

DIY

**How to change the color of your clock.
(JDM Amber on the cheap)
Honda Civic 92-95**

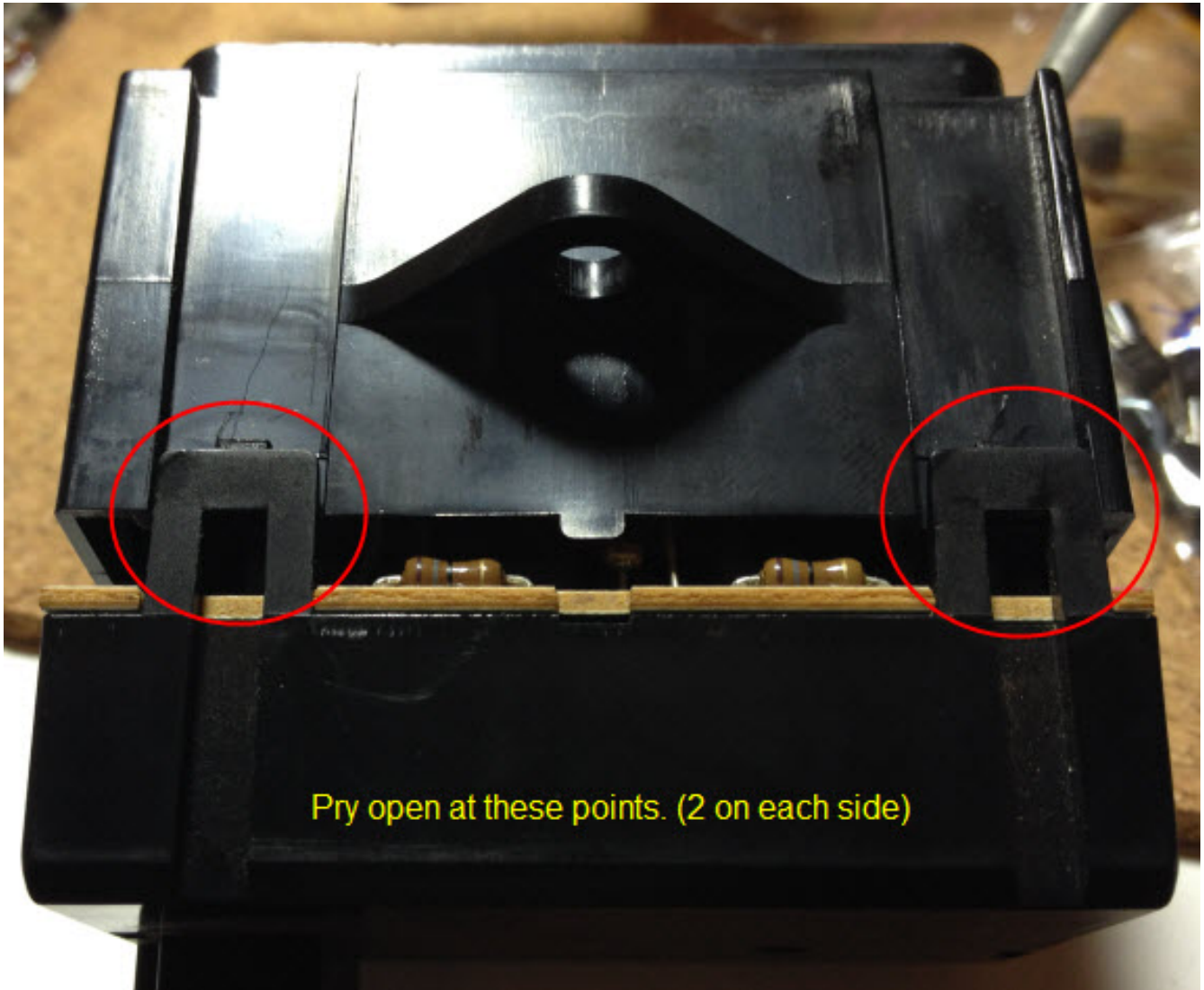


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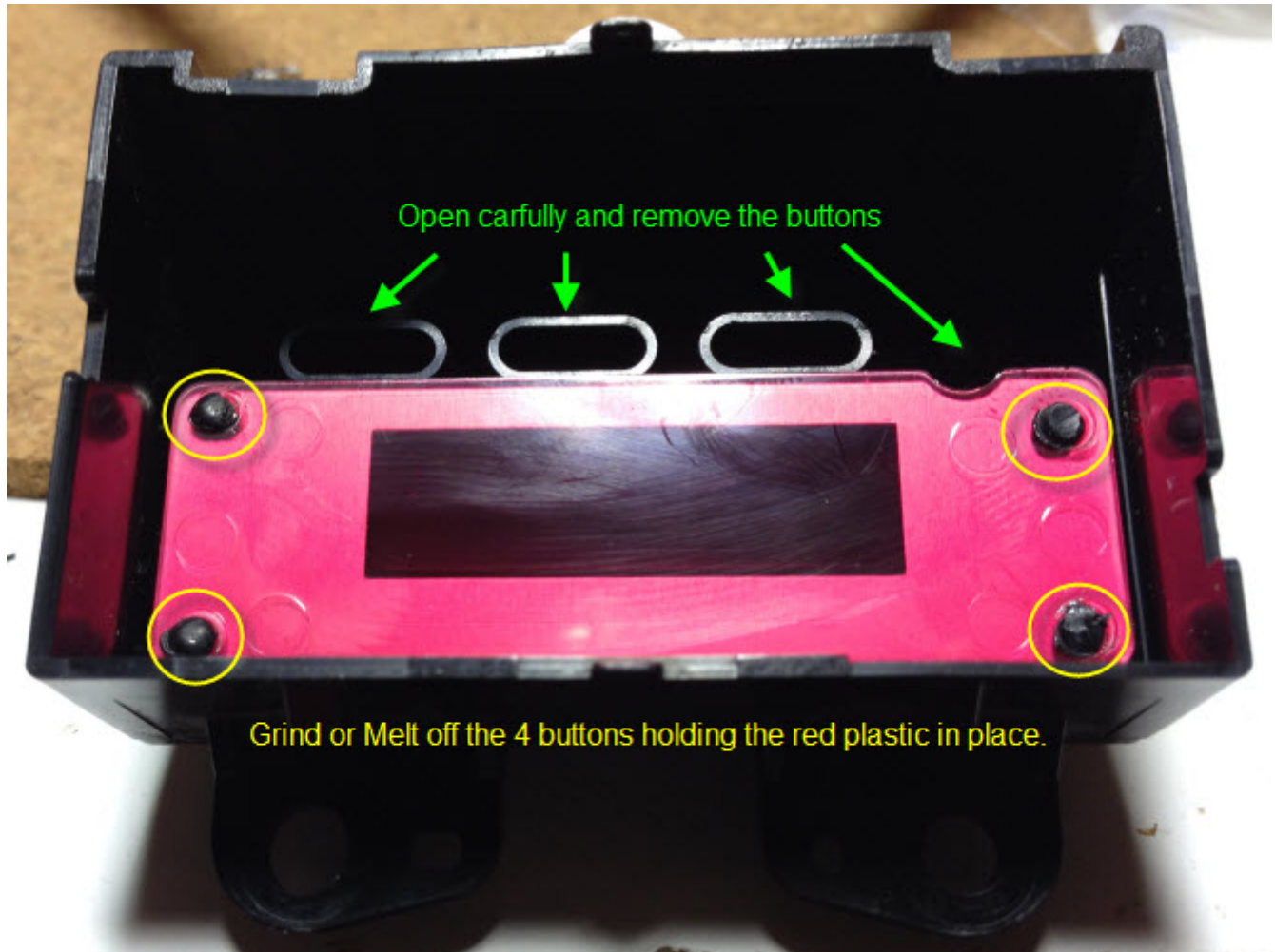
First, you want to remove the clock from the car. If you've done this, skip to #1.

Search online for the dash gauge/cluster surround removal for more detail. It requires you to remove the hazard flasher to get at one of the screws. Also remove the 2 screws in the underside of the main gauge/cluster surround. Once you have the surround removed you can unscrew the clock from the back of the surround.

#1. With the clock in hand, use a small flat-head screwdriver and pry open the 4 tabs to separate the two halves of the clock. (Careful opening as there are 4 buttons that will fall out)



#2. Set aside the LCD screen half and take a look at the front half with the colored plastic. Keep track of the 4 buttons. (You can't put them back in the wrong way). Notice the 4 plastic "Buttons" or Tabs circled below. These are melted in place to hold the screen assembly together. You need to grind them down or melt them further to get the screen apart. A dremel tool is probably the safest. I used a round metal burr and ground them down until there is no more "lip" on the tabs. Then the whole assembly just pops off.



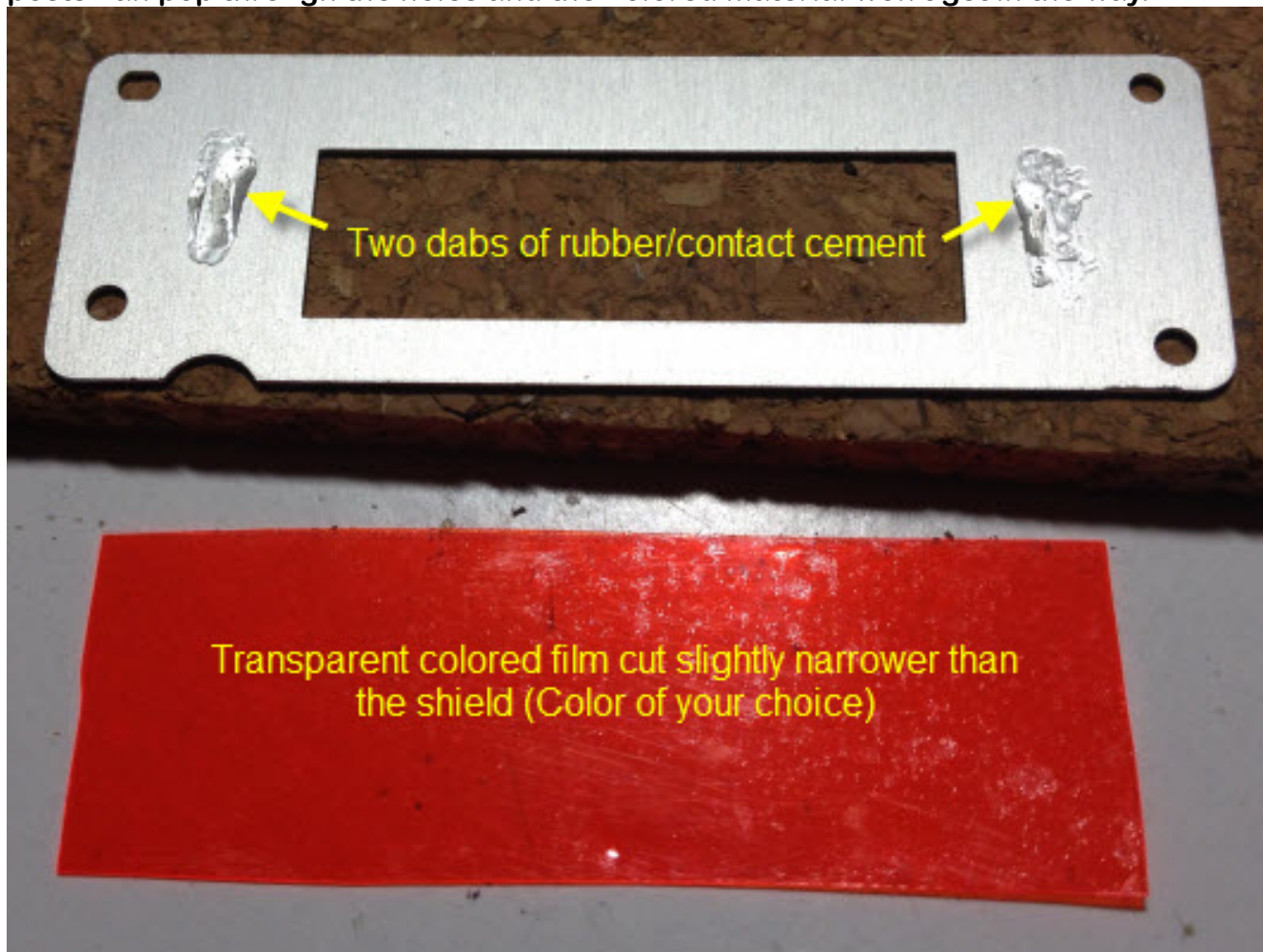
#3. Once the screen assembly is removed from the housing, you will have three pieces. The colored plastic, the metal shield and the tinted front cover. The colored plastic is what we want to replace. You can use just about any transparent material in whatever color you like. You can even leave the colored plastic out and have a light green colored clock. I used some transparent vinyl with adhesive on one side. It's best to use something without adhesive, as you don't want dust sticking to the exposed portion of the tinted material and obscuring the sight of your clock. I used what I had around and actually placed an orange piece and a clear piece sticky side to sticky side to end up with a non-sticky finished piece.



#4. My front cover had lots of swirl marks. This is a great time to get some toothpaste or plastic polish and get that thing nice and clear.



#5. Now you need to have your transparent material in hand. Cut it width wise a little thinner than the metal shield to account for the notch and length wise a little shorter than the 4 holes in the metal shield. This way when you put it all back together, the posts can pop through the holes and the colored material won't get in the way.

