

CLK550 LED License Plate Light Module Install

1. Optionally remove trunk bumper stops
 - a. I don't think this is really necessary, but it makes it easier to remove the trunk liner.
 - b. Photo # 1
2. Remove screws securing trunk inside close handle
 - a. I used a torx T-20 for this. It may not be "the" size for the bolts, but it worked for me.
 - b. Photo # 2
3. Remove the trunk liner
 - a. Remove both pieces of the retainer buttons. If you just pull the insert, you will likely lose the bottom part of the fastener when you pull the liner away from the trunk.
 - b. Remove the retainer buttons from the liner where it attaches to the trunk hinge.
 - c. Unlock the top 2 strap type locks which secure the plastic cover around the hinge arm.
 - i. There are 3-4 of these on each hinge arm but you need only unlock the top 2. Unlocking the lower 1-2 is not needed and they can be a hassle to re-lock because they are so low on the arm.
 - d. Disconnect the trunk safety light connector from the light unit.
4. Remove trunk plastic license plate holder
 - a. Disconnect the light module connectors. Pinch the clips on either side and pull.
 - i. Photo # 3
 - b. Remove the 2 screws on each side of the trunk along the outer edges.
 - i. Photo # 4
 - c. Locate the 5 plastic push pin locking retainers and pinch each while pulling downward on the lower edge of the plastic license plate holder.
 1. Photo # 5
 - ii. You will need to pinch the retainers at their bottom to take them out of detent.
 - iii. The access holes are small. Though long, my hands are fairly slender and I was only able to pinch 1 sufficiently to take it out of detent.
 - iv. I used needle nose pliers to pinch 3 of the 5 at their bottom and take them out of detent.
 - v. The innermost retainer on the driver side was the most difficult for me and I was able to remove the license plate holder without taking out of detent and without causing any damage to it.
 - vi. I sat on the edge where the trunk latch closes with my back against the ledge between the rear window and trunk.
 - vii. While in this position I pulled downward on lower edge of the plastic license plate holder while rocking it left and right (I think this allowed the 5th retainer to dislodge). While doing this, the inside of the trunk is pressed against the top of my head (I was wearing a winter knitted skull hat/cover/whatever).
5. Remove OE license plate light module
 - a. Pinch the light module of either side at the bottom. They should just fall out.
6. Optionally clean the crude from the area between the trunk and the plastic license plate holder.

- a. This will make your car faster and you will feel better knowing that your rear is clean. 😊
7. Install replacement license plate light module
 - a. Push each up through the opening and press the retainer clip on one or both sides if necessary to seat each module.
8. Reinstall trunk plastic license plate holder
 - a. Align the retainer pins in their holes and push up while holding the trunk stationary.
 - i. Photo # 6
 - b. You can press on the plastic license plate holder to ensure the 5 retainer pins are seated. (Photo # 7
9. Reinstall liner, bumper stops, and secure trunk inside close handle
10. Tools I used are in Photo #8
11. The end result is shown in Photo #9

Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3



Photo #4



Photo #5



Photo #6



Photo #7



Photo #8



Photo #9



Photo #10

