

INSTALLING TRUNK WEATHERSTRIPPING

GENERAL HINTS

Proper fit and function of this trunk weatherstrip extrusion depends upon the correct installation (Figure E). Do not use your old flattened strip as a guide. Read the entire instructions here before beginning.

PREPARATION

Compare your old seal to the new one to make sure that the new seal will do the job. Remember, old seals are flat and your new weatherstrip is very forgiving in the case of slight differences in shape. Make sure you take note of which side of your strip faces toward the trunk!

REMOVE OLD SEAL

Apply liberal amounts of a release agent as you pull until you have removed all weatherstripping. Make sure any old adhesive, debris or rubber is removed with a scraper and even vacuumed if necessary.

ADHESIVE BEAD

Check your trunk lid alignment and then run a bead of adhesive inside the groove as you install the strip.

INSTALL WEATHERSTRIP

Start at the center above the lock cylinder and begin to insert your new weatherstrip. Fold your strip in half and start with the half-way point. Make sure both inside and outside edges are tight and sealed.

GLUE AS YOU GO

Start about eight inches from the center and begin to glue around each side as you go until you get to about eight inches from the end. Carefully cut the ends squarely to match together, allowing a 1/4" overlap. At this seam, apply adhesive to the trunk channel and a small amount to the ends of the strip. Hold the ends together for a moment and then insert. Close your trunk and open it, making sure no glue oozes out and shows. Wipe up any excess glue immediately.

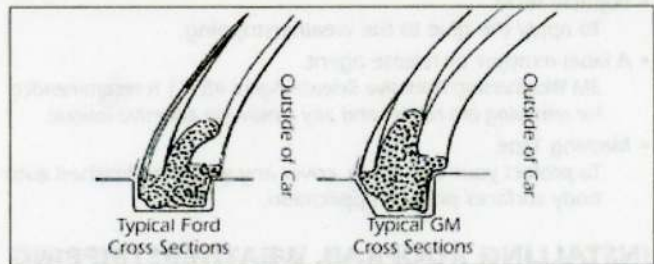


Figure E

INSTALLING PUSH ON STYLE DOOR AND TRUNK WEATHERSTRIPPING

TOOLS NEEDED

Sharp wire cutters
Marking pen

PREPARATION

Remove old weatherstripping carefully noting where and in what way the old weatherstripping seam is attached. Avoid tearing old weatherstripping in case a reinstallation is necessary.

Clear old chunks of adhesive off pinchweld or any chunks of old weatherstrip, dust and rust. If necessary, replace pinchweld.

INSTALLATION

Starting with seam area (usually at bottom middle), simply push groove of weatherstrip into pinchweld (see figures F & G) while applying slight tension to weatherstrip to prevent any humps or irregularities.

Note: no adhesive is necessary nor should any sealer be necessary, the metal core tension will hold your weatherstripping in place perfectly.

After all weatherstrip is installed carefully and is tightly pushed in at corners, measure finish length and mark with a ball point pen cutting line. Allow 1/8" overlap to provide a tight seal at seam.

Cut weatherstrip using a sharp wire cutter making sure cut is clear and straight. Hint on cutting: (See figure H) Cut only 1/2 of groove flange at a time between segmented steel core and then bulb seal or seal flange. Push on last foot of weatherstripping and enjoy your new, quiet, air and water tight seal!



Figure G

Typical bulb type seal.

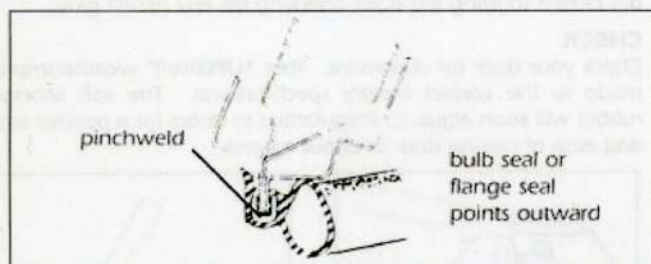


Figure F

Drivers door opening construction showing pinchweld. Flange on door opening.

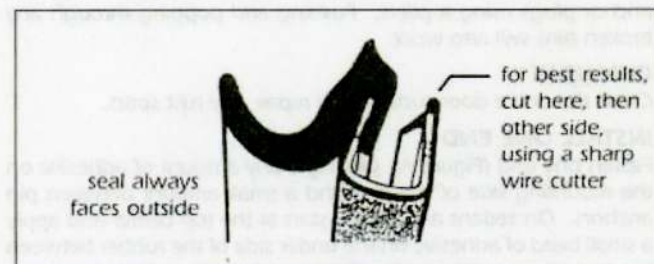


Figure H

Typical flange type seal

INSTALLATION

So easy to install, and so important for your car! By replacing old seals with new weatherstripping you can seal wind and rain leaks. It will improve the look of your car, and give you a much quieter ride.

