



CHARGING HANDLE

I included this part here only because it made some sense where we are discussing upper receiver parts, and it is, I say, a part of the upper receiver. It's fairly self-explanatory, and I've yet to see one that wasn't already assembled so there's no work really save for just slipping it in place (eventually) once the upper receiver is ready to be put to use. There is, of course, zero reason to have it in the upper unless the bolt carrier is housed. The little ears on the charging handle fit up into their slot located at the rear sight post hole in the upper. Once they click up into the channel inside the upper, the charging handle is riding in its slot. Push it home until it latches.

COOL TRICK (JUST MESSY)



Only race-guns may need this, but it's an easy way to protect the self from any expelled gases following a primer mishap (like a piercing). Gas will get right past the gaps in the top side of the charging handle, and in your eye, so we'll fill that gap. Not pretty work.

Get **Permatex RTV** at any auto parts store. It's tough stuff that is intended for use as a gasket-maker. It sticks pretty well to any unprotected surface, even a very thin coat, so protect surfaces where you don't want it to stick using a release agent. Brownell's carries that, or you can use Johnson's Paste Wax just about as well. The idea is to get the RTV to stick only to the charging handle "horseshoe" so you can't be too thorough with release agent. If you ever want it gone, Permatex Gasket Remover will get it gone.

1. Degrease the horseshoe area with contact cleaner.