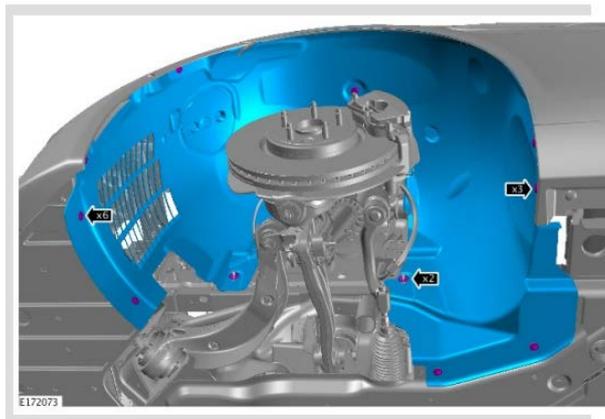


An Amateurs Guide: Removing Jaguar XE (2015) Grille

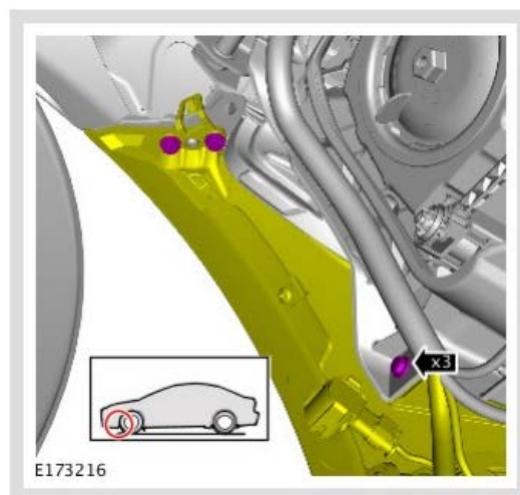
I am no mechanic, and forgive me if my terminology isn't correct. I also don't know screw and bolt sizes – I do though seem to have the tools and feel I am good at taking things apart and putting them together. Anyhow, I hope you find the below useful and good luck, Jags.

Here goes.....

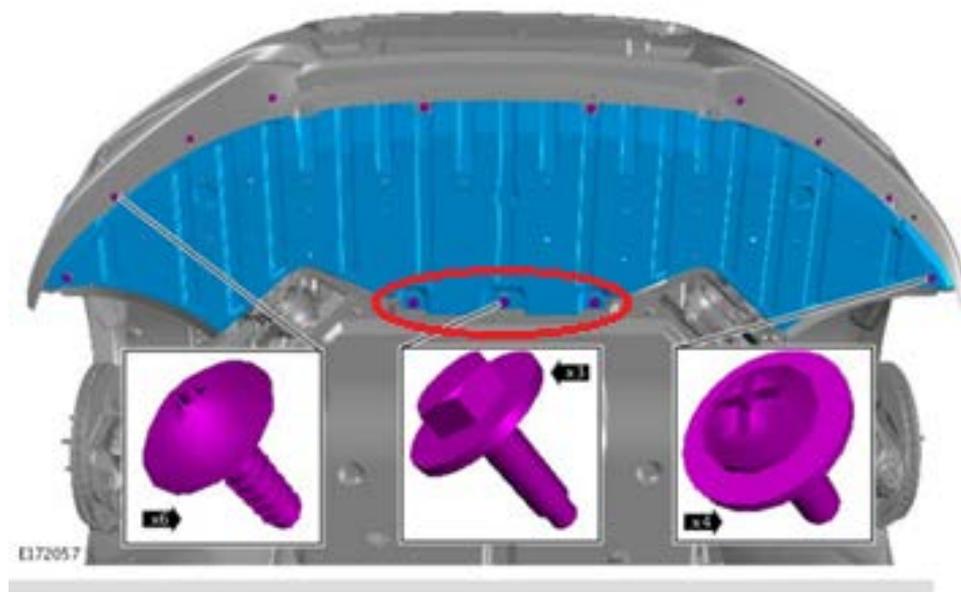
You need to start by accessing the plastic covering in the wheel arches – I just turned the wheels left and right to access the screws rather than remove the wheels.



