

Installation: Gauge Pod/A-Pillar Cover

1998-2002 Dodge Turbo Diesel Trucks

Please take a moment to review the manufacturer's installation instructions as well as our tips before proceeding with the Gauge Pod installation.

The gauge pod or pillar cover is a neat accessory for the gaugeaholic. Our opinion: the functionality of the gauge pod or A-pillar cover outweighs the installation challenges.





• To route your wires/boost line to the gauges/gauge pod or pillar cover, you will have to remove the plastic A-pillar cover.

First, pull down the rubber door gasket (A). With the rubber door gasket removed, you'll find the A-pillar cover is held on with small metal clips. To remove this cover, dig your fingers under the cover where it meets the windshield glass (B). Use a flashlight to see the clips and the appropriate holes where the three clips go into the A-pillar.

Starting from the top/headliner area, gently pull the cover in a downward motion (toward the ground). Do not pull sideways. You should be able to remove the plastic cover without breaking the three clips.

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- To route the wires/boost line to your gauges, you'll have to drill a 3/8" or 1/2" hole in the plastic A-pillar cover. Also, small holes for Phillips-head screws to hold the gauge pod or pillar cover to the plastic A-pillar may be necessary. As long as the gauges remain in the truck, no problem. But if gauges are removed (resale?), realize that holes will exist in the plastic A-pillar cover.
- If you were unfortunate and the clips broke during removal, the reinstallation requires you drill through the plastic A-pillar cover; drill into the A-pillar; then reinstall the A-pillar using a long Phillips-head screw.

Note, this problem was typical with the '94 -'97 trucks. With the interior redesign for '98+, the problem is very unlikely.

• You can touch up the installation with interior trim paint. The touch-up paint can also be used to paint your Gauge Pod for a more professional appearance. You can purchase trim paint through your local dealership. You will want to locate your trim paint code which should be included on your truck's data tag located on the driver's door sill.

That's it. Installation is complete.