

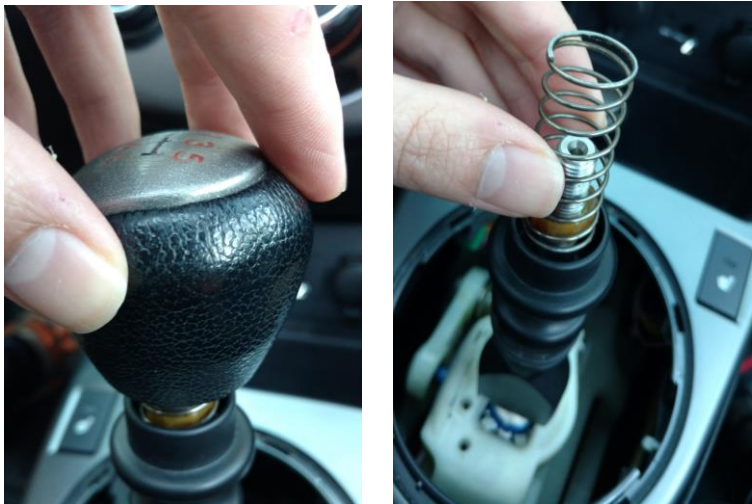
RedlineGoods Kia Forte Koup 209-13 shift boot installation

Supplies needed:

New Console Cover, Contact Cement, Scissors, Phillips Head Screw Driver, Clamps. See Pro tips at end.

Directions:

- 1) Remove the shift knob by turning it counter-clockwise. Remove the knob and underlying spring and set aside.



- 2) Grasp the shift boot trim ring at the 3 o'clock position and pull up to loosen the boot from the center console.
- 3) Pull the trim ring up above the shifter until the boot is inside-out. Remove the metal band or zip tie the secure the boot to the shifter and then pull the boot off.



- 4) Return the shift boot back to its regular orientation (inside in). Peel the leather away from the the plastic trim ring on the inside bottom. Then pull the leather over the plastic prongs. This will separate the stock boot from the trim ring. You are now ready to install the new boot.





- 5) Line up the trim ring with the new boot. The notch cut in one side of the boot will align with the notch in the trim ring (about the 10 o'clock position in stock orientation). The first picture shows the correct orientation of the trim ring when snapped into the console. Note the notch at the 11 o'clock position and the grab point you used in step 2 at the 3 o'clock position.



- 6) Work the leather over the trim ring and pull the plastic prongs through the pre-cut slits. Note: Depending on your options, you may need to cut in a couple of the slits or otherwise notch the leather to clear the prongs. For example, in the picture below there

are 2 prongs that need to be cut in (12 o'clock and 6 o'clock). You can also need the notches aligned at the 1 o'clock position.

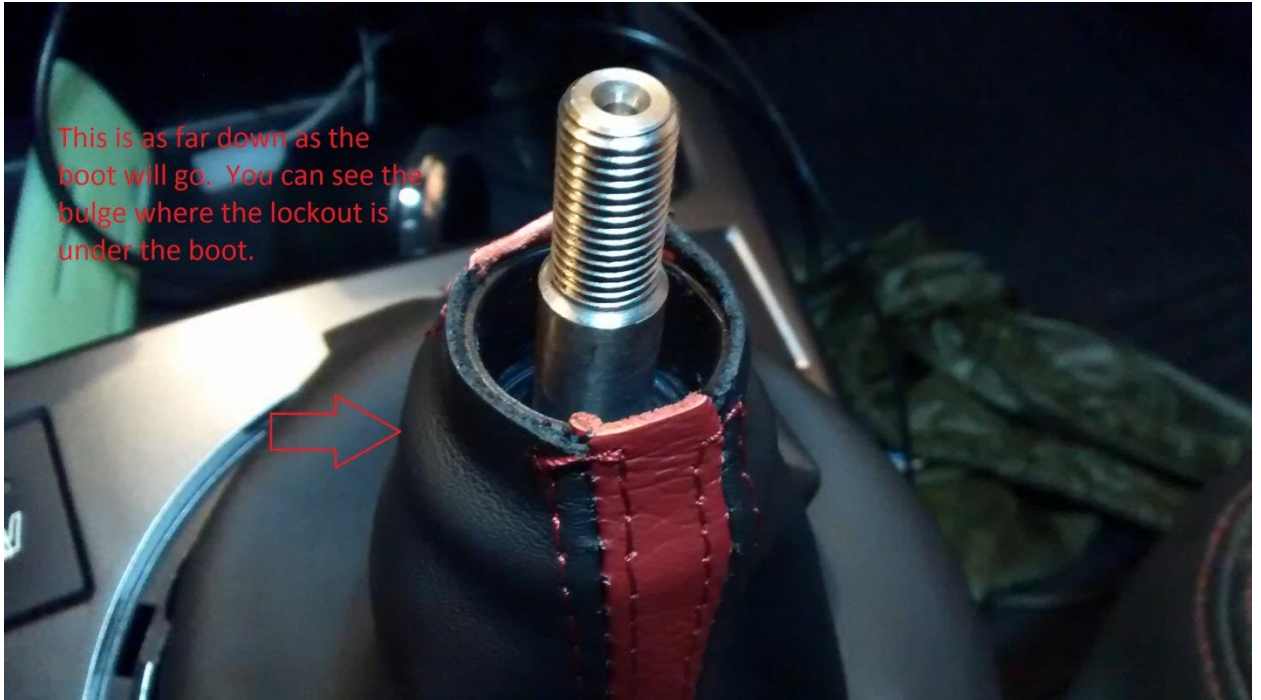


7) You are now ready to being gluing the flap down. Start at one point and work around the circle in several sections. When you are done you will have a nicely tucked edge.





- 8) Now you are ready to reinstall. Depending on the materials you pick, the boot may not stretch as much as the stock material. If your boot is too tight to clear the reverse lock-out, cut a vertical slit from the top of the boot down to the point where you are able to clear the lock-out (about 1 inch). Note that once installed, this slit will be completely hidden (but be careful cutting it, start small and enlarge if necessary).



- 9) Once you have the boot on, flip it inside out again. Align the top (skinny) part of the boot to cover the groove on the shifter. Then zip tie the boot to the shifter. Note: if you cut a slit try to get as much of it below the groove as possible to minimize its appearance. If you have leather sewing equipment, you can also add a couple of stitches to close the cut and provide a more professional appearance.



10) Turn the boot right-side out and snap the trim ring into the center console. Test shifter operation to ensure the boot is not too tight or loose. Make adjustments as necessary.



11) Replace the spring and shift knob. Enjoy your new high quality shift boot!



Pro Tips:

- To avoid accidentally gluing your cap to the bottle, use a shop rag dipped in Naptha to clean the top and threads before securing the cap.
- Test fit several times to determine exactly how the leather is going to be glued (use clamps to mock up). Once the adhesive is set, it will be very hard to re-do.
- For those trying to color match: the dark red thread matches the OEM red thread in SX models. The boot shown here is done in solid black Nappa Leather with a dark red leather stripe. These colors closely match the OEM leather while being much higher quality.

