

BMW F15 X5 Knee Pad Retrofit

This is the DIY for installing the 2015+ BMW F16 X6 or F85/F86 X5M/X6M Knee Pad to 2014+ BMW F15 X5. Here is the picture of the Dakota Leather in Black installed.



Tools needed:

- T15, T20, T27 screwdriver or socket
- Trim removal tool



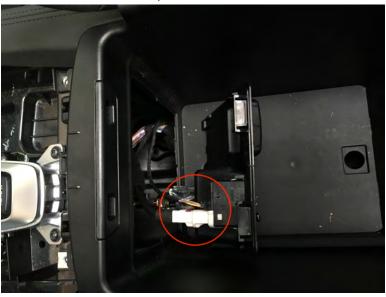
Step 1: Removing the center console

- Take off the center console by grab and firmly pull upward from the front edge by the cup holder.
- Once lifted, unplug the 2 blue connectors connected to the iDrive and the button combination on the left.



Step 2: Removing the center console compartment

- Use the interior trim removal tool or any plastic pry tool, remove the cigarette ligher/usb/aux-input panel and unhook them all 3 connectors attached to the panel.





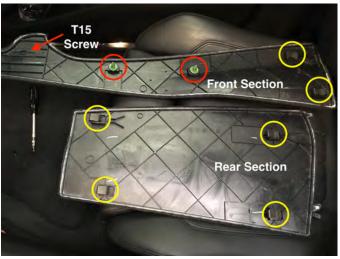
- Use the same interior trim tool to remove the top rear cover and remove the 2x T20 screw on the top rear and 2x T20 screw on the top front of the center compartment.





- Use T15 to unscrew the front carpeting below the center console to expose the center compartment bottom screw (1 on each side) and pull to break loose the 2 clips (red circle) and slide forward (yellow circle).
- Once the front section is off, use the same slide forward method to take off the rear cover.







- Now you can see and remove 2x T27 screws on each side holding the bottom of the center compartment.





- Once all done, you can lift up the center compartment and put it aside.

Step 3: Removal of the trim.

- Remove 4x T20 screws (red circle) that are holding both sides of the trims and use interior trim removal tool to pry off the clips (red arrow).







Step 4: Installing the Knee Pads

- Remove the side screws holding the cup holder / ashtray assembly using T20.



- Remove the mounting bracket off the Knee Pads.







- Insert the mounting bracket and tie it down with the screws. Re-use the cup holder / ashtray top screw for the top and use the supplied T20 Silver screws for the sides. The package comes with 4x Silver screws per side, but 2 are enough to hold the bracket down in place.









- Reassemble the Knee Pads to its mounting bracket, align and press down until the clip locks in, then screw it down, 2x T20 black screw on each side.
- Reinstall the center storage compartment, side carpet covers, and center console panel.

Step 5: Enjoy!!!





Note: The passenger side is a little tricky due to its front-end clearance.

That's it and good luck on the DIY project.

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