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Subject: **Headliner replaced today - Our experience**

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Message: Thought I'd share our experience changing the headliner in my 850Ci today.

Time to install: 2.5 hours

Number of dirty looks/smart a**ed comments between my husband and myself: 2

Replaced: Headliner and sunroof motor cover only.

#1 Took off all interior trim pieces. (Need T20 torx bit to take off visors and sunroof tracks.) Watch out for grease behind sunroof motor panel and light unit.

#2 Gently pull the tops of the 4 vertical side wall trim pieces away. You do not have to remove the entire piece. Be careful removing the back ones. They have a black plastic tabs on them that are easily broken. Yup, I broke one tab at the top of the rear left piece. My husband is now going to try to fiberglass a new tab in place so the trim piece will fit snugly back in place. If not I get to buy a new piece.

#3 (If not replacing sunroof panel) Slide sunroof all the way back. Remove the left and right black tracks. Once removed you'll see the 16 slots that the headliner clips snap into. Use a small screwdriver to push down on the tabs of the clips. The headliner will easily fall down once removed. You WILL break some clips. Order 16 replacement clips prior to have on hand. BMW part #51441938868. Those are the only clips we needed and they were .51 cents a piece from my local dealer.

#4 Gently pull headliner away from cloth vertical trim and remove from car.

#5 As stated in a previous post, the new headliner is not pre-cut for the review mirror wire harness or the "Oh S**t handle above the passenger door. It is however pre-marked on the back. We double checked with a templet and the holes were a perfect match. Cut out with an xacto knife.

#6 Install new clips onto headliner at sunroof hole.

#7 Order the smallest person into the back seat!

#8 With clean hands slide the new headliner into the car. Install the back end first over the metal groove above rear window. It installed right the clips by the sunroof will align with the clip holes. Snap those in place.

#9 Tuck rest of headliner under horizontal cloth trim.

#10 Snap top of vertical trim pieces back in place and all reinstall all interior trim pieces. Watch that grease above the sunroof motor and light unit when reconnecting the electric's!

#11 Lube sunroof cables using a small brush and reinstall black tracks.

#12 Clean up the mess that is now the interior of your car. The old headliner's glue was so decomposed it had turned into red dust that was all over the place.

Very easy job and the new headliner looks fantastic. No more sag! We had no need to replace the four vertical trim pieces and BMW wanted almost \$1000 for the sunroof trim panel alone. Luckily it was clean and all the pieces match the new headliner.

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