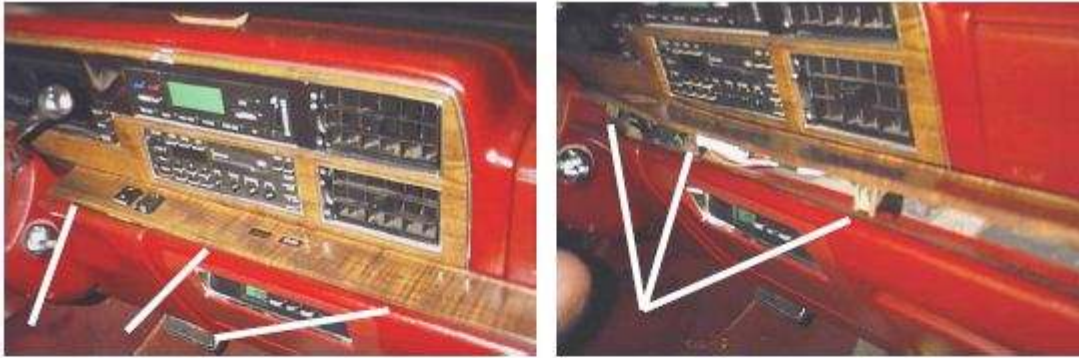


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STEP 1:

To remove the radio, three (3) dash panels must be removed. The first two are horizontal panels on the left and right sides of the steering wheel. The left panel is directly below the headlight switch. The right panel is directly below the radio and runs all the way to the passengers door. These panels simple snap into the dash. With a flat head screw driver or other flat object, gently pry the panel up, slowly releasing each clip. Be careful, the clips in older vehicles that have never had these panels removed may be hard to unclip. Once these two lower horizontal panels have been removed, the third panel can be removed in STEP 2.



STEP 2:

The third panel is secured at the bottom with five (5) phillips screws. Three (3) phillips screws on the right side at the bottom of the panel hidden underneath the right side horizontal snap panel. Two (2) phillips screws on the left side at the bottom of the panel hidden underneath the left side horizontal snap panel. Remove all five phillips screws.

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STEP 3:

The upper part of the upper dash panel is secured with snaps on the top and sides of the panel. You can unsnap the panel with the same flat head screw driver as with the lower horizontal snap dash panels. Firmly begin to unsnap the upper left and right corners of the dash. Once the dash has been loosened, you can pull the panel with your hands to free it from the dash. There will be wires attached to gauges which are attached to the panel. For best results, angle the dash out of the way of the radio area, but you do not have to unclip the wires attached to the panel.



STEP 4:

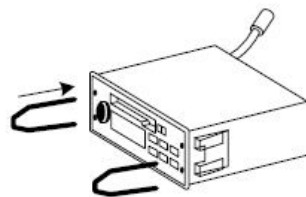
Once you angle the dash out of the way of the radio, you will be able to see the radio and air conditioner controls. The radio is secured to the dash by clips on the side of the radio located behind the plastic of the dash. Ford radio removal keys can be used to remove the radio. You will notice 2 holes on each side of the radio. Each hole represents the upper and lower part of a clip on each side of the radio. A simple clothes hanger can improvise as a Ford Radio Key. Cut the clothes hanger 8-10 inches and bend in the middle in the shape of a "U". Insert the ends into the holes to free each end separately. (See Below)

STEP 5:

Once the radios clips have been pushed in, the radio can be pulled from the dash. With your hands, grab the sides of the radio and pull hard. The radio fit is tight and might require a very firm pull to free the radio from the dash. Unplug all wires and the antenna cable from the rear of the radio.

Removing Ford Radios Using "U" Shaped Removal Keys

Insert the "U" shaped keys into the holes as shown in the diagram. Coat hangers can be cut and bent into shape for a quick, cheap replacement or alternative when Ford keys are not available.



In order for the radio to be removed, clips attached to the side of the radio must be moved inward so the radio can slide out of the dash. Insert the keys and push each key out, away from the radio. The ends of the keys will press into the clips. While pushing the keys outward, pull and the radio should slide forward out of the dash.

