

# **Glove Box Handle/Latch Repair**

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**SSR glove box is fastened with  
three 7mm hex screws on hinge  
at bottom of dash**

**•Normally if latch is working  
properly, glove box can be  
removed by removing 7mm  
screws unlatch glove box door  
with handle, carefully slide box  
assembly out toward you**



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**Handle is connected to latch  
mechanism via short rod seen  
running horizontally in picture.**



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If handle housing is cracked or forced, connecting rod can be easily dislodged making glove box difficult to open, or remove for repair.

To open glove box. Arm on latch mechanism must be pushed to right as indicated by arrow.

Unfortunately latch is covered by glove box liner and is not accessible from outside of a closed glove box.



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**Using 1/4 inch drill, carefully  
drill hole thru handle  
assembly at location shown.**

**NOTE: Glove box handle will  
have to be replaced.**

**Hole needs to be located in  
lower portion of handle,  
approximately 7/16 inch from  
front face of handle assembly**



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**Angle bit close to handle, as shown, to gain access to latch mechanism.**

**NOTE: Drill carefully! Only thru handle assembly (about 1/16" plastic) you risk damaging latch mechanism and/or glove box liner.**

**Be careful not to let drill chuck come into contact with glove box face!**



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**Latch mechanism is shown  
(insert) for illustrative purposes  
but located behind glove box  
door.**

**Flashlight aimed thru drilled hole  
to locate latch arm.**

**Insert small flat bladed  
screwdriver thru hole, catch  
shoulder on latch arm, push  
toward passenger side (right) as  
shown to release latch  
mechanism and open glove box.**



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**Now that glove box is released.**

**Remove three 7 mm screws on  
lower hinge, glove box slides out  
of opening toward you.**



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Since glove box is out of dash for a period of time, it is advisable to disconnect glove box light.

Plug is shown partially disconnected in picture.

Connector lock is on glove box light fixture, carefully pull in direction shown (1) to release harness plug (2).



