

## Re-instating Cracker's Glove Box.

As purchased Cracker had a deep glove box that extended all the way to the bulkhead, this was removed in order to fit the wiper motor. The original glove box was pretty crappy (photo).



Woodwork is included amongst my hobbies resulting in plentiful stocks of off-cuts. I decided to use 12mm thick Birch plywood to make a completely new glove box.

Starting with piece of 12" x 14" plywood I shaped it to form a baseboard that spanned between the bottom of the wiper motor bracket and the rear lower edge of the wooden dashboard. With this held in place a smaller piece of ply was shaped to form the front face of the glove-box. This was spaced to leave a 1/4" gap from the wiper motor. With the two pieces of plywood screwed together a side piece was shaped and screwed into position (photo). The unpainted areas were covered by black leather cloth that was glued into position.



In use the forward edge of the glove box base is supported by the two metal brackets I fitted to the bottom of the wooden wiper motor bracket. The rear edge is supported by two plastic blocks that are secured to the lower edge of the dashboard. The whole set-up is easily removable in case I need access to the wiper motor at a later date.



**The finished glove box.**

Removing the old dashboard revealed that the dashboard had split (to the left side of the speedometer) and repaired by screwing a wooden block behind the dashboard. I removed the speedo to carry out a proper repair then replaced the speedo and wooden block. The presence of the block resulted in the right hand upright section of the glove box being more visible than I would prefer it to be. Of course the glove box is much smaller but nevertheless is large enough to hold essentials such as Sat-Nav, glasses, gloves and hearing aids etc. which I don't wear when driving as the wind makes them whistle. I was more than happy to sacrifice part of the glove box rather than try to fit the wiper motor on the right hand side amongst a space already occupied by the steering column and a rat's nest of wiring.

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