

Challenger 2015-21 - RedlineGoods shift boot installation guide

Tools/supplies needed

Small flathead screwdriver, or another prying device

Pliers

Staple gun and/or adhesive strips

Binder clips (optional)

Trim removal tool (optional)



Step 1

To remove the factory shift boot, you first need to remove the shift knob, my car already had an aftermarket lever & knob, so I simply loosened the jamb nut and unscrewed the knob. I believe the factory knob also simply unscrews but check that before starting.

Step 2

Once the knob is removed, it is easiest to remove the factory boot by first removing the center console trim piece. Pulling from inside the cupholder seems to be the best method, there is a little ledge you will feel, the cupholder buckets will stay in place but pull straight up on the little ledge. It does take some force. (see video).

A trim removal may help here but is not necessary.





Step 3

With the console trim pulled up you will see several clips (red circled) holding the boot into the trim. Push these straight up to release the factory boot.

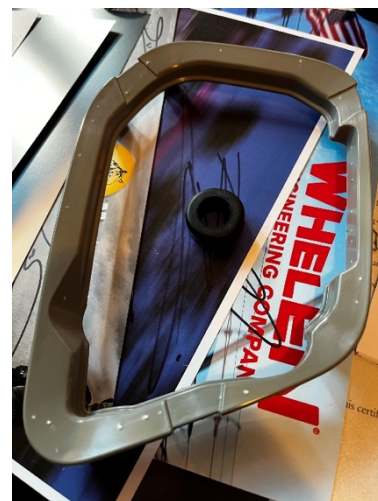
Once the boot is removed, you can clip the main console trim back into place.

Step 4

In the top of the factory boot there should be a small rubber grommet, remove this and save for later. **Before proceeding, note which part of the boot is at the front,** this will make installing the new boot easier in a few minutes.

Step 5

The factory boot is retained to the frame by a combination of several staples, and a spot of adhesive where the seams are. Carefully pry the staples out with something like a small flathead screwdriver. Once they are loosened, pliers may be needed to pull the staples all the way out. Use the screwdriver or similar prying tool to loosen the adhesive spots at the seams. You should now be able to fully remove the factory boot, and be left with the plastic frame, and rubber grommet from step 4.



Step 6 (optional)

Place the new boot over top of the old boot, and compare the shapes, and cutouts, to determine the correct orientation, noting where the front of the new boot is by comparing to the position you noted before step 5. It should only fit in one orientation, so this step isn't strictly necessary, but should make it simpler.



Step 7

The factory boot has been rolled over at the top to the correct size for the rubber grommet. Roll the top of the new boot inside to a similar diameter as the factory boot and fit the rubber grommet.



Step 8

Now you are ready to fit the boot to the plastic frame. If you marked the front in step 6 you know what orientation to start, if not, simply rotate the boot around the frame until you note the correct fit, lining up the cutouts with the clip features in the plastic frame. Some binder clips may be useful to do a trial fit and ensure the boot is optimally aligned.

Once you have the boot aligned satisfactorily, attach it to the plastic frame. Ideally use a staple gun for a fit similar to the factory one. Alternatives are glue and double-sided mounting tape.





Step 9

Put the new boot with grommet over the shift lever and press the clips into place. Watch that the leather does not pull around the perimeter. Reinstall the shift knob and enjoy your new boot!

Useful tip

Make sure to condition your new shift boot properly, using the proper care products for the material you've chosen for your shift boot (leather and Alcantara require different treatments) and you'll enjoy it for years!