



Tools: Flashlight, 10mm ratcheting flex head wrench, metal forked trim tool, composite trim tool. Any flashlight with a 1-1.25 inch head will work...the trim tools don't have to be exactly like the ones above. To ratcheting wrench is a must...or one very similar to it.

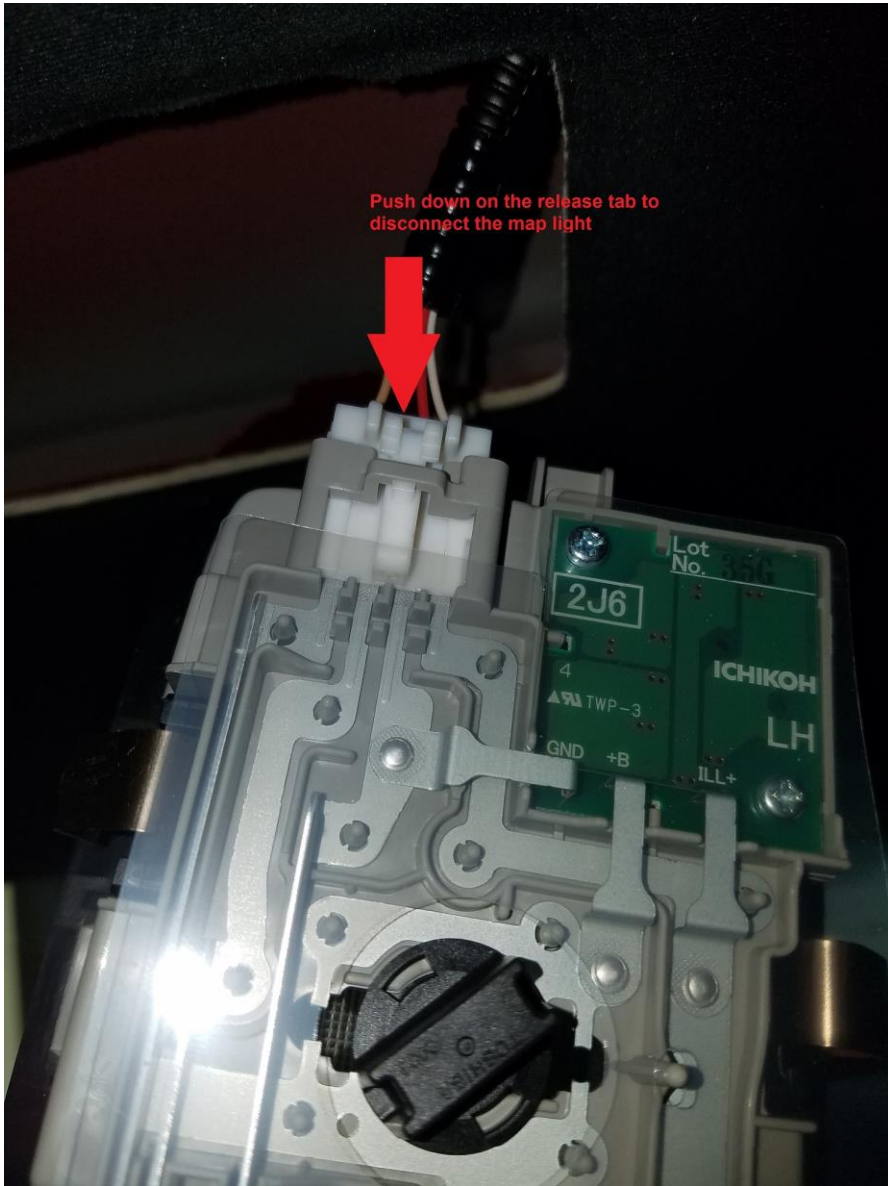


2 tabs in total...then the map light can be removed.



Here are the two clips

There are two metal tabs to release one side of the map light, which will allow it to be removed. The map light has 4 tabs in total, but releasing the two on the front was the easiest to get the light down.




Push down on the release tab to disconnect the map light

Push down on the plastic tab and pull the connector out.

