

Outback Handle

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Tired of scraping your finger tips trying to open the outback door? Scratch your paint using a screw driver to pry open the trunk? Apply a good-looking and effective handle to the problem.

APPROX. MODIFICATION TIME: 20 minutes

PART LIST: All prices are approximate and pre-tax.

[1] drawer or cabinet handle, brushed nickel or color to match your Rialta; example, Amerock®, 96mm Centers Solid Brass Satin Chrome Pull, Item #: 17672, Model: BP1970-G10	~\$6
[2] 2 machine bolts 8-32 x 3 with a round, slotted head, (cut to fit width of outback door), 2 washers	<\$3
[3] waterproof sealant	<\$1
APPROX. TOTAL COST OF PARTS	~ \$10

SPECIAL TOOLS:

- drill, 1/4" drill bit
- center punch
- metal file



INSTRUCTIONS:

* Prepare and measure.



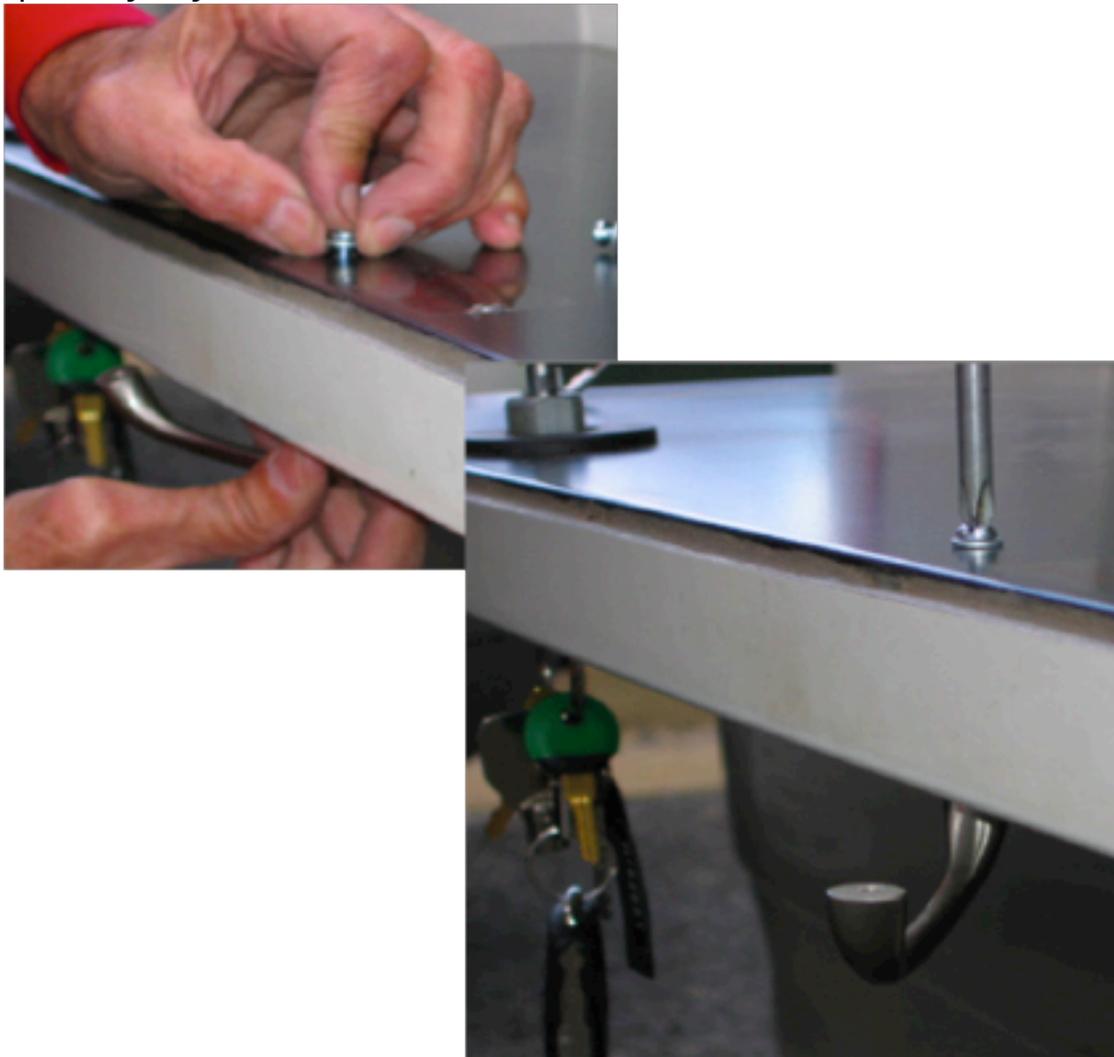
* Spring load center punch to get hole exactly right. Drill the holes with a 1/4" drill bit.



* Measure the exact depth of the outback door to get the proper length bolt. If necessary, cut the bolts to length, depending on the thickness of the outback door. (An electrical crimping tool is preferred.) Remember to file off any burrs.



* Add weather-proof sealant in the hole of the door handle as well as in the hole in the outback door to prevent water/weather from getting in hollow cavity of the outback door. Screw the bolts in, check for good fit. Wipe away any excess sealant.





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