

How to replace a dashboard button in the

VW Polo 6R

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Tools needed:

- A flat screwdriver or plastic wedge for levering things
- Torx T20 screwdriver

Instructions:

There is a set of images after the textual instructions which present each step visually. The arrows point to places that you have to work on.

Step 1:

Beneath the front bezel around the radio, there are two notches. Using your flat screwdriver or wedge, you can lever the bezel carefully (!) from those points.

Step 2:

Unloose the four torx screws around the radio and pull it out (make sure the cables behind it won't get stuck)

Step 3:

Pull the antenna and power cable from the radio, put the radio away in order to have more room for working.

You can loose the antenna cable by pulling the transparent slider at the bottomside of the plug.

The power cable can be loosed by pulling the lever at the bottomside of it. The more you pull the lever, the more the plug slides out of the socket.

Additionally, you can remove the button cover that you want to replace now.

Step 4:

Now remove the bezel around the AC control. You can do this by pulling it at the bottom edge until the lower latches loose. Then you have to loose the remaining two latches on the upper side of the bezel (can be seen from above).

Step 5:

Unloose 8 more torx screws. 4 of them are inside the space where the radio was, 2 are left and right from the AC control and the remaining two are on the bottomside of the AC control (reachable through two holes).

Step 6:

In order to remove the plastic framing, you have to remove the side lower side walls of the dashboard first. To do this, you have to remove the cladding of the gear box first.

This can be done by levering on the side that points to the car's engine. After it jumps out of the front latches, pull it upwards and push it slightly towards the engine in order to loose the two latches on the other side.

Step 7:

Beneath the cladding are two further screws that have to be unloosened. Afterwards, press the two plastic levers down and pull the side walls towards yourself.

Step 8:

You can now remove the inner framing behind the radio. Please make sure that you don't pull the AC control with it, as its cables are rather short. Just press the control slightly upwards and then you can push it back out of the framing.

Step 9:

Now you have an easy access to the upper dashboard buttons. In order to plug in the background illumination, remove one of the original buttons and place the plug between it and its own power plug. Turn on the light to check if you have placed the connector in the right direction!

Step 10:

At last, if you have ordered a version with a push-button or switch, you can connect the device that you want to switch now.

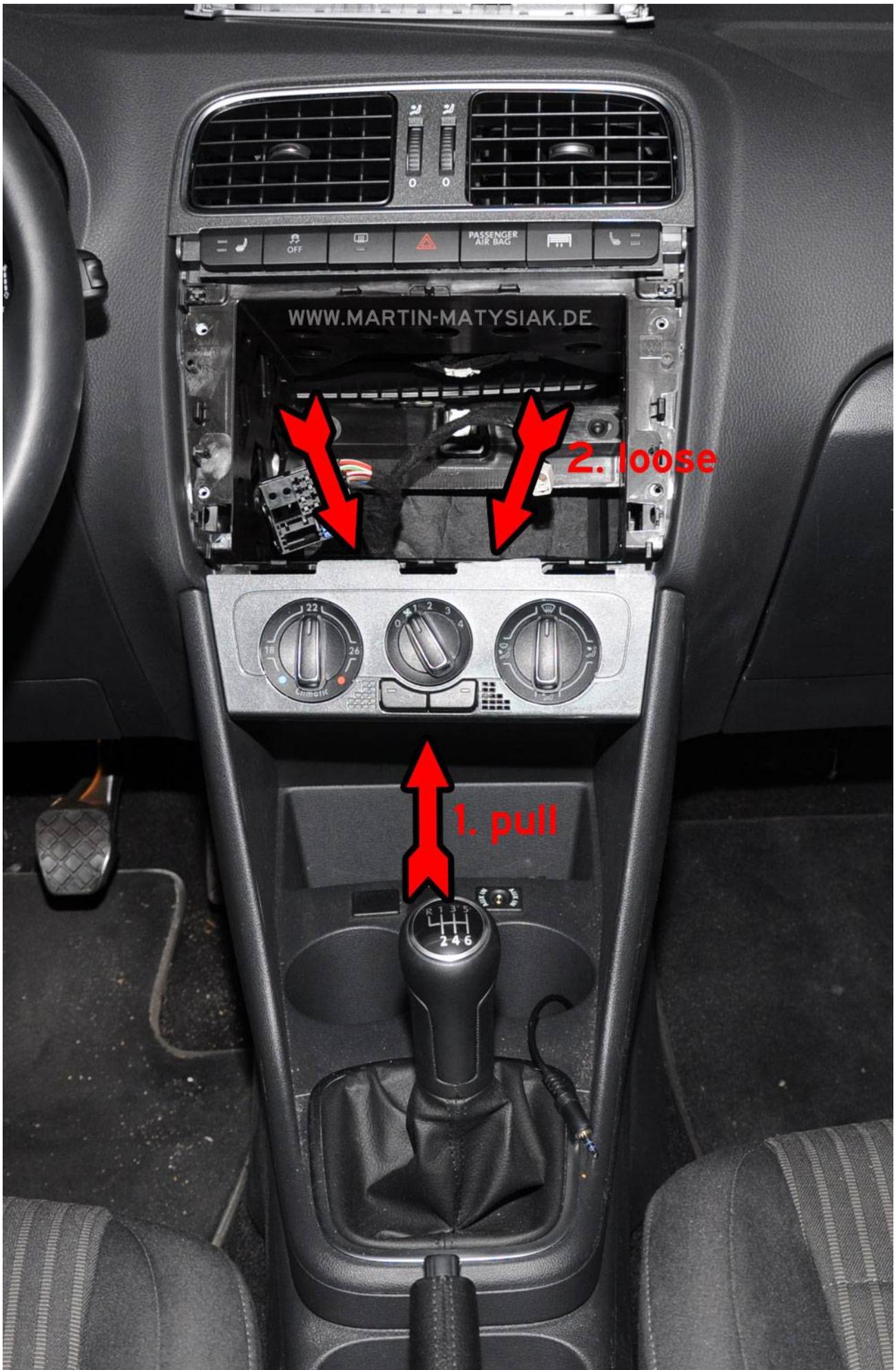
Step 11:

