2005-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt E-brake boot installation with aftermarket handle

This installation uses a MOMO handbrake handle. Boot fitment is *not guaranteed* with the use of other aftermarket handles. Boot dimensions are available upon request.

Before you begin: Make sure that you have a saw 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. A knife or razor blade with handle will also be needed for some minor cutting of plastic.

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: Cut and discard the plastic piece on top of the e-brake mechanism using a razor knife. Use the knife to shave the raised plastic portion of the handle down until the MOMO handbrake handle fits snug. Test for snug fitment often as you shave down the plastic to ensure you don't remove too much.



Step 5: Remove the black plastic retainer on the end of the e-brake handle. Invert the e-brake boot and place the e-brake handle inside of the boot as shown. Ensure that the bottom of the e-brake handle is in line with the single lower stitched line on the boot. The top of the handle should be centered between the two upper stitched lines on the boot. Use a zip tie to hold the boot firmly in place.



Step 6: Re-install the e-brake bezel and new boot / handle combo by placing the shifter knob back into 3rd gear and pulling the e-brake as high as it will extend. This will allow you to mock the bezel in position as shown and tighten the locking screws for the MOMO handle. If the leather boot is blocking the screw holes, use the razor to remove the area that is blocked. Be sure to align the boot properly before snapping the bezel back into place.



Your new installation should look like this:





