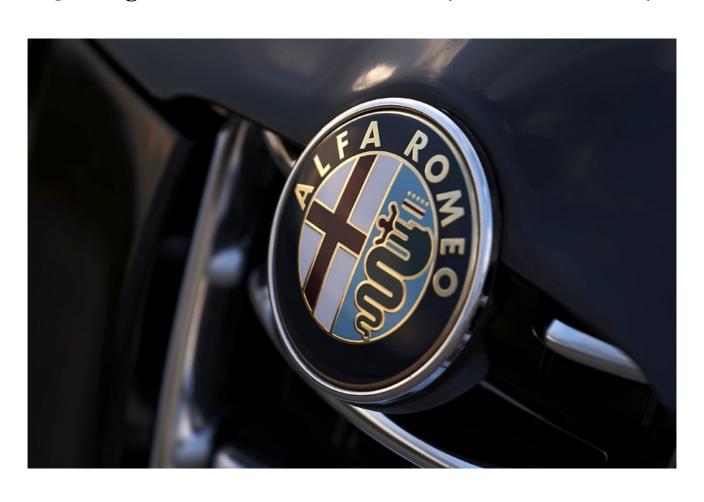
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In case you like Alfa Romeo 147/GT Q2 satin metal finish mirror covers, this guide will show you how to install them.

Quick guide (for advanced alfisti):

- 1. Remove mirror glass (unplug the heater element if you have heated mirrors)
- 2. Remove mirror cover (release inner catches and push forward)
- 3. Clip the new cover in place
- 4. Re-attach the mirror glass (plug-in the heating element first)
- 5. Enjoy the result ©

Step by step guide:

Note: I don't recommend doing this in temperatures below or close to zero. The plastic clips are very delicate when cold and have a tendency to break. The higher the temperature, the easier you can adjust/bend them without breaking.

1. As the first thing, you obviously need to get the covers. I don't think this is a widely available item in web-shops or on e-bay (Dec. 2007) so the easiest way is to order them from your Alfa Romeo dealer. I did it this way, they arrived in a week and both cost me about 50 EUR.



2. For start, you have to remove the mirror glass. You have to lever it out. The best way to do this is to work not in one corner only as this will only tip the glass. Work with two tools simultaneously in opposite corners. You can use flat screwdriver, a knife or anything flat and thin. To be safe, wrap the tool into a cloth not to damage something.



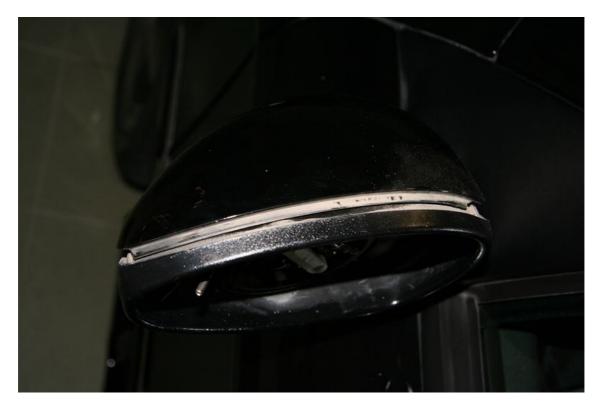
3. The mirror glass will eventually pop-out and you can remove it. If your mirrors are heated, you have to unplug its connectors, they just slide out.



4. The cover holds on 4 clips. Three of them are well accessible (red arrows) and one (yellow arrow) is accessible only if you take apart all the mirror adjustment assembly. But this is not necessary to do as if you release the three and if you apply reasonable pressure on the cover, the fourth will eventually pop out without breaking (at least in my case did).



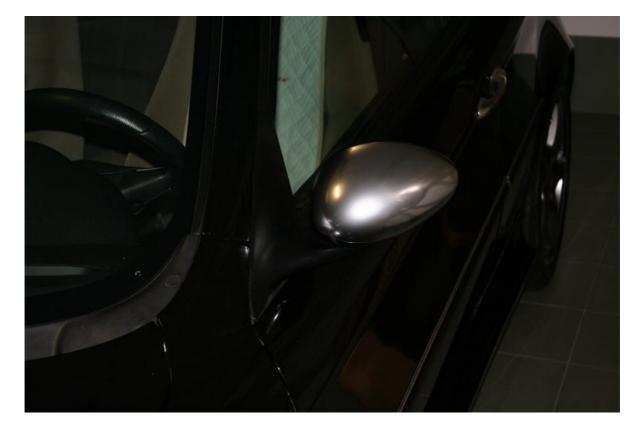
5. The cover comes out by sliding it forward. If your car is not brand new, the cover will be probably "glued on" by water and dirt that has progressively got between the frame and cover. I was surprised how much force I had to use to slide the cover (be sure the clips are released and didn't pop back in as in this case force will not help).



6. Now you can clean the wing mirror frame and slide the new cover in place. Be careful that the clips slide into the holes smoothly, they are 4 and you can't see them under the cover. In my case there was always one hitting the plastic and going to break. I had to bend it few mm to fit in place.



7. Push the cover in till you hear all clips to "click"



8. Admire the result ©



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