Replacing the 3rd brake light

I changed the 3rd brake light and took the opportunity to take some pictures and document how I did it. Maybe it can be helpful if someone else wants to try to do this. It's not particularly difficult, you just need to take it easy and methodically. Doesn't require a lot of tools. I have also made a small special screwdriver to remove the clips, 3 pcs. (which, incidentally, is of the same type that holds the upholstery on the inside of the tailgate). Also has a small "magnetic stylus" which is good for removing and replacing the two screws that hold the side shields in place. Of course, it was Henrik Blom's repair kit that was used. The big challenge is getting into the back seat when you fold them down, when someone like me "is as tall as a telephone pole" :) .

Have a picture that shows which tools I used when I made the change.

1. First, loosen the plastic plugs marked "AIRBAG" with a plastic tool.

2. With a 7 mm key, loosen the screws, which are accessed behind the plastic plugs. When they come off, I unscrew them completely with my "magnetic stylus". This is to avoid losing the screws.

3. When the screw is gone, gently bend the upper edge so that the metal clips release. Then you lift it upwards until it comes off.

4. Loosen the three clips holding the hat shelf, and remove them. I use my special tool to loosen them.

5. On the right side, but then loosen the connector that supplies the brake light with power. I have close up of the connector showing where to push to release it.

6. Now it's just a matter of carefully lifting the hat shelf upwards and forwards. Can be a bit tricky to get the outer edges up where the seat belt goes through. You have to pry a little, but the hat shelf is quite durable and strong.

7. Be careful not to break the plastic plugs when removing the brake light from the hat shelf.

8. Now it's just a matter of using a small instrument screwdriver to first bend up the pair of plastic flaps that hold the joint and then the three that hold the white lens. Press gently from behind and it will come off.

9. When you have removed the guide bar, just cut the cables and install Henrik's new kit.

10. Reassemble everything in reverse order.



