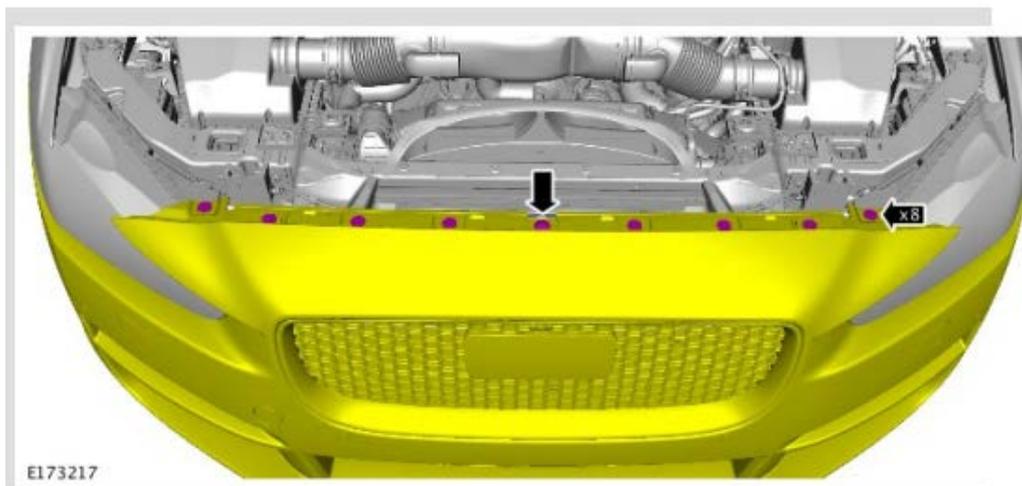
You don't need to remove all the screws – just the front half worth (4 or 5 I think) so you can pull the plastic trim enough to access the section in the following image. The plastic covering is tough to pull and the top 2 bolts are at the point where the plastic is toughest – but I managed it. The 3rd bolt doesn't look like it holds the bumper – but it does and is only slightly below the top two (the image below looks misleading as to where it is) – You need to do this on both sides.



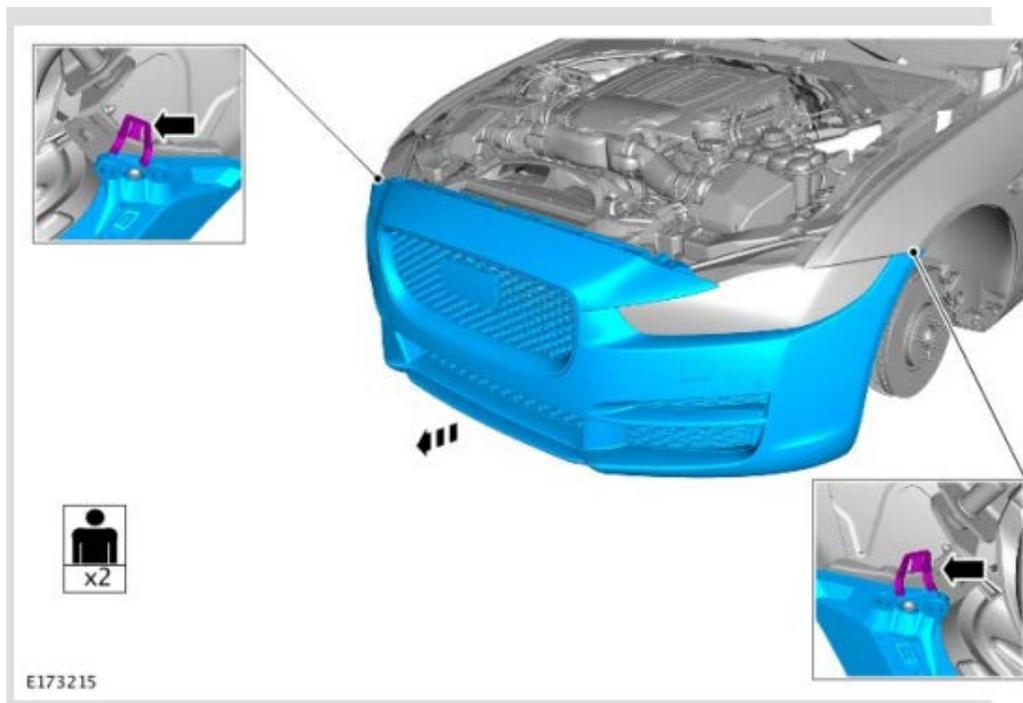
Now onto the underside of the car. You only need to unscrew 3 of the bolts – which are connected to the body. This is the easiest, so when you pull the bumper and the under tray comes along with it. In the image below it is only the circled 3 bolts that need removing.



