

Modifying Fiat Marea Door Handles to fit a Fiat Bravo - Simple Guide

First of all we need to obtain the Fiat Marea rear door handles, once obtained we can now begin to fit them to the Fiat Bravo.

Below are two examples of a Fiat Marea rear door handle and the Fiat Marea/Bravo front door handle.

FIAT MAREA/BRAVO FRONT DOOR HANDLE - Circled in the photograph is the rear mounting point for the bolt required to fit these handles to the **front** door.



FIAT MAREA REAR DOOR HANDLE – Circled in the photograph is the rear mounting point for the bolt required to fit these handles to the **rear** door. As you may have noticed, the position for the bolt is now in a 90 degree angle compared to the front door handle and is relatively much longer. Hence why they don't fit.



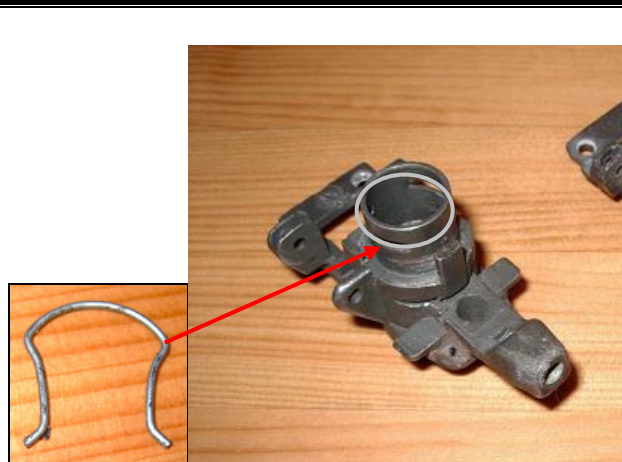
If your Fiat Marea **Front** Door Handles are the same colour as your Bravo, you do not need to disassemble the door handles. Follow Step 1. If you are repainting and/or fitting Fiat Marea **Rear** Door Handles then go to Step 2.

Step 1 - Using the Fiat Marea Front Door Handles on your Fiat Bravo

The transition from Fiat Bravo door handles to Fiat Marea door handles is no difficult than doing a simple door handle change, like for like. No modifications are required but you do need to change the lock barrel.

To swap lock barrels you need to remove the circular clip around the lock barrel of both handles and swap them over. Use a screw driver to prise it off, but be careful not to loose it. Swap the lock over and refit the circular clip.

Tip. Use your key to help extract the lock barrel from the handle.

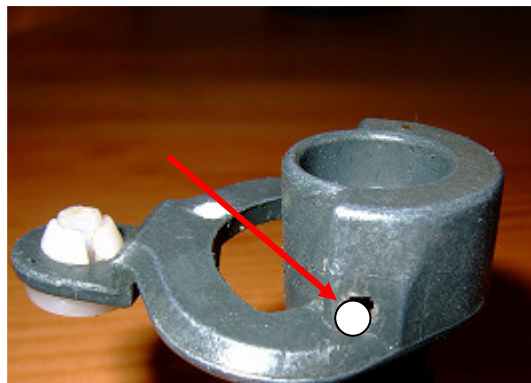


Step 2 – Using the Fiat Marea Rear Door Handles on your Fiat Bravo

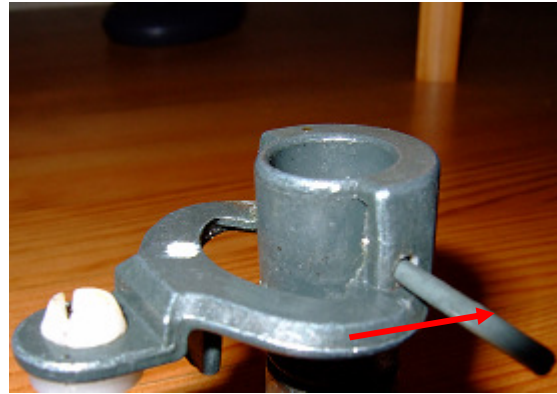
The next step is to dismantle these handles until your left with just the plastic casing. (When you dismantle a handle, don't forget where everything goes)

The actual key lock needs to have a pin and circular clip (as mentioned in step 1) removed in order to dismantle the door handle.