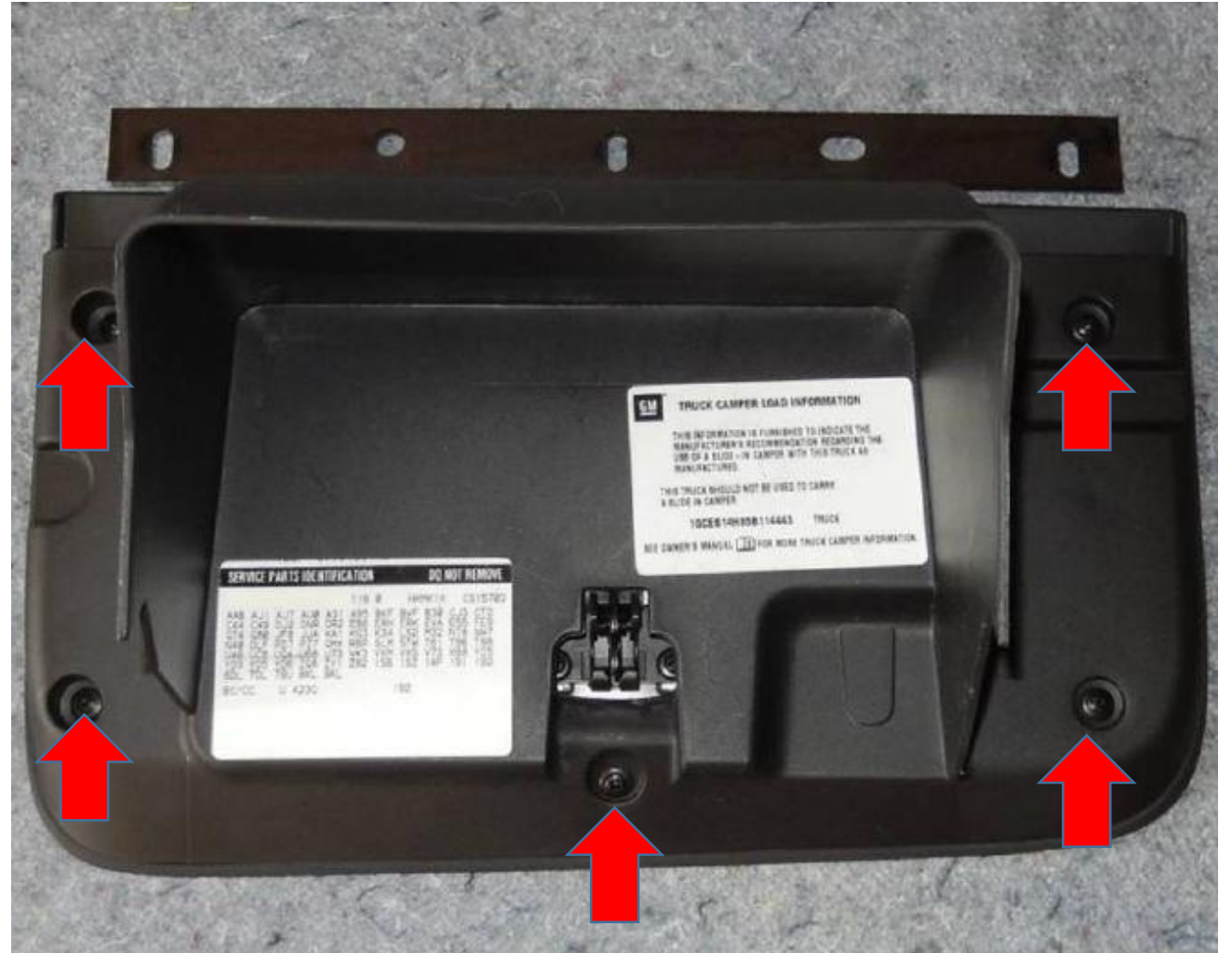


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**With exception of latch handle lock cylinder, disassembly/re-installation of glove box is straight forward.**

**Glove box is disassembled by first removing 5 Philips screws from liner**



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**Latch mechanisms steel door  
brace/hinge assembly can now  
be removed. Remove 3 Philips  
screws holding latch .**

**Latch still connected to handle  
assembly, carefully work rod out  
of guides on side of handle  
assembly, up/out of handle lever.**



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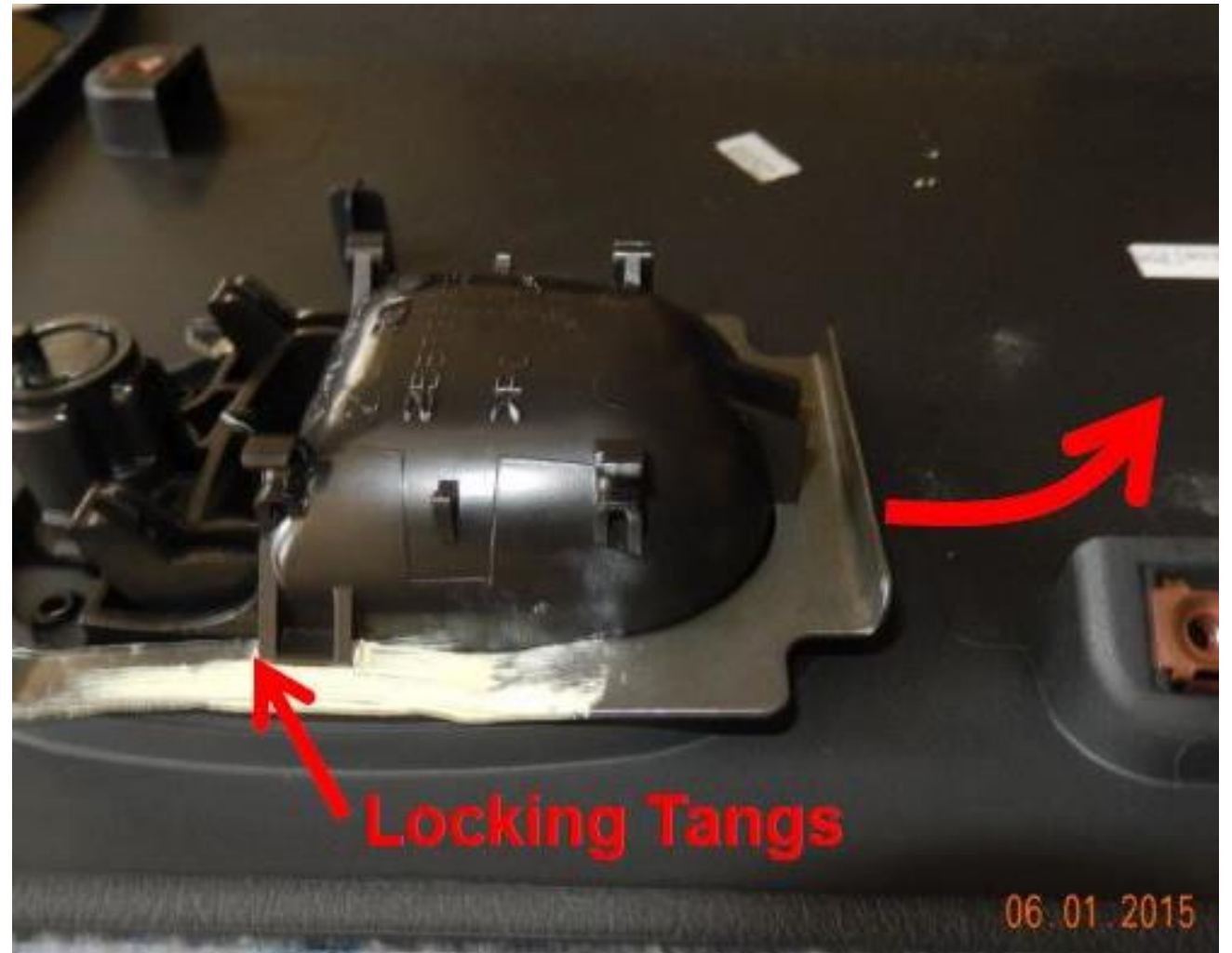
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**Handle assembly removed by sliding retaining clip to right, flex upward to clear liner mounting boss.**

