This is the Second Step- (If Binnacle Removal only go to Step 3)

Now the lower trim panel and the glove box are out of the car the passenger airbag can now be removed.

There are a total of 9 or 11 Fasteners (9 on this panel directly and 2 or none on others -see GPS note below-) along with 8 snap in pins (6 on this panel and 2 on sun sensor cover that is detailed below) and one connector (air bag) that needs to be removed. You could possibly only remove and / or only have 9 fasteners as two fasteners hold the GPS antenna. I am not sure if this bracket is fitted on cars with out GPS, but if fitted removing its 2 fasteners will make the removal of the panel easier as it will allow for easier lifting of the snap in pins.

Remove the sun sensor cover by placing a piece of tape on the metal grill just to the side of it as to not scratch anything. This cover will have 2 snap in pins at the very front (closest to windshield) on each side. Use a tool and pry straight up. When the pins are loose push the cover towards the windshield to disengage the 2 slide in pins from the cover. You don't need to disconnect it. There is enough wire to move it to the side. (Pics. 1-5)

With the sun sensor cover removed you will be able to look through the windshield and see 2 or 4 (pending GPS fitments) Allen head screws. You will need to remove these. I found a old school Allen wrench to be helpful due to the space constraints next to the windshield. (Pic. 6)

Due to the multiple views shown below I have numbered the fasteners 1-7. #2 and #3 are very easy to see and they are silver w/ a 10mm head. These are the only two horizontal fasteners. A long extension and a 1/4" drive works well. The remaining 5 are a bit more tricky and require some skill. 3 are in / under the satellite connector, and 2 are hidden in pockets in the plastic dashboard support (Pic. 7-16).

#1 above the CD player is the hardest and I used a 1/4" hex bit with a 3mm Allen in a shallow bit holder that fits on a 1/4" drive ratchet with a 2" extension. (See Pic. 22)

See notes on pictures about screw lengths as they vary.

Now is a good time to disconnect the air bag connector. No tools are needed for this. You pull the spring clip back, while holding back pull the connector apart.

After all fasteners are removed you will need to carefully remove the remaining 6 snap in pins. I have labeled them A through F. (Pics. 17-20)

It helps to have a long screw driver to "help" pop the pins up as numbers D through F could break off with out the "help".

You can now lift the air bag panel straight up. It is not hard, but it has some weight to it. Be careful as to not scratch the carbon fiber or aluminum pieces. All connections should be undone as the air bag connector was the only one on this piece.

A few tips on reassembly-

The panel seems to fall in place pretty easy. You will not need to force anything.

I found it easier to reattach the GPS bracket before anything else goes on. With that said make sure the metal tab next to the windshield by the sun sensor cover slides into the GPS bracket. (See Picture 8).

Note the location of the pins and press them down firmly before installing any fasteners. Always start all fasteners first the come back and tighten them as to make sure the alignment is proper. Again don't over tighten and pay attention to the length.

Plug in Air Bag connector and put it back in its holder (Pics. 9 & 21)











































