

987.1 Rear Bumper Cover Removal

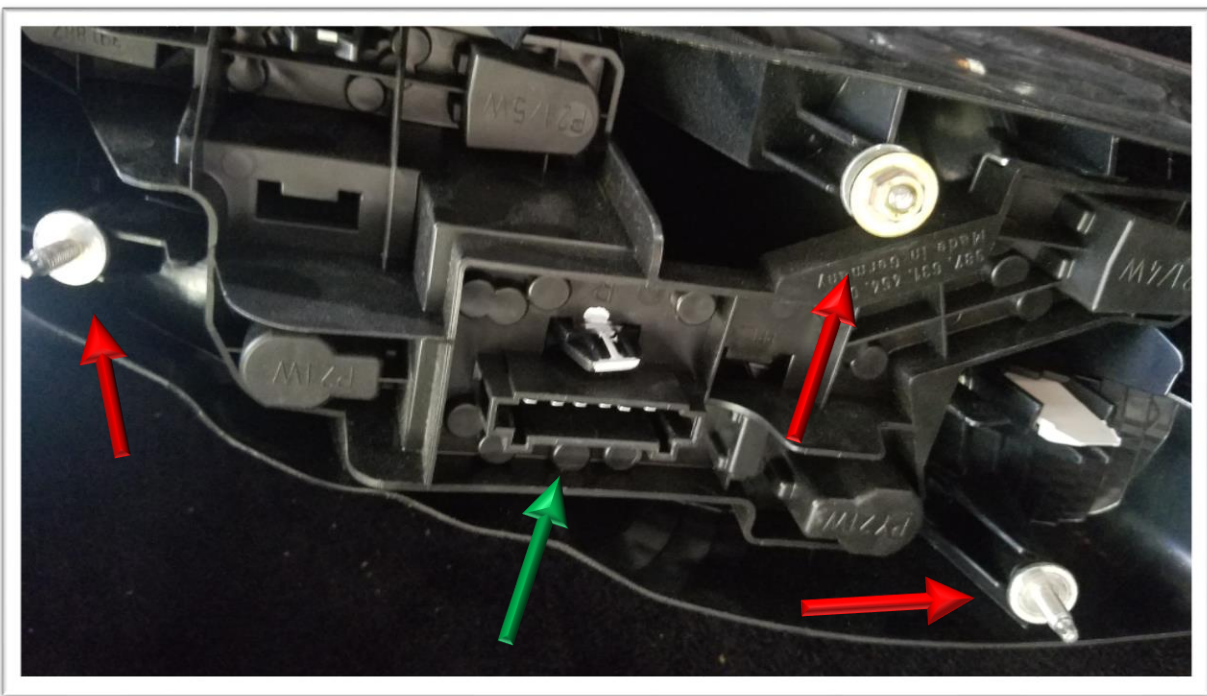
TOOLS NEEDED:

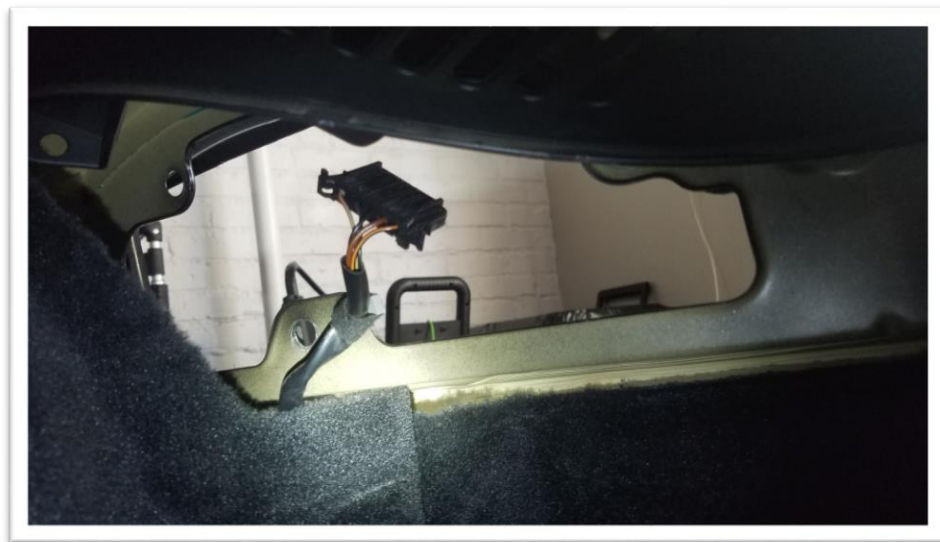
- TORX socket and screwdriver (T30, T20)
- Metric 13 Deep Socket and short extension
- Metric 11 Box End Wrench

