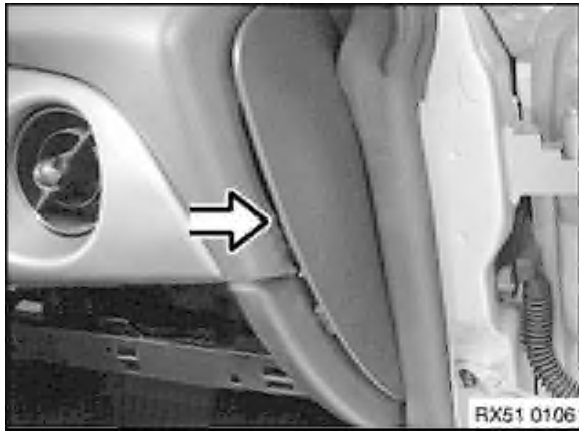
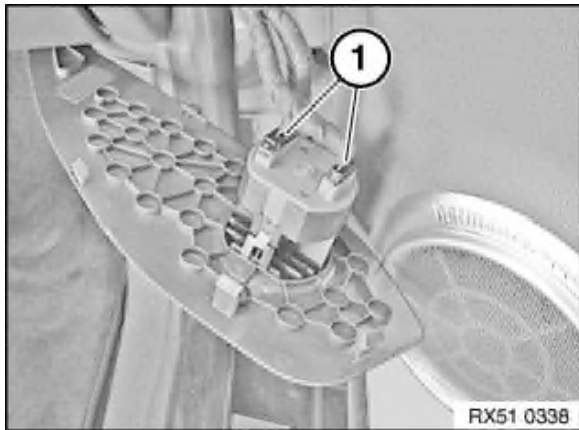
*Necessary preliminary tasks:*

- Remove A-pillar trim
- Remove glovebox
- Remove decorative trims for instrument panel

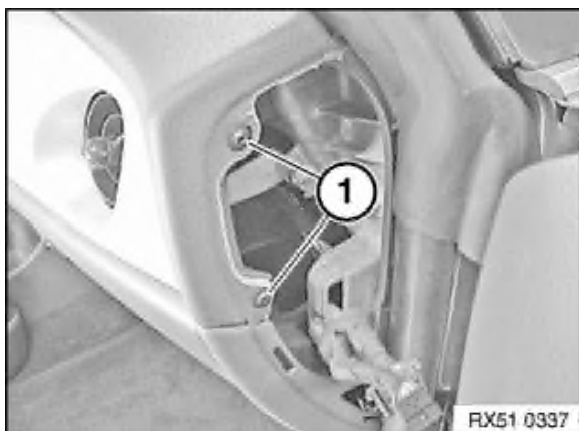


Lever out cover on left and right in direction of arrow.

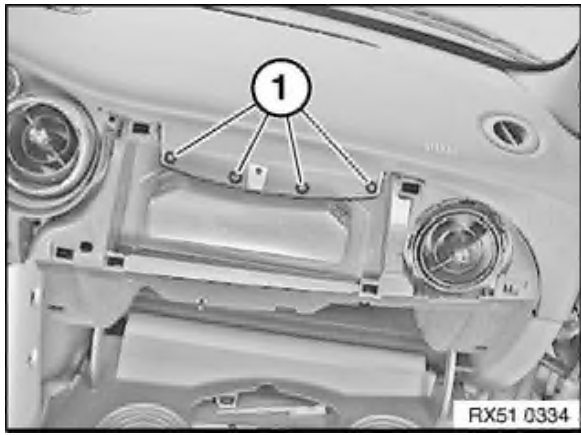


With passenger airbag deactivation optional extra only:

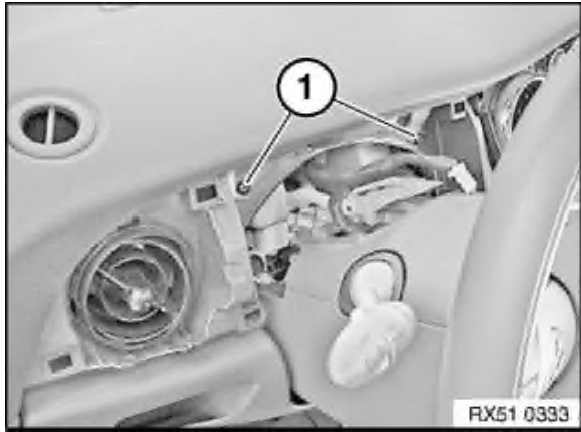
Unlock plug connections (1) and disconnect.



