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Author: [alee](#) on 2001-11-15 at 16:50:24 (posted from: Host: pool-151-197-18-29.phil.east.verizon.net IP: 151.197.18.29)

Subject: **Split mirror installed! (more)** (678 views) (2811 thread views)

Message: After seeing a split mirror on an Audi, I decided it was a quite functional addition, and put it on my list of things to put on my car. The split mirror is actually 2 mirrors in 1 -- the leftmost portion of the mirror is a wide-angle mirror, and the rest of the mirror is a regular flat mirror.

Here's what the mirror looks like:

Front:



Another view of the front:

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The back of the mirror:



Here's how the stock mirror looks:



To install, tilt the mirror forward and to the right as far as you can:

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Using a small screwdriver, release one of the clips securing the mirror. The rest of the mirror will come off with a gentle pull. The two wires on the right are for the mirror heater.



Carefully remove the old mirror, and put it away. The mirror should look like this, with black wires:



Reconnect the 2 heater wires, and pop the mirror back on to the assembly. Be sure you get all the clips to attach. You can tell when they've all attached by gently tugging on the

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mirror. The mirror comes off easily if not all the clips are in place.

When you're done, it should look like this:



It's kind of hard to illustrate the benefit of the mirror with photographs, but I took 2 photos just to give you an idea of how it looks:



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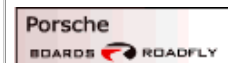
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While driving around, you will find that out of the corner of your eye, you get a lot more information about your surroundings. Doesn't take long to get used to.

Driver's side split mirror for sedan: 51-16-8-250-438

Driver's side split mirror for coupe: 51-16-8-247-131

I paid \$67.70 including tax and with a CCA discount.

Definitely a worthwhile addition to explore, and most importantly, even a mechanical retard like me can install it.

-Al

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