ADDITIONAL TOOLS FOR BUMPERETTE REMOVAL:

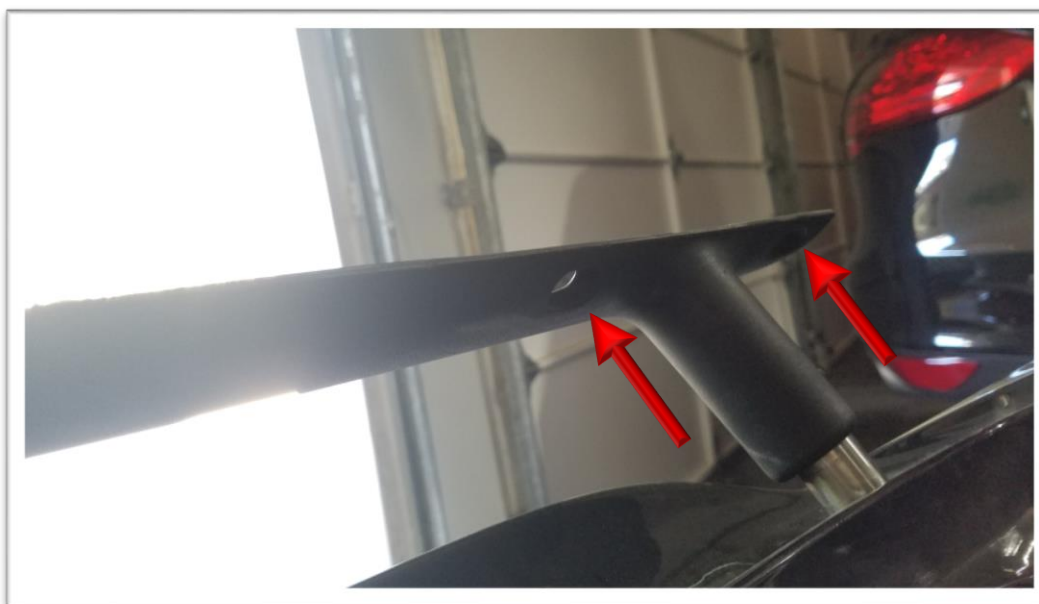
- Drill with 3/8 drill bit
- Hammer and small punch

STEP 1: Open rear hatch to engine compartment and remove plastic trim covering the tail light housings via the plastic twist clip. Next unplug the wiring harness from both tail lights and use the 11mm Box End Wrench to remove the six nuts holding in the tail lights. **(Fig.1)** Carefully push the tail light housing out of the bumper. **(Fig.2)**





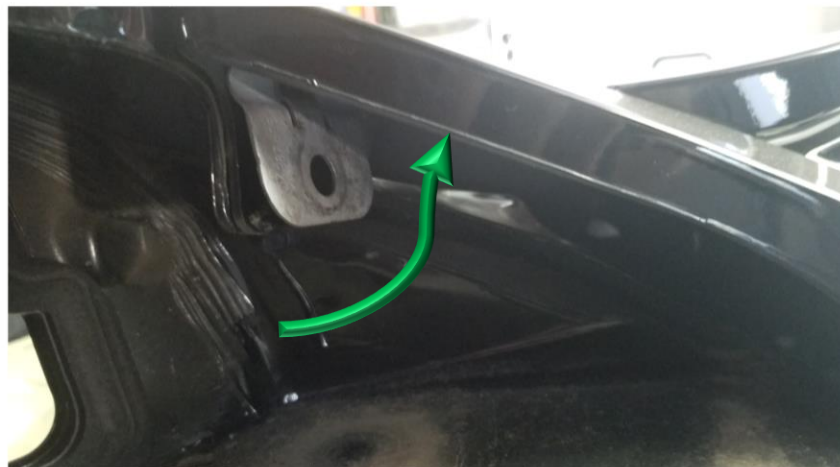
STEP 2: Manually raise the spoiler and leave in the extended position for the time being. Using the T20 socket remove the spoiler cover by extracting the torx bolts from the bottom front side of the spoiler. **(Fig.3)** Remove the spoiler cover by sliding toward the rear of the vehicle. Next remove the two nuts connecting the spoiler base to the uprights using the 11mm Deep Socket. **(Fig.4)** Remove base and set aside. Now you may lower the spoiler.