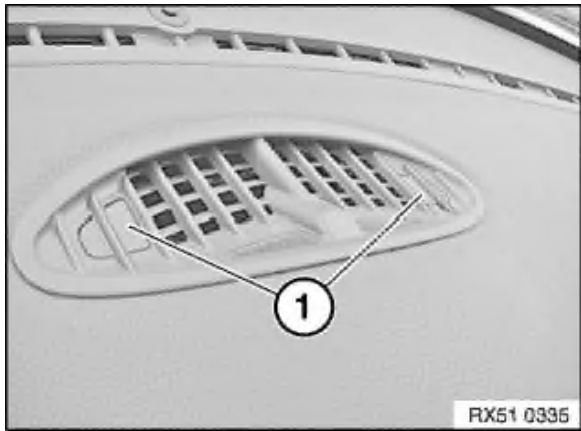
Release left and right screws (1).



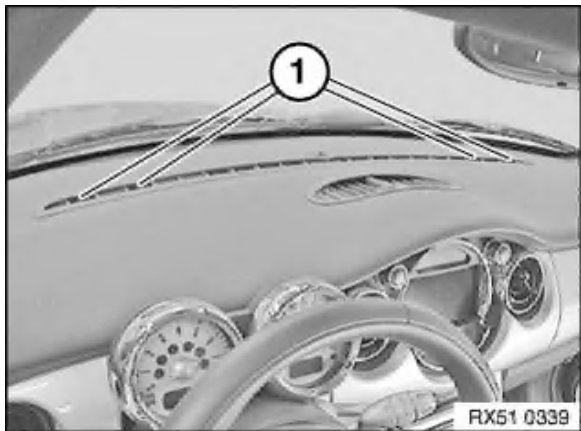
Release screws (1).



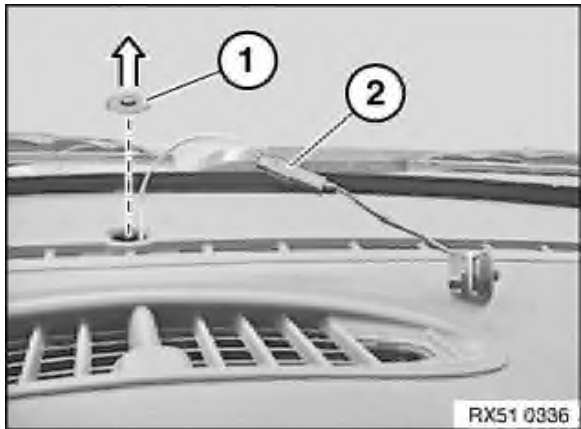
Release screws (1).



Lever out cover caps (1) in ventilation grille and release screws underneath.



Release screws (1) in ventilation grille.



With automatic air conditioning optional extra only:

Note:

Tape off work area around solar sensor (1) (risk of damage).

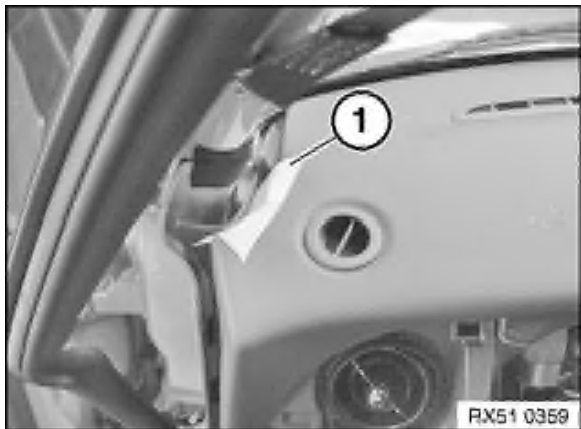
Remove solar sensor (1).