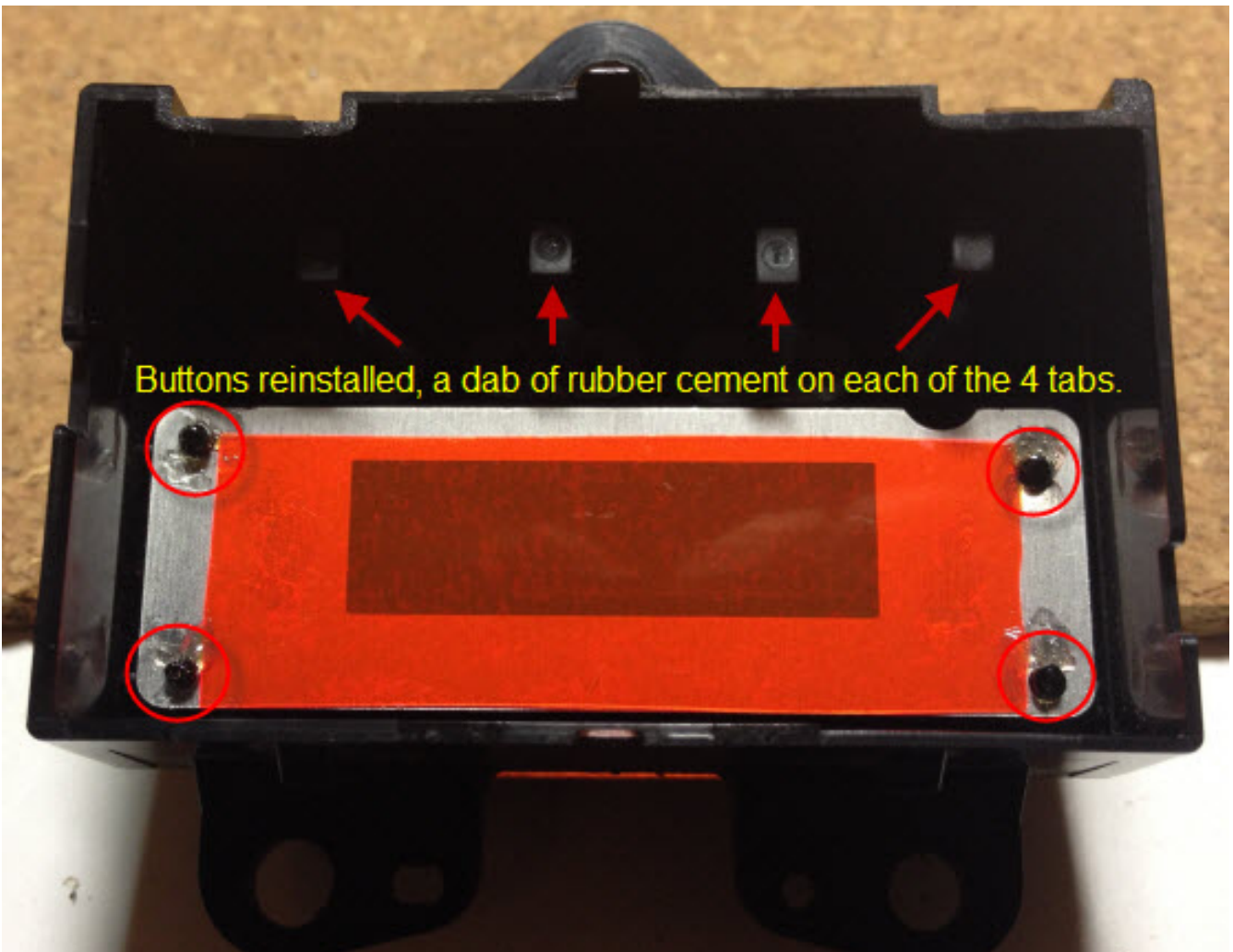


#6. I used rubber cement because it gives you some time to work with and allows you a little wiggle room when placing the colored material onto the metal shield. Make sure you have the shield black face down and you put your colored material on the silver side. Once that dries, you can put the front cover back in the front half, then the metal shield/colored material combo. I again used rubber cement to dab onto the "Buttons" sticking up to hold it all in place. If you use super glue, there is a chance it could run down to the plastic cover and ruin the clean look of your clock.

Film in place. Make sure you cut the length to fit inside the 4 holes.



Buttons reinstalled, a dab of rubber cement on each of the 4 tabs.



#7. After the rubber cement dries, pop the two halves of the clock back together and install in your car. I suggest you simply plug it back in by itself before you put the whole surround back together. This way you can make sure you are pleased with the color, in case you want to change it. I used a very bright orange color, almost fluorescent. Remember the front cover has a little dark tint to it so whatever color you use it will be affected by that dark tint.

Here's the results (Flash makes it look a lot more orange in the background. That doesn't show up to the naked eye).



Remember, your mileage may vary.

Enjoy your new colored clock.

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