STEP 3: Locate and remove the two T30 bolts securing the bumper inside the tail light cavity. **(Fig.5)** The inner-most bolt will have a plate-washer under the bolt to be removed. Simply pull upward from the bottom and slide to the rear of the vehicle to remove. **(Fig.6,7,8)**





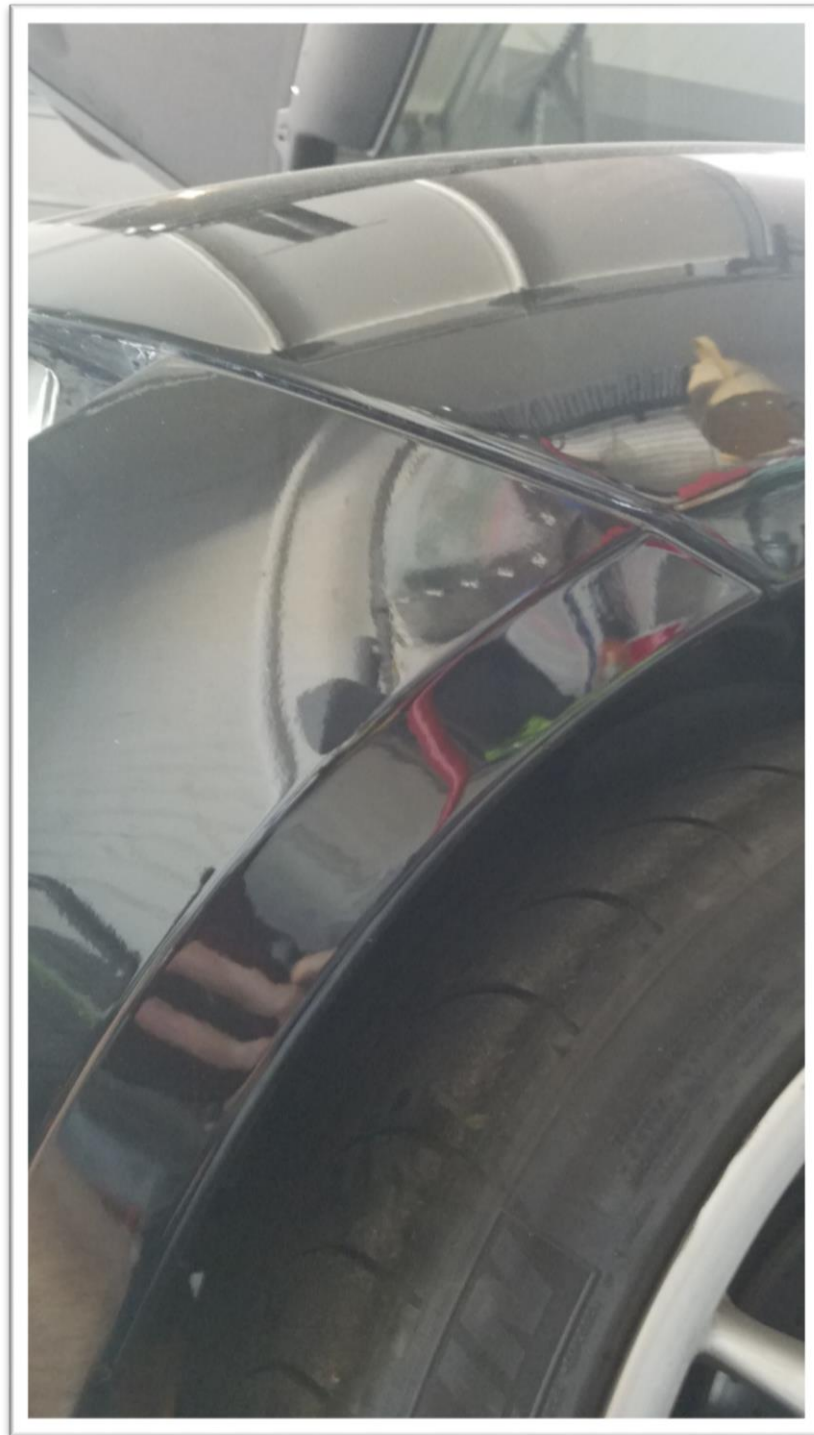
STEP 4: Raising the rear of the vehicle will assist in the removal of the final bolts but is not necessary. Locate the T30 bolt toward the top of the rear wheel well where the bumper and rear fender meet. Using the T30 screw driver or socket and extension remove this bolt and note the angle for reassembly. (Fig.9) Next, on the bottom side of the outer most edge of the bumper locate and remove the two T30 bolts. (Fig.10)