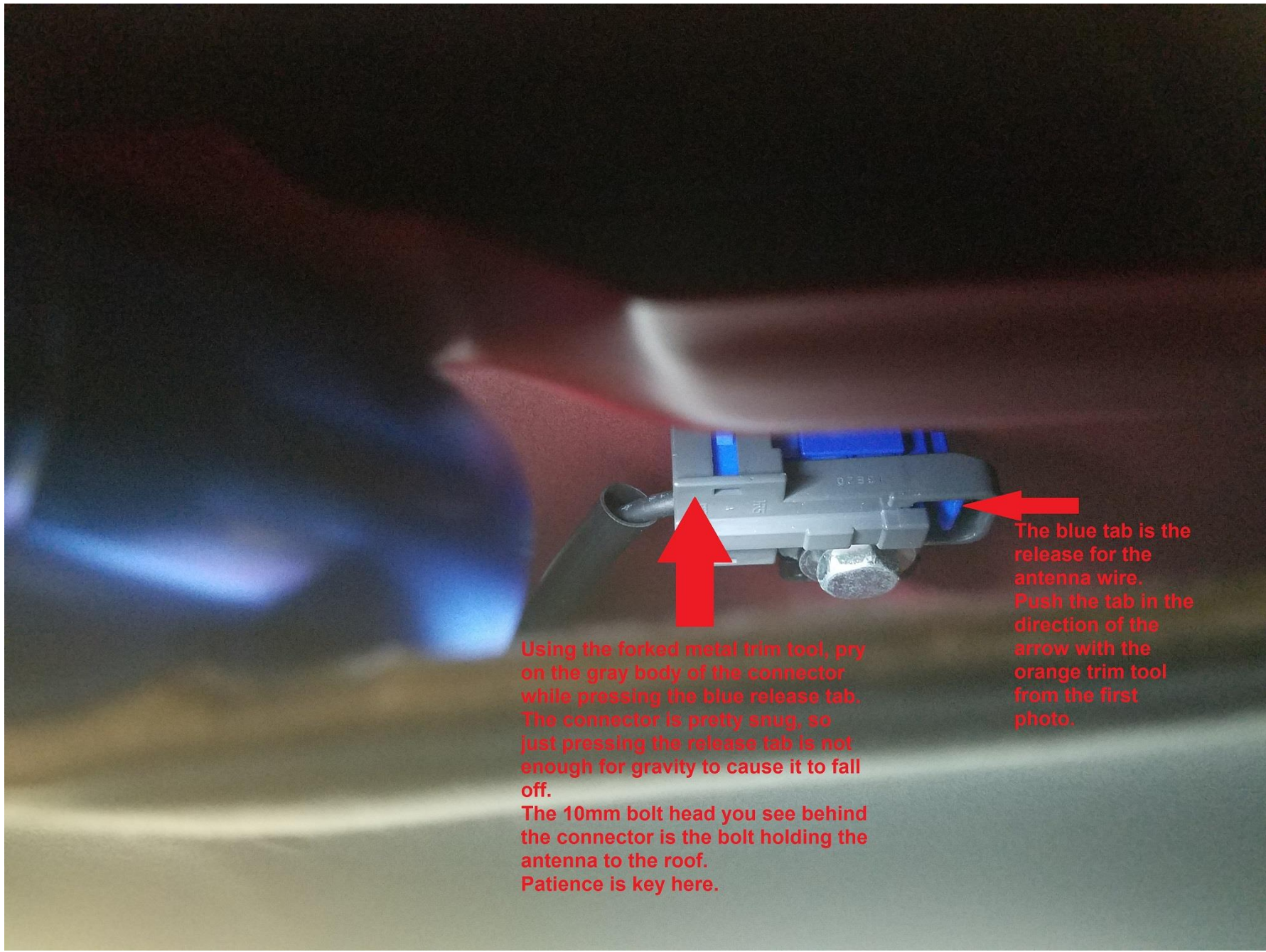
This is what the opening looks like
on a sunroof model IS.



