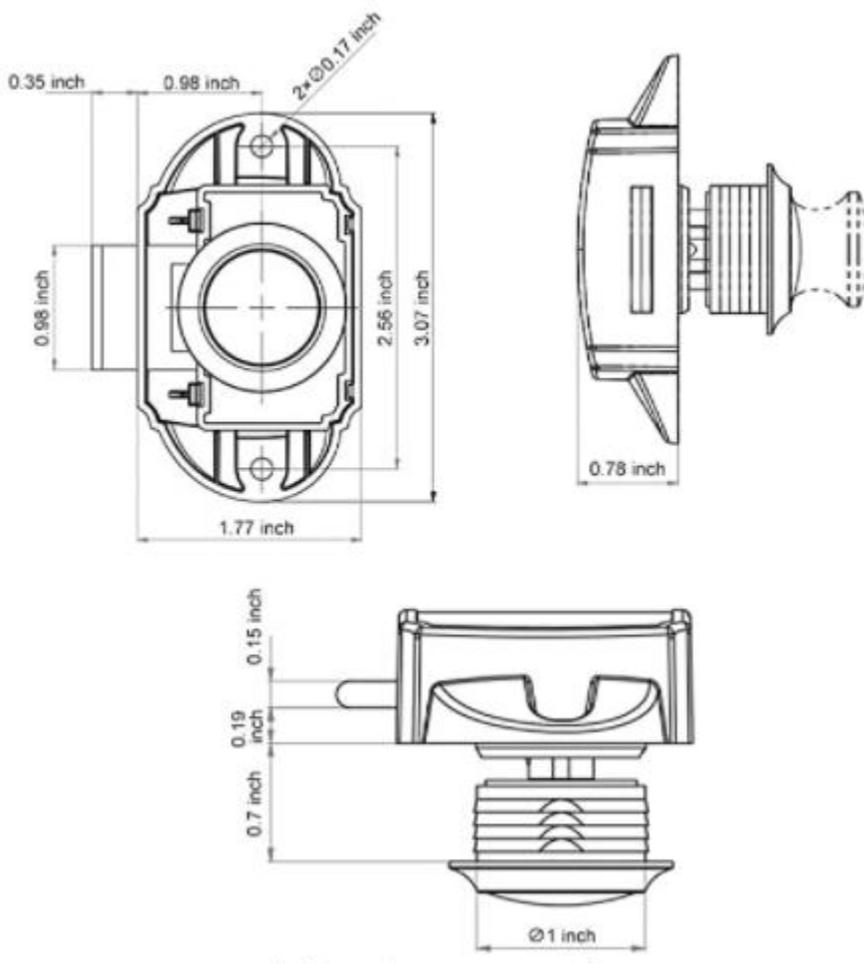


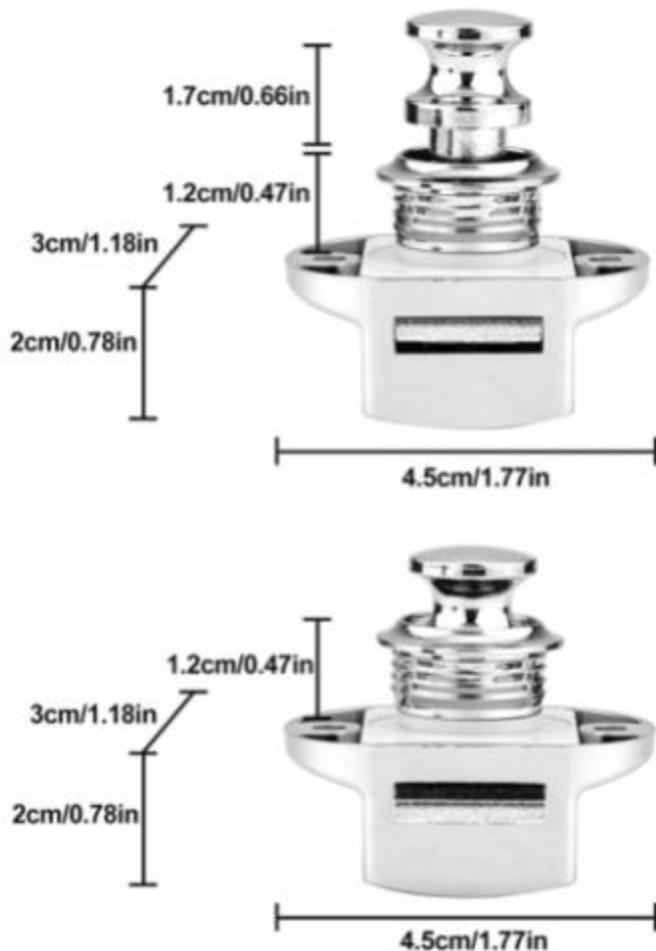
2020+ View / Navion cabinet latch retrofit,
Grumpy G Gerrelts method.

