



**Application:** 1970-1977 C3 Corvette

**602-069, 602-071**

**Part Includes**

1 - Upper Dash Pad

## Upper Main Dash Pad



**Tools Needed**



Every effort has been made to ensure the highest possible quality in regard to the color, fit, texture, appearance and longevity of this Dash Pad. The construction of the pad incorporates many improvements over the original pad and will significantly add to the appearance of your Corvette for years to come.

### A. REMOVAL OF ORIGINAL UPPER MAIN DASH PAD

**STEP 1.**

Inspect the new dash pad you have received. It should be the correct year and color for your Corvette.

**STEP 2.**

On 1970-76 Corvettes it will be necessary to remove the sunvisors from the vehicle because the outer support rod for the sunvisor attaches to the top of the pillar posts. Remove the windshield pillar posts from each side of the windshield. Remove the screws that retain the pillar posts to the windshield frame and then pull the top of the post toward the center of the car to disengage the fasteners on the back of the post. Then lift the post up to free it from the dash pad.

**STEP 3.**

Remove the 5 screws from the small gauge bezel that attach the bezel to the dash pads, two on the left side that go into the drivers side pad, two on the right side that go into the passenger side pad, and one on the top that goes into the main dash pad.

**STEP 4.**

Remove the two screws from the right edge of the passenger side dash pad.

**STEP 5.**

Remove the three screws across the top of the passenger side dash pad.

**STEP 6.**

Remove the three screws that retain the lower steering column cover and remove this cover.

**STEP 7.**

Remove the two screws from the left edge of the driver side dash pad.

**STEP 8.**

Remove the three screws from the top edge of the driver side dash pad.

**STEP 9.**

With all of the screws removed from the lower dash pads, you will be able to move them to gain access to the underside of the upper dash pad. Remove the two screws that go through the metal dash pad supports and into the pad in the middle of the underside of the pad.



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### **STEP 10.**

Carefully disconnect the speakers from the radio by separating the plastic connectors on each speaker wire.

### **STEP 11.**

Slide the dash pad as far to the passenger side as possible. Gently apply pressure to the middle of the pad to bow it just enough to gain clearance to remove the driver side end first, then remove the pad from the car.

## **B. TRANSFER OF DEFROSTER VENT AND SPEAKERS**

### **STEP 1.**

Turn the original dash pad upside down on a padded work surface and remove the four screws that secure the defroster vent to the pad. With these screws removed, the defroster vent can be taken out of the pad.

### **STEP 2.**

Note the six metal brackets along the rear edge of your original dash pad. Each bracket will have a small clip attached to it that acts as a nut for the screw that holds the lower dash pads to the upper. These six clips must be transferred to the metal brackets on your new dash pad.

### **STEP 3.**

Remove the three screws from each end of the dash pad that secure the speakers and speaker retaining brackets to the dash pad.

### **STEP 4.**

Place the defroster vent in position on your new dash pad and replace the four retaining screws.

### **STEP 5.**

Place each speaker and speaker retaining bracket in position at the ends of the new dash pad and replace the three retaining screws in each.

## **C. INSTALLATION OF THE PAD IN THE CAR**

### **STEP 1.**

Place the passenger side end of the dash pad in position in the car. Gently apply pressure to the middle of the pad to bow it just enough to gain clearance to slip the driver side end into position. Center the pad and slide it into position. Be sure the metal brackets on the front of the pad catch on the lip under the windshield.

### **STEP 2.**

Connect the speakers to the radio by pushing the plastic connectors on each speaker wire back together.

### **STEP 3.**

Replace the two screws in the middle of the underside of the dash that go through the metal dash pad supports and into the dash pad.

### **STEP 4.**

Place the driver side lower dash pad in position. Replace three screws across the top and two screws along the left edge.

### **STEP 5.**

Place the lower steering column cover in position and replace the three retaining screws.

### **STEP 6.**

Place the passenger side lower dash pad in position. Replace the three screws across the top and the two screws along the right edge.

### **STEP 7.**

Replace the 5 screws in the small bezel.

### **STEP 8.**

Replace the windshield pillar posts by putting the lower end in place and then pushing the top into position. Replace the screws that hold the pillar posts.



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### **STEP 9.**

Replace the sunvisors if your Corvette is a 1970-76 model year.

This completes the installation of your new Upper Main Dash Pad. We hope you enjoy the fine appearance of your new dash pad and the improvement it brings to the interior of your Corvette for years to come.