

Dorman 80579

Dorman 80579 Rear Driver Side Exterior Door Handle Instruction Manual

Model: 80579 | Brand: Dorman

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions and information for the Dorman 80579 Rear Driver Side Exterior Door Handle. This replacement part is engineered to match the fit and appearance of the original handle on specific vehicle years, makes, and models. It is constructed from durable plastic to Dorman's exacting standards, ensuring a reliable and long-lasting replacement.

Key Features:

- **Matching Appearance:** Designed to look and function identically to the original handle.
- **Seamless Replacement:** Engineered to match the dimensions and specifications of the factory-installed handle.
- **Durable Construction:** Manufactured from robust plastic for extended service life.
- **Easy Installation:** Direct fit design simplifies the replacement process.

2. VEHICLE COMPATIBILITY

The Dorman 80579 Rear Driver Side Exterior Door Handle is compatible with the following Chevrolet and GMC models. Please verify fitment for your specific vehicle year and trim level.

Make	Model	Years
Chevrolet	Avalanche 1500	2002-2006
Chevrolet	Avalanche 2500	2002-2006
Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 Classic	2007
Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 HD Classic	2007
Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 HD	2001-2003, 2005-2006
Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	2004-2006
Chevrolet	Silverado 2500 HD Classic	2007

Make	Model	Years
Chevrolet	Silverado 2500 HD	2001-2006
Chevrolet	Silverado 2500	2004
Chevrolet	Silverado 3500 Classic	2007
Chevrolet	Silverado 3500	2001-2006
Chevrolet	Suburban 1500	2000-2006
Chevrolet	Suburban 2500	2000-2006
Chevrolet	Tahoe	2000-2006
GMC	Sierra 1500 Classic	2007
GMC	Sierra 1500 HD Classic	2007
GMC	Sierra 1500 HD	2001-2003, 2005-2006
GMC	Sierra 1500	2004-2006
GMC	Sierra 2500 HD Classic	2007
GMC	Sierra 2500 HD	2001-2006
GMC	Sierra 2500	2004
GMC	Sierra 3500 Classic	2007
GMC	Sierra 3500	2001-2006
GMC	Yukon XL 1500	2000-2006
GMC	Yukon XL 2500	2000-2006
GMC	Yukon	2000-2006

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

The Dorman 80579 package includes:

- 1 x Dorman 80579 Rear Driver Side Exterior Door Handle

Note: Additional fasteners or tools required for installation are not included unless specified.

4. INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

This section provides general guidelines for installing the Dorman 80579 Exterior Door Handle. For specific, detailed instructions tailored to your vehicle's make and model, it is highly recommended to consult your vehicle's official service manual or seek assistance from a qualified automotive technician.

General Steps:

1. **Preparation:** Ensure the vehicle is parked on a level surface with the engine off and parking brake engaged. Gather necessary tools, which typically include screwdrivers, socket wrenches, and possibly trim removal tools.
2. **Access the Door Panel:** Carefully remove the interior door panel to gain access to the handle's mounting points and linkage. This may involve removing screws, clips, and disconnecting electrical connectors.
3. **Disconnect Linkage:** Detach the existing door handle from its operating rods or cables. Note the orientation and connection

points for reassembly.

- 4. **Remove Old Handle:** Unscrew and remove the old exterior door handle from the door frame.
- 5. **Install New Handle:** Position the Dorman 80579 replacement handle into the opening. Secure it with the appropriate fasteners.
- 6. **Reconnect Linkage:** Reattach the operating rods or cables to the new handle, ensuring they are securely fastened and operate smoothly.
- 7. **Test Operation:** Before reassembling the door panel, test the new handle's functionality from both inside and outside the vehicle. Ensure the door latches and unlatches correctly.
- 8. **Reassemble Door Panel:** Reinstall the interior door panel, ensuring all clips, screws, and electrical connectors are properly secured.

Product Overview Video:

This video provides a visual overview of the Dorman 80579 exterior door handle, demonstrating its design and components. While not a step-by-step installation guide, it can assist in familiarizing yourself with the product's structure.

5. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	80579
Brand	Dorman
Material	Plastic, Alloy Steel (Handle Material)
Color	Black
Exterior Finish	Black
Product Dimensions	10.4"L x 5.5"W
Item Depth	3.5 inches
Item Weight	1.6 ounces
Specific Uses For Product	Door
Special Feature	Easy to Install
Lock Type	Key Lock
Hand Orientation	Right (for Rear Driver Side)
Handle Attachment Mechanism	Screws
UPC	037495805797
OEM Part Number	80579; 15721571

6. PRODUCT VIEWS



Figure 1: Front view of the Dorman 80579 exterior door handle, showcasing its smooth black finish and ergonomic design.



Figure 2: Rear view of the door handle, illustrating the internal mechanism and mounting points for installation.



Figure 3: Side profile of the door handle, highlighting its contoured shape and robust construction.



Figure 4: Top-down view of the door handle, providing a clear perspective of its overall dimensions and keyhole placement.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues after installing your Dorman 80579 door handle, consider the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **Handle Not Operating Smoothly:** Check all connections to the door latch mechanism. Ensure that the operating rods or cables are correctly attached and not binding. Lubricate moving parts if necessary.
- **Door Not Latching/Unlatching:** Verify that the handle's linkage is properly adjusted and engaging the door latch. Ensure no obstructions are preventing full movement of the handle or latch components.
- **Key Lock Issues:** If the key lock cylinder is not functioning, ensure it is correctly seated and connected to the locking mechanism. If the original key cylinder was transferred, confirm it is installed correctly.
- **Loose Handle:** Recheck all mounting screws and ensure they are tightened to the manufacturer's specifications. Avoid overtightening, which can damage the handle or door panel.

If problems persist, it is recommended to consult a professional automotive technician.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Dorman Products are designed for quality and reliability. For specific warranty information regarding your Dorman 80579 Exterior Door Handle, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Dorman Products website. For technical support or further assistance, please contact Dorman customer service directly.

Dorman is committed to providing new solutions for the automotive aftermarket, offering a wide range of replacement products engineered to save time and money while increasing convenience and reliability.