TRIC Guitar Case Plastic Hinge Replacement

A quick guide showing how to repair/replace a plastic hinge on a TRIC Case guitar case (manufactured by Godin for Simon & Patrick, Godin, Seagull, Norman, Art & Lutherie, LaPatrie guitars).

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INTRODUCTION

You will need to order the part, buy some Shoe Goo, and source a blow dryer (hair dryer).

**TOOLS:**
- Heat Gun (1)
- Shoe Goo (1)

**PARTS:**
- TRIC Case Hinge (1)
Step 1 — Plastic Hinge

- Confirm that the hinge is actually broken or split. Indeed, one of my hinges is broken.

- Sometimes a broken hinge can be accompanied by a second broken hinge since the stress of one broken hinge begins to break the second one.

Step 2

- Order a replacement hinge from your local guitar store, or directly contact Godin for replacement at info@godinguitars.com

- My supplier/brand was "Godin", the model was "TRIC Case Hinges", and the Color was "GREY".

- Here's what the new hinge looks like next to the old hinge.

- Here's what the new hinge looks like next to a human foot in the distance.
Step 3

- Using a blow dryer (or heat gun) to warm up the glues holding the old hinge in place.
- This heating process took at least 15 minutes for me with a blow dryer.

Step 4

- As the glue starts to soften, you can pry the hinge pieces off with a tool like a Swiss Army knife. If it is still stuck on solid, keep blow drying it.
Step 5

- The hinge piece comes off! Fantastic.

Step 6

- Repeat for the other hinge piece: blow dry, soften the glue, pry off.
- Hinge pieces shown side by side: new hinge on the left, old hinge on the right.
Step 7

- Use Shoe Goo to fill the cavity where the old hinge was previously. WARNING: do not use traditional hot glue gun because it dries up too fast before you even get a chance to put the new hinge on.

- Put the new hinge in the cavities and apply some pressure to make it sink deep into the hinge cavity.

Step 8

- Fold the guitar case closed and clamp the clips to close it tight. Push the two sides to let excess Shoe Goo ooze out (that sounds so nice!).

- Put a sack of rice or something heavy on the guitar case to let the glue solidify and dry overnight.

- Wipe off any excess Shoe Goo that has oozed out with a paper towel or tissue.
Step 9

- After the Shoe Goo has dried up, your TRIC case is like new! So great!

- To prevent future cracking, I may apply some sort of strong tape to the inside of the hinge.

Transport your guitar with peace-of-mind.

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