Firmly pull solar sensor (1) upwards to release binding (adhesive tape inside instrument panel).

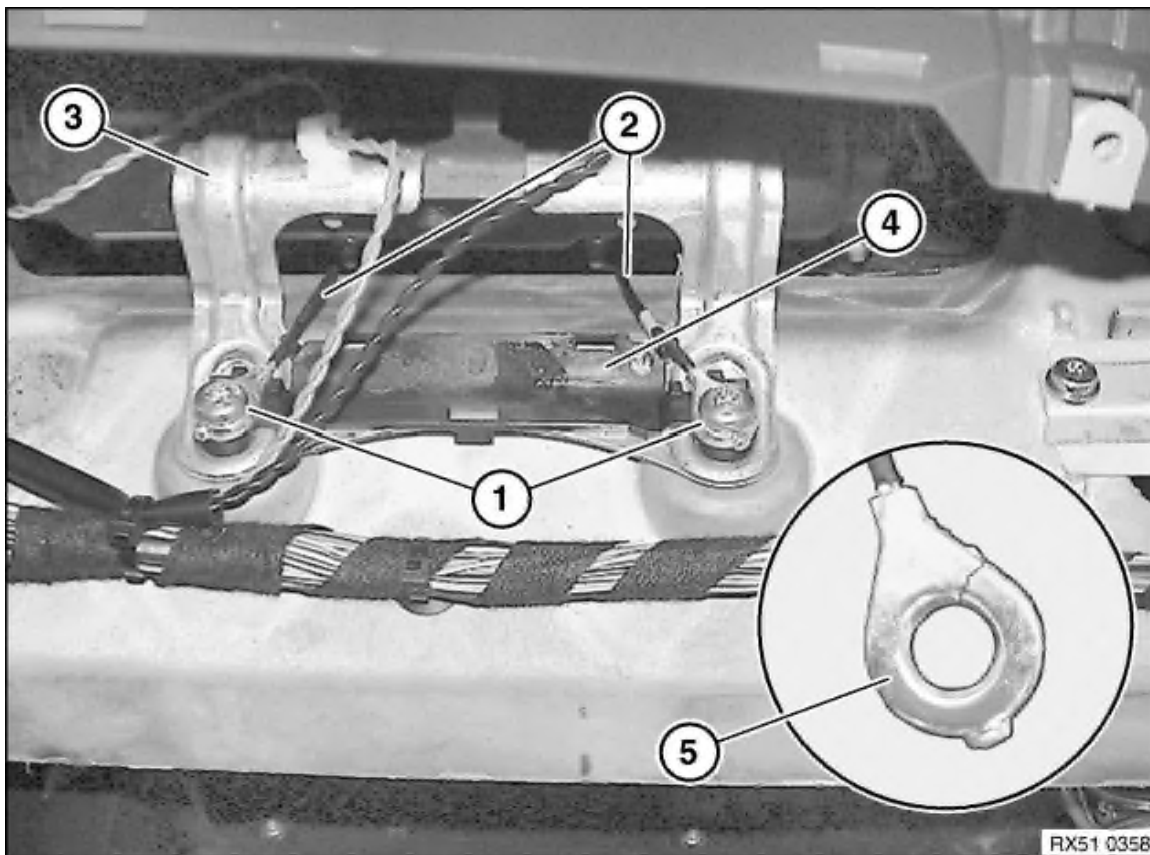
Feed plug connection (2) out of instrument panel and disconnect.

Installation:

Wrap adhesive tape round plug connection to prevent rattling noises.



Protect trim with adhesive tape (1) against damage.



Important!

Broken eyelets (5) or damaged restraint cables (2) can cause injuries due to uncontrolled tearing off of the

airbag cover when the airbag is triggered.

Instrument panel upper section trim must be replaced if eyelets (5) are damaged or restraint cables (2) are damaged.

In order to prevent damage to eyelets (5), make sure spacer (4) is fitted; retrofit if necessary.

