Fitting an Aluminum Gear Surround

To replace the gear surround you will need the following tools.

- electric drill
- 2 mm drill bit
- supplied allen key
- Flat blade screwdriver
- Pliers or small adjustable spanner
- Masking or double sided tape

If the car is a tip, put it in neutral before starting.

Remove the rubber insert around the gear shift. Position the new surround in the correct place and use tape to secure.

Using the screwdriver, carefully prise up the bottom left corner of the lower center console dashboard section. It is very easy to scratch the dash at this point, so be very careful.

Continue lifting the lower console until you can ease the top of it out from under the upper console section. Disconnect the cigar lighter and stereo and remove the lower console section from the car.

Using 2mm drill bit and electric drill, slip the protection washer over the drill bit and drill each hole in the centre console. Using spring clips and nuts supplied, secure the gear surround to the lower console section and remove tape.

Refit the top of the centre console under the top section and reconnect the stereo and cigar lighter. Lower the centre console carefully back into position and push into place.

This job can be fiddly and can be disastrous for the centre console if you're not careful. The result is far superior to the black rubber thingy and excellent value.

