

# FACE OF STEEL

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Want something extra special for the dash of your Commodore? Well, the answer is here

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Changing your dash face can make a distinct difference to the appearance of your car, and as you look at it so often, you'll no doubt feel differently about your car once you change it too.

For a few years you've been able to buy 'style dials' to personalise your Commodore, and soon after this innovation came luminescent dials. A new company on the block is Custom House, which has taken things a step further by manufacturing OEM-quality dial faces that operate in the same manner as your original ones. This means that once the lights are turned on, everything lights up just like the one from the factory, but with a difference.

While it is cool to change the colour and retain the factory operations, it would have

been a waste of time not to get funky with it. So, Custom House added one of the motoring after-market's favourite themes: flames. But that's not why we're here. It's actually an added bonus this time round. What we're actually showing here is how to change the face surround to the new Custom House billet surround.

Stuff pulling it out and painting it, this is a full CNC-machined piece of billet alloy made specially to fit the Commodore dash face. While we were at it, we thought we may as well throw in one of Custom House's new flamed faces to make it all that more special.

In this easy DIY feature, *Street Commodores* will show you how simple it is to swap things around for a unique and fun look for your dash.

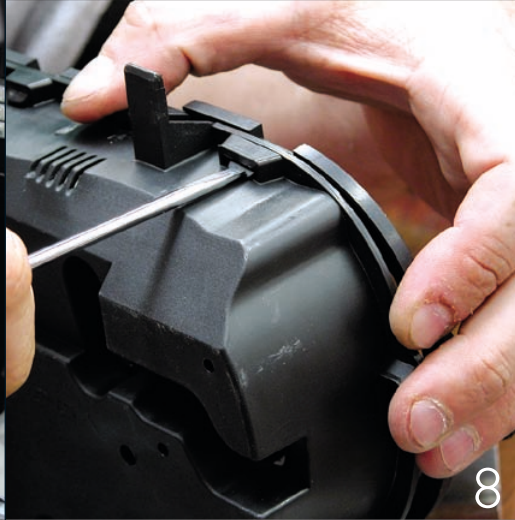
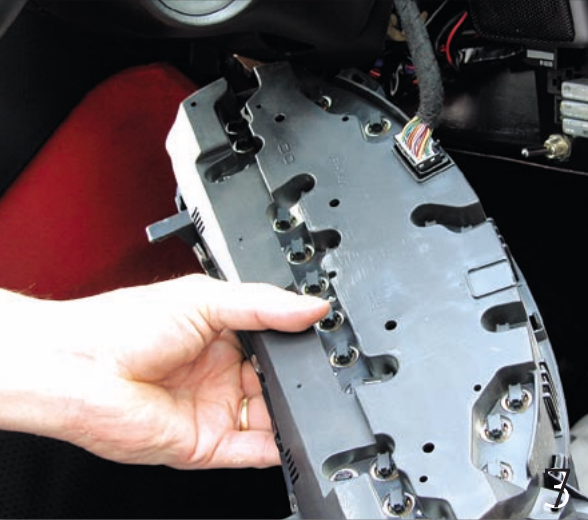
- STEP 1**  
Here are the parts we're going to fit to Project STREET. Included is the machined billet alloy surround and funky flamed dials
- STEP 2**  
These are the factory dials, and while they're a lot nicer than the boring plain black items found in the lower-spec cars, the Custom House dials we're fitting leave them for dead
- STEP 3**  
Upon flipping the under-dash panel down, two screws are revealed that secure the lower two screws of the black section. The inset image shows us unscrewing the top two screws found on the underside of the instrument cluster
- STEP 4**  
Here we are lifting the power window switch assembly up and out of the centre console cover. Once you have removed and unhooked this, lift and pull the lower section of the dash fascia from the dash





**5 STEP 5**  
With the lower section removed, now pull the top section of the dash fascia away from the dash. This is affixed only with tabs that are a push fit except for two screws located at the very bottom of the panel

**6 STEP 6**  
With the centre sections of the dash disassembled, pull the driver's side panel out and disconnect the plugs. Our Statesman dash had the clock hard wired, meaning we had to simply push the panel to one side without completely removing it from the car



**7 STEP 7**  
Two screws hold the instrument cluster in place. Unscrew these and remove the cluster. VT-VY models only have a single plug to remove: easy!

**8 STEP 8**  
A series of clips holds the front section of the cluster in place. Use a flat-blade screwdriver or something similar to remove

**9 STEP 9**  
With the front removed, you can disassemble the factory surround

**1 STEP 10**  
Here we are using a fork to gently lift each needle. The emphasis is on the word 'gently'

**1 STEP 11**  
Gently peel the original dial face from the cluster. It is held in place by a light adhesive and won't take much effort to remove



**1 STEP 12**  
Here's the cluster with new flamed dials and billet surround. You can already see how cool this is going to look. But wait until you see it light up! From here, reassemble the cluster in the reverse of how you tore it apart

**1 STEP 13**  
Reassemble the dash in the reverse order in which you tore it down. Take your time and you'll have no problem as there is only a limited number of steps involved. Once done, you can take a step back and check out your handiwork. NICE!

