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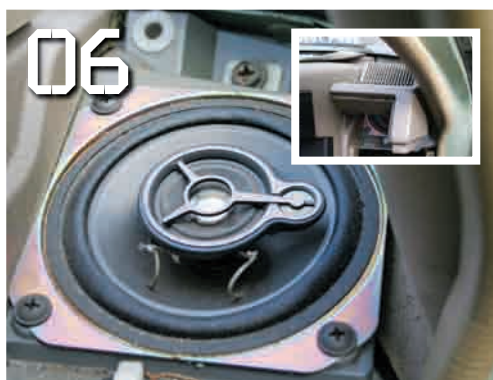
WE FIT AFTERMARKET 4IN SPEAKERS TO THE FACTORY LOCATIONS OF OUR \$150 VL

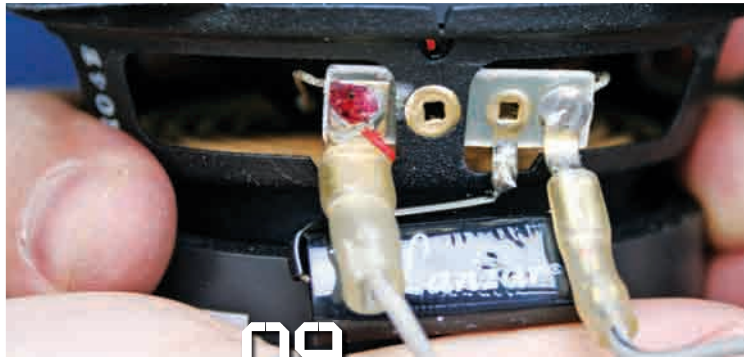
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Those who frequent our internet forum may be familiar with a certain green (well, mostly green) VL six cylinder, affectionately referred to as Shazza. My mate Chubb and I purchased Shazza for \$150 (\$75 each for those playing at home) with six weeks rego left on it for no other reason except to have a little fun. Since then it has been jumped, smoked up, raced at WSID (best time of 16.7), slept the night out the front of various licensed premises and just generally abused. Sadly, our plans to run it again at the drags, this time on the bottle, were cut tragically short by a faulty head gasket.

One thing Shazza is blessed with is a particularly stylish Daewoo detachable-face CD head unit. While obviously far superior to the factory VL head unit, we didn't feel the speakers fitted to the car were allowing the big Daewoo to flex its brutish 25Wx4 of muscle to its full extent.

As a result, we sourced a set of aftermarket 4in two-way speakers, and will now take you step by step through the installation process. If you're running an aftermarket head unit through factory front speakers, this is an ideal way to make a cheap, quick and effective upgrade to your system. *SC*





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STEP 1

Remove the upper vent by levering from the sides with a flat-blade screwdriver. There are spring-loaded catches on each side, so be gentle

STEP 2

Lever the centre section of the vent upwards with a flat-blade screwdriver. This will allow removal of the lower vent

STEP 3

Undo the two screws in the upper-inside face of the vent surround. These are accessible by putting the screwdriver through the holes in the centre section of the surround

STEP 4

Remove vent surround by pulling gently until it breaks away. Try not to smash yourself in the forehead with the surround when it suddenly comes free like Ben did

STEP 5

Using a stubby or offset Phillips-head screwdriver, remove the single screw from inside upper-metal dash section. This screw holds in the plastic speaker grille

STEP 6

Remove the speaker grille. We were very upset to see a set of Pioneer three-ways already in place. Perhaps our new speakers wouldn't actually improve the sound produced by our high-end head unit at all

STEP 7

Undo the four Philips-head screws that hold in the speaker and remove it

STEP 8

Remove the wiring from the old speaker. Here you can see the push-on connectors that were fitted to our Pioneer speakers

STEP 9

Connect the speaker wiring to the new speaker. Note the different-sized connectors and corresponding tabs on the speaker. This will ensure that the polarity is correct presuming, of course, the installer who wired in the Pioneers did it correctly

STEP 10

Place it in the speaker hole and refit the four speaker screws

STEP 11

Re-fit the plastic speaker grille and the single Phillips screw that retains it from underneath

STEP 12

Re-fit the plastic vent surround and the two screws in upper-inside face

STEP 13

Lift the centre section of the vent and re-fit lower vent

STEP 14

Clip in upper vent with the aid of a flat-blade screwdriver as shown

STEP 15

Crank it and enjoy your newfound aural experience (even if it is with a Daewoo head unit!)



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