

How to Hardwire your Radar Detector by Club Touareg's StuartMI

1: Remove all of the overhead snap in panels using the small slot screwdrivers. This includes the homelink/map light console, the sunroof dial, the compass/calibration controls, the white cover for the map lights, as well as the light assembly, and the homelink antenna cover (unmarked piece closest to the windshield. You should get something that looks like this:



2: Attach the ground wire from the passport install hardwire kit to a ground point inside the overhead console. I used one of the screws on the sunroof control element. You will see it attached in the top of this picture:



3: Untape the wires going to the HOMELINK module of the overhead console enough that you can access the blue wire (thanks to Spock for determining that this is live switched power). Clamp the scotchlock on the blue wire and attach the power lead of the 8500's hardware kit to the slot created when the scotchlock is installed. Make sure the plastic shielding totally covers the scotchlock as far as possible.



4: Remove the 4 screws that hold the overhead console in place. Watch that the whole thing doesn't fall out! Two are located under the compass panel, and two are located in the homelink antenna panel as shown:



5: Run the wire carefully to the front of the overhead console leaving enough wire to attach the power line to the radar detector wherever you mount it. Replace all of the 4 screws, and all of the lights, and panel covers.