Here are a few simple tools, tips and techniques that will make your weatherstripping installation project successful. Be sure to read through this section and gather all the materials you will need prior to starting the job.

TOOLS YOU WILL NEED

- A water-based lubricant (such as Armorall), or a silicone-based furniture polish (like Lemon Pledge).
Allows you to slide fitted rubber parts into cavities or channels. Always use a clean rag to apply the product.
- Weatherstrip adhesive.
3M Super Black Weatherstrip Adhesive #08008 is recommended.
- Popsicle sticks.
To apply the glue to the weatherstripping.
- A label remover or release agent.
3M Weatherstrip Adhesive Release Agent #8971 is recommended for removing old rubber and any remaining adhesive residue.
- Masking Tape
To protect your car's finish, cover any adjoining finished auto body surfaces prior to application.
- A color crayon.
May be used to match and mark the pin holes.
- A hard plastic squeegee.
For spreading glue and inserting the rubber into channels by using the edge.
- Super Glue.
May be used to repair rubber if it tears during installation.
- A straight-blade and Phillips screwdrivers.
- Pliers.
- A sharp knife or razor blade.
- Clean, soft rags.

INSTALLING ROOFRAIL WEATHERSTRIPPING

GENERAL HINTS

Always start at the front when removing and installing weatherstrip. Place a tiny bit of adhesive in the channel, not on the weatherstrip.

PREPARATION

Remove the old strip, in one piece if possible, by extracting the black plastic anchor pins or screws at the molded end using a screwdriver. Pull the rubber away from the channel, using a release agent to remove old glue if necessary. Clean and scrape the channel.

START AT THE FRONT

Starting at the front (see Figure C), install the black plastic anchor pins or screws in the molded end, putting a tiny bit of adhesive in the channel.

INSTALL SEAL

Insert the main section into the channel, working your way from the front to the back, using a hard plastic or rubber squeegee to lock the rubber into the edges of the channel (see Figure D).

TUCK AWAY

Work your way to the end of the channel. Leave about two inches of excess rubber, using a knife to cut off the rest. Tuck those excess two inches into the roof and quarter panel area.

On models with two molded ends, work your way to the back and install the pins or screws, and you're finished!

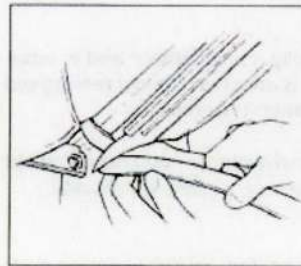


Figure C

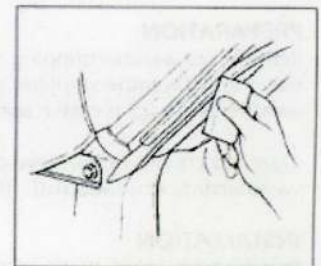


Figure D

INSTALLING DOOR WEATHERSTRIPPING

GENERAL HINTS

Check carefully to make sure all clips are lined up with the proper holes before inserting ANY clips in door holes. If weatherstripping with clips is removed, the rubber may be torn. If tears occur, Super glue works well to make repairs.

PREPARATION

Remove the old strip in one piece if possible. Remove any old anchor plugs using a pliers. Pushing and popping through any broken pins will also work.

CLEANING

Clean the entire door surface and repair any rust spots.

INSTALL ONE END

Fasten one end (Figure A), placing a tiny amount of adhesive on the mounting side of the end and a small amount between pin anchors. On sedans and trucks, start at the top center and apply a small bead of adhesive on the under side of the rubber between the two pins on either side. Then install these pins.

EASY INSTALL

Now, simply place a small bit of adhesive to the rubber between pins on the main length of weatherstrip, push pins in and work your way around. (Figure B.)

YOUR LAST STEP

On hardtops, your strip is made to fit exactly. On sedans and trucks, where lengths of extrusion are used, carefully cut the ends squarely to match together, allowing a 1/4" to overlap. At this seam, apply adhesive to the ends of the strip. Hold the ends together a moment and add a small amount of glue around the end edges to get any areas missed. Then allow the seam to fully dry before shutting the door, checking for any excess glue.

CHECK

Check your door for alignment. Your SUPERsoft® weatherstrip is made to the correct factory specifications. The soft sponge rubber will soon adjust to irregularities in doors for a positive seal and ease of closing door in about a week.

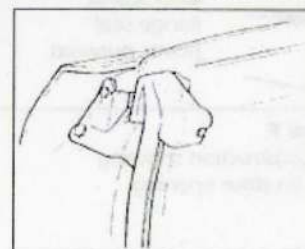


Figure A

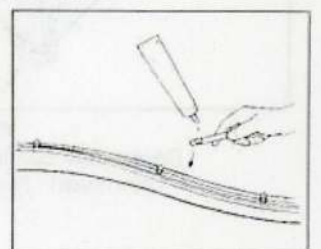


Figure B