

Installation instructions, Volvo 1800 arm rest foil

Utensils: Glue (32141010 or similar), brush, clips, heat gun, scissors/knife, sandpaper, foam/wadding and Isopropyl alcohol

1. Remove the arm rest from the door. Inspect it closely and make sure it is intact and still solidly attached to the plastic core. If not, glue it to the core and repair any cracks. If there are chunks of foam missing you will need to fill them up.
2. Put the new foil over the arm rest, and fit it. Make sure that it follows the surface. Fill up any hollow areas with foam or such. Once satisfactory fit is achieved, sand the old arm rest to give the glue a good surface to grip. Clean both the old surface as well as the inside of the new foil with isopropyl alcohol.
3. Apply glue to the arm rest using a brush (be moderate with glue in the depression/handle) and to the inside of your new foil. Be VERY careful not to use too much glue inside the pocket of the foil, since this part of the foil is extremely thin. Excessive glue will dissolve the foil... When the glue has started to harden, put the foil over the arm rest. Use clips to fixate it all the way around. Leave it to dry overnight.
4. Remove clips and trim excess foil, just like the original was. The foil is to be folded over to the rear side in some spots (again, see how it originally was made). To do this, heat the foil carefully and fold the identified flaps. Once folded, if at all possible, you should position the foil in a similar fashion to how it was originally.
5. Once everything has dried, reinstall the handle trim as well as the bezel that surrounds the door release lever. Step back and enjoy an armrest that now looks exactly as the original once did.