

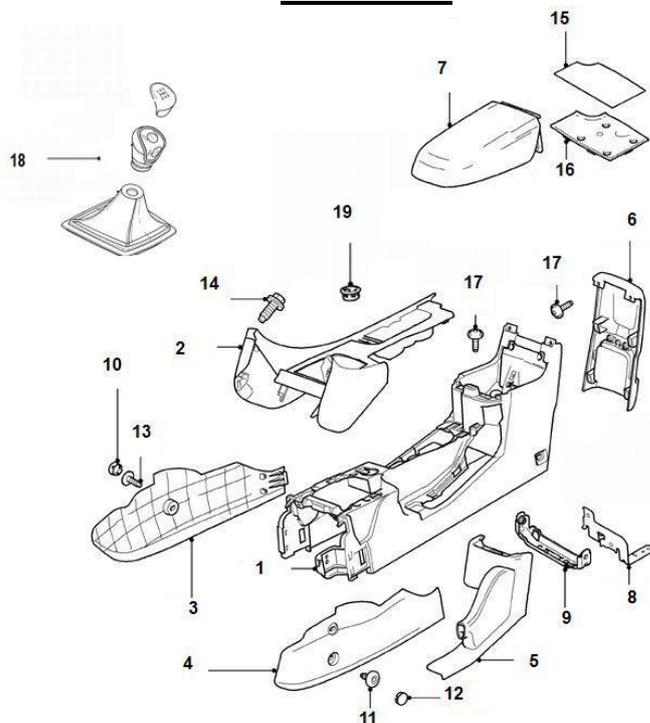
Guide to fitting a MK2.5 (Facelift) Centre Console into a MK2 Focus

For the latest project on my MK2 Focus I decided that a Facelift centre console would tie my previous interior uplift together. As I had already fitted the RS Carbon Fibre styled radio fascia, ashtray, and switch panel it was logical to source and fit the RS style console top also.

As I was pressed for time to do the installation (it took longer than I predicted), I didn't take many photos of the job so I have had to source third party images and diagrams to visualise the process, I apologise if the guide is not to my usual level of detail (hopefully the description of the job is thorough enough to assist others who may wish to follow the guide.

First of all you will need to source the relevant parts-

The Parts



1. Main Console Body (F1670613)
2. Upper Console Panel (F1701047)
3. Right Hand Side Panel (F1496375)
4. Left Hand Side Panel (F1496388)
5. Handbrake Cover (F1559727)
6. Console Rear Panel (F1523015)
7. Armrest Top/Lid (F1724357)
8. Small Metal Bracket (can't personally see a use for this) (F1511712)
9. Main Mounting Bracket (F1500398)
10. Screw Hole Plug Right Side (F1492128)
11. Left Hand Side Panel Screws x2 (F1342222) Bag of 3
12. Screw Hole Plugs left Side x 2 (Lower - F1492124, Upper - F1492133)
13. Right Hand Side Panel Screw x 1 (F1342222) as per part 11
14. Console Body Bolts (6x20) Reuse Existing Bolts x2 (F1548329)
15. Console mat (Two Types Available - One for the very bottom of the tray and One for sitting on top of a spacer if a Power Inverter is fitted at part 6 (Lower - F1553154, Upper - F1552890)
16. Spacer (In cases of a Power Inverter being Fitted or requiring to make the tray less deep) (F1553255)
17. Screws (for the handbrake cover and various panels/hinges used in construction of the console) (F1256079, pack of 5)
18. Gear Knob and Gaiter (F1548262)
19. Silver ring for mounting a 12 volt Socket (there will usually be a socket in the rear tray too) Ring - F1561267, 12 volt socket - (F1447680)

Parts 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, should hopefully come as part of a second hand console from eBay which saves you a fair bit of hunting for parts and also a lot of money.

Parts 3, 4, 9, 15, 16, 19, will probably have to be sourced separately and possibly from Ford directly if not found on eBay (they can be rare).

A couple of spare screws (parts 17) will also be handy for later, available from Ford in bags of 5.

Parts 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, can be reused from the original console.

You will also need 6x20 bolts x2 for securing the Main Console Body to part 1 shown above. (B&Q)

One note to remember is that the MK2 console is Dark Flint whereas the MK2.5 Console is Medium Dark Flint so will be slightly lighter.

Preparing the new Console

The replacement console will most likely come with various wires attached for keyless start button, rear 12 volt socket etc, some rewiring may be needed.

