



## Chrome Interior Handle DIY

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Okay everyone; here is your guide to installing the chrome interior handles offered by CustomSorento.com. They are \$64.50 for a set of 4. I think they are worth every penny. This is a very easy modification that doesn't require a lot of time or special tools. Total time was appx. 1 hour, for someone that hasn't taken off the door panels yet, maybe 2 hours. Anyway, here we go!

**Step 1.** Remove the door panels. (I will post some instructions here)

The door panels each have 4 plastic clips w/screws. Two on the inside edge of the door



And two on the outside edge (sorry no photo)

You need to immobilize the clip that the screws are in so that you can get the screws out. A power drill with a Phillips head works great (just push you finger or a flathead screwdriver against the lip of the clip)

There is a screw behind a clip in the door handle “cup”



Remove this screw and the “cup”

There is also a screw in the door handle.



Now if this is a front door you will need to pull off the sail panel before you can remove the door panel.

It just pops off and you can let it hang or whatever.



Once you have the door panel off, you have to disconnect the plastic wire clips that connect the window switches, puddle lights, etc. These are different for each door. The driver door has 4 (puddle light, windows, mirror controls, and rear window release)

Once you have the door panel off you will see this

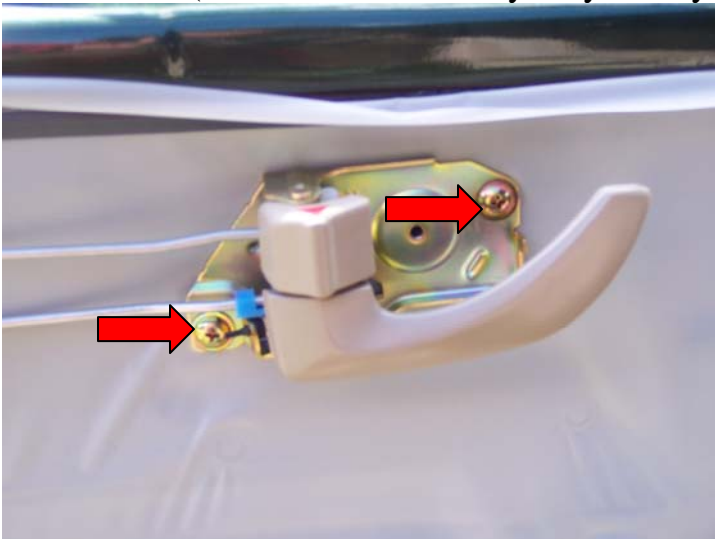


The two rods are what you will need to disconnect  
This photo shows how they are in the handle and connected

The ends of the rods are bent (up for the white, and down for the blue)



You just pull the clip off the rod, and slide/pop it out of the end of the clip that it is in. (Trust me this is really easy once you see it)



Remove the screws that hold the handle assembly to the door.

Place new chrome handle assembly into place (make sure to line up the screw holes)



Reinstall the screws securely

Line up and push the rods bent ends into their respective clip ends

One those are in, push the clips onto the rods until you hear them “Click”  
(The front door “blue” rods have little plastic retainer clips that slide into a coupling on the handle frame assembly)

Check to make sure that the handles work and that the power locks operate normally. Reinstall the door panel (don’t forget to hook back up all the electronics). When you go to put the screw into the handle/cup assembly, it can give you some resistance; just use a little elbow grease (or a drill with a Phillips bit)

When it is all back together, it should look like this:



That is about it. It really isn't that hard to do, the door panels can be frustrating, but once you get one off, it is clear sailing from there. Any questions, drop me (Sorentosis) a PM at [Sorentosite.com](http://Sorentosite.com)

Hope you enjoy your new chrome handles!