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Step-by-Step Guide To Making Your Own Nokia E50 Metal Black

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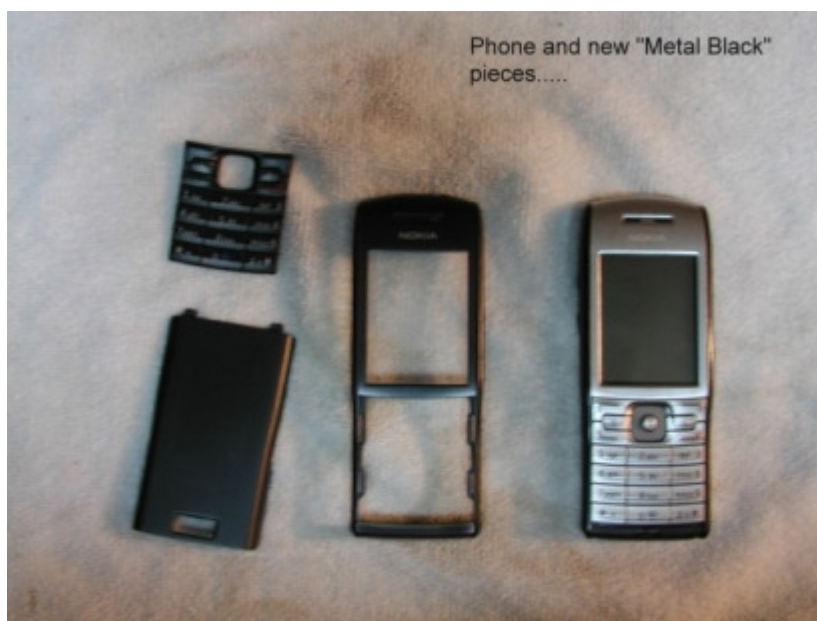


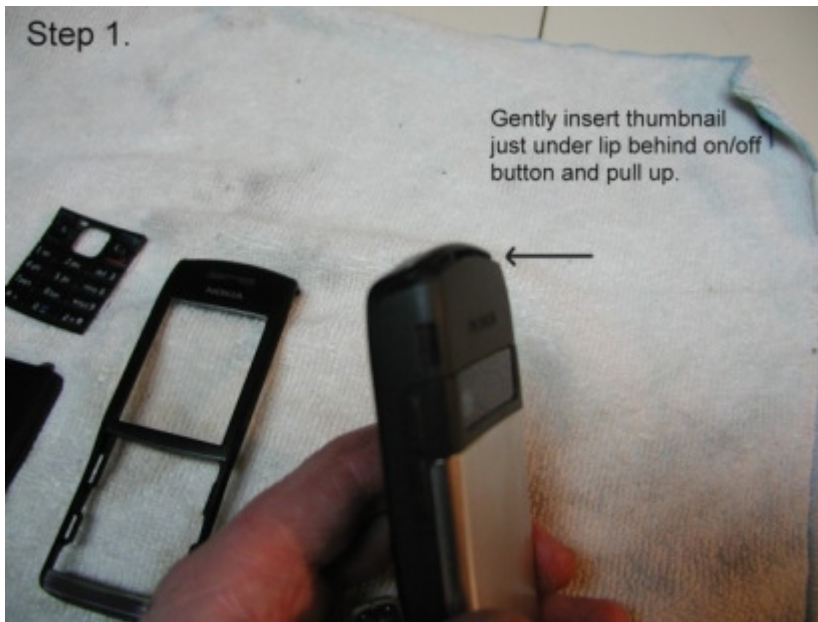
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Last week we looked at the photos of a [home made Metal Black E50](#). This time I have a great guide with photos for you. A huge thanks goes to Doug who documented the whole process. I know that some of you will find it very helpful. So without further comments let's make our own Metal Black E50:










You probably noticed that the little bottom part is missing. Doug had to use the silver one from his original E50. We are hunting for the new part and when we will let you know once we find it. For now you can purchase the following parts:

- [metal black front cover](#) EUR 23,99
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The custommade E50 metal black looks like sh**, the keypad lighting is not white as it is at the real metal black, it is blue like at every ordinary E50 silver version.

But the ugliest thing on this phone shown above is the lighting area around the joystick, it is white and not black!

This guide should be renamed into “make your own ugly metal black mobile”!!!

