



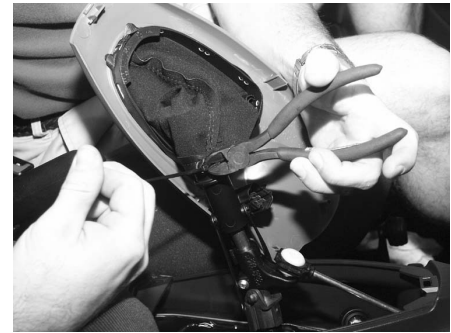
M-7210-Z3A Focus Tri-Ax/F Shifter (fits Focus built after April 2002) INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:



- STEP 1:** Place the shifter in Reverse and set the parking brake.
- STEP 2:** Unscrew the shift knob and remove the spring and rubber grommet that are underneath.
- STEP 3:** Lift up the console center plate and shift boot. The center plate just snaps into position. A careful tug upward will disconnect it from the rest of the console.
- STEP 4:** Unplug the traction control wiring, if so equipped.
- STEP 5:** Lift the center plate and boot up over the top of the shifter, so you can see the bottom side of the boot. Cut the plastic zip tie (cable tie) that holds the boot to the reverse lock. Remove the console plate and boot.

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- STEP 6:** Disconnect the upper shift cable from the shifter by prying it off with a screwdriver.
- STEP 7:** Remove the 4 Phillips-head screws from the shifter base.
- STEP 8:** Tilt the shift lever to the left and lift it up to remove it from the shifter base.



- STEP 9:** Insert the new shifter into the base: Tilt the lever to the left and insert the short side-arm into the hole in the lever on the drivers side. Line up the flat side of the pivot cup with the flat spot on the shifter base and push the shifter down into the pocket.
- STEP 10:** Install the 4 Phillips-head screws that hold the shifter top to the shifter base.
- STEP 11:** Snap the upper shift cable into place on the new shift lever.
- STEP 12:** Remove the leather boot from the console cover plate. On the bottom of the plate, push in on the back side of the boot and pop the retention tab past the opening in the console plate. Then pull the boot out of the console plate.

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- STEP 13:** Trim the front of the plastic ring around the leather boot with a pair of wire cutters, as shown in the pictures. This is done to prevent the shift boot from interfering with the raised shift cable on the new shifter.
- Remove the front staple and trim back the bottom edge of the leather boot with a pair of sharp scissors or exacto knife. Be careful not to cut too much off. Leave the two holes in the boot intact, so the boot will still be held in place by plastic tabs.
 - Cut the plastic down as much as possible without removing the two plastic tabs that hold the boot to the console plate. Cut down an area about 2¼ inches wide, between the two staples on the sides.

STEP 14: Reinstall the boot into the console plate.

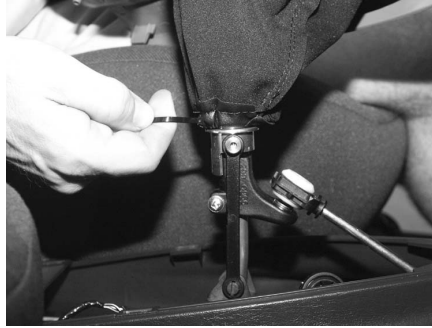
STEP 15: Snap the console cover plate into position and move the shifter through the gears to check for interference with the shift cable. If necessary, remove the shift boot and trim it some more.

Note: On the cars we tested, the modified shift boot fit without interference, but was very close. If you have an interference problem on your car that can't be fixed by trimming the boot, the console can be raised slightly for more clearance. To do this, remove the screws under the front cup holders and pull the console up enough to insert a washer underneath it on each side. Reinstall the screws through the center of the washers to keep them in place.



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- STEP 16:** Pull the console center plate and shift boot back up over the top of the shifter. Install the new zip tie (supplied) into the shift boot.
- STEP 17:** Install the boot over the reverse lock and pull the zip tie tight to attach it to the bottom groove.
- STEP 18:** Plug in the cigarette lighter wiring harness and snap the console plate back into position.
- STEP 19:** Install the spring and rubber grommet on the shift lever, with the rubber on the bottom. Install the shift knob.

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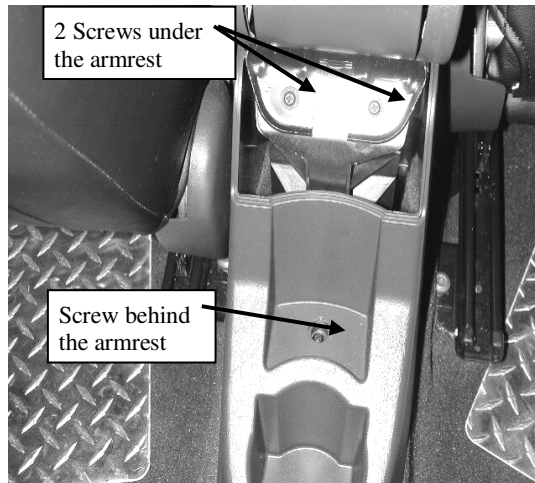
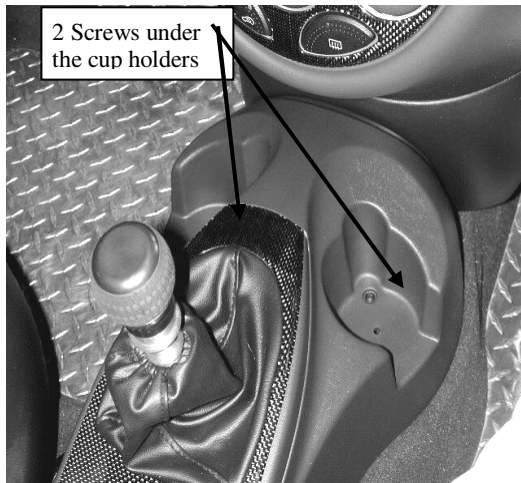
Supplemental Instructions:

The instructions for the Focus Bottom Pivot shifter tell you to remove the cover plate from the center of the console. Some cars do not have this removable center plate.

With your fingers pressed into the shifter boot so they reach under the console, give a sharp tug upward. If the console center plate does not come out, your console is the one-piece design and you will have to remove the whole center console. **DO NOT TRY TO PRY THE COVER PLATE LOOSE WITH A SCREWDRIVER.** You may scratch the console, and it will not come apart if it is the one-piece design

To remove the entire console:

- a) Remove the shift knob
- b) Remove the cup holders in front of the shifter. Underneath there are two phillips screws. Remove them both.
- c) From the back seat, remove the cover behind and under the armrest. There are two screws under this cover that secure the armrest. Remove the screws and armrest.
- d) Behind the armrest is a small cover with a screw under it. Pry the hook out with a dentist's pick. Remove the screw.
- e) Pull the parking brake up fully.
- f) Lift the center console up. Pull boot off of the parking brake lever. Cut the plastic zip tie holding the shift boot to the reverse lock. Unplug any wires that might be connected to the console. Now remove the center console.



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