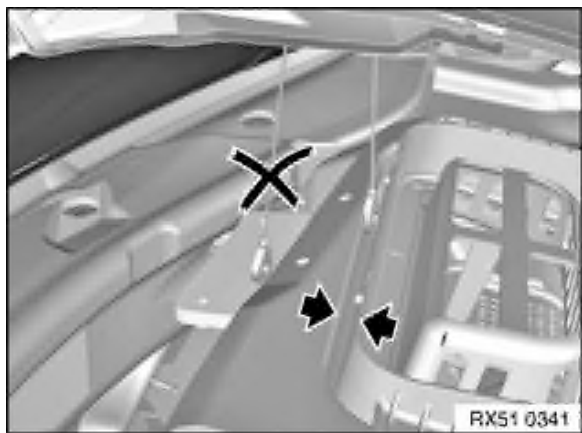
Release screws (1).

Tightening torque 72 12 7AZ .

Remove instrument panel upper section towards top and feed out restraint cables (2) between airbag module and instrument panel lower section.

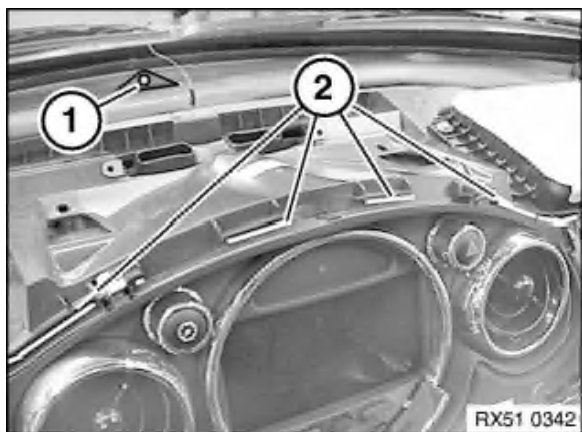
Installation:

Restraint cables (2) must be located between bracket (3).



Installation:

Insert restraint cables in gap between airbag module and instrument panel lower section.

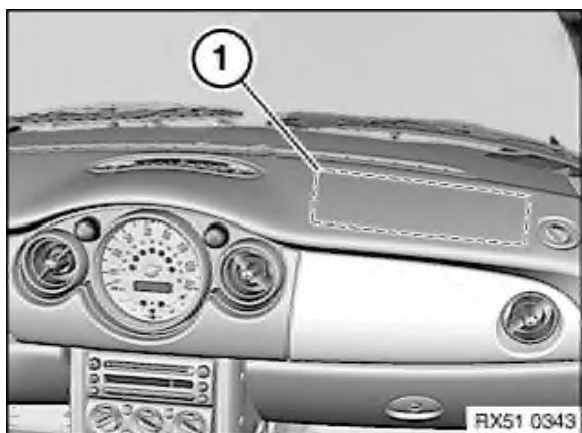


Installation:

Insert centering pin of instrument panel upper section correctly into locator (1).

Lift instrument panel upper section in front area over guides (2).

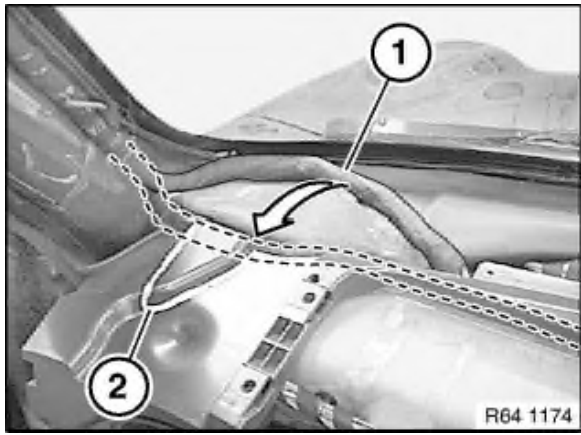
Push in instrument panel upper section as far as it will go.



Important!

Do not strike area (1) of instrument panel upper section with fist.

Laser seam of airbag cover must now show in foam film.