As I have been trying to find a better alternative to the fine example of the overuse of plastic in a piece of cabinet hardware, I've found that generally there are two sizes for these latches.

Standard size, 1.77 x 3.07" with a 1.02" hole required.



Mini size, 1.18 x 1.77" with a .78" hole required.



The standard size is a bunch bigger, but has the mounting hole size needed. The mini size is the correct dimensions for direct replacement, but the knob and bezel are sized for a .75"ish hole. So standard doesn't retrofit mount, and mini doesn't need such a big hole. Wbago somehow found the mini size, with the large hole size knob and bezel, with the added valve of being what has to be the worst, lowest quality units available. I tried the standard size units, which were good quality, but the 1.77 vs. mini 1.18" dimension would make a retrofit a more than minor, frustrating, risk filled, endeavor. I then thought I found the mini with large buttons (with better quality) and ordered a box of 10. Sadly when they came they were not for a 1.02" hole but the .75ish size. The listing was wrong and when I contacted the manufacturer or jobber or 3rd party reseller or janitor answering emails the listing magically fixed itself! So I looked some more. I didn't get to the end of the internet looking, but I looked quite a while and could not find mini units with standard knobs, bezels. I even looked outside the Ama Zon!

In the interest of making a short story long, I'll continue...

The mini units I got are of better quality, have a good action, and actually contain some metal where I think important. So I said to myself, self, oh what the heck, Let's use the new minis with the original knob and bezel! Eureka! But wait, still a bit of a problem. The original units have a concentric (whatever that means) ring on them that should center them in the hole... Except... that ring is sized for the .75ish hole, not the 1.02. See the problem? Yep, poor alignment, knob still off center; so even with a better latch, some still want to stick. Is there no end to this fun and games? How much of this challenging, frustrating, enjoyment should one person get to have?

So let's try something else. I look closely and realize that if I can tilt the latch slightly I can likely compensate for the offset. I have some of these in a drawer (I save everything) and say to myself, self, those might make darn fine shims! They don't work worth a (redacted) for their intended function, so why not?



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So I tried shimming and Eureka!, that worked and worked well. But... the new knobs, while plastic, have brass colored metal inserts, and just look better, a lot better. So I thought, why not just use the new knobs with the original bezels and leave the gap? It doesn't look to bad and I guarantee it will never ever ever getting back together... wait, lost my track... it will never ever ever stick or bind. So I put them all on that way and let the idea soak for a while. So now I'm sitting there resting on my laurels (whatever that means), pondering my success, and realize that Operation Finale was not a bad movie... Whoops, again off track. I meant to say the final solution was tacky and there was risk that if the knob was caught when pushed out, there would be cursing, and worse, I would be buying another latch assembly or 10.

So here is where the Rube Goldberg part of this saga starts. Try to keep an open mind.

Again, I used something out of the never throw anything away pile for this!

In the interest of full disclosure and plausible deniability, please note that this last bit is not time tested and may need some tweaking, or may fail completely at some point. No guarantee is provided; make your own judgment and use at your own risk. Better yet, come up with a better solution and share it!

Since William David will probably be looking at this and I've heard he does better with pictures, I offer the following for the finale...





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In summary, you can...

Do nothing.

Use new latches, old knobs and shim.

Uses new latches and new knobs, leave the gap.

My personal favorite... Try the Rube Goldberg solution. It might seem a bit odd, but I like how it looks, acts, and feels. And it is easy.

Find an alternative, better solution.

I'm done (for) now... 😊

