

Instructions to Install a Thumb Latch

Swing in Gate

Thumb latches can only be installed on gates which open by swinging in, so first ensure your gate is suited for a thumb latch.

Mount the Handle

Mount the Thumb handle on the outside of the gate at a height of 36 inches approx. off the ground. Position the handle in the desired location, and mark the locations of the tail and the screw holes with a pencil. Cut a slot for the tail. The easiest way to do this is to use a suitable drill bit and drill holes, overlapping each other, until you have a slot about $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide $1\frac{1}{2}$ " tall. Predrill the screw holes using a drill. Attempting to drive screws into the gate without predrilling may split the wood. Once the holes are drilled, reposition the handle, and screw it into the gate using the screws that came with the thumb latch.

Mount the Latch Plate

Mount the latch plate on the inside of the gate, ensure the latch plate is level, and mark and predrill the screw holes using a suitable drill bit. Screw the latch plate into place. Install the retainer between the tail and the end of the latch bar.

Install the Catch

Position the strike catch on the gate post so that the latch bar lays inside the strike catch when down and clears the top of it when raised. Mark and predrill the screw holes, and screw in the strike catch. Test the latch to ensure the latch bar opens and closes properly.

