

Stock Spoiler Removal Tips

Greetings! The stock G8 spoiler commonly breaks off on these cars due to faulty plastic welding, poor design, and age. **G8 Designs** can repair them, if you have both spoiler parts!

This is a simple guide for our customers who have to remove the stock G8 spoiler to send it in to us for repair work. The spoiler is held onto the trunklid with a plastic mounting structure underneath the decorative outer shell. This plastic structure is held onto the metal trunk lid with 2 special threaded studs/nuts (one on each end) and 5 yellow plastic push fasteners, as well as strips of double-sided adhesive.

To remove the spoiler / structure, you'll need a few tools. Here's what we recommend, but you may have some other tools that will substitute...

Recommended Tools

Long bent-nose needlenose pliers

Used for squeezing push fasteners in tight spaces of trunk lid



Common heat gun

Used for heating plastic push fasteners to soften them for removal



Plastic pry tools



(won't mar painted surfaces)



Ratchet with 10mm socket



Roll of butyl rubber sealant cord

Commonly found in auto parts stores, online/Ebay sellers, & local glass shops. It's for sealing trunk lid holes from water intrusion while spoiler is off the car and many other G8 uses!

Denatured Alcohol

Used for cleaning adhesive glue from spoiler area after removal



Step 1: CLEAN the trunk/spoiler area of dirt and grime!

You'll be prying and working around your rear spoiler, so make sure the car is clean. You don't want to grind sand or dirt into your paintwork while removing the spoiler!

Step 2: Remove the carpeted trunk liner

It's just held in place with a few black plastic push fasteners, so carefully pry them out and remove the carpeted trunk liner.



Step 3: Remove 2 Nuts

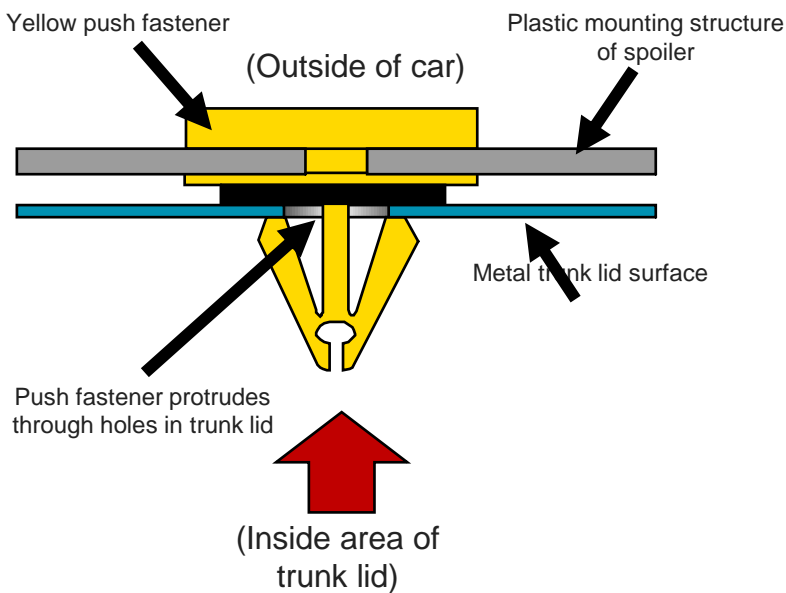
The G8 stock spoiler has TWO special threaded studs and nuts, one on each end. It's common for them to be stuck to the plastic; if so you can leave them in place.



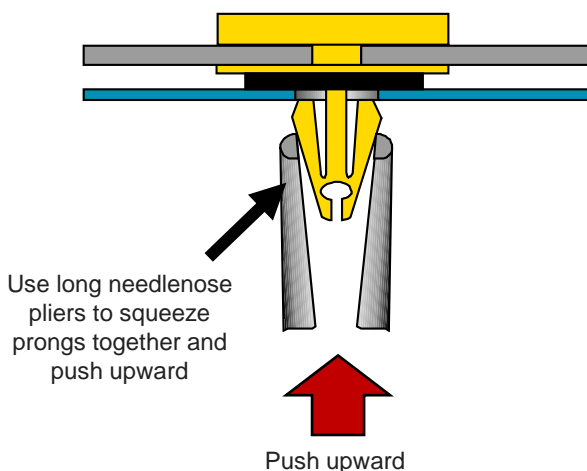
NOTE: these special metric studs are discontinued, & costly to replace, so don't lose them or the nuts!