Replacement only

Build date from 03/04 - 07/04:

Air duct cutout must be adapted for a new instrument panel upper section.

Cut out instrument panel in marked area (2).

Lay wiring harness (1) between instrument panel and bulkhead.

**Warning!**

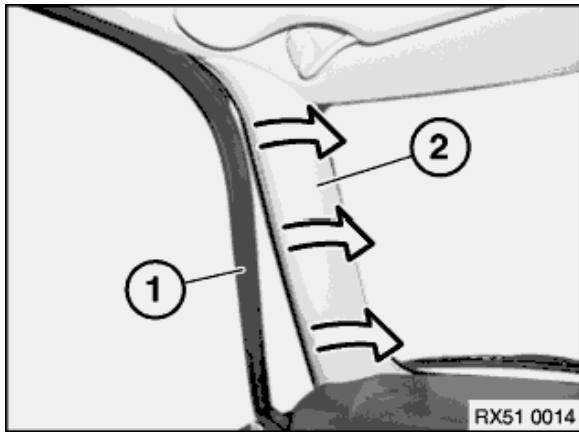
Vehicles with head airbags:

Read and comply with safety regulations for working on vehicles with airbag systems.

Refer to Safety regulations for working on vehicles with airbag systems.

**Important!**

Do not use sharp-edged tools to remove panel (head airbag may be damaged).



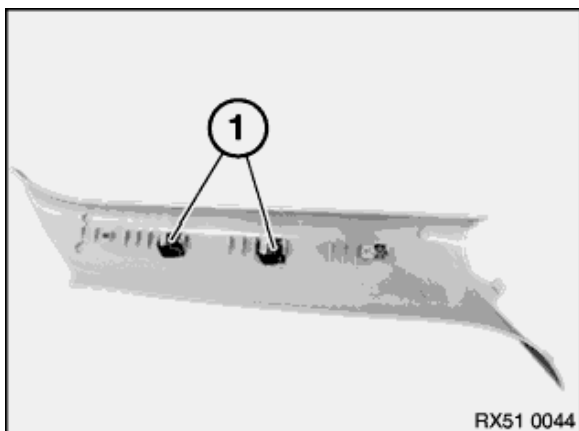
Release door seal (1) in area of panel (2).

Release panel (2) at top end in direction of arrow and remove.

Installation:

If necessary, replace faulty clips.

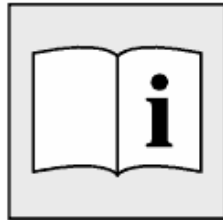
Make sure door seal (1) is correctly seated.

Version with ITS head airbag:

Cut through retaining straps on clips (1) and remove panel.

Remove clips from body.

Dispose of panel and clips.



Up to 07/04:

Note:

Unclip the decorative trim opposite in stages.

Unclip decorative trim in direction of arrow and remove.

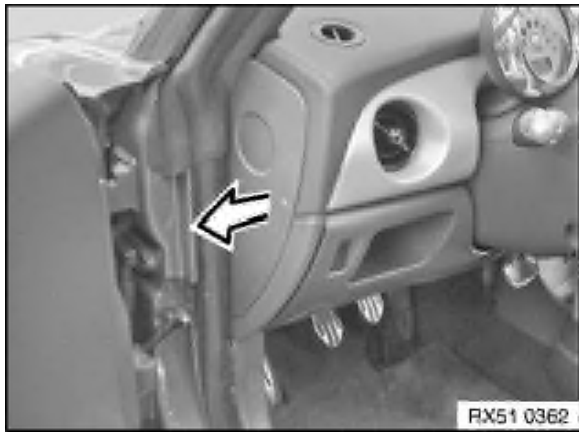
Installation:

If necessary, replace faulty clips (1) on decorative trim.

