

How to install a buckle from Deeluxe track to older Deeluxe/Raichle AF boots.

Home made arch buckle replacement.

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S**it happens!



This is not only trouble that can happen. Snow also can get into the buckle and make boot opening difficult.
Spare parts stock will expire soon, but we know what to do and not care :-)
Here is a short manual



First we need to remove a clinch that fixes the buckle
You will need:

- Drilling machine
- drill $\text{\O}10$ mm
- drill $\text{\O}6$ mm
- All drills has to be from HSS (high speed steel) and designed for metals drilling

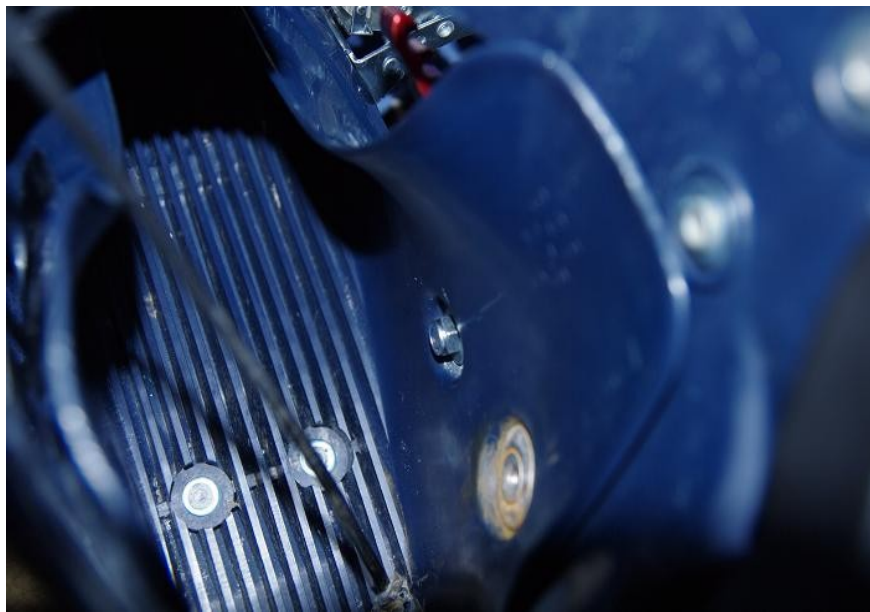




First we drill the head of the clinch by thicker drill .While drilling press drilling machine gently. Then use thin drill to remove the head completely. Do this carefully to avoid plastic shell damage.



Knock out the rest of the clinch by something :-) I used a screwdriver. Remove plastic cover using deluxe hex key and remove old or broken strap. Put new strap in the groove carefully and put plastic cover back. Tighten the bolt that fixes plastic cover.



Fix the new buckle on the same place. You can use whatever method you like. I used a screw M6, 12 mm length of threaded part and nut with plastic clamp. Put a washer between a nut and boot shell and tighten well. That`s all.

Few safety/reliability tips

I know that you guys are all smart, but just for reminder i would like to draw your attention for some key points

- Choose the method you will use for buckle fixation that ensure that buckle will be properly fixed to avoid loosening and improper function of the boot
- If you use dismantlable connection like nut+screw check it's condition before you ride
- If you are unsure about your ability and skills — ask the skilled person to do the job. For example Pokkis who made this picture and modified his and his wife boots :-)

Have fun :-) feel free to contact me if any questions
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