

Altman Easy Hood Latch for 1953-1956 Ford F-100

Kit includes:

- 1 - Latch installation plate
- 1 - Altman Easy Hood Latch
- 1 - Hood striker assembly
- 1 - Safety delete plate
- 6 - $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 X $\frac{1}{2}$ " Button head bolts
- 2 - $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 X $\frac{3}{4}$ " Button head bolts
- 8 - $\frac{1}{4}$ " Hex nuts

Just a heads up! Once installed, you will notice that the lever used to open your hood now requires you to push upward rather than pulling outward as your old latch did. Also, the lever is on the left side when facing the truck versus the right side.

Step 1: Remove old latch assembly using a flat head screwdriver to remove the four bolts holding the latch assembly to the radiator support.

Step 2: Remove the safety catch the same way.

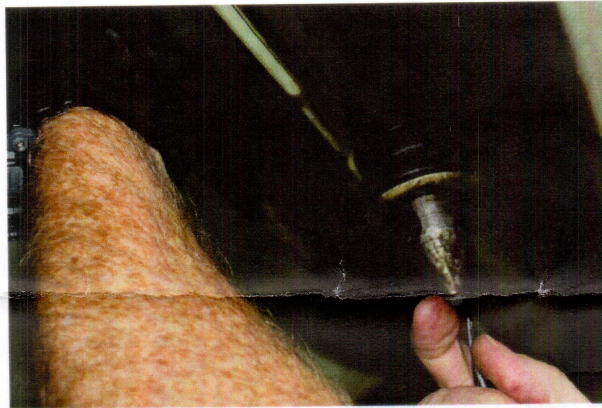


Step 3 : Prepare your new Altman Easy Hood Latch by loosely attaching the latch to the latch plate using the (2) $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 X $\frac{3}{4}$ " button head bolts and (2) $\frac{1}{4}$ " hex nuts provided in your kit. These will be tightened later, but for now, having them loose will assist in installing the latch through the factory hole in the radiator support.

Step 4: Insert Altman Easy Hood Latch assembly into the stock location in your trucks radiator support. Secure the plate using (4) $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 X $\frac{1}{2}$ " button head bolts and (4) $\frac{1}{4}$ " hex nuts. The plate is adjustable, but it is advised to begin with the plate positioned so that the button head bolts are centered in the vertical slots on the plate.



Step 5: Remove the old striker pin from the inside of your hood. This is done using a flat head screwdriver to hold the pin in place while you remove the jam nut on the back side of the inner hood panel. Once the nut is removed, the pin will screw out.



Step 6: Screw in your new Altman Easy Hood Latch striker assembly. You do not have to reattach the jam nut at this time, as you will be adjusting the pin to fine tune the closing of your hood. Thread the pin in until approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the threads are sticking through the welded nut on the inner hood panel. Make sure the nylon striker is lined up with the slot on your latch plate.

Step 7: Slowly bring your hood down, making sure that the striker assembly clears the plate and there is no interference. This is when you will make adjustments to the striker pin assembly until the hood closes tightly without any up and down movement. **Your new Altman Easy Hood Latch is a two position latch. When closing your hood, be sure that you hear both "clicks". This ensures that the latch is fully engaged.**

Step 8: Attach your new safety delete plate in place using the (2) $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 X $\frac{1}{2}$ " button head bolts and (2) 14" hex nuts. The safety catch is removed due to the fact that the latch has a built in safety catch and you will also need to hold the latch lever in the engaged position as you open the hood in order for the latch to fully release the hood.