

# E60 M5/E63 M6 SMG ALCANTARA SHIFT BOOT REPLACEMENT

The installation of this boot is best explained using pictures. Please see the photos below for step-by-step instructions on replacing your leather with alcantara trim.

First, we will start with the SMG knob. Here are the instructions for removing the boot from the car.

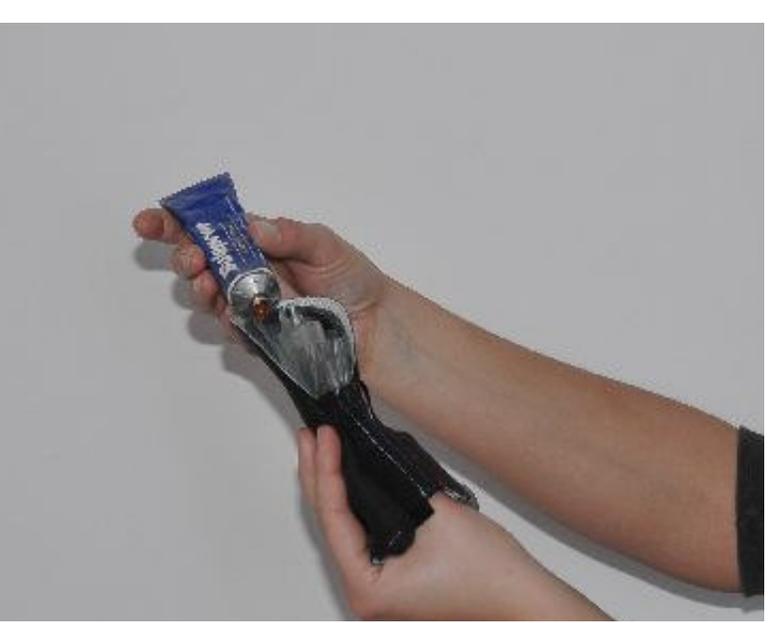
Tools needed: Screwdriver set, glue that will bind fabric and plastic without absorbing into fabric, zip tie, side cutters.

- 1) Pinch the leather boot and pull up. This will detach the boot from the center console.
- 2) Grasp knob and pull forcefully directly upwards. This knob snaps on to the gear selection shaft so force is required to remove it. One thing that you need to be careful of is that when it finally lets go that you don't have enough force on it for it to fly up and hit you in the face – its happened. Additionally, there is a wire that runs out of the knob into the console. This cannot be removed until the knob is off the car, so you don't want to pull too hard so that you tear this wire once the knob releases. There is a couple extra inches of wire there so you do have some flexibility.
- 3) Reach into the hole where the boot was, and pull upwards on the smg trim. This easily snaps off. You will see a connector where the wire from the SMG knob plugs in. Disconnect this wire and the knob is free.
- 4) Follow the step-by-step pictures below for replacing the material directly.

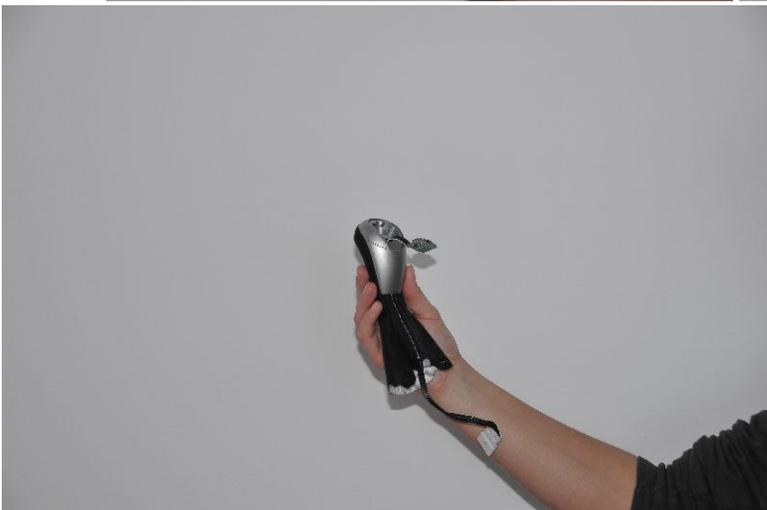


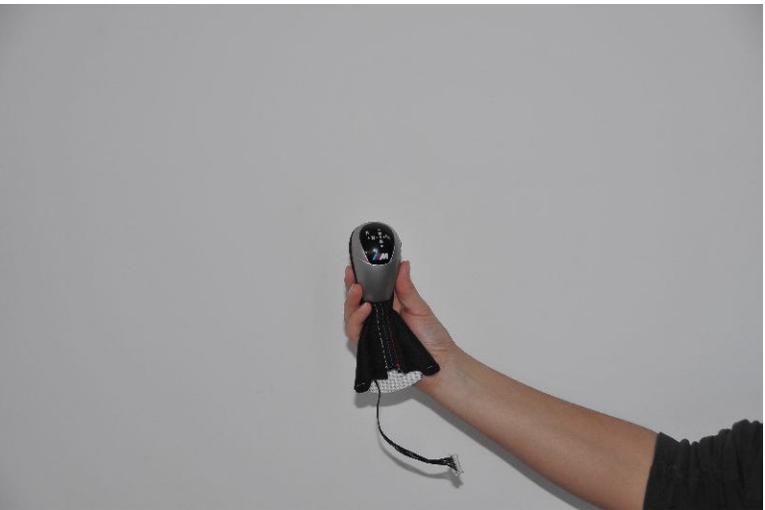






During the glue step you may also choose to glue the entire back-side of the fabric to the knob.





This ring is the ring from the base of your original leather boot. Peel the original leather off like you did with the knob earlier.



Once complete, let glue dry before reinstalling. Once dry, follow the reverse instructions given previously to reinstall knob on your car.

Installation of the e-brake boot is similar. Pinch leather and pull up to release the boot from the car. Pull it back inside-out over the e-brake handle. Use side cutters to snip the zip tie and remove the boot. Remove plastic ring from boot and glue to new boot. When dry, turn new boot inside-out and slip over e-brake handle. Use Zip tie to secure. Snip excess zip tie with side cutters. Snap boot back into place.