

HOW TO SEPERATE HEADLIGHTS



I HAVE NOTICED QUITE A BIT OF INTEREST IN THE PAST IN PAINTING THE INTERNALS OF THE HEADLIGHTS TO MATCH THE COLOUR OF THE CAR RATHER THAN STICK WITH THE BORING BLACK COLOUR THAT THEY COME WITH OR THE FITTING OF ANGEL EYES AND AUDI LEDS. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS INVOLVES BAKING THEM, WHICH, FOR MOST PEOPLE IS A VERY SCARY EXERCISE CONSIDERING THAT REPLACEMENT OF A DECENT SET OF FTO HEADLIGHTS IF A MISTAKE IS MADE. BEFORE GOING ANY FURTHER, ILL START WITH THE USUAL DISCLAIMER

I DO NOT TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RESULTS OF FOLLOWING THIS GUIDE. THIS PROCESS WORKED FOR ME, BUT THAT DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL WORK FOR YOU. PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK.....

OK, NOW WITH THAT OUT OF THE WAY, YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- PHILLIPS HEAD SCREWDRIVER
- FLAT HEAD SCREWDRIVER (OR A BUTTER KNIFE)
- AN OVEN
- HEADLIGHTS

RIGHT, LETS GET STARTED....

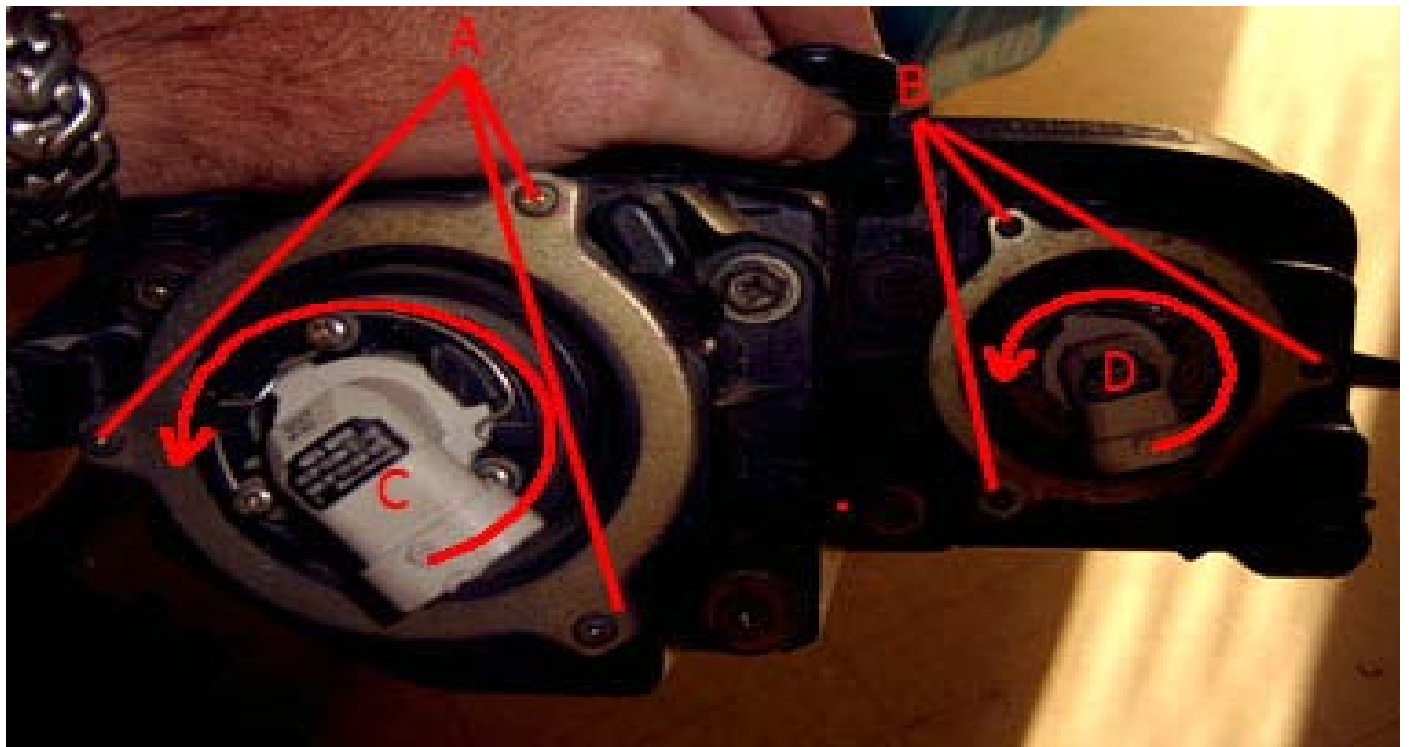
STEP 1. FOLLOW THE GUIDE TO REMOVE THE FRONT BUMPER.

THE HEADLIGHTS CAN THEN BE REMOVED FOR BAKING:

STEP 2. TURN THE OVEN ON AT 100 DEGREES. I USED AN ELECTRIC OVEN, BUT A GAS OVEN WOULD DO THE SAME JOB. IF YOU USE A GAS ONE ENSURE THE LIGHT IS PLACED ON A BAKING TRAY.



STEP 3. USING THE PHILLIPS HEAD SCREWDRIVER, REMOVE THE SCREWS LABELLED A AND B WITHIN THE PICTURE BELOW. THE METAL PLATES SHOULD NOW COME OFF. STORE THE SCREWS AND THE METAL PLATES IN A SAFE PLACE.



STEP 4. REMOVE THE BULBS MARKED C AND D BY ROTATING THEM AND THEN PULLING THEM OUT. STORE THESE SAFELY TOO. BE CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH THE GLASS BITS AS THIS WILL TEND TO MAKE THEM BLOW WHEN YOU TRY AND USE THE LIGHTS NEXT DUE TO MOISTURE ON THE BULB.

STEP 5. PLACE THE LIGHT IN THE OVEN AND WAIT 10-15-20 MINUTES. YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE TO WAIT THIS LONG, BUT THAT IS HOW LONG I WAITED.

STEP 6. LEVER THE COVER AND THE BASE APART IN THE LOCATION MARKED A BELOW. THE HALVES SHOULD SEPARATE FAIRLY EASILY.



STEP 7. JOB DONE. YOU CAN NOW UNDO THE BLACK BIT FROM THE COVER AND PAINT IN THE DESIRED COLOUR BEFORE PUTTING IT BACK TOGETHER AGAIN. THE RESULTING PIECES ARE SHOWN BELOW.....



AND THE ANSWER IS YES, I CARRIED OUT THIS TEST USING A HEADLIGHT WITH A BROKEN BASE (COVER WAS IN PERFECT CONDITION), SO I HAD NOTHING TO LOSE. I HAPPEN TO HAVE A LIGHT WITH A BROKEN COVER AND A GOOD BASE, SO I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE ONE GOOD LIGHT FROM THE 2 BROKEN ONES....

TO RE ASSEMBLE YOU CAN PUT IN OVEN AGAIN 15 MINS AND THEN PUSH BACK TOGETHER USING THE ORIGINAL SEALANT OR I USED TIGER SEAL AND CLENEED THE OLD SEALANT AWAY.