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Instructions for Fleetwood Latch Kit P/N: FLTLK



Package Contents (per kit)

Quantity	Item		Quantity	Item
1	Aluminum Plunger			
4	Brass Rivets			

Rebuilding Your Latch Assembly

1. Remove the latch to be repaired from the RV compartment door. There are many different models but generally this involves first removing the handle assembly and detaching the control rod to the latch assembly. The latch assembly is secured to the door in one of three methods: $\frac{1}{4}$ " bolts with a nut buried inside the door (contact us for removal instructions), screws, or blind (pop) rivets which must be "drilled" out with a 3/16" drill.
2. Place latch in a vice or otherwise secure the latch assembly for drilling. Drill out factory rivets using a 5/32" drill and electric drill motor. When drilling the 4th rivet, take caution to assure the internal spring is not lost when assembly comes apart. Replacement springs are available at ImprovedRVParts.com. Pay close attention to how the latch parts fit together.
3. Remove and discard the broken plastic plunger.
4. Reassemble the latch with the new aluminum plunger. Each plunger is pre lubricated with a small amount of white lithium grease. After assembly, this grease will spread inside the latch providing years of lubrication and easier latch operation.
5. While holding the latch assembly on a flat, metal surface with a rivet in place, "set" the first rivet using our custom Rivet Tool P/N RTOOL (available at ImprovedRVParts.com) and a hammer. It is important to have both halves of the latch housing held tightly together when setting the rivets.
6. Repeat this process for remaining three rivets.
7. Inspect assembly to assure the metal housing halves are held together tightly by the rivets. If not, one can often tighten them by resetting the rivets with a bit more hammer force.
8. Inspect the assembly for proper operation by pulling on the steel actuator to assure the plunger moves freely in the housing and returns under spring pressure.
9. Reinstall the latch in the compartment door.

If help is needed, please call customer service at (417) 239-4544.

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