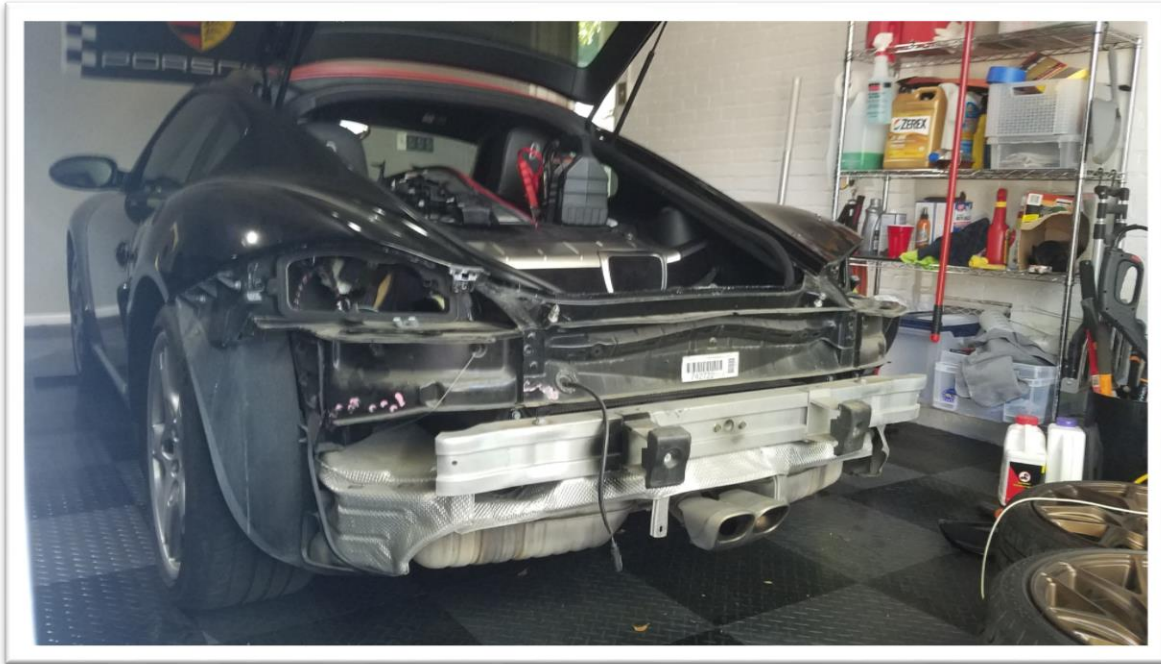


STEP 5: The final two T30 bolts are located on either side of the exhaust tip inside the bumper.
(Fig.11)



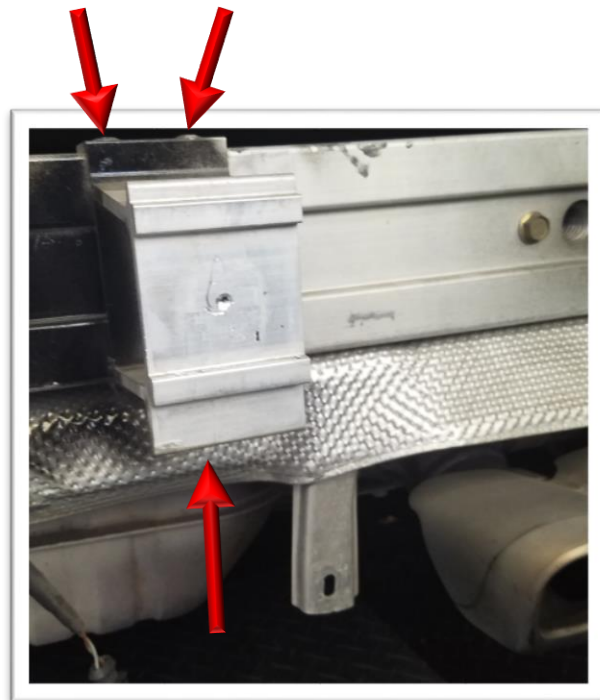
STEP 6: Now that all the fasteners are removed the bumper cover can be removed. Start by pulling the bumper where it meets the fenders on the wheel arch toward the side of the vehicle. **(Fig.12)** After both sides are unhooked pull from the top center of the bumper over the spoiler uprights, be cautious not to over flex the bumper. Set the bumper right behind the vehicle and disconnect the license plate wiring. **(Fig.13)**





