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**A HANDLE MOUNTING ASSEMBLY****Abstract**

A handle mounting assembly (10) includes a handle (12) adapted for turning about an axis (16), a drive member (18) operable on a latch and/or lock mechanism (17). The drive member (18) is rotatably mounted to the handle (12).

The assembly (10) also includes a handing plate (22) non-rotatably mounted to the handle (12). The handing plate (22) is adapted to non-rotatably engage the drive member (18) in at least two angularly spaced apart positions relative to the axis (16) of the handle (12).