Remove the old wiring including the large plug at the front of the new console (if present),

I also fitted an USB system to play music off memory sticks and a blue LED strip (connected to the front foot well circuit) in the rear tray of the Console.



The two new 12 volt sockets were spliced onto the front socket in the ashtray so I now have three working sockets for charging phones, running an iPod in the rear tray, and still keeping the lighter in the front.

If anyone needs a loom done for this project I can happily oblige for a small fee.

Removing the Old Console

Removing the old console can be a bit of a pain so I'll try to make it as clear as possible.

In the rear of the console there is the storage tray, under a flap in the base there are two bolts (the same as parts 14 above). Undo these bolts and retain for later use.

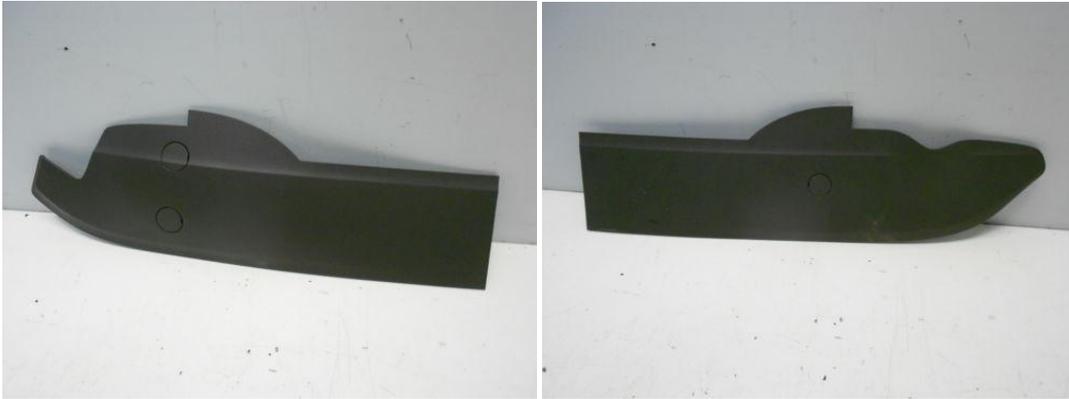
Remove the Gear gaiter and surround by levering the side of the surround nearest the handbrake side of the console up and unclip it.

Unscrew the gear knob and remove the whole surround/gaiter/knob assembly (no longer needed).

You will now see two bolts (parts 14 above), Unscrew and retain for later use.

Remove the hand brake surround by levering up the base trim and pulling the trim and gaiter over the hand brake lever.

Pop out the screw hole covers from both Side Panels and remove the 3 screws (save for later)

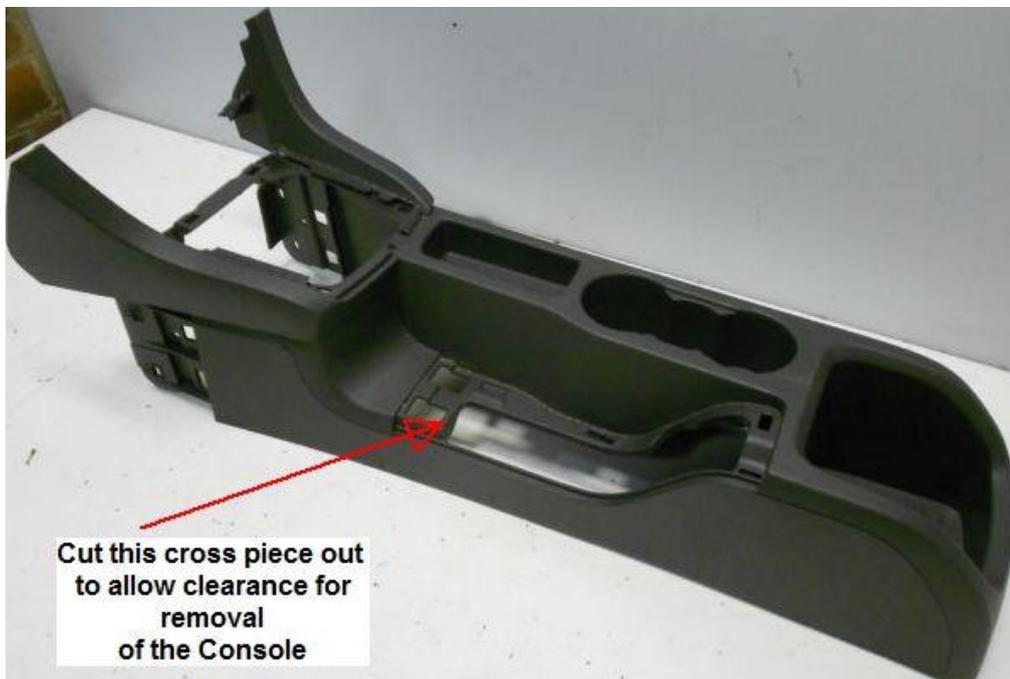


Remove the side panels and set aside (no longer needed)

Now the faff begins.

