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Nose Job - Installed the RS6 grill on 2.7T

Posted by: 5speed6 on 2006-04-26 09:09:59

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Let me start by saying that the allure of the S6 grill never bit me to the point where I had to try and do it. I did want to have a different grill but didn't like the aftermarket ones. I happened to run across a new RS6 grill for sale, and figured I would give it a shot. This was a learning lesson, and was definitely a challenge. Here are the details of the installation:

View of the nose with the factory grill:



Comparison of the factory grill and the RS6



View of the 2.7T hood with the grill removed



Comparison shot of 4.2 hood (photo courtesy of BostonDriver) Notice the lower portion there is no metal where the grill mounts



The RS6 grill has a reinforcement bar at the bottom of the grill that fills in the open space on the V8 body. My choice at this point was either cut the hood to fit the grill, or modify the grill. I didn't see a problem with cutting the hood, but once it would be done, it could not be returned to stock. With my friends assisting, we proceeded to modify the RS6 grill.

This is the re-bar from the RS6 grill after we finally got it removed. This was the 'learning side' to see how it was attached to the grill.



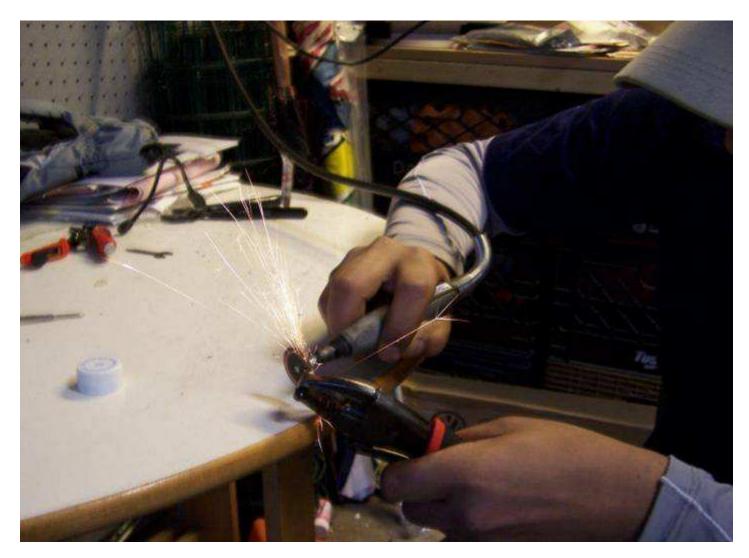
At this point we were able to just cut openings to get to the rivets that were used to attach the rebar to the grill. The rivets were then drilled out.



This is the factory grill. Notice that it uses plastic clips in order to secure it to the hood



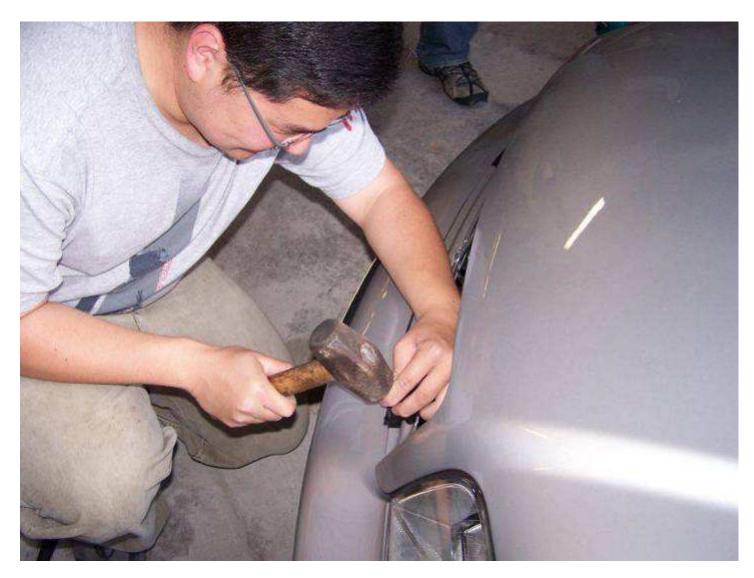
The dremel was our best friend for this project :), and did we ever go through cut-off wheels.



Here is the RS6 grill after all the prep work was completed. The rivets were drilled out, and all the plastic surrounding where the rivets were have been grinded down with the dremel.



Here is my friend Phil hamming it up for the camera by grabbing the largest hammer he could put his hands on. At this point we were prepping the hood area for the mounting of the grill.



After a test fit of the grill, it was discovered that the Silver metal area of the hood showed through the grill, and did not look right.



At this point I taped off the hood and painted the exposed areas.



Again, a pic of the 'before' for comparison.



Here it is installed, mission completed :)



Thanks go out to my buddies Phil & Eric for their assistance!



