You will be removing items in this order, basic overview:

1. Foot well Trims
2. steering wheel, instrument cluster
3. center console
4. dashboard.

**Before you start:**

Make sure all screwdrivers and small socket spanners and extensions are magnetically charged. This is easily done if you have an old speaker lying about. Simply "stroke" the tool across the magnet repeatedly in one direction only several times. It will align the steel / iron atoms in the tool to make it somewhat magnetic. Once they are magnetised, it makes for easier removal of screws etc without them falling into awkward places etc...also for fishing them out if they do...

Remove the two A pillar trims before removing the dash. They clip in at the top and bottom...unclip the top first then pull them out and up.

You will be removing the airbags from the steering wheel and passenger side and don’t want the airbag lights to be activated. So, move the seats the forward first, remove the two screws holding the rear console to the floor area, then move the seats all the way back. Then disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. Putting the centre console screws in the back is the last thing you will do after the battery is hooked back up.

A really good thing to do is to use your mobile phone and take a pic of anything and everything you are unsure of before removing it, so that you can refer back when re-assembling.

The centre console takes more effort getting out than the dash... more switches etc to unplug.

If you have an auto be sure to leave the gear lever in the ‘N’ position with handbrake up.

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**Passenger trim:**

Remove the passenger foot well trims and the glove box. Once they are out you can get to the 4 bolts under the passenger side to unbolt the passenger airbag... you will need to pop the lid on the dash and lift it out that way after undoing the two smaller bolts. Unplug the connecting wires to the airbag from under there.

**Driver trim:**

There is a small electronics box fitted to the inside of the driver side foot well trim being the OBD, which will need to be unplugged to get the trim out on that side.

**Driver light switches:**

The main light switch in the dash has a small Phillip’s drive screw hidden at top behind the knob... you need to remove it before you can remove the switch which also clips into the back of the adjacent airduct. The knob screws off and behind it is a small nut on the shaft which must be removed too. Remove the connections to the fog lights and light beam adjusters.

**Steering:**

To remove the steering wheel air bag there may be a couple of small rubber covered holes on the back of three steering wheel located at 3 and 9 O’clock. Push a flat bladed screw driver in there onto the spring mechanism and you will see the airbag module push out a bit. This can be tricky. Make sure you mark the steering wheel hub and the spline of the shaft before you remove it so you can get it back onto its original position again. Then remove the centre nut and withdraw it. Try not to rotate the "slipring" at the back of the steering wheel! You need to disconnect the wiring which feeds into the steering wheel. There's a plug under the steering wheel which you will find once you remove the cowling under there. It needs to be in the correct position to be replaced as it should when you come to re-assembly. I generally slide it off the shaft and lay it face down in the boot so it's out the way. Be careful as the cowling is connected into the steering column area with a couple of black plastic lugs where the screws go in. They may pop out and get lost.

**Console:**

I remove the console by starting at the back and work forward. A good place to start is with the gearknob which requires a good upward tug. Then the leather boot and the rubber heat shield below it... then the handbrake boot followed by the ashtray... below which is a large self tapper holding that point of the console down. Then at the very back under the little cover or storage tray thingy there are 2 screws as well as 2 screws on either side - also self-tappers. then the front 2 screws left and right under the dash, then the radio, after which I remove the switches - Hazard, window, and console. The aircon controls have 2 screws inside the aperture where the radio fits - left and right.... they are short and only need one or two turns to allow the aircon control to be removed. But... the aircon controls clip into the body of the console at top, so you need to press downwads and also inwards to get it to unclip. Note that the aircon controls also clip in at the bottom of its aperture, and when re-assembling, get them in first and then swivel the controls to engage the clips at the top whilst making sure the two "U" screw brackets engage behind the 2 screws I mentioned earlier. Then, there are 2 screws at the top of the console and 2 hex drive little bolts hidden up under the aperture for the radio (4mm - I think) - best is to use an allen key to get to them... they are a real PITA !!

On the passenger side there is a small electronics box attached to the inside frame of the console... unplug the connector which clips into it **if required**, unclip the plug to the clock... the console should now be free to come out. Do this carefully just in case you have forgotten to unclip something. Best way is to pull the handbrake lever up as far as you can short of ripping it out the car... then lift the back end of the console up and withdraw it slightly from the dash... there are 2 locating dowels it has that fit into the dash so remember that when you come to re-assembly and don’t break them off. Next, once it is free of the dash, push the from end down so the sides are somewhat forced over the centre tunnel of the car, whilst lifting the rear to clear the handbrake lever... one it has cleared the lever it will come out easily.

**Dash:**

Assuming you have removed the headlight switch, steering wheel and the A pillar trims, there is only the 3 screws under the windscreen and 2 bolts left and right ends of the dash. Remove those. Then slightly pull and lift the front edge of the dash to clear over the steering wheel hub... and it should come out pretty easily. The 3 small bolts holding the dash just under the windscreen are a PITA, but if you use a small socket with some presstik to hold the little screw whilst you position it, then turn it in or out by hand until you have removed or tightened it...then use an adjustable pliers to grab the little socket to tighten it finally or to undo it if removing. **Cooper actually jammed the small bent end of an allen key into the end of a 6mm socket. This makes the job a lot easier**. Be careful they have really small "sleeves" which slip off the threaded part quite easily. They are important to replace when re-assembling. If your socket it magnetic, it will hold it in place while you remove / replace them. Use a piece of wire coat hanger with a flattened end and then bent it until I had the right bend(s) to be able to get under the 3 little plastic covers which have those 3 screws under them. The covers are circular, but have a tiny flat spot where you can get the flat end of the wire under it and pop it up and out.

Then put it all back together again being careful to re-attach all the plugs and lights and such.