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Instruction Manual

## 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Dorman 76951 Window Handle Removal Tool is designed for the safe and efficient removal of retaining clips that secure manual window handles to vehicle inner door panels. This tool is essential for various automotive tasks, including upholstery work, glass replacement, stereo installation, and general body repairs.

### Key Features:

- Durable metal construction for extended service life.
- Universal fit for a wide range of vehicle applications.
- Simplifies the removal of manual window handle clips.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when working on vehicles. Read and understand all instructions before using this tool.

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as safety glasses, to protect against flying debris, especially when clips are released.
- Ensure the vehicle is stable and secure before beginning any work.
- Keep hands and fingers clear of moving parts and sharp edges.
- Use the tool only for its intended purpose.
- Store the tool in a safe place, out of reach of children.

## 3. SETUP AND PREPARATION

Before using the Dorman 76951 tool, ensure the work area is well-lit and clear of obstructions. No assembly is required for this tool.

1. **Identify the Retaining Clip:** Manual window handles are typically secured by a C-shaped retaining clip located between the handle and the door panel. This clip is often hidden or partially obscured.
2. **Position the Window Handle:** Rotate the window handle to a position that provides the best access to the gap between the handle and the door panel. Sometimes, gently pulling the handle away from

the door panel can reveal the clip.



Figure 1: Top view of the Dorman 76951 Window Handle Removal Tool.

#### 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to safely remove a manual window handle:

1. **Insert the Tool:** Carefully slide the fork-shaped end of the Dorman 76951 tool into the gap between the window handle and the door panel. The goal is to hook the retaining clip.
2. **Locate and Engage the Clip:** Gently maneuver the tool until the forks engage with the C-clip. The clip usually has an open end; try to approach it from that direction. You may need to rotate the handle slightly or apply gentle pressure to the tool to feel the clip.
3. **Remove the Clip:** Once the tool is properly engaged with the clip, push the tool firmly towards the door panel. The clip should disengage and may spring out. Be prepared for the clip to fly off, which is why eye protection is crucial.
4. **Remove the Handle:** After the clip is removed, the window handle can be pulled straight off the splined shaft.
5. **Reinstallation:** To reinstall, align the handle with the splined shaft, push it into place, and then slide a new or the original retaining clip back into its groove until it clicks securely. Ensure the clip is fully seated.



Figure 2: Angled view of the tool, highlighting the fork-shaped end used to engage the retaining clip.

#### 5. MAINTENANCE

The Dorman 76951 Window Handle Removal Tool requires minimal maintenance to ensure its longevity and performance.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, wipe the tool clean with a dry cloth to remove any dirt, grease, or debris.

- **Storage:** Store the tool in a dry environment to prevent rust. A toolbox or designated storage area is recommended.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the tool for any signs of damage, bending, or wear. Replace the tool if it shows significant damage that could impair its function or safety.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter difficulties removing the window handle clip:

- **Clip Not Releasing:** The tool may not be fully engaging the clip. Try repositioning the tool and the handle. Rotate the handle to different positions to expose more of the clip. Apply gentle pressure to the handle while attempting to engage the clip with the tool.
- **Difficulty Locating Clip:** Some clips are deeply recessed. Use a small flashlight to better visualize the clip's position.
- **Clip is Stuck:** If the clip appears corroded or stuck, apply a small amount of penetrating oil and allow it to soak before attempting removal again.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Value
Brand	Dorman
Model Number	76951
Item Weight	0.01 ounces
Material	Durable Metal Construction
Fit Type	Universal

## 8. SUPPORT AND CONTACT

For additional support, product information, or to inquire about replacement parts, please visit the official Dorman website or contact Dorman customer service.

You can also visit the [Dorman Store on Amazon](#) for more products and information.