

Towing Mirror Upgrade

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The factory mirrors installed on 3rd generation Dodge trucks suck. The small mirrors are absolutely horrible and the factory flip-style "towing" mirrors aren't much better. Specifically, the spot mirror is way too small to see anything. That's why I decided to upgrade to a set of telescopic Trailer Tow Mirrors from www.TTT-mirror.com. The instructions that come with the mirrors are some of the best I have ever received with a product, so this article is not going to be a complete how-to on the replacement. I'll cover some of the basics and give before and after pictures so you can decide if the upgrade was worth it or not.

The mirrors I received are a direct replacement to the factory towing mirrors. In other words, they are power and heated but do not have the lights. I sort of want the lights now that they're on the truck so I might try to see if it's possible to upgrade later on. These mirrors were purchased second hand but they're still in very good shape.

Old



New



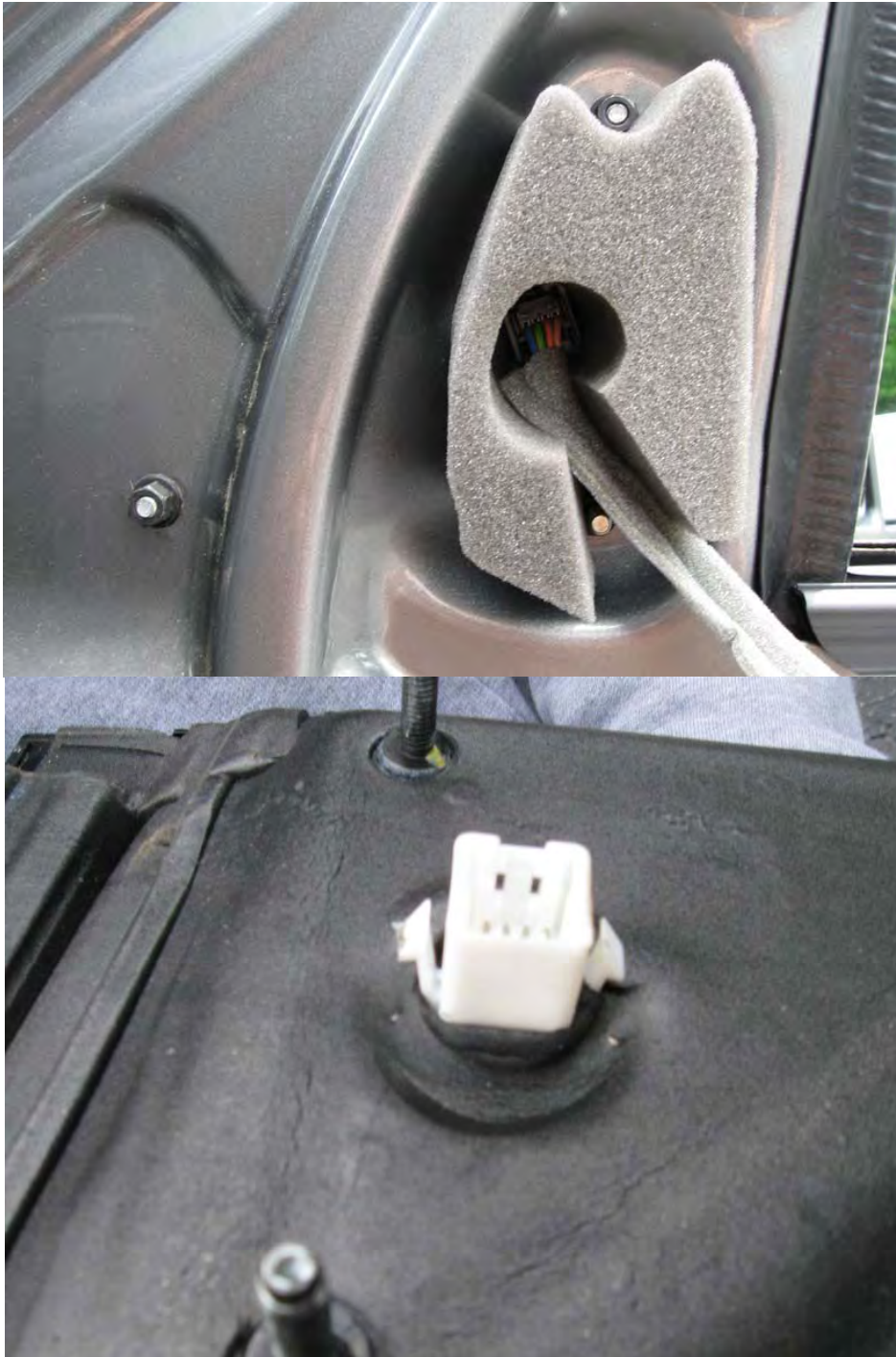
Tools required for this procedure:

- #2 Phillips Screwdriver
- Flat Screwdriver
- T-30 Torx Socket
- 10mm Socket and Ratchet

Step 1: Remove door panel. There are 4 Phillips screws and 1 torx bolt (back of door handle) that need to be removed. The window switch panel just pops out when you stick a screwdriver under it. Unplug the harness while it's loose. Then the door panel slides up to release the hooks holding it in place.



Step 2: Remove the mirror. Unclip the wiring harness and remove the three 10mm nuts holding the mirror in place. Be sure to have somebody hold the mirror on the outside so it doesn't fall. The plug also has clips on either side of it that holds it in the door frame. They need to be pressed in with a flat screwdriver while the mirror is pulled from the outside.



Step 3: Put the foam gasket on the new mirror and install the mirror in the exact opposite way the old one came off. I had to trim a little off of the gasket because the new base is a little smaller than the stock one. Then plug in the wiring harness. Test the power before you put the door panel back on.



Step 4: Re-install the door panel. Install the 4 Phillips screws before you install the torx bolt holding the handle on. Enjoy the new mirrors.

Comparison Pictures: Note how much more you can see with the new spot mirrors.

Before



After