Why don't you sell your silver version and buy a REAL metal black??

Sorry but the real metal black is such a beautiful phone, please get the real one!

2. [Jaro](#) :: 12. February 2007

[1] Uh, lots of anger there :)

The thing is that the metal black is available only on a few selected markets, that's why people look for alternatives.

3. [Lazzz](#) :: 12. February 2007

Sorry that I sound angry but I'm disappointed from this guide, and the result looks really amateurish.

Especially the things like white area around the joystick or missing bottom metal part.

Due to these things, the homemade E50 metal black doesn't look very good, then better leave it as it was before: silver!

Perhaps you could look at ebay, there some real metal blacks are sold, or what about a trader who sells world-wide?

PS: I apologize if my first comment sounds too angry! Please forgive me! :-)
Sorry guys! ;-)

4. [Doug Shepard](#) :: 12. February 2007

Lazzz, dude chill out. Not everyone can just go and throw down 250-300 dollars on another phone. Plus if you were to sell the extra one, you're not going to make much off a used phone. Especially here in the U.S. cause it's not that popular of a phone. So the alternative for me was to make mine as close as possible, and I think it looks pretty damn good.

Besides whenever I get a phone I can't leave it factory looking anyway, i always mod it in some way and have been waiting since Sept of last year for somekind of mods for it...

Sorry if you don't like it, but I think it's awesome.....

5. [Lazzz](#) :: 13. February 2007

If you like your phone, it's okay, that's the most important thing that YOU like it. Not what other people (like me) say. ;-)

Yeah modding, I have modded my phones so often (for example 6110, 6310i, 6230, 6680), I couldn't live without modding them in some way, and guess what?

After doing so, I noticed always that the phone looked more nice BEFORE my mod tryings, so to say in its original style :-(Perhaps I have not much talent to mod :-D

A friend of mine sold his silver E50 the last days, and ordered a metal black one. All in all he paid roundabout 120 dollars for it...

PS: I have looked for a black light ring for the joystick area, but found none. Have you been to a Nokia Shop already and asked them if they could order it as spare part?

6. [Doug](#) :: 13. February 2007

I think it looks great and the instructions are top notch. Going to order one for myself.

7. [Jaro](#) :: 13. February 2007

Lazz, the metal black phones are only available at a few places on the internet and the languages packs they come with are very limited. There are people who need a phone in their native language so they must go for the silver E50 and then modify it.

I never mod my phones but I have to say I like this one. Yes, it doesn't look exactly like the original Metal Black but that's not the point.

8. [gokhan](#) :: 15. February 2007

uhhh..ohhh.well done.but \$\$\$hit, why i've paid fully bag of money to stock black one.really i paid extra 25 euro for the boxed metal black.haha..now i'm looking my metal black on my palm, hmmm but i see not complete metal black there as you know. cause the joystick is also in black color and the ilumi of keypad is white for the stock one...yep..you need one more thing so look at this link to get free pearl black theme. greets..

9. [gokhan](#) :: 15. February 2007

the link is...

<http://www.planete-nokia.com/phpBB2/index.php?s=b8e37f563795ea057e168fcfb8a0c996&showtopic=25441&st=300>

10. [Gert](#) :: 16. February 2007

It looks like good, clean fun. Good luck with the little bottom bit. I have a quick question: Is the flexible rubbery cover for the On-Off switch integrated in the faceplate? In other words: when the rubbery On-Off rubber gives up the spirit, can I just replace the faceplate and get a new one On-Off bit with it?

Thanks for a fun blog,
Gert

11. [Mike](#) :: 16. February 2007

The prices for original covers seem pretty high. I bought mine from handy-designer.de (<http://www.afterbuy.de/Afterbuy/shop/storefront/start.aspx?shopid=33097>) for about 33EUR total plus 10 euros for shipping to Finland.

12. [Doug Shepard](#) :: 18. February 2007

Gert to answer you question, the flexible rubber on-off switch is intergrated into the faceplate..So yea you can just replace the cover.....

13. [Mracer](#) :: 20. February 2007

Anyone seen a metal black without a camera?
English only support would do for me, but I can not find a no-camera metal black anywhere.

14. [Doug Shepard](#) :: 20. February 2007

I've not seen them without the camera, I don't see what it really matters if it has a camera or not. Unless you are concerned over the price difference, in which I doubt it would be that big of a difference anyway. But good luck!

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