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How To Remove & Replace An Old Toilet Seat

Though the job of changing a toilet seat is a simple one, there are times, as described below, when the task takes on a new dimension, due to the fact that the seat bolts are virtually welded in place and must be sawed off before the new seat can be installed.

Utensils

Adjustable pliers
Hacksaw with fine-tooth blade
Roll of masking tape

Ingredients

Petroleum jelly
New toilet seat

Approximate Time: 30 To 45 Minutes

1. Note first that the seat is held in place by two bolts at rear.
2. With pliers, loosen the nuts on these bolts.
3. If nuts are frozen and will not turn, follow this alternate procedure before continuing, beginning with the bolt on your right.
 - a. Raise seat.
 - b. Clean hacksaw blade thoroughly and tape right side of blade.
 - c. Smear the tape with a coat of petroleum jelly. (The tape and lubricant will insure against damage to the fixture.)
 - d. Lay the blade flat, taped side down (Fig. 78A), saw through bolt (Fig. 78B), and remove.
 - e. Remove tape and clean the blade.
 - f. Now place strip of tape on left side of blade and lubricate as before.
 - g. Cut away and remove bolt.
4. Once the bolts have been removed, clean area thoroughly.
5. Remove nuts and washers from bolts on new seat.
6. Lubricate new bolts with petroleum jelly.
7. Insert bolts through seat holes.
8. Once the bolts are through, place a washer on each.
9. Screw nuts onto bolts by hand in clockwise direction, and then using pliers, tighten a half turn. Do not overtighten - you never know when you'll need to remove them again.

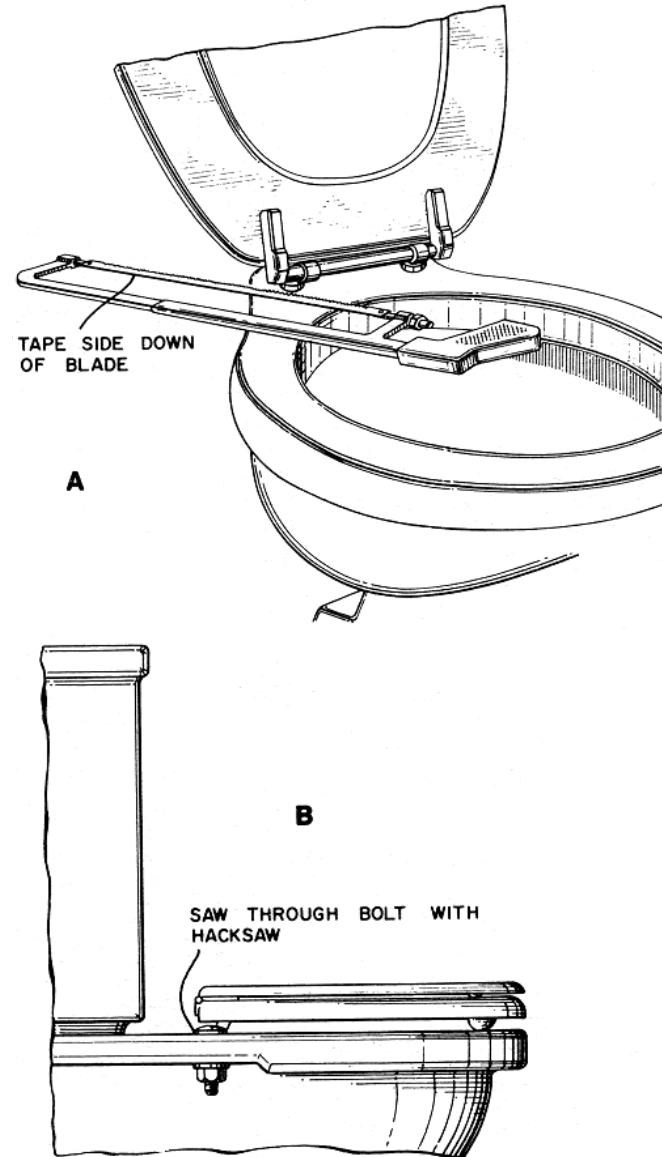


Figure 78.
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