The console as it is will not pull up over the hand brake lever (probably the console was fitted before the dash on assembly so not enough clearance exists to manoeuvre the console up without some cutting).

There is a small cross bar of plastic at the front of the hand brake surround mounting hole, this needs to be cut with a Dremel tool or small hacksaw to allow the console to be lifted clear, lift from the rear first and pull slightly rearwards to disengage clips holding the front of the console under the dash.-



Remove the console and set aside (No longer needed)

Fitting the new Console

The new console needs a bracket to mount it, the bracket bolts down using the original bolts from the rear tray to the bare metal mounting point at the rear of the centre tunnel of the car body (mounting bracket part 9 as per list). Bolt the bracket down tightly, there are two small tabs on the bottom which locate into holes so everything will position firmly.

At this point I found it necessary to pad the back of the ashtray (garage door) slightly with closed cell foam [camping mat style foam] so the ashtray will be seated firmly).

Locate the clips at the front of the main Console Body into the holes in the dash and hinge the console down over the hand brake and gear levers so the holes in the rear sides of the console line up with the welded nuts on the main mounting bracket.

Using the two 6x20 bolts from B&Q, tighten the console onto the bracket ensuring the console is pushed forward as far as possible for a snug fit with the dash.

At this stage you should now attach any wiring you need to run up under the dash for lighting and/or 12 volt socket loom.

Clip the upper console panel onto the lower console starting at the front and then hinging the upper console into place pushing down firmly.



Secure the upper to the lower using a screw (1x part 17 as listed)



Attach the wiring to the front 12 volt socket (if fitted)

Fit the hand brake surround/ gaiter by sliding the gaiter over the lever and pushing the surround down from front to rear and secure with 2x part 17 to the lip of the storage tray.

Ensure the elastic ring on the gaiter is fitted cleanly into the groove on the hand brake lever handle.

The last job is to fit the gear gaiter, knob, and surround. Screw the knob firmly onto the gear lever and when tight and lined up correctly just clip the surround into place starting at the front and push the rear down to lock it into place.



Fit the gaiter securely to the lever



Fit the gear gaiter, Knob and surround

Last part is to fit the side panels, they simply clip into the slots on the side of the lower console and then screw into the same holes the old ones attached to, fit the screw hole covers and job done.

Now the finished article compared to the stock console-



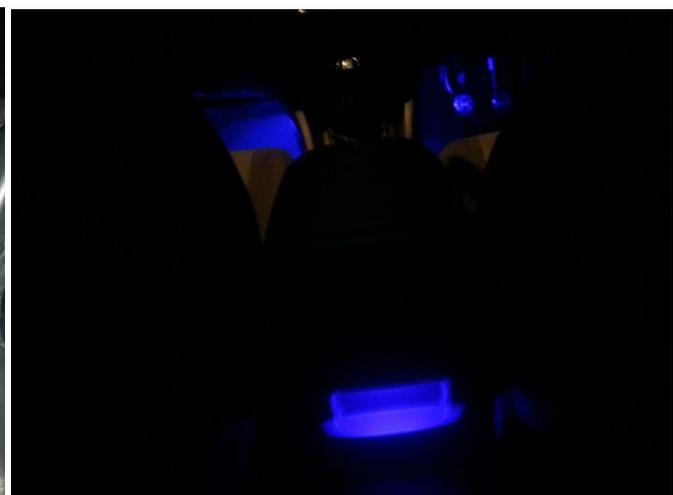
Standard MK2 Console (Stock Photo)



MK 2.5 Console (My car)



**Completed Console with added twin USB socket
For charging phones/satnavs etc.**



**Photo from rear seats showing foot well lights
And rear Blue LED strip**

[Price for all parts if purchased from Ford- £600](#)
[My costs sourcing from eBay and some parts only available from Ford - £220](#)

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