How to Fix a Misaligned Desk Drawer

Learn how to fix a desk drawer with improperly mounted hardware and bent sliders.

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INTRODUCTION

Do you have a desk drawer that just won't line up correctly? Follow the simple steps in this guide to correctly line up your drawer and make your life just a little bit easier.

The specific screwdrivers and screws used in this guide may not be the same used in other desk drawers. If you have any questions I recommend going to your local hardware store.

TOOLS:
- Flathead Screwdriver (1)
- Phillips #2 Screwdriver (1)

PARTS:
- #6 x 1/2 Phillips Screws (1)
Step 1 — How to Fix a Misaligned Desk Drawer

- Start by pulling the drawer out and detaching it from the hardware mounted to the desk.
- To do this you need to push the black plastic lever up in order to disengage the drawer's hardware from the desk's hardware.
Step 2

- In this case the hardware on the left side of the drawer is not functioning properly due to a bent metal piece.

- Using the flat head screwdriver you can push the metal down around each ball bearing in order to allow the drawer to slide back and forth.
Step 3

- The hardware attached to the drawer is also not functioning properly due to missing screws.
- Use replacement screws to properly attach the hardware to the drawer and to allow it to support the drawer's weight.

⚠ Take a screw from the drawer to your local hardware store for help finding matching screws.

Step 4

- After attaching the hardware slide the drawer's piece into its counterpart on the desk.

⚠ It can be awkward to maneuver the drawer in alone. You may need to get some help for this step.
Step 5

- Enjoy your fully functioning drawer!

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.