

Changing the Fascia/Cover/Housing on a Sony Ericsson T610

Disclaimer

I hold no liability for any damage done to your phone, or yourself, in following these instructions. If you choose to perform the modification detailed below, you choose to do so **at your own risk** . You have been warned.

Instructions

Shown below are a set of photos (with comments) on how to strip down a Sony Ericsson T610 and replace the fascia. My Original T610 was one of the Vodafone versions, in silver with the Vodafone logo on the front below the keypad (not shown). As the last picture shows, I replaced it with a much better fascia.

To perform this modification, you need, a T610 (obviously), a replacement fascia, a small flat bladed screw driver, and a T6 torx driver.



First remove the back cover, the battery and the SIM card.



Now remove the top part of the back cover (the part above the camera). Do this by inserting a small flat bladed screwdriver between the white and black parts of the phone, and lever the screwdriver up like a small crowbar on either side of the lens. The black cover should slide up and off the phone.



Looking at the top of the phone, remove the small on/off button and put it in safe place. Also remember to remove the little mirror or rubber grommet from beside the camera lens and put that in the same safe place as the on/off button. Losing these little bits will cause you no end of pain as they are not available as spare parts.



The next bit to remove is a small green plastic bit of circuit board. It's clipped in and sprung against some data pins. Again using the flat bladed screwdriver, pop it off in the direction of the top of the phone.



The whole rear of the phone should now be exposed. Using a T6 torx

screwdriver, unscrew the four small screws indicated. Put these screws in that safe place.



Once the screws are out, hold the phone like so, and squeeze gently on the sides and lower edge of the phone case, the pressure should be enough to create a small gap between the fascia and the sides, using a fingernail or thin plastic (like a credit card) make the gap bigger until the fascia pops off. Repeat on the opposite side of the phone if required.



The fascia should now lift off completely, exposing the front of the phone.



Push your replacement fascia on until it clicks into place, and reassemble the phone. if all has gone well, you should have a T610 that looks as nice as the one shown above. (12th Oct 2003)

(Update 3rd March 2004) I dropped my phone, and scratched the back panel and scuffed the front corners. Nothing for it, but to change covers again... Now it's a nice 'volcanic red' colour, front and back.



Since I put this page up, a lot of people have emailed me asking where to get the covers from. Well, a search on eBay is now your best bet as changing the covers on T610s has become very popular. I recommend paying over the odds for a cover, as you really do get what you pay for, Keep away from the really cheap covers - they are of poor build quality with bad re-sprays.

-Jaruzel

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