



1997-2001 Jeep Cherokee Brake Light Replacement

How to replace a brake light of a 1997 Jeep Cherokee.

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INTRODUCTION

Did one of your brake lights on your Jeep Cherokee go out? This guide will teach you how to replace the bulb before you get an expensive ticket.



TOOLS:

- [3/8" Socket](#) (1)
- [Socket Wrench](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [GE Part #3157 Standard Brake Light Bulb](#) (1)

Step 1 — Brake Light



- **Open the trunk door.** In order to remove the rear light assembly, it must be accessed with the trunk open.

Step 2



- **Remove the three screws** that are holding the rear light assembly to the body of the Jeep. Use the wrench to remove the screws.
- Each screw is an indented hexagon washer head and is 3/16" in diameter and 3/4" long.
- All three screws are identical and can be removed in any order.

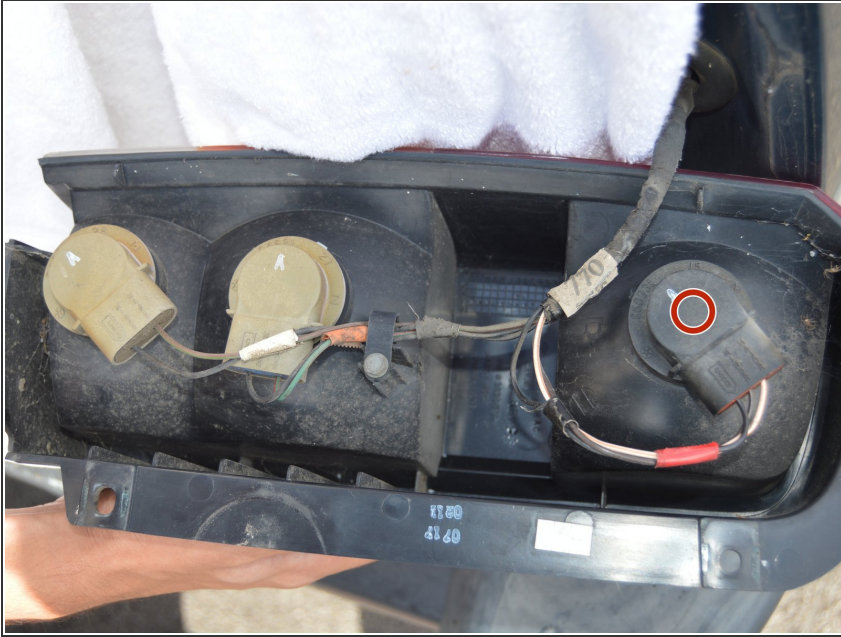
Step 3



- **Gently pull the rear light assembly away** from the car to gain access to the bulbs and wires.

⚠ Be careful when pulling away the rear light assembly. The wires will still be attached to the inside of the car.

Step 4



- **Locate the brake light.** Turn the light assembly over and you will see three light bulb sockets. The brake light is the top bulb and the bulb behind the red plastic lens.

Step 5



- **Remove the brake light.** Twist the light bulb socket clockwise and remove the light bulb socket from the rear light assembly.

Step 6



- **Remove the bulb** by pinching on either side of the bulb and gently pulling the bulb out.
- ⚠ Be careful not to force the bulb when pulling as it may damage the bulb socket.

Step 7



- **Replace with the new bulb.** Gently put in the new bulb in the same manner as you removed the old bulb.

Step 8



- **Lock the bulb back in place.** Carefully put the bulb back into the light assembly and twist counter clockwise until it locks in place.

Step 9



- **Set the light assembly back in place.** There is a tab on the bottom of the light assembly that must line up with the hole in the car.
- The red brake light should be on top.

Step 10



- **Tighten the three screws** back into place. This will fasten the light assembly back onto the car.
- The order and the positioning of the screws will have no effect on the assembly, because they are all identical.

Step 11



- **Check the brake light.** Have another person step on the brake to ensure proper lighting occurs.