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Dash Backdate Panel Fitment

1. Depending on whether you have purchased a SC / 3.2 Carrera or 964 dash backdate kit, you should have been delivered something like this.



2. First to note the panel will **NOT** fit over the foam style padding that will be glued to your dash board. These foam panels need removing, and the old glue cleaning off. Remove these old panels carefully, because they are worth good money second hand!

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3. Your dashboard panel should now be naked. Offer up the aluminium panels with blue tac, and sit them roughly in the correct positions.



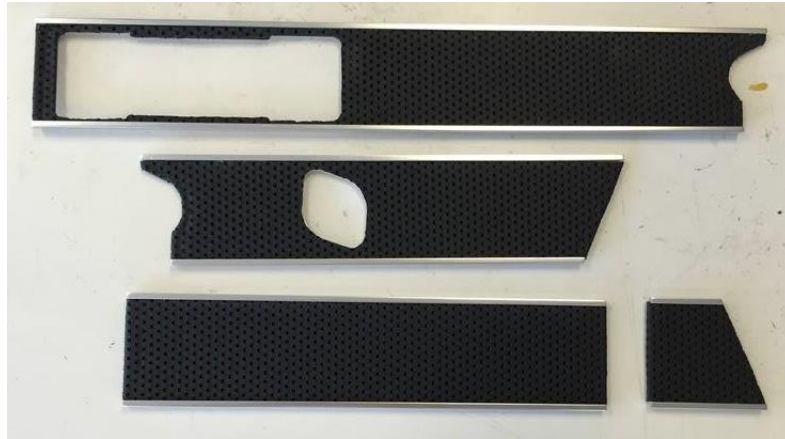
4. You will now have some choices. What are you using and what are you covering up? No heating? Well you won't need the blower vent holes or heater control holes. Radio? Decide what you are using and what you are not.
5. You may notice that the glove box door piece may not fit correctly / flush. On the original cars that had dash panels as standard, the glove box doors are different. You can either chop the leading edge of the glove box door down (as shown by the arrows in the picture below), or cut the aluminium trim panel shorter so it fits within the leading edges of the glove box door. The benefit of cutting the glove box door down is that it allows the dash panels to butt up neater, and appears more flush and looks to be made of one piece.



6. How are you going to attach the panels? We recommend double sided foam adhesive tape. But we have seen customers rivet or self-tapper screw the panels to the dash. If you decide on this method make sure you find very shallow head rivets or screws! We advise the foam tape method for two reasons. It looks better as you have no lumps or indentations when the center section is covered. The second reason is it allows you to trim the panels off of the car.
7. Now you have decided which attachment method you are using and what you are doing about the glove box door, the next task is to trim the panels. If that is the look you are going for. Singer 911's use a basket weave material, and that is the look that many of our customers are going for. The basket weave material is very expensive and hard to get hold of.

On our own cars (which all the pictures are taken from), we use a four-flute stamped material which gives the appearance of basket weave at a fraction of the cost. You will need a sharp scalpel and some high temperature adhesive. We would recommend the brush on type for this application as the aerosol ones go everywhere. You will spend more time cleaning the excess glue off with aerosol adhesives! When trimming consider the edges that will be seen at the ends for example. Note how we left excess to allow the material to be glued to the back of the panel.





8. Last job, stick to the dash, sit back and admire your handy work. It should look something like this if you have done a good job! Take some pics and make sure to tag us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



This job can easily be tackled by a home DIY mechanic. Just don't rush it, and make sure your gluing and trimming skills are up to scratch!

Note to our customers:

We are both passionate about classic 911s and hope you enjoy your purchase. If you have any issues or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, we will be more than happy to help. Please check out our website and subscribe to our Instagram and blog.

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