

Suzuki Samurai Removable Door Hinge Modification

Modification Instructions



CAUTION: Safety glasses should be worn at all times when working with vehicles and related tools and equipment.



Suggested Tools:

- Pencil
- Phillips Screwdriver
- Impact Driver (with phillips socket)
- Large Hammer
- Bench Vice
- Hack Saw
- Felt-tipped Permanent Marker
- Flat File
- Grease





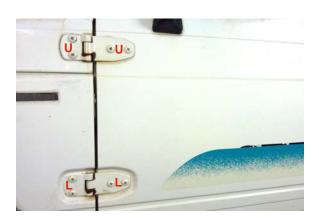
Door Strap



Step 1

Disconnect the door strap from the door by removing (2) phillips screws.

Note: This picture shows the door panel removed, but removing the door panel for this procedure is not necessary.



Step 3

Samurai hinges are not interchangeable. The upper henge is different from the lower. We recommend you mark the upper hinge with a "U" and the lower hinge with an "L" so that the hinges can be reinstalled in their original position. A pencil or any non-permanent marker will do.

Note: Red letters indicate how and where to mark the hinges.

Step 2

Samurai hinges allow for some adjustment when the attaching screws are loosened. We recommend you mark the original hinge-to-body relationships with a pencil so that the hinges can be reinstalled in their original position. This will make final door adjustment easier. Note: Red lines indicate where to make pencil marks.



Step 4

Loosen the (4) lower hinge screws with an impact driver. Click <u>HERE</u> to see a video on how to use an impact driver if you are not familiar with this tool. These screws are very difficult (if not impossible) to remove with a normal phillips screwdriver.





Step 5

Remove the lower door hinge by removing (4) phillips screws.

Note: Thin metal washers are sometimes used between the hinge and the door. If washers are used, set them aside to be reused in the same location when hinges are reinstalled.



Step 6

Loosen the (4) upper hinge screws with an impact driver.



Step 7

Remove the upper door hinge by removing (4) phillips screws.



Step 8

Remove the door and set it aside.



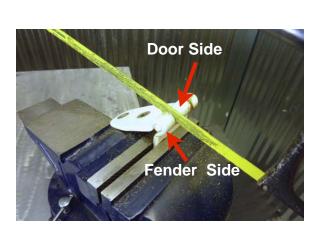
Hinge Modification Procedure



Step 9

Place a hinge in a vice as shown. Mark where the cut is to be made with a pencil. The red line shows where to mark the hinge.

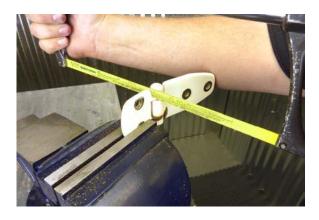
Note: Be sure the hinge is positioned the same way as it was on the vehicle.



Step 11

Cut the hinge pin as shown with a hacksaw.

Let the saw follow the seam Note: between the door and fender side of the hinge.



Step 10

Cut the hinge as shown with a hacksaw following the pencil mark.

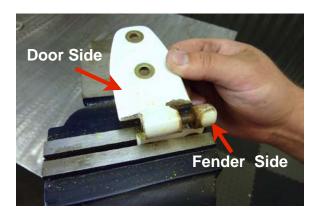


Hinge pin after being cut.









Step 12

Separate the door side from the fender side of the hinge.



Step 13

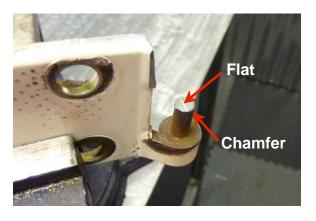
Measure and mark the hinge pin as shown.

Note: Mark the pin 5/8" from the base of the hinge.



Step 14

Cut the hinge pin with a hacksaw at the mark made in the previous step.



Step 15

File the pin flat on the top and a small chamfer on the edges as shown.





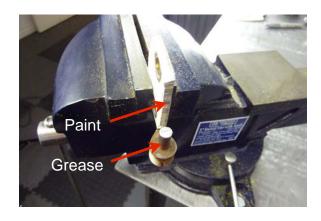
Step 16

Smooth with a file to remove saw marks and sharp edges.



Step 18

Repeat **Steps 9** through **17** on the other door hinge.



Step 17

We recommend that you paint all exposed surfaces (except for the hinge pin) to reduce rust and improve appearance. The hinge pin should be lubricated with grease or oil.



Step 19

Install the upper and lower fender side hinges as close to their original position as possible.

Note: Use the pencil marks as a reference to assist in positioning.









Step 20

Install the upper and lower door side of hinges as close to their original position as possible.

Note: Don't forget the washers between the hinge and the door if they were used originally.



Step 22

Close the door and check for proper fit and door latch operation.

Note: You may need to loosen the hinge screws, adjust the door and/or hinges to attain a proper fit. Be sure to tighten the screws once the door works properly.



Step 21

Hold the door in the open position at about a 45° degree angle. Then align the door hinges with the hinge pins and drop the door into place.

Caution: Be careful during door removal and replacement. The fender paint is easily scratched and damaged during this procedure.



Step 23

Reconnect the door strap. See our web site for quick release door straps that can make door removal and replacement easier. (SKU# SIB-QRD)

Note: This picture shows the door panel removed, but removing the door panel is not necessary for this procedure.







As always, If you experience any difficulty during this procedure, please contact Low Range Off-Road Technical Support at 801-805-6644 M-F 8am-5pm MST. Thank you for allowing us to assist you.





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