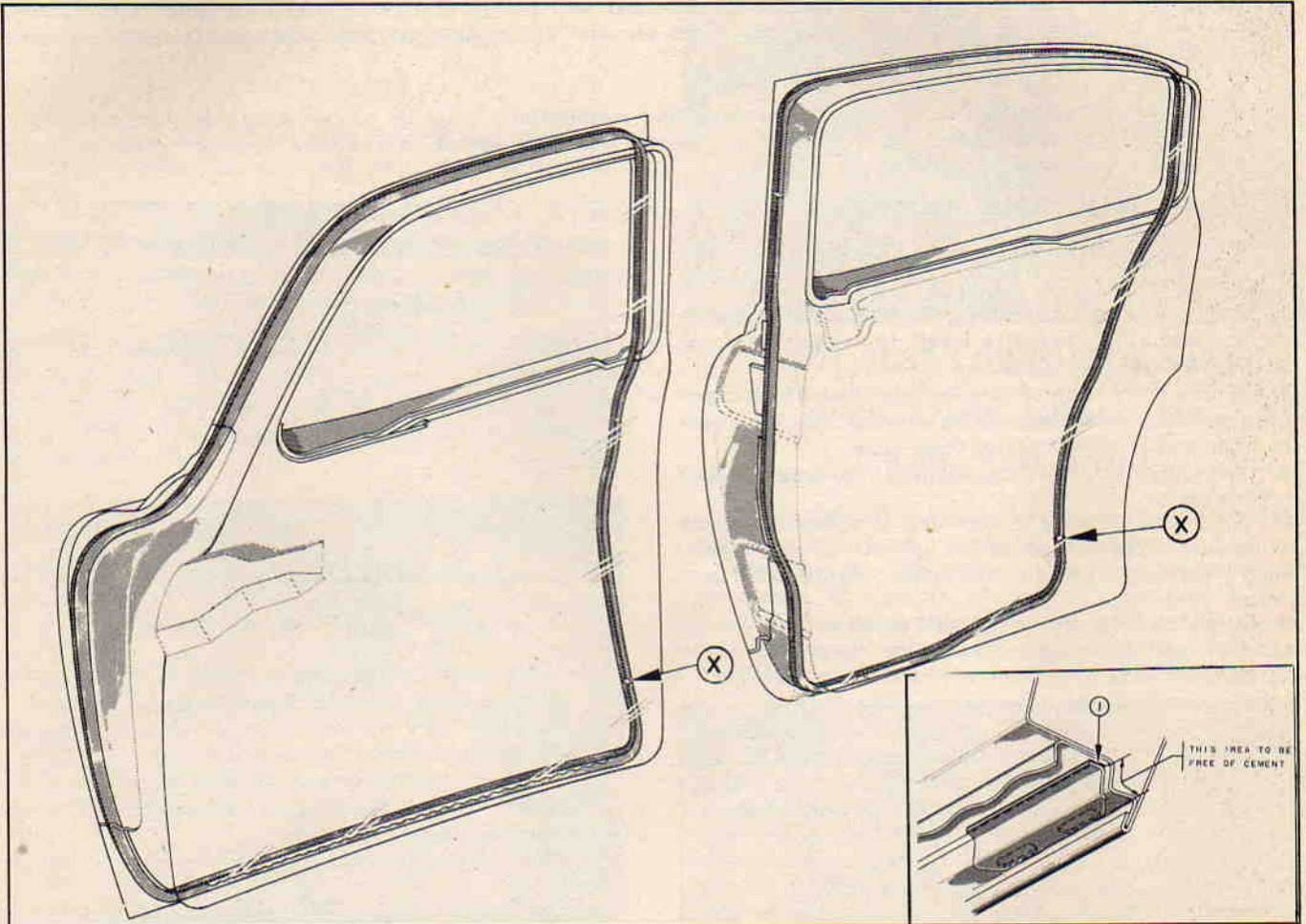


DOOR WEATHERSTRIPS

1953 door weatherstrips have been redesigned to provide a better sealing action and to allow doors to close with less effort. Door weatherstrips have only one cementing surface and a constant weatherstrip section is being used around the perimeter of the door. On sedan rear doors no retaining strip is used for securing the weatherstrip to the rear door facing at the hinge pillar. In addition, a sealing strip is cemented to the bottom of the door over the drain holes to act as a dust sealer. The drawings below show the installation of door weatherstrips on both front and rear doors on 1953 closed bodies. The small drawing illustrates the installation of the short dust sealing weatherstrips over the door drain holes at door bottom which act as a flap or valve to allow water to drain out and prevent dust from entering the door inner construction.



WEATHERSTRIP REMOVAL

1. With door open, bend back the tabs of weatherstrip retainer along the bottom of door.
2. With a suitable tool, carefully disengage and remove the weatherstrip from its cemented base around the entire perimeter of the door.
3. Remove the door bottom drain hole sealing strips after first noting their exact location for reinstallation.