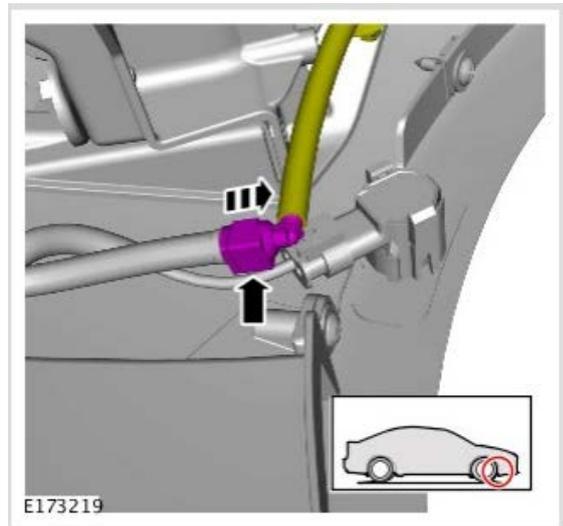
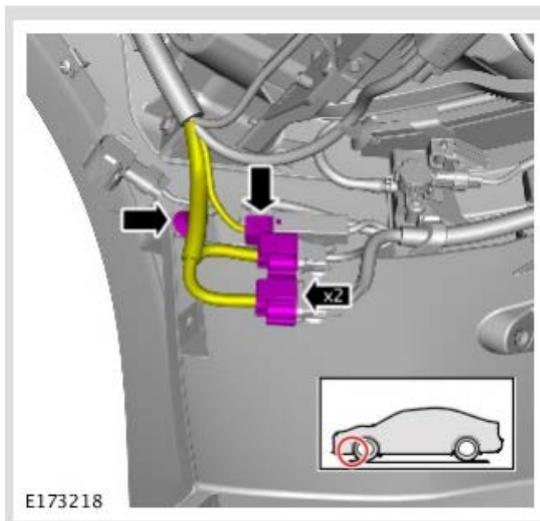
Then unscrew the bolts as demonstrated in the image below. The middle one you need to pull up using a flat screwdriver from the side, once out, pull out the part that was holding it in too.



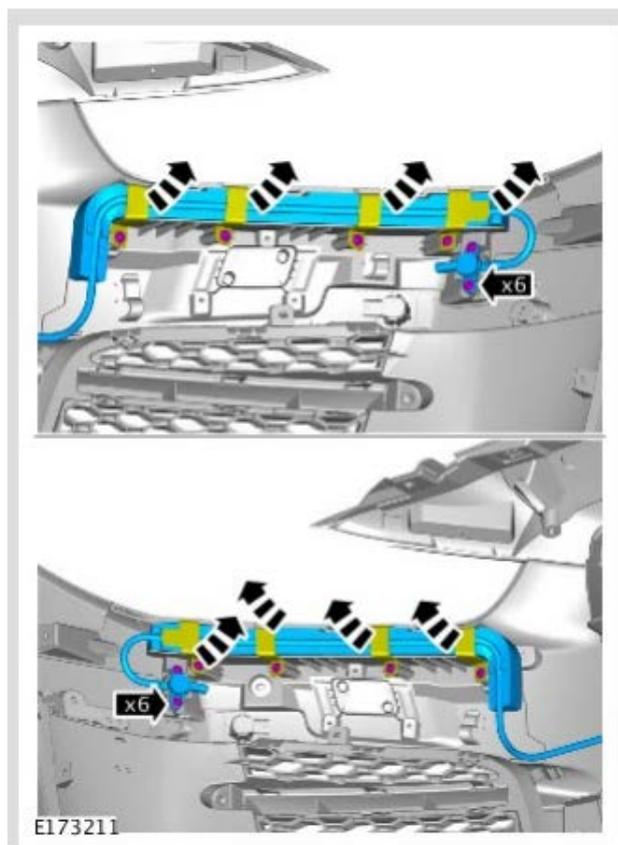
Next, unclip the, erm, clips as per the image below. And have a friend ready to help pull the bumper outwards – but don't pull too much!!