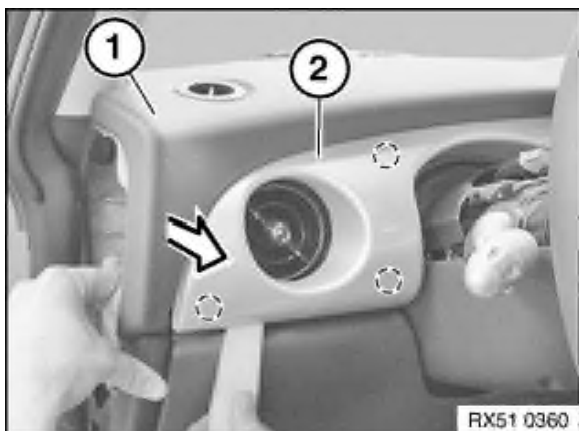
From 07/04:

Necessary preliminary tasks:

- Remove instrument from steering column

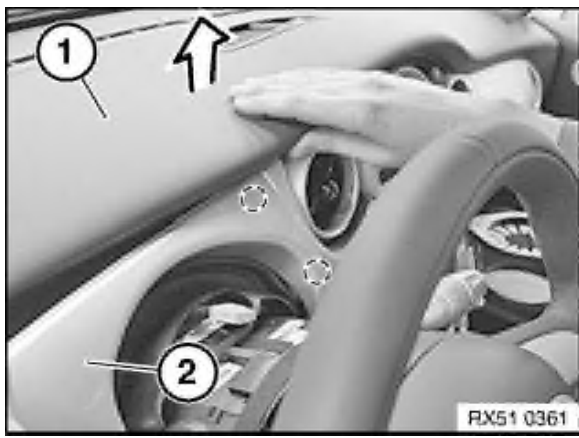


Lever out cover in direction of arrow.



Pull instrument panel trim (1) forwards.

Unclip decorative trim (2) in stages.

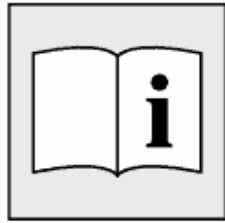


Press instrument panel trim (1) upwards.

Carefully unclip decorative trim (2) and twist out of instrument panel trim.

Installation:

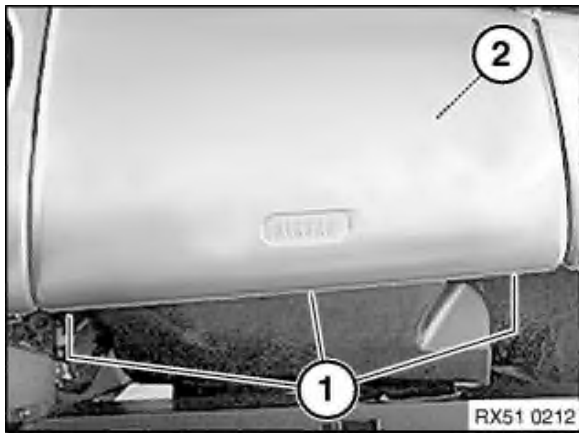
If necessary, replace faulty clips on decorative trim.



Up to 07/04:

Necessary preliminary tasks:

- If necessary, remove storage compartment
- If necessary, open glovebox.



Release screws (1).



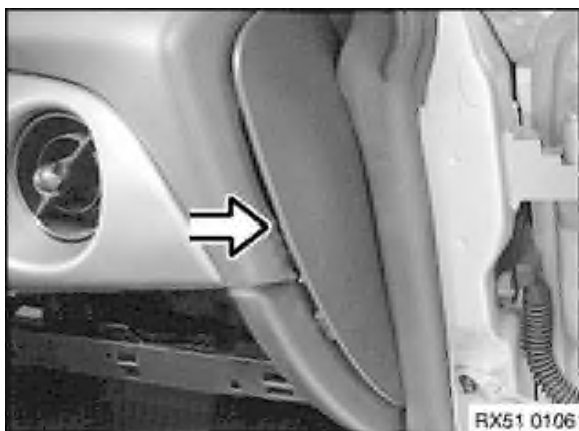
Note:

Release two screws on underside of decorative trim.

Unclip decorative trim in direction of arrow and remove.

