



Title: Removing the center console
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Removal of the center console shown in an automatic car

Tools Required :

- 1 - Ratchet Set - 10mm
- 2 - Small screw driver set

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Step 1 - Overview of objective



Removal of center consoles will vary slightly between Automatic and Manual Deloreans. This HOWTO shows the procedure on an Automatic.

Here is the normal setup for the center console on the Delorean. To make more room to work, ENSURE THE E-BRAKE IS ON and move the auto level down to position 1. On a 5 speed Delorean with the E-brake on, press the clutch down and move the car into 2nd gear.

Step 2 - Remove climate control knobs



Gently pull the knobs straight out. When putting them back remember the positions that they were in.

The center knob has two white dashes.
The climate knob is keyed to fit the climate control
The fan knob is keyed for the fan.

Step 3 - Remove climate control cover screw



A small phillips screw holds the display cover in place. Loosen the screw and pull the cover out from the top first. Then stick your hand behind to pull the the light sockets off of the back for the FAN FAIL, the DOOR LOCK and the REAR DEFROST.

Step 4 - Remove cover and check bulbs



Here is the cover removed from the car. Clean as necessary and put it somewhere where it won't be damaged.

Turn the console lights on. Determine which bulbs require replacing. Four bulbs in white sockets as shown provide light to the climate controls, ensure all four light up when the interior lighting is turned on.

Don't forget the Hazard and light switch bulbs as well.

Step 5 - Check bottom three lights



The bottom three can be checked by:

Turning on the rear defroster for the REAR DEF light

Unlocking the doors for the LOCK DOORS light

Moving the bulb from the FAN FAIL socket into the REAR DEF socket to check the bulb or turning on the AC with the ignition on.

Step 6 - Remove Automatic lever and cover



Remove the two Phillips screws as shown.

After the screws are removed, put the car into position 1.

Step 7 - remove shifter top



With the shifter in position 1 remove the two small Phillips screws in the front of the shifter.

Step 8 - Pop the cover off



Bring the Shifter back to park.

The cover may have to be gently pried with a flathead screwdriver just to loosen it. Just raise it a few centimeters.

Step 9 - Remove the top cap



Remove the top black cap to expose the nut and washer. Remove the nut and washer.

Step 10 - metal bracket and spring



Remove the metal piece and the spring. Watch that the spring doesn't shoot away!!

Step 11 - Remove light socket



Remove the light socket from the gear position panel, pull it straight out.

Step 12 - Dimmer switch



Remember where the wires go on the brightness adjustment switch (4 connections) and remove them.

The blue wire exists only for the original radio. You may not have this wire.

Step 13 - Pull the whole panel



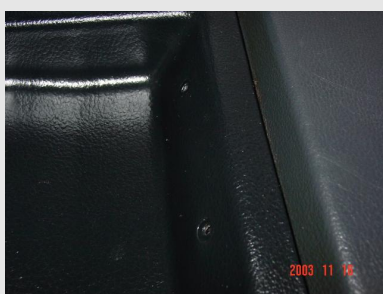
Now the whole panel can be removed.

Step 14 - Remove first two 10mm lugs



Remove the two 10mm nuts and washers to the left and right of the arch shown below. (Where the wires go through)
(Left side shown)

Step 15 - Remove rear tray and ash tray



Remove the two phillip screws from the tray at the rear of the console. Remove the tray, raising from the front (two hole side) first.

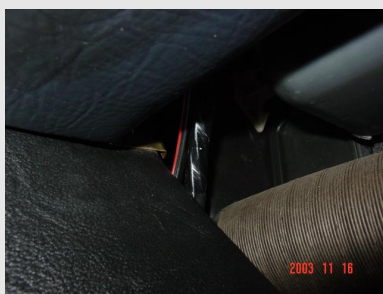
Remove the ash tray as well. Pull it straight out.

Step 16 - Remove the two bolts from under the tray



Where the rear tray was removed, directly under the two screw holes, are a nut and washer each side (10mm). Remove both of these.

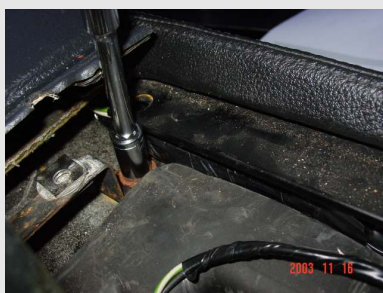
Step 17 - Remove phillips screws by knee pads



Here is where the passanger side knee pad meets the center console.

(where you see the red/black wire in this picture) There is a phillips screw to the left of the red/black wire on BOTH sides. Remove these screws.

Step 18 - remove bolts under windows switches



Remove the 2 10mm nuts and washers on both sides , directly under the power window switches.

Step 19 - Wire and vac line clearance



On the driver side, lift the forward bracket up off of the post and get the cables running along the metal bar UNDER the bracket. Do the same with the other side

Step 20 - Console removal



At this point, it may take some work lifting and pulling (towards the rear of the car), the center console will come up and back off of the heater duct.

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