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## A3 M2 AUG SWITCHBACK CHARGING HANDLE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



**Warning: Always verify your rifle is unloaded prior to installing any parts!**

The AUG Switchback Charging Handle is compatible with the following rifles:

Steyr AUG A1 and A3 M2

The following is included in the kit:

- (1) A3 M2 Switchback Charging Handle
- (1) Wear pad (already installed)
- (1) 8-32 x 1/4" set screw (already installed)
- (1) 1/8" x 7/16" long roll pin



You will need the following tools:

- Hammer
- 1/8" or 3/16" punch
- Needle nose pliers
- 1/8" roll pin holder punch

### STEP 1:

Remove the magazine from the rifle, pull back on the charging handle and ensure the chamber is clear of live ammunition. Let the charging handle go to the forward position and place the rifle on "SAFE"

### STEP 2:

Lay the rifle on a padded surface with the left side (charging handle side) facing up. Depress the handle towards the receiver. Place punch on the roll pin and tap out. Pull the handle off the metal charging handle assembly. Pull the forward assist button and spring inside it out carefully.



**NOTE:** Leave the spring and "L plate" that is the forward assist tooth in place, there is no need to remove.

### STEP 3:

Start the roll pin that you removed from the OEM handle into the roll pin hole on the new handle. You may need to use a set of needle nose pliers or 1/8" roll pin punch to get the pin started. The 1/8" x 7/16" roll pin is included as a spare in case the OEM pin becomes damaged or lost.

### STEP 4:

Place the Switchback down on the rectangular lug. Make sure it is fully seated and tap the pin in with the 1/8" or 3/16" punch. **The pin has to clear/engage a specific area of the lug to mount, and may take a bit of work to get the pin precisely seated and all the way in.**



**NOTE:** To remove the pin to take the Switchback handle off, it is recommended to tap out from the right side with a 1/8" punch, i.e. away from the receiver. This is usually the easiest way to get the pin to come out.

**NOTE:** The A3 M2 Switchback has a polymer wear pad to protect your AUG receiver from wear. If the wear pad becomes worn down on the corner through extensive use, place a 1/16" allen wrench in the hole on top of the handle, and back off the 8-32 set screw. You should be able to pull the wear pad out by hand. If it will not come out, tap a long 1/16" punch through the hole in the back of the handle to knock the wear pad out, rotate the wear pad 90 degrees, and reinstall for a fresh corner to use!

### STEP 5:

Your Switchback Charging Handle is now installed! Fold out and pull back on the Switchback to test the handle. With no magazine inserted in the rifle, pull the handle back to the full rearward position and fold upward to verify it will lock the bolt back. Slap the handle downward and let the bolt and the handle go forward. **If you have an A3 M2 AUG, you can manually fold the entire charging handle assembly towards the receiver to make it even more compact. It is now safe to use the rifle.**

**NOTE:** The handle will automatically fold when released from the rearward position by slapping down on it. You can also fold the handle inward or outward manually at the forward or rear position. Excessive fouling of the weapon may prevent the handle from automatically folding when it runs forward under the pressure of the recoil springs. In the event it does not fold, clean the weapon thoroughly- it is a good indication your weapon is severely fouled!

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