



Ford Focus Door Handle Bracket Replacement

This fix will demonstrate the replacement of a door handle bracket on a 2001 Ford Focus.

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INTRODUCTION

The door on a 2001 Ford Focus would not open from the outside. In order to fix this problem a new handle bracket was required. Follow this guide for step by step instructions on how to replace the bracket.



TOOLS:

- [T20 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Flathead Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [X-ACTO Knife](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [New Handle Bracket](#) (1)

Step 1 — Handle Bracket



- Remove the screw cover in the handle housing using a flathead screwdriver.

Step 2



- Remove the screw that is holding the handle housing with a T20 Torx screwdriver.

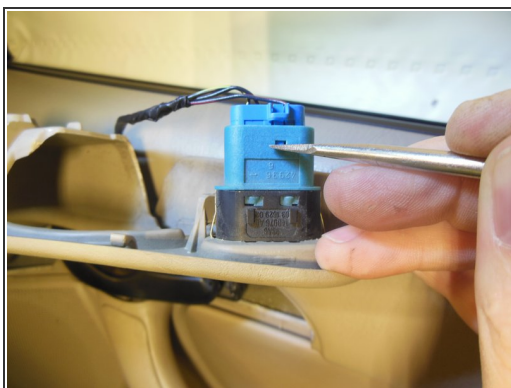
Step 3



- Carefully pull the handle housing off.

⚠ Do not pull too hard. There are wires attached to the back of the housing.

Step 4



- Detach the wires on the handle housing with a flathead screwdriver by pushing upwards on the release slot.

Step 5



- Remove the cover on the door grip by prying gently with a flathead screwdriver.

Step 6



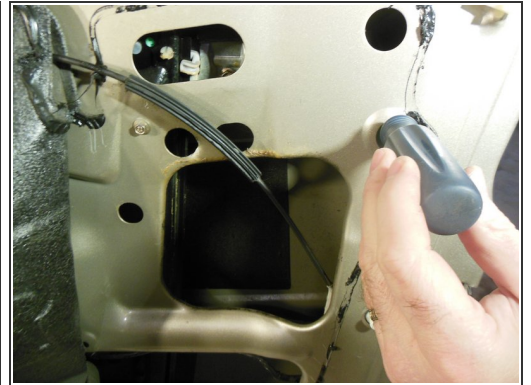
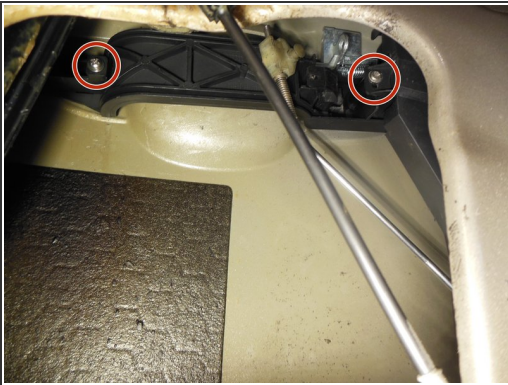
- Take off the inside door panel by removing all screws with a T20 Torx screwdriver.
- ⓘ There are nine screws in total: two on the front, three on the outer side, two on bottom, and two on the inner side.

Step 7



- Pull the insulation back to access the door handle bracket.
- ⓘ Use an X-acto knife if needed.

Step 8



- Remove the two screws holding the handle bracket with a T20 Torx screwdriver.

Step 9



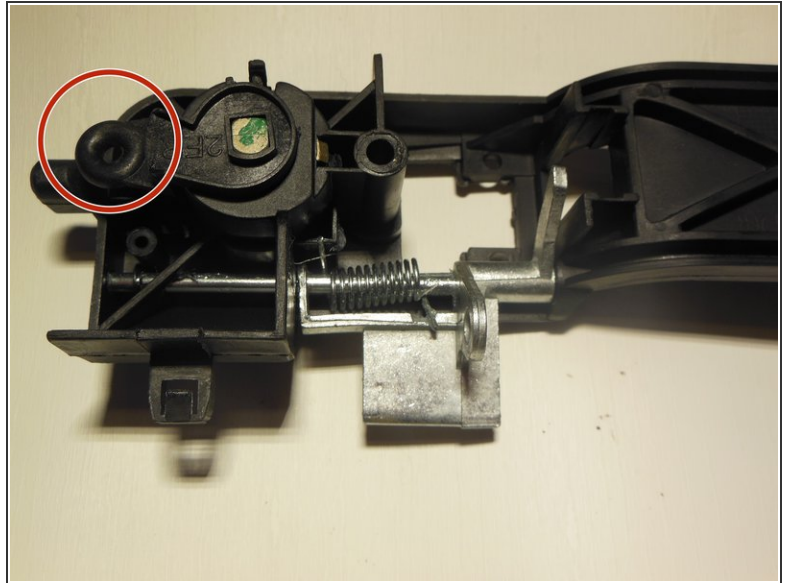
- Remove the outside door handle by prying gently with a flathead screwdriver to loosen, and then slide it back.

Step 10



- Detach the door latch rod from the handle bracket by pulling the plastic end out of the metal loop.

Step 11



- Pull the locking rod free from the handle bracket and remove the broken handle bracket.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.