

## 2007-2013 Mini Cooper & Mini Clubman Rear Seat Delete

### **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INSTALLATION**

**NOTE:** This kit is not to be used as a replacement seat. It is not safe for passengers to ride on the panel.

#### **Removal of factory installed parts:**

- Remove the lower cushion by firmly pulling up on the front edge of the seat to release the clip on either side.
- Lift front edge of seat cushion and push down on rear center portion to release the metal rod from the center bracket back there.
- To remove the seatbacks, you must disconnect each half separately. Using a screwdriver or other object, press on the small tab in the center mounting bracket to release the post from the seat half. You can then lift up on the seat to release the round post. →



- Once the unit is unbolted, **CAREFULLY** remove the unit so as not to scratch your side panels. The seatbacks must be tilted at a **45 degree angle** for the pin to pull out of the side panel on each side. You can do this best from the trunk area. Pull away from the side panel.
- ← Remove the other seat half the same way.
- Remove the center mounting bracket from the car (3 Torx screws). You will need a T40 Torx driver or bit. **You'll be reusing 1 of the Torx screws later.**
- Leave the center seatbelt connectors to provide extra support for the RSD.



#### **Installation of new Rear Seat Delete Kit**

- From the rear of the car, remove the 2 black push pins on either side of the trunk area (see photo). NOTE: 2010-up cars do not have these.



- ← For your side panels to have enough room for the new plastic panel, you will need to trim a small amount from 2 areas at the back of the RSD mounting edge.
- ← Use a utility knife to trim about 1/4" off the corner edge of each side panel in the trunk. If you are unsure of where to cut, test fit the RSD in the car, and you will see where the panel needs to be trimmed to allow a flush fit.



- Find the **large round rubber washers** included in your hardware kit, and remove the center plastic push pins. Slide the rubber washer by itself into the large hole left behind in the side panel and make sure its centered. Do not install the plastic push pins yet (they will be in the way of the RSD panel installation). You will need to use a flat screwdriver to help coerce the rubber washer under the side panel. →



(NOTE: Tape was used during installation to prevent scratching side panels. Optional)

- Position your new ABS plastic rear seat delete kit in the car. Press it firmly into place.
- Use a sharp knife to poke thru the rear mounting hole on the RSD through the carpet where a factory Torx bolt will mount. (photo at right has RSD removed, for visual aid only) →



#### **MOUNTING:**

- ← Use 1 of your factory black Torx bolts for the center hole. Do not over tighten.
- Insert center plugs for the black rubber washers. →
- Insert the skinnier plug for the other 2 holes that are exposed.



- ← Remove the metal hooks from your car in this location
- Replace them with the supplied ABS Plastic covers in your hardware kit reusing the factory black bolts for a clean look.
- **NOTE: 2010-up cars** will look slightly different than photo, but the supplied ABS plastic cover installs in the same location.