. Pop the trim out from the left by pressing the tab through the clipsert and then unhinging it from the right (looking at the inside). Cautiously unclip the dimmer rheostat from the original dash panel. Transfer both pieces to your new mini-glovebox lower dash and attach in reverse order.



- Continue the comparison with the original piece. Notice the new piece attaches in three entirely new areas. Shockingly, you may already find the clipserts for these attachment points already under your dash! If not, simply slip the clipserts off the old locations and move them, flat side toward the new piece, to the corresponding new attachment points of the new piece.
- Now it gets ugly...
- That big ugly brute of a bracket is sitting there spoiling the fun. With him in the way, the new lower dash piece fits fine but its friendly little door has no room to

close... much less attach. The bracket has to go. Hook up your T-30 and remove the five bolts below (bracket already removed for this photo):



- Next, his friends have to go too. I had the assembly almost together twice, once each for the two brackets that have to come out.
- The first is the tougher one. Spanning the dash under the steering column, the long bracket is attached with one T-30 bolt under the right side of the lower dash cover.
- I first removed the T-20 from the top of the right side lower dash, up near the gauges.



- Then I removed the two T-20s holding the bottom of the right side lower dash.





- Without completely removing the lower right dash, I could reach to the lone T-30 and its clipsert to remove the longer right side bracket. It has a 10mm head which my Craftsman ratcheting boxwrench took care of neatly.

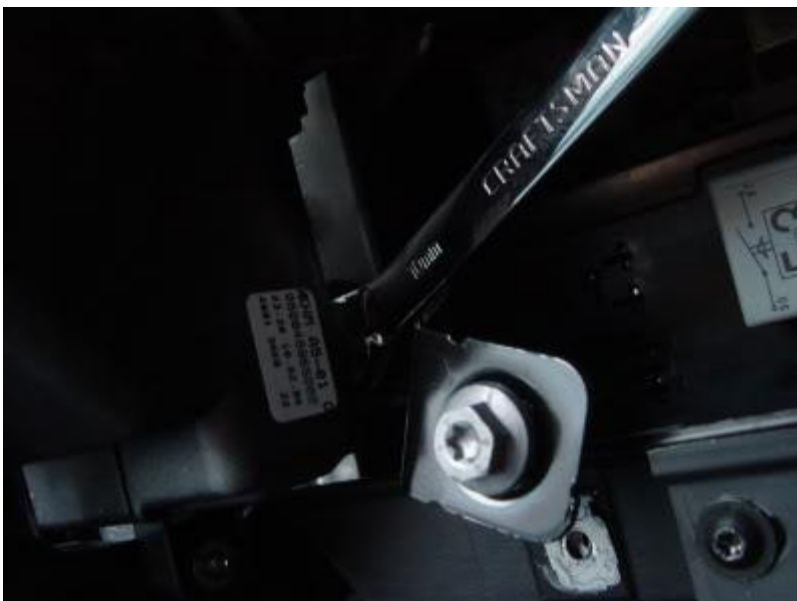
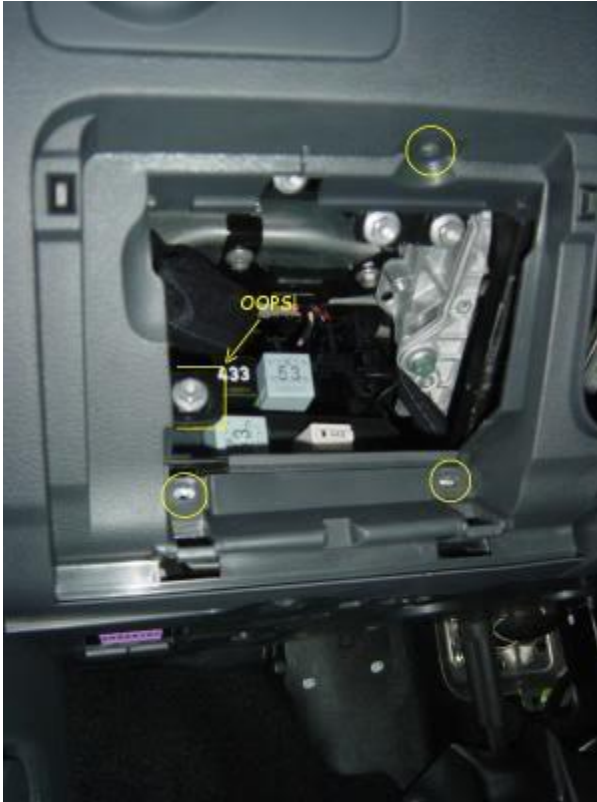


Looking behind the lower right side drivers dash panel toward the center of the car, this clipsert is inline with the accelerator pedal.

- You may notice I not only removed the brackets but the clipserts too. I do not want them creating new noises if at all possible so I've set them aside. If a T-30 bolt could be reattached, I did so on the possibility of returning the car to 'stock' in the future and recycling the original fasteners.

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- Finally, there is a small dogleg bracket on the extreme left of the dash. The 10mm ratcheting boxwrench also zipped this one off with a little eastern mysticism and correct alignment of the planets. Patience and luck make good tools for future mods.



- These three bracket pieces may or may not be safety or structural components of the car. If you remove them to do as I have done, you assume all risks inherent with such actions.
- Reattach the drivers lower right side dash panel. All three T-20's go back in their original locations.
- Go to your new drivers lower left dash cover and gently remove the clips for the fuse panel cover. They will get in the way when attaching the new panel and are easily inserted correctly afterwards.
- Connect the wiring harness to the dimmer switch attached to the new panel.
- Carefully align and attach the new piece using the two original T-20 screw locations from inside the lightswitch and next to the gauge cluster. Be sure to clip the inside lower right of the new panel into the clipser in the dash frame. There are two guides molded into the new piece along the bottom that help the alignment come out correct; use them! Finally, recycle the the T-20 screws from the bottom edge of the original panel into the back (2) and top (1) of the mini-glovebox opening. You should have confirmed or already moved any clips necessary to make a solid connection at these three points.



- Insert the clipserts for the fuse panel cover.



- Replace the fuse panel cover.
- Replace the center section of the lower part of the instrument bezel. Tuck in the steering column dust cover if you need.
- Reach up inside the mini-glovebox opening and thread the headlight switch wiring harness back through the switch opening. Reattach the lightswitch and press it back into the new dash piece until it clicks into place.
- Align the mini-glovebox door to the new dash cover and press the open half of the hinge onto the rod spaces of the new dash cover. Carefully swing the door upward and click the retainers back past the dash cover to set the door in the open position.
- Test the swing operation of the mini-glovebox door against the new dash...

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With a bit of patience, you're the proud parent of an oem mini-glovebox!