2005-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt E-brake boot installation w/o aftermarket handle

Before you begin: Make sure that you have a saw to use for light cutting of plastic and rubber. A basic hack saw will work fine. Use a blade with very fine teeth to ensure a smooth cut.

Step 1: Lift the e-brake in its upright position and begin this installation by removing the e-brake bezel (A) as well as the handle cover (B). The bezel is held in place by metal snap fittings. A light tug and the panel will pop up. Push the manual shifter (if applicable) forward to provide enough space to slide the e-brake bezel forward and up. The e-brake handle cover can be removed by pressing the plastic tab on the bottom and sliding the cover off.



Step 2: Cut the e-brake handle cover as shown and discard the front portion as it will not be needed for this installation.



Step 3: Slide the portion of the e-brake handle cover that we just cut onto the e-brake handle as shown.



Step 4: Slide the new e-brake boot onto the e-brake handle as shown. The boot will cover the plastic e-brake handle cover that we installed in the previous step.



Step 5: Re-install the e-brake bezel by sliding it over the handle and boot and secure it by pressing down. Ensure that you hear the metal clips snap into place. *That's it!* Test that the e-brake boot doesn't snag by extending and releasing the e-brake a couple of times. Also ensure that the operation of the e-brake is not restricted. Make necessary adjustments accordingly.



Your new installation should look like this:





