

75ZT Community

Footwell courtesy lights..... By Baconbuttyman

Firstly you will need a set of suitable lights for the job, I chose side repeater indicators, with clear bulbs, not the yellow ones.

Secondly, you will need to find a location for your lights, I decided to place in the plastic on the outer wall of the foot well, these simply pull off, Although you need to be a little careful of the drivers side due to the location of the boot and bonnet catches

Tools needed, wire cutters, wire, insulation tape, Dremmel or similar. Philips and flat blade driver and a glue gun

First step

Change the yellow bulbs to white ones, the bulb holder simply twist then pull, the bulbs pull out of the holders.



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Secondly, check they work; I wired them up to a battery charger.



Now go and unclip one side of the cars plastic fascia in the foot well, I found the best place for the light was just above half way on the fascia.

Using your chosen cutting tool, carefully cut a rectangle shape, start with a smaller hole than you need, that way you can make adjustments easily



when your light sits in snugly, sand all the plastic bares away and if you are happy with the position of the light, if you notice, on the light there is a clip on one end and guides on the other, the end with the guides needs to be thinner so they slide in place, the clip on the other then can be bulled over the back of the fascia plate, then when it in place, use the hot glue gun to secure it.

If you do the hole slightly too big, then don't worry, the light surround should hide any imperfections.

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Now you can either wire this side up, or do the other light now. If you do, the process is the same, as is the wiring.

Go to your car ready for wiring.

There are two wires from the lights, one to be live and the other earth, they are colour coded but with lamps, it doesn't really matter.

Take the black wire and earth it to one of the bolt you can see in the foot well behind where the fascia is to go, you probably will need to extend the wire, standard car stereo speaker cable if good enough for this.

Warning: - I would mention for cars with fitted curtain airbags it might well be an idea to disconnect the battery and allow the SRS system to power down before removing the "A" pillar trim covers, better to be safe than sorry. Othanks to j1mbo for reminding me)

the live wire needs to be lined up to the overhead courtesy light. Before you extend the live wire, remove the A-pillar trim and place to one side (A-pillar trim unclips with a firm tug outwards)

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Thread the live wire down the gap at the base of the A pillar, generally the wire will appear at the bottom in the foot well, but some times loses its way, so try again, a little patients is needed here.



When the wire does appear, you can connect it to the light, you can replace this fascia back into place now, thread the wire up the A pillar to the roof lining, slide inside the roof lining and take to the courtesy light.

You now need to remove the courtesy light, take a thin blade and slide it into the Perspex part and prize that out, this will reveal the bulb and fixing screws, take the screws out and pull the whole thing down wards, should clip out.

Un clip the wires and place the light to one side.

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The live wire you need is in the connector block, how you connect to it is up to you, I simply piggy backed it thru the rear of the connector and taped it in place. The end purple and white wire is the one I used, you can test it first with one of the lights if you wish, earth it first, then when it lights up, that is the live you need.



You can place one wire in the connector block and then connect the two live wires from the footwell lights the one wire.

That's it, your first side connected, you can test it by opening the door the other side is exactly the same.

Although I will say if you did the passenger side first then Basically the drivers side is the same as the passenger side, except for the boot release and the bonnet release, the bonnet release is not actually connected to the cover but the boot release is, once the cover is pulled away slightly, lift the bonnet release to manoeuvre the cover off the bonnet release, the boot release is connected to a wire, simply un-clip the wire and that's it. The cover can now be removed .

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