

Materials used:

- I used “Amazing Goop: Automotive” as my adhesive of choice. This provides a fairly strong bond when dry, but remains easy to work with (and does not damage the leather.)
- Q-tips (I used the cheap ones and removed the cotton end. A toothpick or other small stick will work well. This was used to help spread the adhesive.
- Clamps
- Electrical tape

1) After removing the door pull from the door card, the very first thing you need to do is to wash the door pull with dishwashing soap. This will help ensure a good bond.



2) The key of the entire install is to start by aligning the seam flush (below) with the ridge just above the primary upper screw hole. There will likely be a bit of overlap on either side of this point that is not a problem.



3) Once you have the seam and ridge aligned start by using a clamp at the bottom to secure the leather to the door pull.



4) Add a couple more clamps to help stabilize things. Put one clamp about 4-5 inches from the top of the door pull.



5) Start by spreading some adhesive at the two middle segments on the upper section. Take your time here. If this area is misaligned it will bug you forever.



6) Clamp this area and let it sit for a while. I'd recommend letting it sit a minimum of two (2) hours to get a good amount of adhesion. This is important, as the rest of the panels' pivot and is anchored by this area.



7) At this point, you can begin by continuing to glue down the main panel. NOTE: You may not want to leave the clamps in any one location for too long. Doing so may create impressions in the supple leather.



8) Once the center panels dry you can now glue down the outer panels. Unfortunately, due to the contours of the door pull and the tightness of the leather it will have difficulty holding the leather flush with the door pull.





9) While the adhesive is drying, wrap tightly some electrical tape around the top of the pull. This will cause enough pressure to keep the leather in contact with the door pull as the adhesive cures. Give this plenty of time. If you don't then the leather will not fully adhere to the door pull.



10) At this point the door pull should pretty much be done. Some light trimming may be necessary, but overall it should fit. Much of the excess you should be able to tuck underneath.

