

Suggested Installation Instructions For #622872 C6 Manual Shifter Boot

Tools

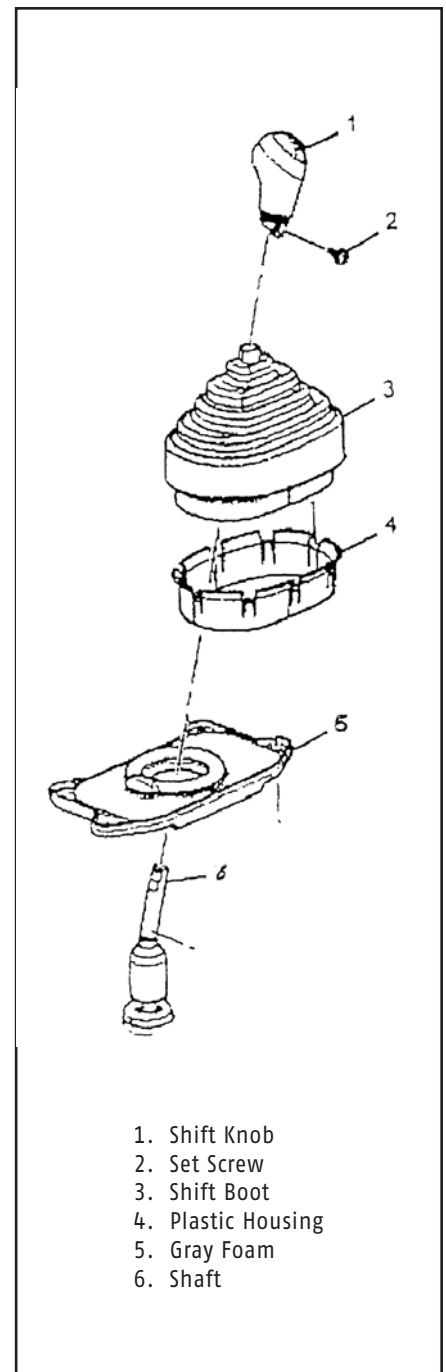
#20 Torx Bit
 Medium Size Flat Screwdriver
 Stapler or Staple Gun
 Rubber Cement
 Masking Tape

Precautions

Lay a towel on the driver and passenger seats to protect them. It is recommended you also cover the console for protection.

Installation

1. Be sure to set the emergency brake. While sitting in the driver seat, put the car in 2nd gear to gain access to the shift knob and boot. Push down on the top of the boot, just under the shift knob. The boot tucks neatly into a groove around the shift knob's bottom. You must push the boot down far enough to expose the set screw on the driver side of the knob. This screw secures the shift knob to the shaft.
2. Remove the screw using the #20 Torx bit. Place the screw in a safe place to ensure it won't be lost. The shift knob can now be removed by simply pulling upward. Place the knob with the set screw.
3. At this point, the boot is ready for removal. Take a small piece of masking tape and stick it on the front side of the boot. The boot is attached to an oval plastic housing with tabs that lock under the oval cavity in the console. Carefully push downward at the bottom of the boot, in the center of the driver side, to get your finger between the plastic housing and the console opening. Gently pull inward toward the shaft, exposing one of the tabs. Then go to the opposite side and do the same. Both sides should be pushed down and pulled inward toward the shaft. Next, use one hand to hold the two sides in. Start working your way around the front of the boot, pushing down and pulling inward and up to pull the housing from under the cavity, until the boot is free from the console. Make sure the sticky gray foam that the plastic housing sits on stays in place for reinstallation. Put the car back in reverse, until you are ready to install the new boot.
4. Move to a work bench or table to remove the existing boot from the plastic housing. Notice how the boot is installed on the housing. Place another small piece of masking tape straight down from the one you put on the leather part of the boot on the plastic housing (to reference which side of the housing is the front side). Once the boot is removed, you will see that the driver side of the plastic housing is not as tall as the passenger side. Note this for reinstallation.



1. Shift Knob
2. Set Screw
3. Shift Boot
4. Plastic Housing
5. Gray Foam
6. Shaft



5. Using the flat screwdriver, carefully remove the staples holding the boot to the plastic housing. Note how each of the notched areas in the bottom of the boot are attached in the release clips. Pull the leather part out of the release clips in the plastic housing. Each of the notches in the bottom of the boot correspond to a release clip; the new boot will work likewise.

6. The letter "F" is marked on the inside of the new boot, indicating the front of the boot. Match this up with the masking tape you put on the front of the plastic housing. If the inside of the boot is not marked, then look at the notches. The front side has three large notches, two to one side and one on the other. The rear of the boot has one small notch in the center with a large notch on each side. Slide each notched area of the new boot into its corresponding release clip and make sure it looks like the original did. At this point, the leather part can be stapled to the plastic housing. This can be done three different ways. (1) If you have a strong stapler, you can try and use it (the staples will not be seen). (2) Use a staple gun. Rest the inner part of the housing on the corner of a piece of soft wood and staple through the leather and plastic into the wood. Carefully pry the staple out of the wood with your screwdriver and bend over the staple ends. Repeat around the boot. (3) Use rubber cement in place of staples. If you choose the rubber cement, you must wait until the glue is set before putting it back in the car.

7. Make sure you have the front of the boot facing forward and slip it over the shaft, using the same procedure as you did taking it out. Squeeze the two sides in toward the shaft, and tip the front of the boot so that the tabs are under the console opening. Push forward until it is positioned correctly and start working the remaining tabs under the console. Make sure the gray foam that is under the boot is in place correctly. You can see the imprint of the plastic housing in the foam. It may take some maneuvering to get it positioned correctly. When the plastic housing is in place, push the top part of the boot down and reinstall the shift knob by pushing it down until you feel it snap in place. Replace the set screw. At this point, work the elastic-lined top part of the boot into the groove around the shift knob's underside. Congratulations on your new shifter boot!

