# OARKMATTERX

Billet Shifter Trim Subaru WRX (2015-2021) Installation Guide



**Preparation and Safety** 

Before doing any work on the vehicle, ensure that the vehicle is safely secured onto a lift or jackstands with all safety pins or latches in place to prevent a serious injury from taking place. The vehicle needs to be high enough off the ground to crawl or stand under. When working under the vehicle, always wear eye protection to prevent foreign debris from getting into your eyes.

### **Technical Support**

Technical support is available for you in the event that you need it! Please read through the manual before reaching out with a question. You can reach us at <a href="mailto:support@darkmatterx.com">support@darkmatterx.com</a>

# **Kit Contents**

Before starting the install procedure, locate all the components in the kit by removing the Billet Shifter Trim and the supplied hardware.

- 1.) Billet Shifter Trim
- 2.) Hardware:
  - a. (1) Front bracket
  - b. (1) Rear bracket
  - c. (1) Rear bracket edge trim
  - d. (1) Front bracket edge trim
  - e. (2) Washers
  - f. (1) M6X16mm stainless steel bolt
  - g. (2) M6X8mm stainless steel bolt
  - h. (1) M6X8mm stainless steel spacer
  - i. (1) Foam strip



# **Recommended Tools**

The following is a list of our recommended tools for the install:

- 1. Phillips screwdriver
- 2. 3MM allen wrench
- 3. Pliers
- 4. 3/8" driver
- 5. 6" extension for 3/8" driver
- 6. 10mm socket

# 1. Removing The Center Console

Locate the two bolts inside of the rearmost part of the center console and remove them using a 3/8 Driver with 6" extension and a 10mm socket.



Remove the E-brake leather boot from the center console by pushing straight up from the bottom of the boot until the retaining clips on the top disconnect from the center console.

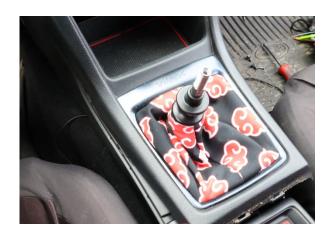
Using the phillips screwdriver, remove the single phillips screw below the top right corner of the leather boot.



Firmly pull up on the front of the center console until it comes free. Push the console towards the back of the car a few inches so that you expose the area behind the shift boot trim.



Remove the shift knob off of the shifter. Using both hands, remove the section of interior trim that is surrounding the shifter and has the shift boot attached to it. Working from the edge closest to the back of the car, gently pull up and continue this motion across the edges of the trim until it becomes free.



# 2. Installing The Billet Shifter Trim

Flip the interior trim upside down and push out the shifter trim bezel that is clipped in. Use caution when pushing the clips out so they do not break.



The interior trim should look like this once the bezel has been removed.



Locate the foam provided in the kit and place it around the perimeter on the bottom side of the billet trim.

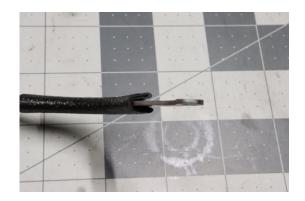


The foam should follow the flat edge on the bottom side of the trim, and can be placed by first peeling the paper off the side of the foam covering the adhesive.

When placing the foam down, line up the foam on the center of the edge like in the picture. It is okay if there is a small gap from where the foam starts and where the foam ends.



Locate the rear bracket and edge trim and place the edge trim over the bracket. Note that there is a lip on one interior side of the edge trim. This side with the lip should be facing away from the trim when installed.



Using the (2) M6X6mm stainless steel bolts and washers, secure the rear bracket into the trim. Make sure that the edge trim's opening is facing the towards the rear of the vehicle, and the side with the interior lip is facing away from the trim.



Place the front edge trim and front bracket together, with the interior lip of the edge trim facing away from the trim. Use the M6x16mm stainless bolt and place it through the front bracket with the stainless steel washer going in between the bracket and the trim. When tightening the bolt, it can help to hold the bracket with a pair of pliers to ensure it stay in the proper orientation.



If the DARKMATTERX quick release shift boot was purchased, insert it into place.



Install the interior trim back into the vehicle and resecure the center console back into place.



This completes the installation process!