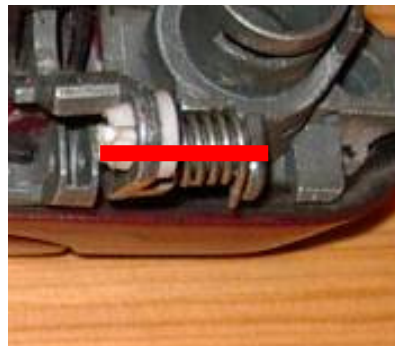
Use the tip of a small screw driver to push the pin out, then with the help of some pliers from the other end pull it through.



As you can see the pin has been removed from the key lock mechanism. This is no longer required if you are doing the rear door handle conversion.



Next remove the spring clip pin (shown by the red line) by pushing it out with a screw driver then carefully extracting it with some pliers from the opposite end. Be careful not to damage the pin or lose any of the plastic components from the mechanism.



Here is a picture of a dismantled front door handle in only its plastic casing. You must do the same to the other handles you're going to swap components with.

Once you have removed the key lock mechanism, you should then be able to gain access to the three screws located around the lock. Unscrew these and remove the metal components from the handle. Also remove the tilting bolt on the other end of the handle by unscrewing the one screw. Your handle should now look like this →



I have included another picture below of the two casts, the cast of the front door (left) and the cast of the rear door (right). As you can see these are completely different.



Keyless Entry Route (Requires Central Locking)

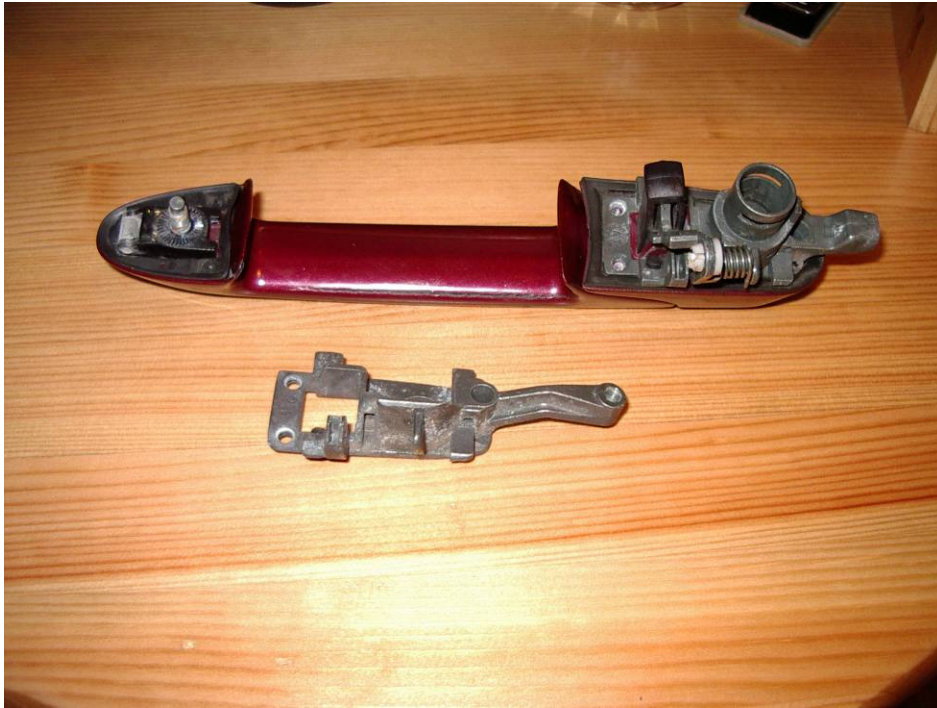
1. Reinsert all rubbers into the **rear** door handle.
2. Reinsert the tilting screw back into the handle.
3. Insert the front door cast (shown above) into the **rear** door handle.
4. Fit the spring mechanism by refitting its pin.
5. Fit Handle to your car and attach the single rod.

Key Route (Access via Key)

1. Reinsert all rubbers into the **front** door handle.
2. Reinsert the tilting screw back into the handle.
3. Insert the front door cast (shown above) into the **front** door handle.
4. Fit the spring mechanism by refitting its pin.
5. Refit the Bravo's **NOT** Marea's key barrel and reattach the inner barrel mechanisms, by refitting the pin and circular clip.
6. Now complete, fit handle to your car, and attach the two rods.

Repeat for the other door.

This is what the final outcome should be should you choose to de-lock your Bravo; the front door cast & mechanism should be installed into the rear door handle plastic. The spring clip is fitted also. I have also included the useless rear door cast that needs to be replaced. As you can see, no cutting is required. You now have a rear door handle that will fit the front mounting holes on the Bravo.



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