PART 2 (Removing bumperettes and installing delete panel)

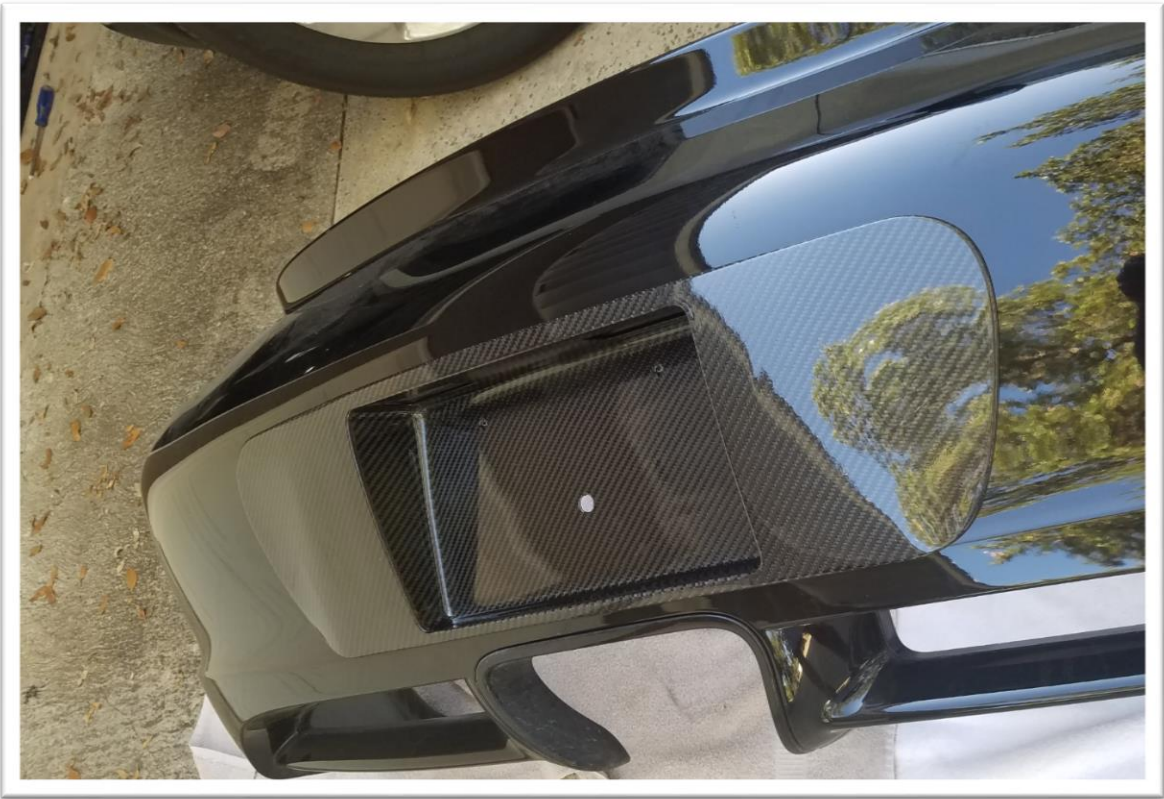
STEP 1: Using a drill and a 3/8" drill bit, drill the 3 rivets until the head of the rivet disconnects. Located two on top and one on bottom. After the heads are removed the body of the rivet may be pushed out using a hammer and small punch.



STEP 2: Remove the bumperettes from the bumper cover by prying up the retaining clip on the inside of the bumper and pressing the cover out.



STEP 3: Clean thoroughly and apply 3M double sided tape to the top and bottom of the license plate holder. Next align and install license plate with the bumperette delete panel underneath.



STEP 4: Lastly, re-install the rear bumper cover in reverse order of disassembly. Install all bumper fasteners before tightening. Re-install tail lights and check the gap between tail light and fender before tightening.



Before



After