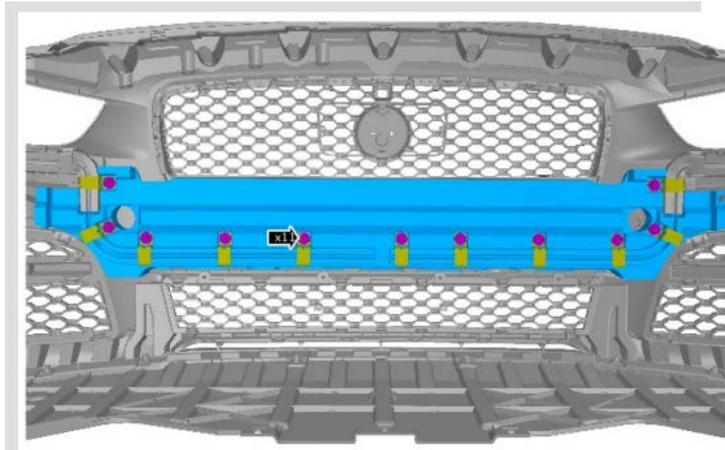
As the cable plugs (on one side) and the water pipe (on the other side) are still in, I couldn't unclip these but luckily didn't need to. Had enough slack to do what I needed. I put some boxes under the bumper to support it.



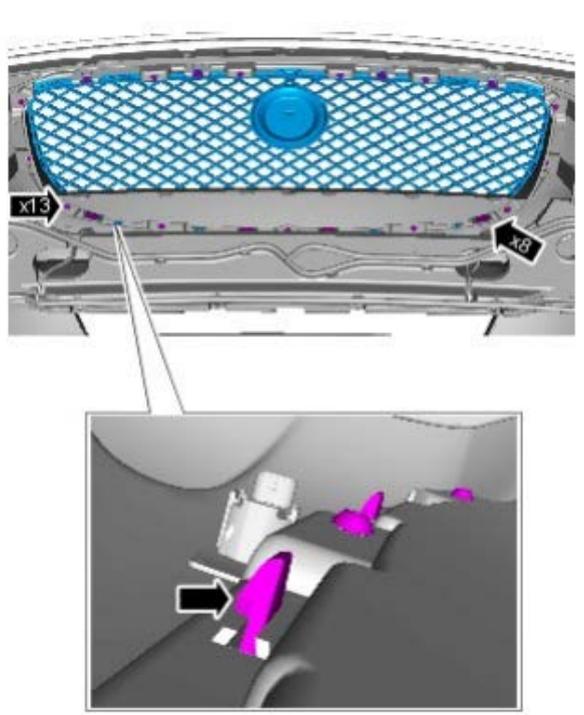
Next I unscrewed the screws and pulled out the clips holding the solid foam material as per below image. Do this on both sides:



You also need to remove the plastic bolts and clips holding the centre foam section in so you can access the grille.



Finally you unscrew the screws around the grille and also push the clips (which I found tough to do).....



Finally you have the grille out!



Do everything in reverse to put it all back together again. Make sure you line up the bumper correctly before you start screwing all the nuts bolts and screws back. Hope this has helped you.