

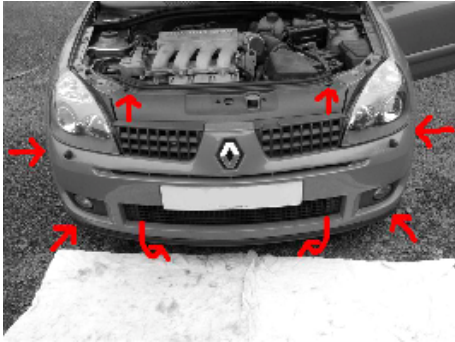
fUbAr Guide: Removing front bumper Mk2 Ph2

The method described below worked for me. I am not saying it is the only method to complete the task. I will not accept any responsibility for damage caused to the vehicle as a result of following my guide.

This guide will explain how to remove the front bumper on the Mk2 Ph2 Clio. You need to remove the bumper to access the bolts that hold the lights on, fit fog lights, fit an RS grille to a non RS Clio, access the horn, or simply to replace a damaged part.

The guide was written using a Clio 182. The guide may differ for other models.

This photo shows the location of the bolts holding the bumper to the car. There are 6 main fastenings, and depending on model there might be a few screws holding the wheel arches to the bumper.



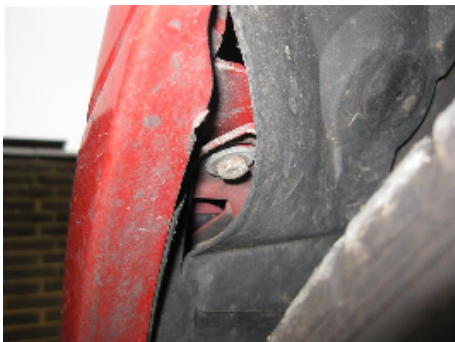
- STEP ONE -

To start, pop open the bonnet and locate the first 2 clips holding the top of the grille in place. These can be found next to the light clusters on either side. To release the clips, turn the centre with a screwdriver until it pops up, and then pull the whole clip out from the grille. Repeat for both sides.



- STEP TWO -

With these removed, turn the wheels to one side on full lock. This will give you access to the next bolts to remove, inside the wheel arch on either side. Bend down and look into the wheel arch, where you will see a 10mm bolt hidden behind the wheel arch liner slightly. Pull back the arch liner, and undo this bolt. Just below this, you will see a screw holding the arch liner to the bumper. Remove this also, and repeat for the other side by turning the wheels on full lock the other way.



- STEP THREE -

With both sides released, the final few bolts are underneath. Look under the car along the front edge of the bumper and you should see some small screws holding the arch liners to the bumper in either corner. These can sometimes be hard to see if you have a splitter fitted to the car. The final 2 bolts are right underneath the car on the bumper's under tray. Look right under and you will see 2x 10mm bolts on the plastic splash guard in either corner. Remove these with a 10mm socket.



- STEP FOUR -

Now all that is holding the bumper on are a few clips either side, holding the bumper to the wings. To release these, simply pull the bumper outwards from the wing until the 4 clips have released the bumper. Repeat this for either side, being careful that the bumper doesn't fall to the floor.



- STEP FIVE -

With the clips released, pull the bumper away from the car. Don't pull it too far as there are wires which need to be disconnected first. Unplug the connector for the fog lights on the nearside of the bumper (there's only a connector one side). Then if your car has washer jets fitted, pull the washer hose off the connector either side. The bumper is now free from the car and can be removed safely.



- STEP SIX -

To refit the bumper, put it roughly in position and connect the top clips under the bonnet first. These will hold the bumper in position while you go round and fit all the other bolts.