Channel Face Plate Types

The following guide explains the differences between the two types of Custom 75 Series channel face plates. These are referred to as:

(1) ‘Newer-style’ (dark olive/grey colour)

(2) ‘Older-style’ (light blue/grey colour)
‘Older-style’ Face Plates

The ‘Older-style’ channel face plate was featured on all Custom 75 Series consoles produced before mid-2012. Metallic, light blue/grey in colour, this face plate was the first design introduced and as such features a built in ‘support’ which is absent on the newer face plates.

‘Newer-style’ Face Plates

The darker, olive-grey face plates were brought into production in mid-2012 and have been featured on all new Custom Series 75 consoles since. The front layout of the face plate is identical to that of the old type, apart from the colour of the metal [Fig 1], but it lacks the ‘support’ beams present on the rear of the ‘older-style’ panel [Fig 2].

As a result of the lack of support beams on the newer face plate design they are fitted to the channel in conjunction with additional gold-coloured ‘stiffener panels’ [Fig 3, overleaf]. The face plates are attached to the stiffener panels, which are then screwed on to the channel strip module.
The Stiffener Panel is a gold-coloured metal attachment which was introduced to remove the need for support beams on the rear of the face plate. It is placed between the channel strip module and the face plate itself. Face plates are attached to the stiffener panels, which are in turn attached to the channel strip modules.