**Locking tangs on retainer need to be depressed downward in order to slide retainer out.**

**Handle assembly can now be removed thru front of glove box door.**

**Lock cylinder is transferred to new latch.**



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**Remove handle assembly out  
front of glove box door.**

**Transfer Lock Cylinder to new  
latch.**



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**Insert ignition key into  
handle lock and rotate  
clockwise 90° to locked  
position.**



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**Turn assembly over, locate lock cylinder retaining pin. Use small screwdriver, depress retainer pin, use key to carefully rotate cylinder 90° clockwise (when looking from front) or counter clockwise when viewed from rear.**

**Key will be vertical but will be rotated 180° from where you started when viewed from front.**

**Remove Key from Lock cylinder. May need to push slightly on cylinder from rear.**



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**Insert lock cylinder into  
replacement handle assembly.**

**Place retainer pin and black  
plastic alignment tab at 6 o'clock  
position.**



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**Once lock cylinder is fully seated into handle assembly (face of cylinder should be recessed about 1/16-1/8 inch below handle assembly face), turn key 180° counter clockwise to lock cylinder into handle assembly.**

**Test cylinder by rotating to locked and unlocked position several times. Make sure handle is locking/unlocking properly.**





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**Reinstall handle assembly by flexing the large retainer clip. Slide ears under tabs on side of assembly.**

**Make sure retainer is firmly seated under end tab and that the locking tangs are seated beyond side tabs to prevent retainer from working loose.**



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**Place steel glove box door  
brace/hinge assembly into  
correct position aligning holes  
with screw clips on glove box  
door.**

**Work connecting rod into lever  
slot and guides on handle  
assembly (do not remove rod  
from latch mechanism).**

**Make sure rod remains engaged  
in lever slot, manipulate latch  
mechanism into position and  
reinstall 3 Philips screws**



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**Check handle assembly and latch mechanism for properly alignment and working correctly**

**Use finger or screwdriver to latch mechanism and handle properly trips mechanism to open.**



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**Reconnect glove box lamp, prior  
to re-installing glove box.**

**Install fully reassembled glove  
box into dash opening. Secure  
with three 7 mm hex screws thru  
hinge into lower dash brace**

