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BMW Z3 Door Handle Trim/Surround Replacement Instructions

It is a rather simple procedure to replace the door handle surround/trim. You will need the following tools, a hook tool and a small flat blade screw driver (FIGURE A).

First start by opening the door and prying open the small access hole cover that is located near the handle with the small flat head screwdriver. This opening (FIGURE B) allows you to get to the door handle trim release slide which is how you unlock and lock the handle trim into place.



FIGURE A



FIGURE B



FIGURE C

Now you need a bright light, good eye, and patience will come in handy. Using a screwdriver or the hook tool insert it into the hole and push it against the **pale gold** object you see above the lock cylinder. It should slide forward about a 1/4 inch and the trim should release from the door (FIGURE C). Pull off the old trim and clean up any dirt and debris that has accumulated under the door handle trim.

Now replace the surround/trim. Slide the bottom tabs into the marked holes and then push the top towards the door. Don't force it - it should go fairly easily. Press on the top of the new door handle surround/trim to hold it firmly against the door. Then, use the hook tool to pull the lever back towards you – this will take some force, and it should lock down the new trim/surround.

Done, your Z3 Door Handle Surround/Trim has now been replaced and looks new again.



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