Step 4: Locate & Remove Yellow Fasteners

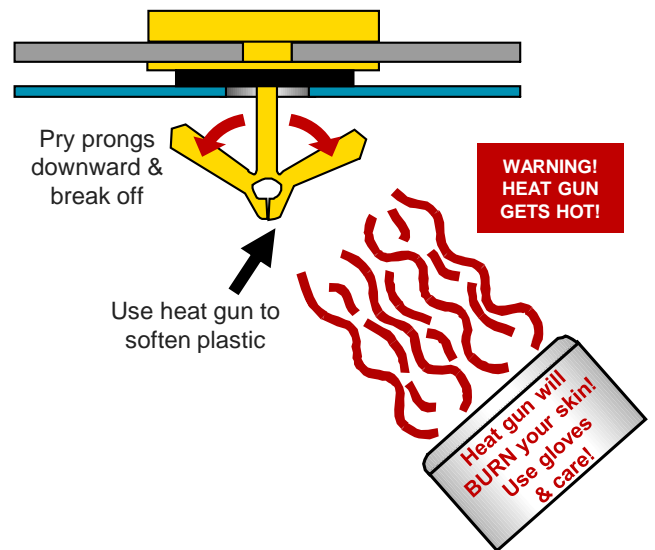
There are 5 yellow push fasteners across the middle of the spoiler. They protrude through the holes in the trunk lid and you'll see them when you look inside the trunk lid structure. Some are easy to access, and others are hard!



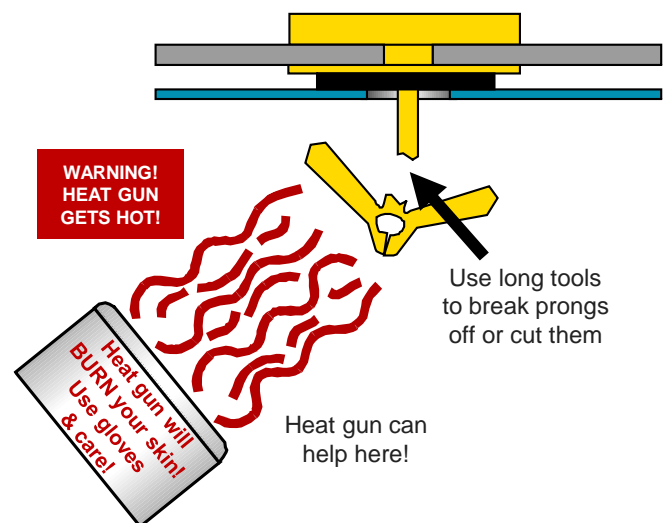
Method 1: Squeeze & Push UP



Method 2: Heat & Pull Prongs



Method 3: Cut Prongs



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Step 5: Clean adhesive glue & seal holes

Use denatured alcohol or similar on soft cloths to clean adhesive residue from spoiler area after parts are removed. Then apply small blobs of butyl rubber sealant to holes to keep out rainwater temporarily while spoiler is being repaired.

If you can't find butyl sealant on a roll, you can alternately use duct tape or gorilla tape to seal the holes. They'll leave sticky residue, so you'll have to clean that up when ready to put the spoiler back on.



Step 6: Carefully package spoiler parts for shipment to G8 Designs

You'll want to carefully package your spoiler parts (outer shell and inner mounting structure) and ship them to G8 Designs for repair. We find that most UPS Stores and similar pack and ship places can supply a long narrow box for shipment. Wrap the parts in bubble wrap to prevent breakage or shipping damage. Mark it FRAGILE DO NOT CRUSH!



48" x 6" x 6"

Generally, using UPS, shipping a spoiler is around \$15 or less, depending on distance to Florida. US Postal Service can ship them too, but rates on large or irregular items like this have shot up in 2022!

Ship your spoiler to:

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Tallahassee, FL 32312

Let us know if any questions arise.

Sincerely,
Steve

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