

NEW ARMREST with STORAGE

*Made a new armrest that is higher than the standard one so will now be useable!
Made it to the same length as original and included extra storage compartment.*

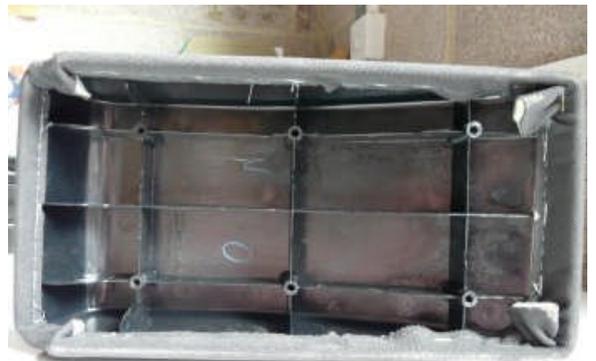
All constructed from 6mm MDF apart from the lid, which is 9mm MDF for strength. Glued and stapled foam backed leatherette and fitted couple of brass hinges (why brass? - just because I happened to have these) and magnets to hold the lid shut. Lined the interior with foam and felt to stop things clattering around. The whole thing hinges up as it did before so have retained the original central storage box.

The part I found the hardest was covering it with the leatherette – have never done any upholstery before and found it to be tricky – I know a professional would have sewn it all up making it into a cover and then fitted it on but this would be beyond my skills so instead I wrapped it and glued it.

(Obviously watched far too much Blue Peter when I was young) 😊

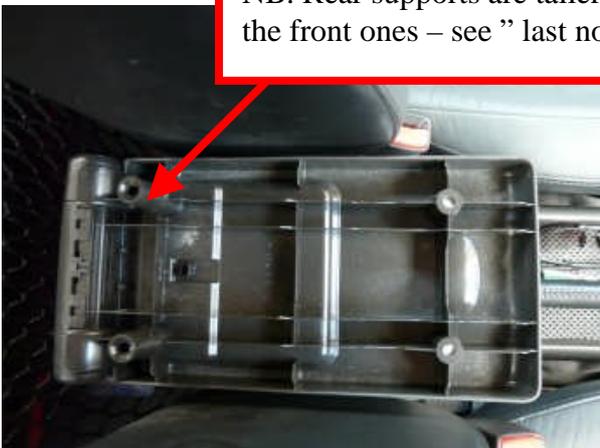


ORIGINAL ARMREST



(UNDERSIDE)

NB. Rear supports are taller than the front ones – see "last note".



WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WITH ARM REST REMOVED –
(The armrest is fixed in place by 4 screws)



BASE SECTION
(6mm MDF)



WITH THE LID & sanded round
(6mm MDF sides - 9mm MDF top)



Cut out the top to reduce weight & give more storage height in the base



(Comparison Height)
Note: hinges not fitted yet.



(COMPARISON HEIGHT)



FRONT VIEW
(Filled & sanded – lid over-hangs front of base to act as handle)



REAR VIEW
(More filler & more sanding)



(COMPARISON HEIGHT)



Lined the inside with foam & felt
then fitted the hinges.



(COMPARISON HEIGHT)



Last note:
The base is raised at the back to allow for the taller support pins – see “arm rest removed “ photos”. It’s made a useful pen holder anyway!

THE FINISHED RESULT FITTED.



I may alter it to have the hinged lid sliding if I think it needs any extra length but think it will be OK - too long and it will be in the way when using the handbrake.

OK, so not up to professional standard of manufacture I know but it does the job.

