

Chrome Fuel Door Upgrade for 2011 Mazda Miata MX-5 Sport

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Background: Ordered Chrome Fuel Door via Amazon. Installed door, **wouldn't close**. Posted questions on a variety of Miata Forums, talked to local Mazda dealer, no help. I did get some advice that all I had to do was bend the latch just slightly. But, there are no parts that are flexible. There is some play in the three bolts used to secure the door to the car body, but failed.

Ordered another Chrome door from Moss. **Same issue**.

Follow the directions included with your new Fuel Door... and then...

What I noticed was that the Lock Plunger was just sticking out too far, push hard and it will break. I placed one washer between the door bracket and the car body. Still didn't work but almost. I noted that the effect of the washer did "shorten" the plunger meaning the bracket moves away from the car body. Dropped in another thin washer, now it closes perfectly. A little grease on the closing latch just to make the slide easy and it closes just right.



