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## Explorer door handle repair kit installation instructions

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1. Remove door panel following manufacturers' removal instructions.
2. Lay door panel with the finished side (vehicle interior side) facing down onto a soft surface that will not damage panel finish.
3. Wearing appropriate eye protection, use a hobby grinder or similar die grinder to remove the melted portion of the tabs holding the door handle to the door panel. Perform this operation using a small pointed grinding stone. **CAUTION: Grind away the melted portion of the mounting tabs only. Do not grind any further down than the point where the mounting tabs become "flush" with the inside surface of the plastic door panel.**
4. While holding the door panel to support it from the interior side in the area surrounding each pin, use a flat blade screwdriver to push each door handle pin out through the panel. Repeat this process until all pins are pushed through and the old door handle is removed. Remove any residual grindings from around the holes.
5. Position the new door handle so that the pins align with the door panel holes. Insert the replacement door handle into the door panel as far as possible.
6. Using the "push nuts" supplied, install the push nuts onto the door handle pins one at a time. Support the door handle from the finished side and push the nuts all the way to the base of each pin. Note that the gripper surfaces of the nut must point upward as the nut is positioned over the pin. Also, the 2 gripper surfaces of each nut should press over the wide portions of each pin. Repeat this process until all nuts are installed on the pins.
7. At the completion of step #6, the door handle should be tight in the panel and appear flush from the interior side. Tighten any nuts that are loose.
8. Reposition the door panel over the door frame, carefully checking to be sure that no interference exists between the handle pins and the metal door frame. If interference is found, do not cut the affected pins...rather, use a soldering iron with a flat tip to melt the additional pin material down over the push nut.
9. Reinstall the panel onto the door.