

## **Instructions for a 1955-1959 Chevy Truck Altman Easy Latch Kit**

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE BEFORE BEGINNING ANY PHASE OF INSTALLATION!!!!**

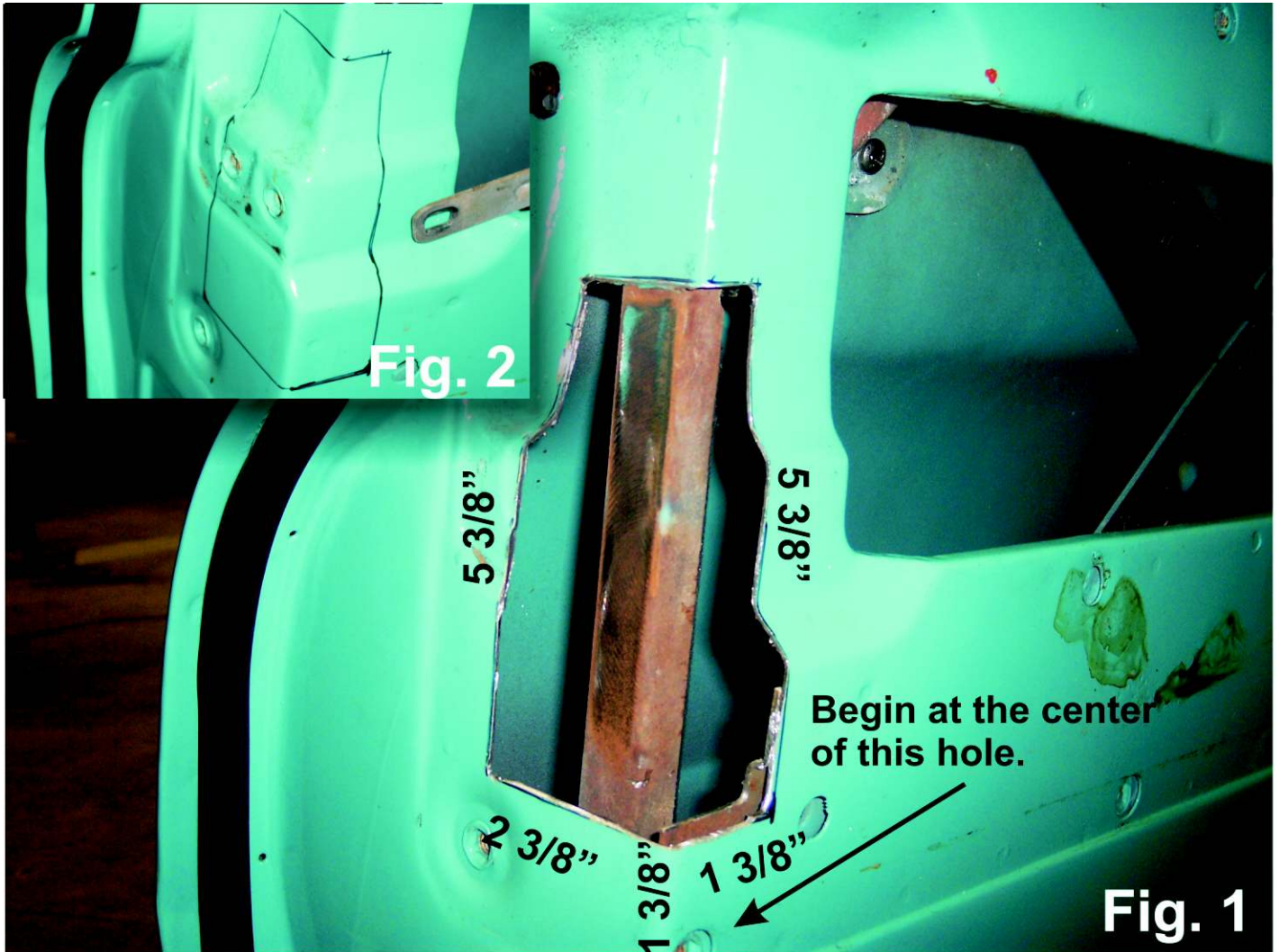
**This kit is designed to be installed by someone with a fair amount of mechanical aptitude. However, if you are not comfortable making a cut in your door or altering the items mentioned in these instructions it is advised to seek the help of a professional.**

**This kit will NOT fix door alignment problems. Please adjust your door and get it fitting properly before beginning installation. This is done best with no latches in the door at all. Make the door fits nicely in the hole.**

**If you have gaskets on your door or door jam that make it hard to close the door or hold the door out this kit will NOT help this issue. The best thing to do is get gaskets that allow your door to close flush with the other panels when properly aligned.**

**No Altman Easy Latch Kit will allow you to lock your door by pushing forward on the interior handle. It is advised to use electric lock actuators or fabricate your own lock rods.**

1. Begin by placing your window in the up position. Remove your interior door handle, window crank, arm rest, interior door plate, door latch, and your exterior door handle.
2. Measure out the area to be cut using the supplied dimensions (fig. 1). Use a marker to draw your lines according to your measurements. Measure twice and cut once. (fig. 2) Make sure to tread lightly around the window track as there is little clearance between it and the section you are removing. It is advised to use a cutoff wheel in this particular area as a saw will cut into the track.
3. Place your new latch kit in place and bolt it into the stock location using the supplied hardware.
4. Next, attach the strap to your new latch kit using the supplied 10-32 bolt and locking nut. Do not over tighten as this is a pivot point and must remain free to move. Make sure to place it on the front side of the new latch kit lever.
5. Latch and trip the new assembly using your finger and the interior handle several times to ensure everything is working smoothly.
6. Replace your exterior door handle and again latch and trip the assembly checking for any problems.
7. Remove your old striker setup and replace it with your new striker plate and bolt. Line it up with the center of your new latch the best you can then slowly close the door. As you close and open the door, feel for "climbing" or "dropping" and then adjust accordingly. The striker also has in and out adjustment.
8. Once you are satisfied with the way your door opens and closes reassemble the interior and move to the next door.
9. Grease all moving parts liberally. Especially where your outside button meets the pad on the latch. If your outside handle button is wore down it may cause you to have to push it almost all the way in before it trips the latch. You can attach a piece of 16 gauge metal to the plunger pad surface of the latch with two-way tape to fix this issue. Make sure the end of your button plunger is smooth.



Starting at the center of the mounting hole shown in the image measure up  $1 \frac{3}{8}$ ". Mark a point with a pen or marker. Measure  $1 \frac{3}{8}$ " starting at the corner of the door moving toward the center of the door. Mark a point. Measure straight up  $5 \frac{3}{8}$ " and mark a point. Starting at your original point on the corner of the door measure  $2 \frac{3}{8}$ " moving toward the outside of the door. Mark a point. Measure straight up  $5 \frac{3}{8}$ " and mark a point. Connect your points and you have your cut line.