

Dash Pad – Type 3

Part No. MB4441



This dash pad is made for 1971–1973 cars, but it can also be fitted to 1961–1970 dashes. Besides the visual differences, the main difference is how the pad attaches.

Original 1961–1970 pads have securing tabs along the edge closest to the windshield. In 1971 the factory added a metal pocket in that area and removed the tabs: the entire leading edge slips into the pocket and is held without screws. On an earlier car there is no pocket, so you secure the pad with screws instead, as described below.

Before you start

- Work on a warm day, in the sun. A warm pad is more flexible and much less likely to split.
- You will need a drill with a small pilot bit, large-head self-tapping screws, spray silicone, and black paint for the screw heads.
- The windshield must be out of the car for step 4.



Large-head screws securing the leading edge on an earlier car. Paint the heads black so they blend in with the pad.

Installation

- 1** Install the gauges. Starting on the left, fit the speedometer, then the other two gauges. The plastic rings are no longer needed, but keep the spring ring on each gauge. A little spray silicone helps them slide in. Don't push them all the way in yet; you'll seat them in step 5.
- 2** Fit the grab handle. Gently work the pad toward the right until the grab handle lines up, then fit and secure it.
- 3** Secure the corners. Drill a pilot hole through the securing tab at each end, left and right, and fasten each with a large-head self-tapping screw. Snug them only: overtightening will split the pad.
- 4** Secure the leading edge. With the windshield out, drill about 5 evenly spaced pilot holes along the leading edge and install screws the same way as in step 3.
- 5** Seat the gauges. Push each gauge in until it is flush and its securing clips expand behind the dash. The gauges only make a proper ground once the clips have expanded.
- 6** Paint the screw heads. Paint the screw heads black so they blend in with the pad. It's easiest to paint them before installing and touch them up afterward.