Finally repeat all steps in the reverse direction to assemble the dashboard again.





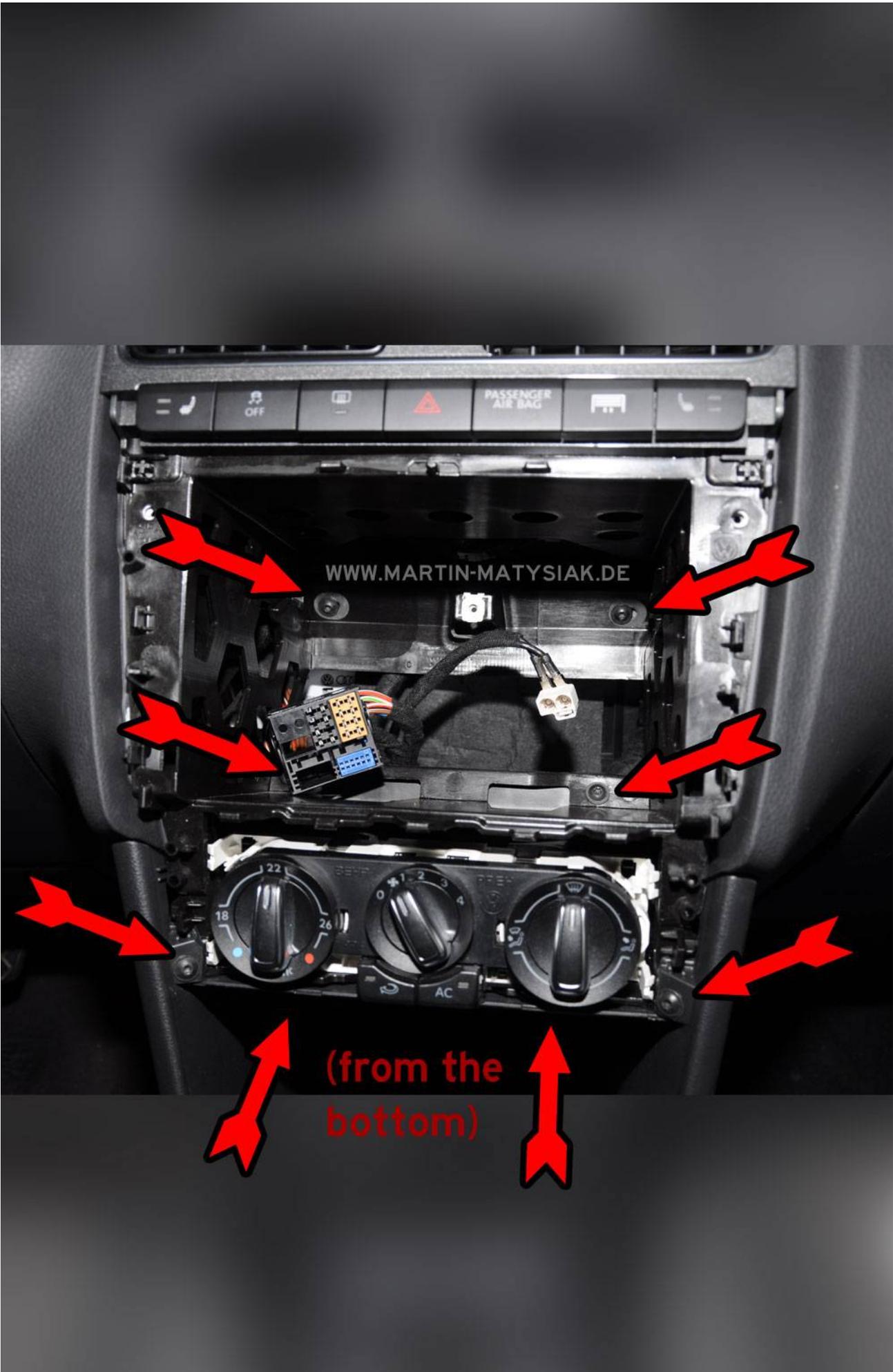




