



### 3 Pillar and side trim panels

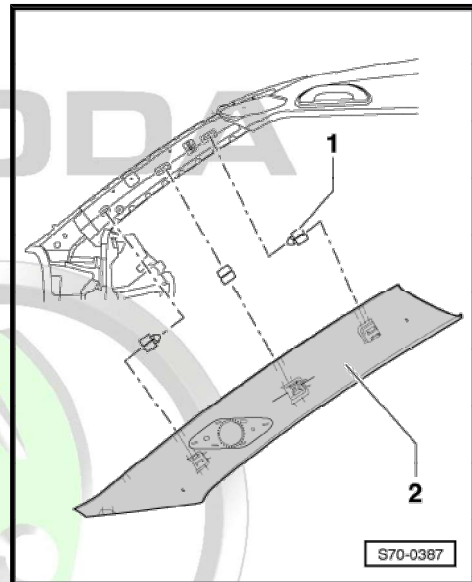
#### 3.1 Removing and installing top trim panel of pillar A (vehicles without head airbag)

##### Removing:

- Pry the top trim panel for A-pillar -2- from the pillar proceeding from the top down to the bottom. To do so use e.g. removal tool for the inner lining of the door panel - MP8-602/1- .
- Remove plug for speaker (if present).
- Remove A-pillar trim panel top.

##### Installing:

- Installation is carried out in the reverse order; pay attention to the following points:
- ♦ Recondition the clips -1- in the top A-pillar trim panel -2- or in case of damage replace with new ones.



#### 3.2 Removing and installing top trim panel of pillar A (vehicles with head airbag)



##### WARNING

**Safety regulations should be observed when handling the air-bag units ➔ page 119 .**

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##### Note

*Violent disassembly of the top trim panel for pillar A poses the risk of triggering the head airbag.*

##### Removing:

- The removal procedure is identical for vehicles without head airbag.

##### Installing:

- Installation is carried out in the reverse order; pay attention to the following points:
- ♦ Recondition the clips in the top A-pillar trim panel or in case of damage replace with new ones.

#### 3.3 Removing and installing bottom trim panel of pillar A

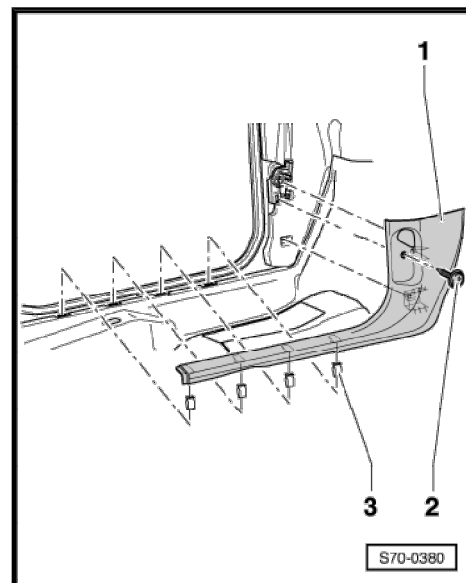
##### Removing:

- Remove bottom trim panel of B pillar ➔ [page 146](#) .

- Remove front flap release lever (only driver's side)  
⇒ [page 12](#) .
- Remove screw -2- (only driver side) - 1.5 Nm.
- Detach bottom trim panel -1-.

#### Installing:

- Installation is carried out in the reverse order; pay attention to the following points:
- ◆ Recondition the clips -3- in the bottom A-pillar trim panel -1- or in case of damage replace with new ones.



### 3.4 Removing and installing top trim panel of pillar B (vehicles without head airbag)

#### Removing:

- Unclip trim -3-.
- Remove screw -2- (3,5 Nm).
- Remove the cover from the fitting cover.
- Remove screw for seat belt ⇒ [page 111](#) .
- First slacken top trim panel of pillar B -1- on the sides from the door seal and then remove gradually from the clips -4- with e. g. removal tool for inner lining of the door panel - MP8-602/1- from bottom to top. The upper part of the trim panel is located below the moulded headliner and interlocks into the body recesses.

#### Installing:

- Installation is carried out in the reverse order; pay attention to the following points:
- ◆ Recondition the clips in the top B-pillar trim panel or in case of damage replace with new ones.

