

How To Stop Rattling Doors: Moving The Latch Strike

Now if you're still hearing thieves in the night, or other creaking phenomena coming from the direction of that troublesome door, the cause might well be in the poor way the latch and the door are working together. Take a look. If this is your problem, follow this procedure.

Utensils

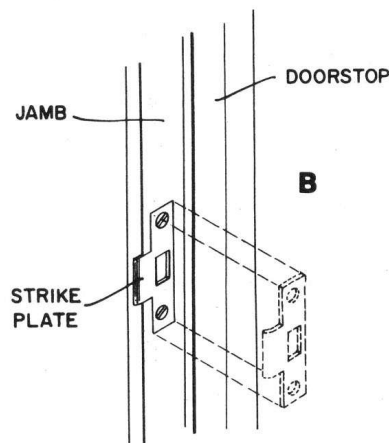
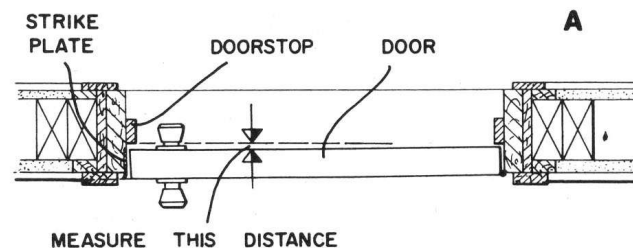
Ruler
Pencil
Medium flat blade screwdriver
Medium Phillips screwdriver
Flat chisel
Hammer
Awl

Ingredients

White polyvinyl glue
Toothpicks
Pad of paper

Approximate Time: 30 To 45 Minutes

1. Close door and stand on stop side.
2. Press hard on stop side of door, and you'll notice a space between doorstop and door.
3. Measure that space with ruler and mark measurement down on paper (Fig. 28A).
4. Open door and remove strike from jamb, as shown in Figure 28B, turning screws counterclockwise.
5. Using previously noted measurement, mark off line from strike bed as shown in Figure 28C.
6. Carefully chisel away that section of wood where strike is to be reset. This will create a deeper bed for strike in the jamb. See Figure 28C.
7. Fill old screw holes with toothpicks and glue, making sure surface is even (Fig. 28D).
8. Reset strike in new bed (Fig. 28D).
9. Punch holes with awl through holes in strike plate.
10. Insert screws and screw in clockwise direction with screwdriver.
11. It will (should) not rattle.



REMOVE SCREWS AND
STRIKE PLATE

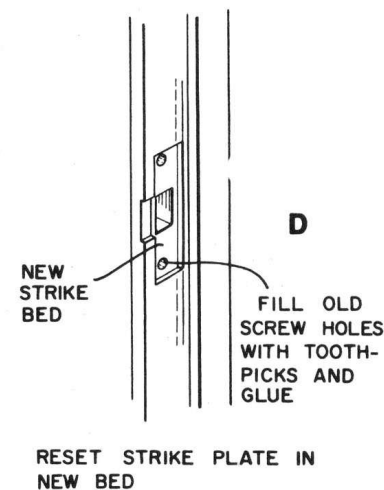
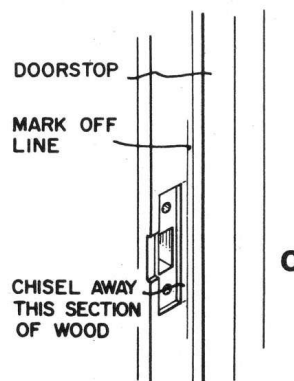


Figure 28.
Latch Strike Procedure