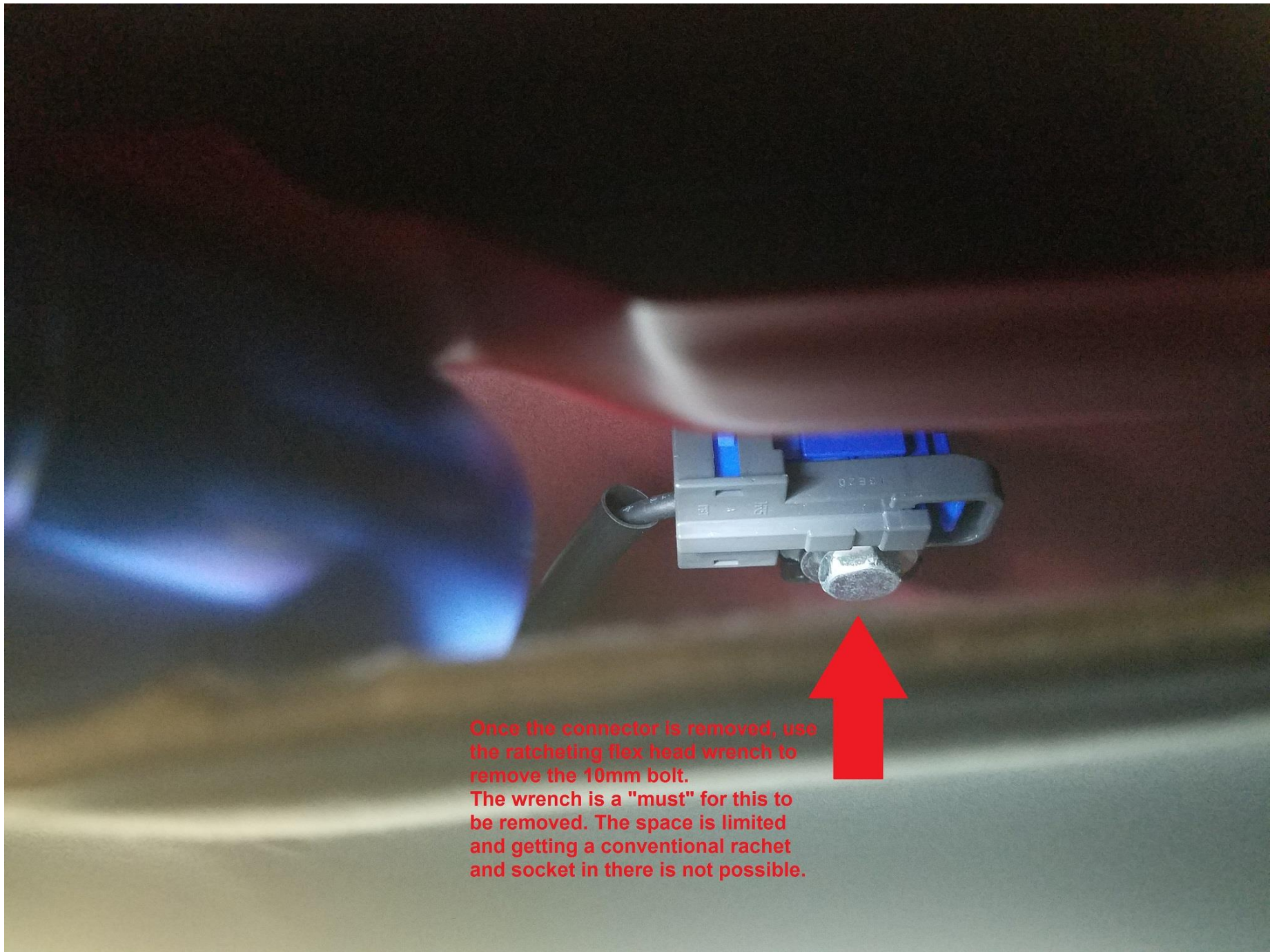


Gently pulling on the headliner I inserted the flashlight under the tab on the left. This creates room to work as well as providing light to see the antenna connector.

The blue part in the background is the antenna connector.



You can also swap the trim tools around and use the metal one on the release tab and the orange one to pull the connector down if you find the way above difficult.



Once the connector is removed, use the ratcheting flex head wrench to remove the 10mm bolt. The wrench is a "must" for this to be removed. The space is limited and getting a conventional ratchet and socket in there is not possible.

Before taking the bolt out, I put a rag in the back of the roof opening...in case the bolt fell, it wouldn't go anywhere...or far.

Once the antenna is off, if you need to remove the colored fin from the guts, there are two release tabs, one on each side of the guts to release it from the colored fin.

To reinstall, just reverse the order as above.

I recommend using the orange trim tool in the center of the ratcheting wrench to provide leverage to push the bolt up so it will catch the threads to tighten as you turn. You will either need someone to push down on the antenna to keep it steady while you catch the bolt...or just put a piece of tape over it so that it is taped to the roof. It's easiest to put the bolt in the wrench then insert it into the roof opening. Patience is key.

The antenna connector is a little tricky to get back into place...I used both trim tools to maneuver it, and once I got it lined up, used them both to push it up onto the antenna. Patience is all I can recommend here...I had some choice words for that connector at one point.