

The Red Boots and Wheel Wrap Project

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The Tequila Sunrise got his new red leather boots! And today I put them on. I posted a note on the Miata.net forum about my new project. I'm calling it a mod even though it's a very small mod. There are those of us Miata people who are not mechanics, but we love our Miatas, too and enjoy our own style of working on our cars.

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Today was a big day for us. I ordered a beautiful mod for the Tequila Sunrise (TQ) from RedLineGoods.com and we're getting the custom red perforated leather shift boot with black piping, a smooth red Italian leather steering wheel cover with black stitching that covers the spokes, too, and a solid red e-brake boot with black piping.

<http://www.redlinegoods.com/Piping.php>. We were thinking of red and yellow, but it's got enough color and I don't want it too busy.

I'll post progress on my website. www.justmyMiata.com

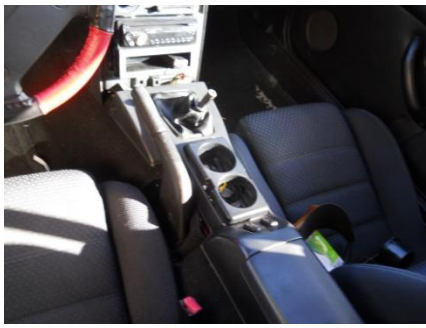
But that's not all I did today with my NA. I also took the Blueberry to one of my favorite picture spots in town and took pictures. One will be on the cover of the book and one set of all the way around pics is going to be an animated car for my site. It'll drive forward, turn around and drive back across the page.

Here are the boots. My photography is not near as good as the catalog, but they look exactly like the catalog. The leather is *very* nice.

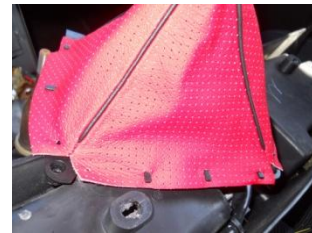


I backed the TQ into the carport and put the top down and cranked the music up. Just like old times, sittin' there working on my car and watching the neighborhood. It's still February, though, and it's cold and windy (it says 63 degrees, but I don't believe it). Now, to work.

First I took off the shift knob. Then the console came off. There are 5 screws; 2 on either side on the lower front, one in the cupholder/ashtray bay, and 2 in the console compartment. I undid the two connectors, one for the power windows and one for a light. Then I lifted up on the front bottom edges of the console next to the bezel and eased up a few inches to clear the bezel. Next I



opened the console compartment and guided the two levers for trunk and gas through the opening as I slid the console forward and then over the shift stick and off altogether. The next step was to unscrew the old boot frame and remove the old boot. Or in my case, it was only a year old. I'll find a car to put it on.



No, that's not it. After more than a few tries.

It took a few minutes to figure out which way it went. I've done these before and I always have to work it out again. But I finally got it on the frame, the frame screwed back under the console, the console slipped over the shift and the connectors connected and the two levers in the console bay slid through and pushed it down gently until it seated. I put the 5 screws in the console and the shift boot was done.

Now for the brake boot.

That was easy! Now I just have to wait for my wheel cover,

