

Repairing a Leaky Ceramic Disk Faucet

Stuff You Need to Know

Toolbox:

- ✓ Hex wrench
- ✓ Screwdriver
- ✓ Groove-joint pliers
- ✓ Old toothbrush

Materials:

- ✓ Replacement cartridge (if needed)



Time Needed:

Less than an hour

Ceramic disk faucets are durable and reliable, but they're subject to sediment buildup that restricts water flow. For that reason, if you live in an area with hard water and find yourself making repairs a couple times each year or more, you may want to consider a different type of faucet. You may be able to fix a ceramic disk faucet by cleaning or replacing the neoprene seals, but most often it's best to simply replace the entire cartridge. This project shows you how to clean the cartridge and replace the seals.

1. Shut off the water under the sink, and turn on the faucet until the water stops running.
2. Use a hex wrench to loosen the setscrew. Remove the handle.



3. Lift off the decorative cap to access the cartridge.



4. Use groove-joint pliers to loosen the cartridge.



5. Lift off the cartridge. You can usually do this by hand. Use groove-joint pliers if the cartridge sticks.



6. Remove the seals on the bottom of the cartridge with a screwdriver.