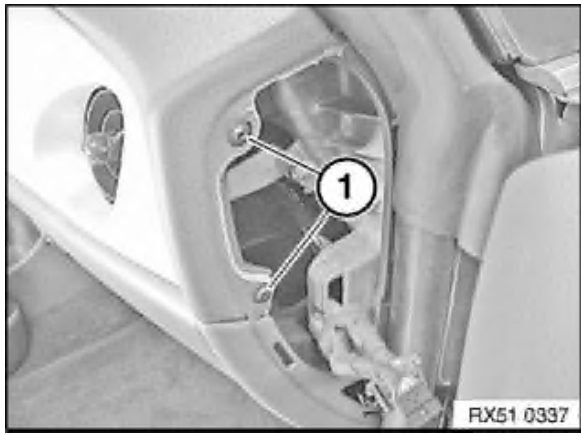
Installation:

If necessary, replace faulty clips (1) on decorative trim.

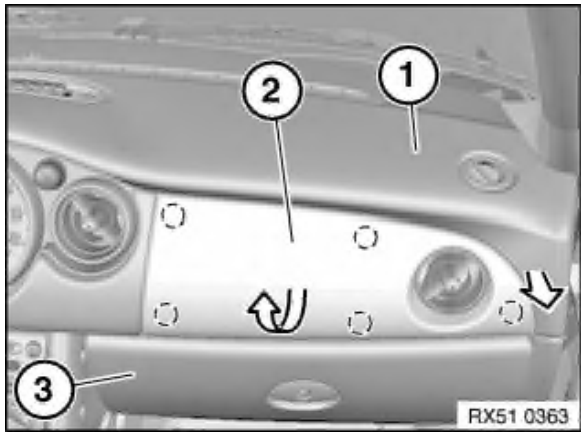


Build date from 07/04:

Lever out cover on right in direction of arrow.



Release screws (1).



Note:

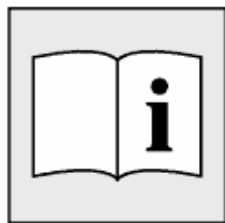
Open glovebox (3).

Pull outer instrument panel trim (1) on right towards front and hold.

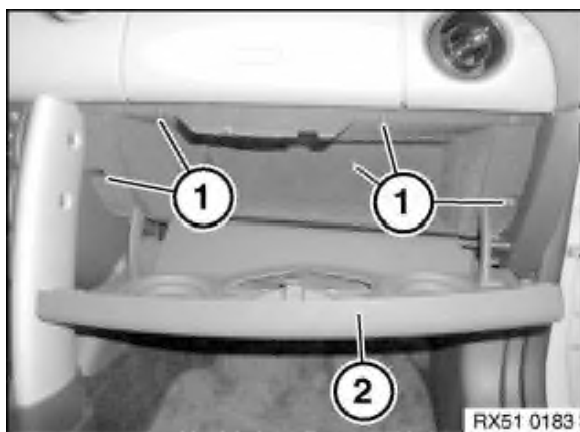
Unclip decorative trim (2) in direction of arrow and remove.

Installation:

If necessary, replace faulty clips on decorative trim.

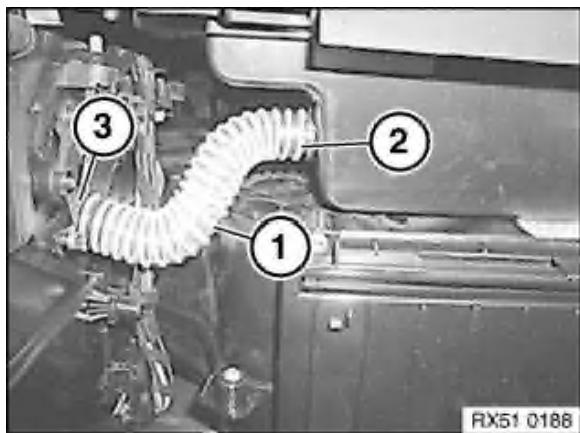
*Necessary preliminary tasks:*

- Remove glovebox light.



Release screws (1).

Remove glovebox (2).

*Installation:*

Connect cold-air duct (1) correctly to cold-air control (2) and heater (3).