WEATHERSTRIP INSTALLATION

1. Clean off all old adhesive from the flange of the door to provide a smooth clean surface for weatherstrip installation.
2. With a suitable brush, apply a coating (1/64" thick)

to both the flange of the door and to the attaching base of the weatherstrip. Allow adhesive to become "tacky" before installing.

3. Reinstall the door drain hole weatherstrips to their original locations. Small drawing above shows at (1) where cement is used.

4. Install the long continuous weatherstrip to the flange of the door pressing it firmly and evenly to place. The junction or ends of weatherstrip indicated at "X" must be cemented together with 3-M Weatherstrip Adhesive. DO NOT STRETCH WEATHERSTRIP AROUND CORNERS.

5. After installation, bend up tabs of retainer along door bottom to further secure weatherstrip at this point. NOTE: Time permitting, car door should be left slightly open for at least one (1) hour so as to assure a firm weatherstrip bond.

DOOR OUTSIDE MOLDINGS

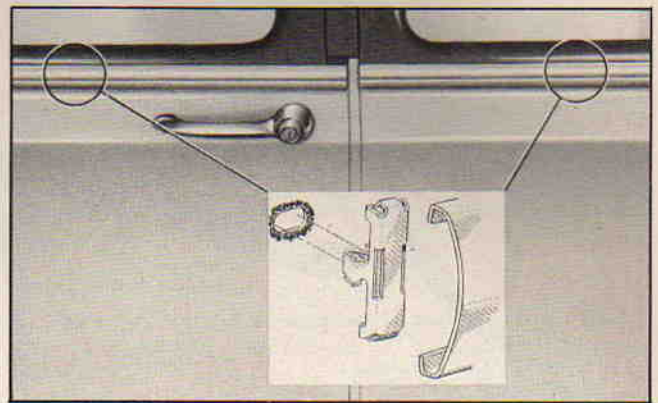
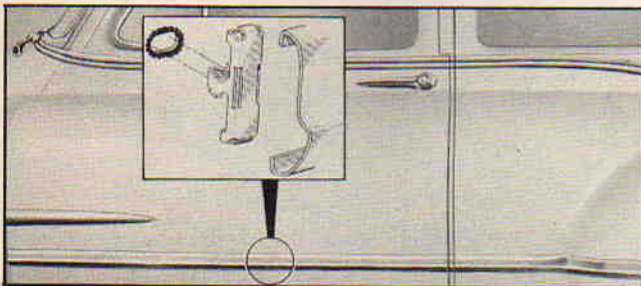
Basically there are three (3) methods of retaining outside moldings on body panels on 1953 closed bodies.

1. Snap-on clips - which are either installed into holes in the body panel and the molding snapped over the clips; or the clips are positioned into the molding and then snapped into the holes.
2. Screw-on clips - which are screwed on to the body panel and the molding snapped over the clips, or at the hemming flanges of body panels, the clips are positioned to the molding, then screws attached through the hemming flange with the molding in position.
3. Bolts, nuts and rubber washers - Bolts are inserted into flange of molding, then the bolts with molding attached are inserted through holes in body panel and secured with rubber washers and nuts from the opposite side of the panel.

NOTE: The area around each clip hole, before molding installation, must be sealed with 3-M Autobody Sealer or its equivalent. Molding clips damaged during removal should be replaced with new clips to insure proper retention of molding.

DOOR BELT MOLDING REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

1. Apply a strip of masking tape above and beneath the molding along its entire length to protect the finish during removal operations.
2. With a putty knife or similar thin-bladed tool, carefully snap the lower flange of the molding from the snap-on clips and remove molding from door.
3. With pliers, remove the snap-on clips from the door outer panel.
4. To install, apply a ribbon of 3-M Autobody Sealer or its equivalent around each clip hole in door panel. Insert molding clips in each hole. Apply additional sealer over clips.
5. Align molding fore and aft on door and engage upper flange of molding over clips then snap lower flange of molding over clips with the heel of the hand.



DOOR LOWER MOLDING

1. Apply a strip of masking tape to the body metal below the molding along its entire length to protect the finish.
2. Remove the two (2) screws, one (1) at each end of the molding from the inner flange of the door.
3. With a putty knife or similar thin-bladed tool, carefully snap the lower flange of the molding from the snap-on clips and remove molding.
4. With pliers, remove the snap-on clips from door panel.
5. To install, reverse this procedure using the same sealing instructions as outlined in step 4 above for belt molding removal.

FRONT DOOR SPEAR MOLDING

1. Apply masking tape to the body panel directly above and below molding to protect the paint finish.
2. Open door and remove one (1) screw attaching front end of molding at inner flange of door.
3. With a putty knife or similar flat-bladed tool, carefully pry the molding loose from its attachment. Molding is attached with three (3) clips which come off with the molding.
4. To install, use the same sealing procedure as outlined for belt moldings above. Insert clips in molding, equally space these clips to correspond with clipholes, apply molding to door and snap to place with the heel of the hand. Reinstall retaining screw at front end of molding.

