

Down South Vettes Leather emergency brake handle Installation Instructions.

Difficulty: 3 out of 5.

Time: Plan on about 15 minutes.

The tools used are:

- ? A small blade screw driver or flat tweezers to reseal the new boot around the base of the e-brake handle.
- ? A T15 Torx driver to take off the console cover.
- ? A Phillips head screwdriver to remove the e-brake handle.
- ? A flashlight may help get a better look at the screw location as you start.



The original OEM boot and handle to replace.



The first step will be to remove the center console cover so you have access to the screw that holds on the e-brake handle. Open the center console to expose 4 T15 Torx screws. Now, remove the center console cover.



Once the center console cover is off, pull down the e-brake boot to reveal a Phillips head screw which holds the e-brake handle in place.



Once you remove the Phillips head screw, the only thing holding the handle in place at this point is the brake release button at the top. The button is held in place with a friction fit and a detent in a notch. To remove (easiest from the passenger side), grip the OEM handle firmly and pull (slide) the handle off which will “pop” the brake release button off the top of the handle. You can now slide the handle off with ease.



Here is the OEM handle (left) and the DSVettes handle (right) for comparison



Slip the new handle in place. Return to the drivers side of the vehicle. Using your right hand to hold down the e-brake boot around the base of the handle, use your left hand to find the hole for the Phillips head screw. Tighten the screw. Once the screw is in place all that remains is to return the brake boot so that it covers the ring and recess on the handle. Using both hands work the boot around the base starting in the back (or top) as pictured below. Once the boot is started you can twist counter clockwise while pressing the boot up into place. This will allow the boot to seat the rest of the way around the base of the handle.



The finished product looks like this:



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