



How to Repair a Stuck Car Door Latch

A car door may not close if the car door latch is stuck in a locked position. This guide will demonstrate how to manually reset a car door latch.

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INTRODUCTION

If a car door suddenly will not close, it may be due to a stuck car door latch. Sometimes a latch may become stuck if someone accidentally knocked it into a locked position while the door was open. On many newer cars, simply pulling the interior or exterior door handle may reset the latch, but in cases where that is not enough, this guide will describe how to manually reset the latch.



TOOLS:

- [Flathead Screwdriver](#) (1)
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Step 1 — How to Repair a Stuck Car Door Latch



- On the car door that will not close, examine the door latch located near the handle on the side of the door.
- ⓘ The car door latch will be locked in a closed position.

Step 2



- Position a screwdriver between the legs of the locked door latch.
- ⓘ You may use any size screwdriver that will fit between the latch.

Step 3



- Pull the exterior car door handle.

Step 4



- While the exterior door handle is being pulled, push the screwdriver against the left leg of the latch.

Step 5



- Use the screwdriver to push the latch upwards into the final unlocked position.

Step 6



- Close the car door to ensure the latch has been properly reset.