

Changing center console lights

This documents tells you how I changed the lights in my center console from the stock green to red matching the dashboard. The work was done on a 2003 model Corolla T-Sport (pre-facelift). I can verify that the job is identical on the facelift console, at least as far as the 1.6L version goes. I don't see it being different on the others ones either, so you should be alright.

However...you do this at your own risk! :)

Tools needed:

- Philips head screwdriver
- Pliers
- Set of replacement bulbs or a can of bulb paint (lacquer)
- Exacto knife if you bought new bulbs

Bulbs neded are of the Neo Wedge T4 (purple and yellow) and T5 (red) type and can be bought from Autolumination (www.autolumination.com). The need to be slightly modified with an exacto knife to fit, but that is easy enough.

When you start the console will look like this:





How to do it

Step 1 - Remove the ashtray



Step 2 - lift up and put aside the cover around the gearstick





Step 3 - pull out the bottom part of the console



Step 4 - grab on each side of the ac control display and pull the console out





Step 5 - unplug the three plugs on the back + the bulb that lights up the ashtray



You car will now look like this





Step 6 - Unscrew 6 screws to loosen the back cover (not the 4 outer most screws!)



Step 7 - Remove the 4 purple, 3 red and 1 yellow bulb with your hands or pliers











Step 8 - Remove the rubber cap if you're gonna paint the bulbs. (If you've bought new ones just install these and put it back together)







Step 9 - Paint the bulbs, leave them to dry for 24 hours and re-install them in the console







That's pretty much it!:) Be careul to just put a fairly thin layer of paint on.

Once you are all done it should look something like this if you chose red as the color to change into:



GOOD LUCK!