

Workshop News

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How to Change a Door Knob

Types of Cylindrical Door Knobs

Privacy lock – has a button or thumb turn on the inside knob, which locks the door so it cannot be opened from the outside.

Passage – cannot be locked and is typically used on closets and hall-way doors.

Keyed Lockset – also called an entry lockset, can be locked or unlocked from both sides of the door by using a key, a button or a throw latch depending on the type.

Dead bolt – This is an auxiliary lock that is used to improve security. A double cylinder dead bolt requires a key on both sides of the door to lock or unlock the door.

Steps to Changing a Doorknob

1. Detach the trim or rose (the ring of metal

between both doorknobs and the door) by removing the two screws that hold it on.

2. Remove two more screws under the trim. These are long screws that attach the two doorknobs on either side of the door.

3. Pull the doorknobs apart and remove them from the door.

4. Remove the two screws that hold the bolt (the locking mechanism), which remains attached to the door, and extract the bolt.

5. Look at the metal strike plate attached to the frame around the door (this is what catches the bolt). If the strike plate is not loose and is the right color, leave it there. Otherwise, detach it by removing its screws.

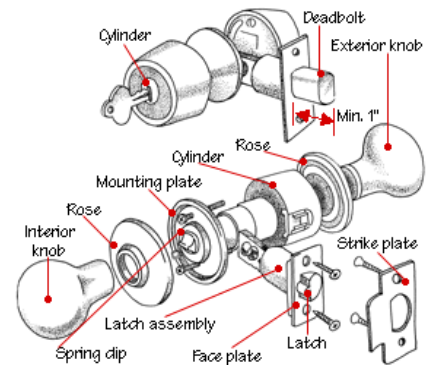
6. Insert the new bolt into the door

and screw it into place. Remember to face the slanted side toward the direction the door closes.

7. Place a trim piece between one new doorknob and the door, and insert the doorknob

8. Insert the other doorknob and trim piece on the other side of the door, making sure the two are aligned so that the long screws can hold them together.

9. Tighten the screws gradually, alternating each one so that the doorknobs come together evenly.



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