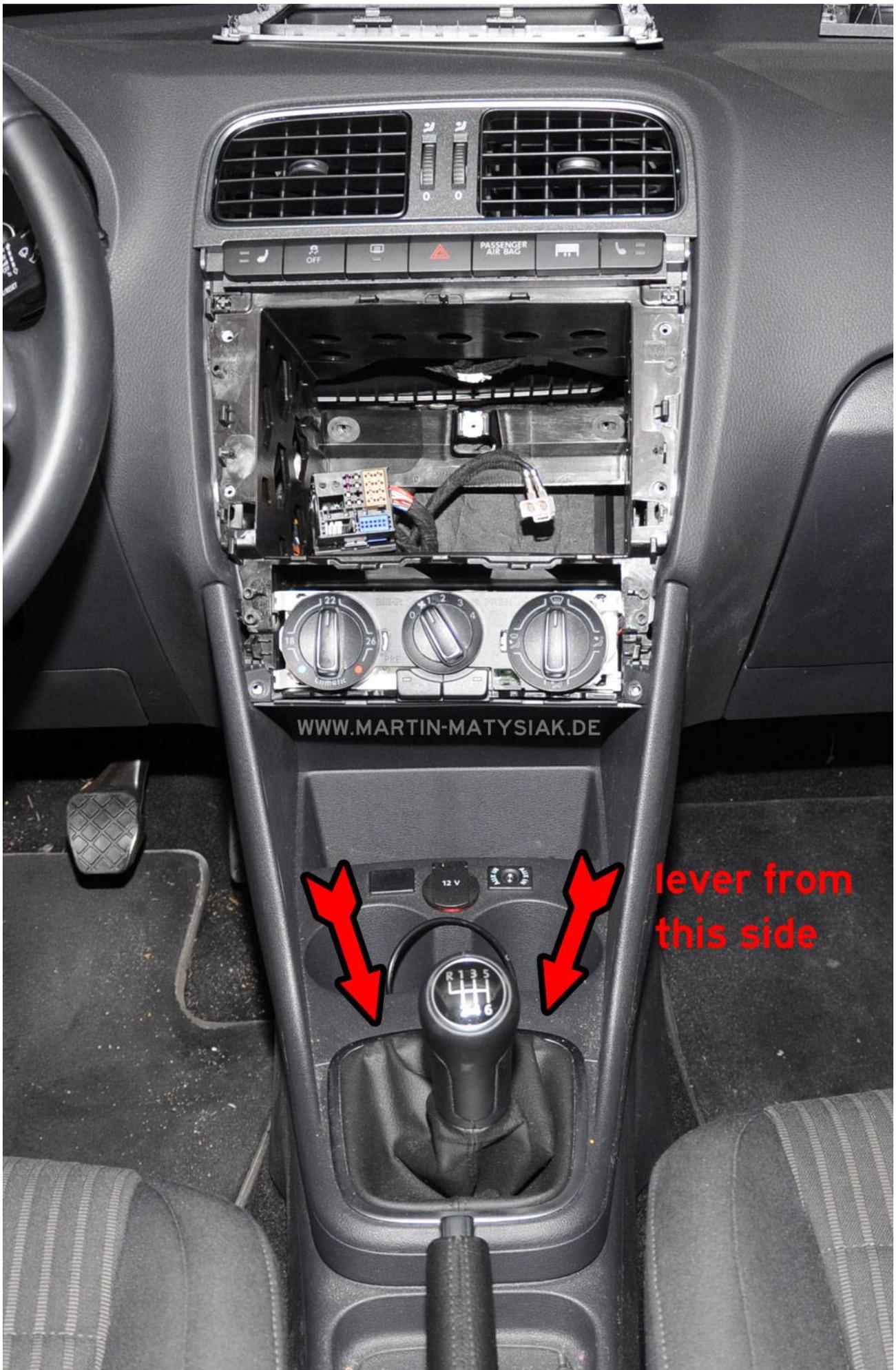
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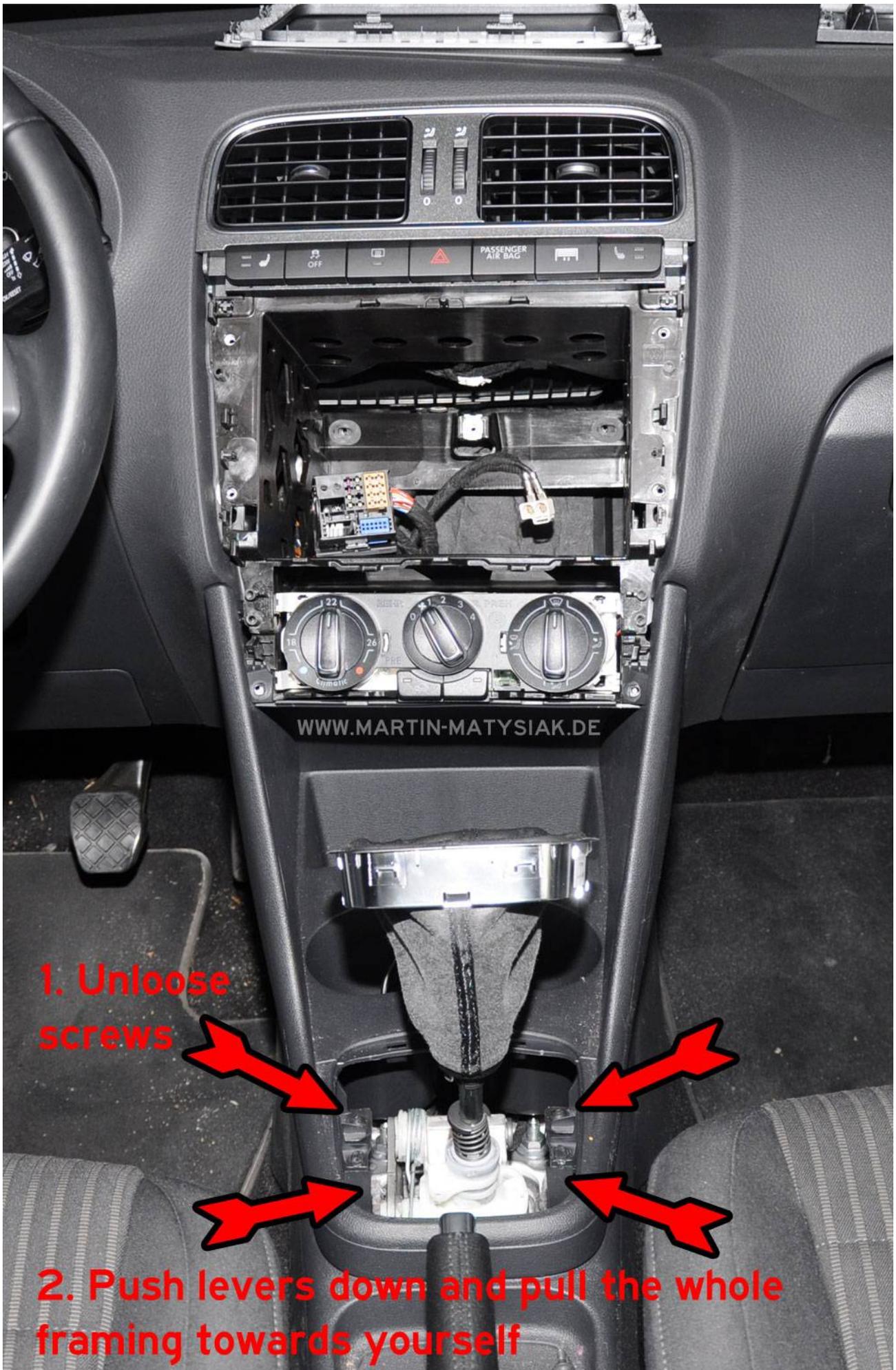


(from the bottom)



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lever from
this side



1. Unloose screws

2. Push levers down and pull the whole framing towards yourself

