

Instructions for disassembling center console and using BMW Repair Manual

To ensure a safe installation, the center gear console must be removed from the vehicle prior to installing the Crystal Gear Shift Knob and Multimedia Controller Knob. All batteries can stay connected. [This applies to all models, model years and drivetrains](#): fully electric, plug-in hybrid, mild hybrid & gasoline-powered BMWs.

If this is not done, there is a **risk of short circuit in the gear console or the iDrive controller that may render the car unable to shift into gear** or limit the iDrive functions. This will result in an expensive repair, requiring replacement of either the gear console or the iDrive controller.

To get detailed instructions on how to disassemble the center console trim and remove the center gear console in your car, use BMW Repair Manual as described below.

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24 hours: \$30

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2. Agree to the disclaimer.
3. Click on AOS.
4. Select “Repair Manuals & Diagrams (AIR)”.
5. Click on “Start”.
6. Select vehicle, either by entering VIN or by choosing under “With basic features”.
7. Click the magnifier glass. Your vehicle is loaded.
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Note: It is not necessary to disassemble the center console to install the Crystal Start/Stop Button. Also, the Crystal Volume Button can be installed without removing the audio panel.