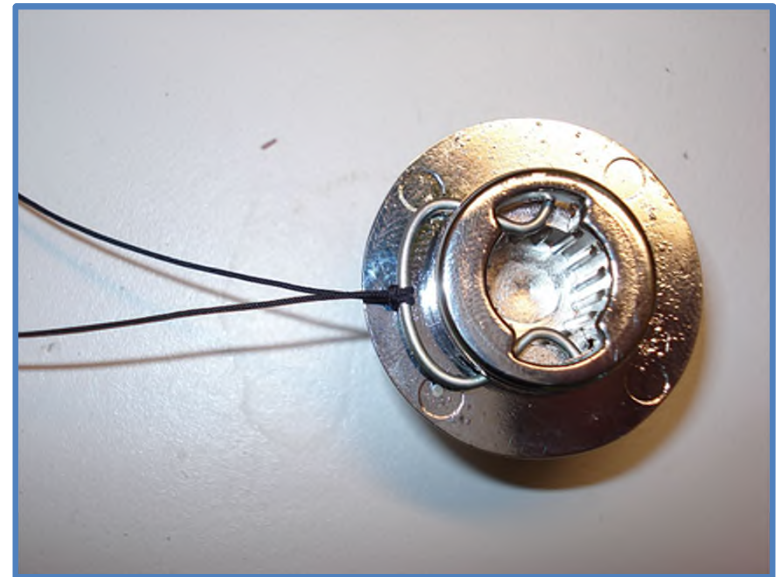
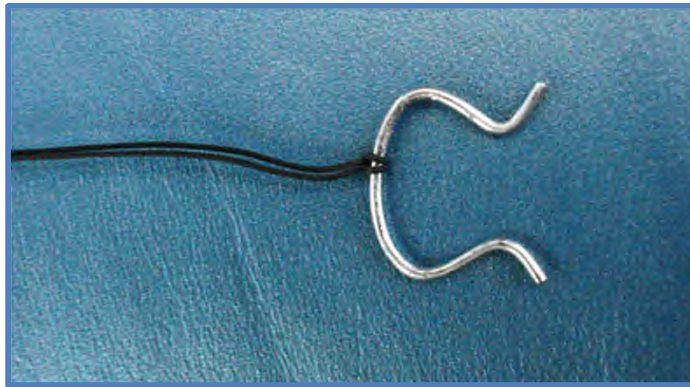


A simple method for removing mid-year Corvette door lock-knob clips



One of the "little" jobs that can be challenging when you have to remove your door panels is the removal of the "omega" clips that hold the knob on the shaft. Many owners report that the knob is very tightly held against the panel and getting at the clip can be difficult. Once you succeed in getting the clip out you can make future removal easier with this simple trick. I have found that I can make the job easier by adding a "retrieval" line to the clip for future removals. I used braided fishing line and looped it over the clip as shown above. Put the clip on the knob with the loop facing the top of the door. Once you install the knob on the shaft, wrap the excess line around the shaft and tuck the end in behind the knob or leave a small tag exposed. If and when you have to remove the door panel, simply fish out the tagline unwrap it from the shaft and pull up on the line. This technique has worked for me with my '65 coupe.

Note: another thing that might be useful is to clean out some of the foam around the opening for the door-lock-knob shaft. You can relieve some of the pressure exerted on the back of the knob by the foam in the panel. I have found that my locks work more easily after removing some of the foam from the panel. Be careful not to damage the vinyl of around the opening in the panel!

