

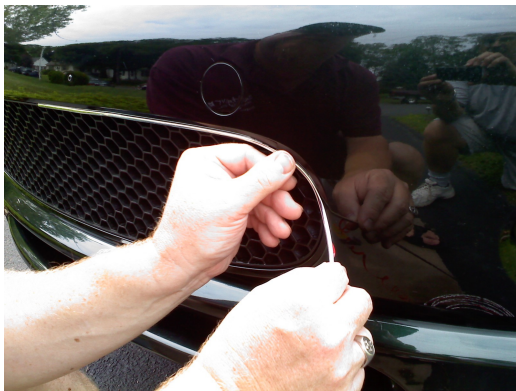
Brighten Your “Nose”, I Mean the Miata’s! Grill & Fog light trim

I helped a fellow club member brighten the nose of his Miata this summer by helping him put a narrow chrome trim around the Grill opening of his 2007 Miata. He agreed to let me use these pictures in this article (Thanks Jim), so here we go. The Powered Retractable Hard Top model comes with a Grill trimmed this way, but you would spend a couple hundred dollars to buy a grill like this and install it in your Miata.

The first picture below is the roll of 1/8” wide chrome trim. It has the 3M adhesive on the back designed for outside automotive use. It sells for under \$15.00 and might have enough in the roll to do 2 cars. The second picture shows cleaning the edge of the grill opening with rubbing alcohol. This takes all of the road grease off and helps insure a good adhesion of the trim. Driving the front of the car up on ramps makes the job easier.



The left picture below shows the method of bending the trim around the corner. Start at the top center so the joint is not as noticeable. Remember to never stretch or pull the trim as you are installing it, but actually push on it. The plastic base can shrink a bit over time, so pushing on it helps give you some extra to counteract any shrinkage. You can see he was doing an excellent job installing it! Unfortunately I don't have a picture of the finished job. But as you can see to the left, it makes a noticeable difference!



The last picture above right is of the Mazda replacement silver painted fog light bezels. These are available for the 2006 to 2008 Miatas, which are the Models with the

Oval Grill like the 2 cars above. These Bezels are available as a set, and take about ½ hour to install them both. A very easy way to brighten the nose of your Miata from the black bezels you now have. The Mazda part number for this set is: N121-V7-247F and are available from your neighborhood Mazda parts counter. I got lucky and found mine used on Miata.net. As always, feel free to ask if you have any questions, or suggestions for a future article.

Zoom-Zoom (With care).
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