

# MAZDA 3 - Heater Panel Problems

Automatic climate control means that the system can be set to a given temperature and forgotten. On this 2005 Mazda3, it was designed to be set at a comfortable temperature and then left to ensure the interior of the vehicle remained at the selected steady temperature.

The system on this motor still worked, keeping the vehicle at the set temperature. The

only problem was that the selected temperature had become fixed and could no longer be adjusted. Spinning the temperature control dial did nothing to alter the interior temperature display on the control panel.

Carrying out a few simple tests, it was soon apparent that the control panel itself was the source of the problem. A quick phone call to our local Mazda dealer revealed that the new unit came with a €560 price tag.

Sourcing a second-hand unit, much more reasonable at €45, and then fitting it into the centre consul proved a more cost-effective solution. This involved the removal of the radio and the lower trim to access the retaining screws.

Once fitted into place, we were pleased to see that the interior temperature could now be adjusted as it was intended to be.



**The radio and lower trim panel require removal, to access the fittings for the control unit**