

Ford Fusion 2013-2014

The 2013 Ford Fusion is the second generation for the Fusion. The original Fusion was introduced in 2006 and got a minor facelift in 2010. The new Fusion is equipped with bicycle-style cable linkages on all four doors. There is no mechanical inside lock control.

The doors lock automatically once the vehicle is in motion and they can also be locked and unlocked with the electronic power door lock control. When the vehicle is locked with the key or with the remote, the computer disables the inside power door lock control. Attempting to unlock the

car by operating the inside power door lock control will only result in setting off the vehicle alarm. The inside handles on the front doors override the lock mechanism however, so the best method for unlocking the Fusion is to pull the inside handle.



1 The first step is to wedge open a gap between the glass and the weatherstripping above the inside door handle. Here I'm using two wooden wedges inserted about eight inches apart, centered over the inside handle. Normally, I would use a shim, but on this occasion I didn't have one available so I carefully used the sharpest wooden wedges I had with me.



4 Removing the wedges before bringing the tool up inside the vehicle is important. If you don't remove the wedges you will have a much harder time maneuvering the tool, and you run a much higher risk of breaking the window. After the wedges have been removed, pull the tool up until the end is free to move inside the vehicle. Now all you have to do is to pull the inside handle to unlock the vehicle.



2 I'm using the Tech-Train 1015 tool, which is a pretty standard under-the-window tool. Almost any quality under window tool would work on the Fusion, but, as you will later see, you'll need a tool made from quality spring steel to get the leverage needed to unlock the door. Insert the tool between the wedges to attack the inside door handle.

3 Again, I would normally use a shim as I insert the tool into the door, but in this case there was really no problem getting it past the weatherstripping. Once the upper bend of the tool is inside the door, lower it until it is below the base of the window glass. As you work the tool up on the inside of the glass, watch the inside weatherstripping as you attempt to get the tool into position. As soon as you see the tool begin to bulge the weatherstripping upward, stop and remove the wedges.



5 Use leverage to move the inside handle instead of actually trying to pull on it. Carefully work the tip of the tool down between the handle and the handle trim, then flex the shaft of the tool to lever the handle out. This is where the difference between cheap tools and quality tools will show. Hopefully you will be using a tool made from spring steel like the one used here. Unfortunately, there are some cheap tools out there made from milder steel that cannot be flexed like this tool. I'm not trying to actually open the door with the inside handle; I'm trying to override the lock system. As soon as I feel the inside handle has been pulled out far enough, reach down with your other hand and pull the outside door handle. If you have the inside handle out far enough, this will open the door. Be prepared for the alarm to sound as soon as you open the door.