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'02 Silver A6 2.7T w/NAV *Stage II* <<Complete Euro S6 Recaro Interior swap, GIAC-X, APR Bi-pipe, Tip recode, AWE S-Flo intake w/ITG, Samco upper hoses, Carbon Fiber Engine Covers, Magnaflow mufflers & tips, tint, remote start, clear corner mod, 6000K Xenon's, Yellow Ion fog's, Smoked fender marker lights, Allroad trim, S6 Euro Carbon Fiber interior trim, painted rear valance, smoked tails, LLtek lip spoiler, Euro rear plate surround with dual fog light mod, rear window spoiler, 18" BBS CH's with Pirelli P-Zero Nero's, Eibach Pro kit springs and dampers, H-Sport anti-sway bars, OEM mudflaps, Phatbox, window & door lock recode>>

Stereo system is next on the 'To Do' list.

'00 Mitsu Galant V6
'94 Pontiac Trans Am GT Conv.

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'00 BMW 528i Sport

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 - o i don't think i've ever inhaled so much metal in my life than cutting that bar apart. lol M pmark837 2006-04-26 21:14:00 (51 views)
 - VERY nice, agree on being added to the tech files. **M yrk2.7T** 2006-04-26 19:21:01 (39 views)
 - o looks good, are you guys still meeting in canarsie pier? **W Tech** 2006-04-26 17:08:17 (39 views)
 - o way to stick with it, ive seen pictures of it done on 2002+ A6's..glad you had the same success!!! nemesisa6 2006-04-26 15:26:12 (50 views)
 - o well done. Very nice job! You just need one more rear spoiler to balance out the look. :PPP :) TeddyBGame 2006-04-26 13:41:57 (44 views)
 - o W00T! Thats great work, to the archives with this post! :D W carbonLORD 2006-04-26 12:39:14 (43 views)
 - o Nice mod...worthy of addition to the "links" T John/Jmess5 2006-04-26 10:39:25 (44 views)
 - o Very nice! **N** nene@rs6.com 2006-04-26 10:33:22 (45 views)
 - Thanks nene..I was curious how you & Mr. Radar would view it. M 5speed6 2006-04-26 10:53:29 (42 views)
 - o Wow...nice! (I did the same mod--RS4 grill-- on a B5 S4, but there it's plug-n-play, thank God!) **W no.radar** 2006-04-26 10:22:48 (55 views)
 - My B5S4 buddies were having a hard time understanding why it was taking so long to do.. **5speed6** 2006-04-26 10:50:44 (60 views)
 - That looks great 5speed6! Sounds like quite a bit of modification had to be done though. T 2Turbos (MingBlueA6) 2006-04-26
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 - It was alot of work, and did not happen in one day..the main reason... **5speed6** 2006-04-26 10:42:38 (76 views)
 - o After looking at the final installation pic again I have one suggestion and that is A4AdMan 2006-04-26 10:20:51 (309 views)
 - Thanks for the suggestion Dave...I do intend on tackling the lower grill.. **5speed6** 2006-04-26 10:45:30 (73 views)
 - o Looks great and would have put this on my 4.2 if the lower would fit w/o modding 4.2go 2006-04-26 10:05:07 (70 views)
 - <u>huh? there is no modding needed for the 4.2.. I had a RS6 grill on my car.. i just screwed it in</u> **Kimchee Ninja** 2006-04-26 10:20:37 (94 views)
 - I think he means the lower one, that is the challenge wayred4.2 2006-04-26 10:35:19 (64 views)
 - He's talking about the RS6 LOWER grille, which is NOT plug-n-play on the 4.2 M Boston Driver 2006-04-26 10:35:03 (85 views)
 - <u>aaah... ok, i read it wrong, i thought he was still talking about the upper grill.</u> ► **Kimchee Ninja** 2006-04-26 11:00:18 (53 views)
 - o Nice Job! looks great!!! wayred4.2 2006-04-26 09:53:40 (68 views)
 - The lower will be an even bigger project..that will require... **5speed6** 2006-04-26 10:58:15 (102 views)
 - cool that is my understanding as well. would love to hear/see your process wayred4.2 2006-04-26 11:08:59 (67 views)
 - o looks great....nice job and nice writeup... **NT DHPress** 2006-04-26 09:30:40 (48 views)
 - o Nice! Good job! MT Asicks2.7T 2006-04-26 09:29:58 (44 views)
 - o Very Nice Steve. Very clean looking work as well. Much better than when I A4AdMan 2006-04-26 09:27:22 (66 views)
 - o Steve, that looks great! And very nice pics of the mod process, well done! Boston Driver 2006-04-26 09:21:12 (66 views)
 - Cool!!!! Nice writeup!! Shall I add it to tech? =) MT Kris Hansen 2006-04-26 09:15:18 (57 views)
 - I put the extra details in just in case you would want to... **5speed6** 2006-04-26 09:17:08 (76 views)
 - Only in words, never photodocumented. Very nice! Kris, this MUST be added, since...
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