

Technical Tips No.2

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Dashboard switches

Dashboard switches can sometimes be a problem. Either you want to take a switch out but the retaining ring is too tight to undo or, alternatively, you cannot tighten the retaining ring sufficiently to stop a switch from working loose.

The default option is often to use a pair of pliers. The consequence of this is that the chromed retaining ring is permanently marked and the dashboard can also get scratched.

To avoid these problems, and in the absence of the proper tool, I have shaped a piece of toughened wire as shown below. Its prongs fit in the diametrically opposed holes of the retaining ring and the handle provides plenty of purchase for tightening/untightening the ring. The wire I used was 1.6mm dia gas welding rod. A bicycle spoke would be equally suitable. This simple tool will accommodate various retaining ring diameters, e.g. the lights switch and the ignition switch.

