

Audi A5 2008-2016 (B8) RedlineGoods manual shift boot install guide

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Pull up from inside the leather boot to remove the boot frame.
This may require plastic pry tools



Cut the metal clip or zip tie retaining the old shift boot. If your car has the factory boot and knob and has never been altered, it will be a metal clip. Most aftermarket solutions require a zip tie.



After market shifter solutions for European cars often require a threaded adapter - as seen above this may vary for your installation.



After removing the black plastic frame from the shift boot turn it inside out. The plastic frame is held in with many staples. Be care not to break it. it is near impossible to find a replacement frame, and it is required to install the shifter boot.



The plastic ring holds the shifter boot to the knob. This needs to be carefully pried up so that the boot can be removed. If you wish to reuse the factory shifter knob, be careful not to break this part.



This is what the ring looks like after it has been released from the knob. It can be very difficult to remove this piece and it is easy to damage.



Now take your new shifter boot and fold the top of the boot in so that it can be held in by the clip of the stock shifter knob.



Insert the shift knob into the top of the leather boot and attach the plastic ring on the inside of the boot. Make sure to adjust the leather so that there isn't any over hanging leather and it matches how it was from the factory.

Make sure to put the stitching in the right location so that it will be straight on the frame and in the car.

Put the leather boot onto the frame. The frame only goes in the car one way, make sure the knob is not backwards and boot isn't backward in the frame. From the factory this boot is attached with staples. It is possible to do this without putting new staples in but it will make the process easier if you staple the boot back to the frame.



The shift knob and boot assembly can now be reinstalled. This can be done by installing the knob onto the shifter shaft and then pressing the frame into place. The assembly can also be installed by installing the frame first and then pressing the knob onto the shifter shaft.

If you have an aftermarket shifter knob install the frame and boot but do not press the frame in. Thread the knob on and adjust the boot so it is flush with the knob and zip tie the boot in place. Then press the frame into place.



Congratulations – and enjoy your new shift boot from RedlineGoods!

Useful tip

Make sure to condition your new shift boot properly, using the proper care products for the material you've chosen for your shift boot (leather and Alcantara require different treatments) and you'll enjoy it for years!