

## Door Frame Reinforce Sectioning - Center Pillar

### Removal Procedure

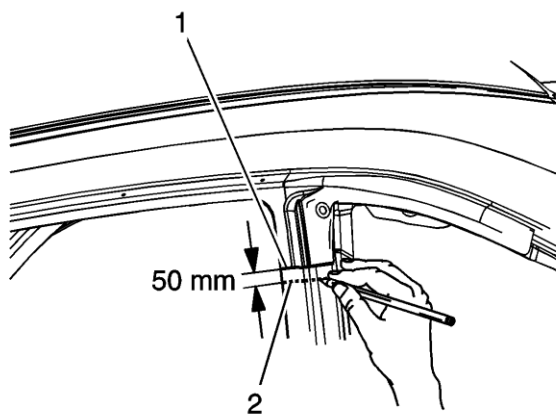
**Warning:** Refer to [Collision Sectioning Warning](#) in the Preface section.

**Warning:** Refer to [Approved Equipment for Collision Repair Warning](#) in the Preface section.

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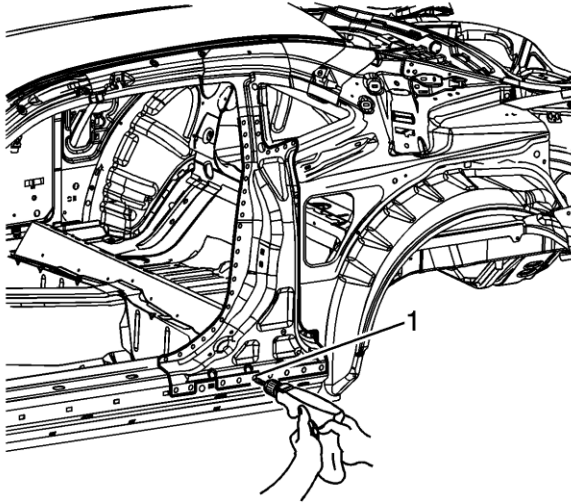
**Note:** The Center Pillar reinforcement can be replaced at factory seams, but requires the removal of the roof, Body Side Outer and Front Upper Rail. The sectioning procedures have been developed as an alternative to complete replacement. The specific area to be sectioned is determined by the extent of the damage to the vehicle.

1. Disable the SIR system. Refer to [SIR Disabling and Enabling](#).
2. Disconnect the negative battery cable. Refer to [Battery Negative Cable Disconnection and Connection](#).
3. Remove all related panels and components
4. Restore as much of the damage as possible to factory specifications.
5. Perform additional procedures as necessary. Refer to [Quarter Outer Panel Sectioning](#)
6. Note the location and remove the sealers and anti-corrosion materials from the repair area, as necessary. Refer to [Foam Sound Deadeners Warning](#).



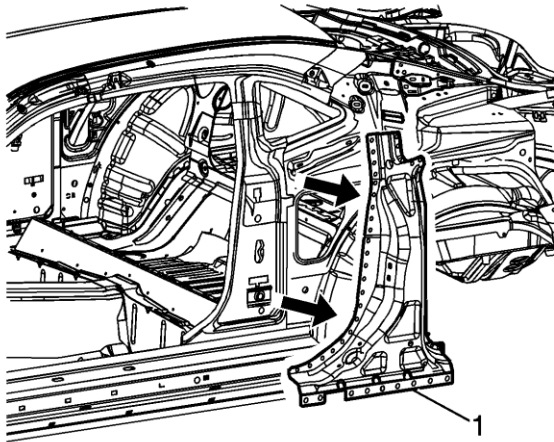
**Note:** Do not damage any inner panels or reinforcements.

7. From the quarter outer panel sectioning cut line (1), measure down 50 mm (2 in) and scribe a line (2).
8. Cut the center pillar where sectioning is to be performed.



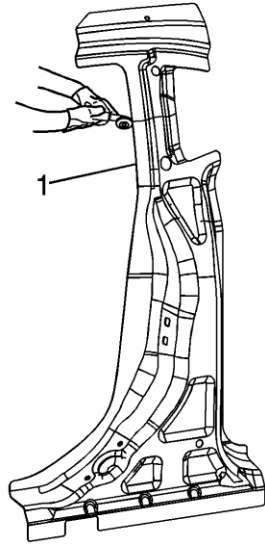
**Note:** Record the number and location of the original welds for installation of the service part.

9. Locate and drill out all factory welds (1).



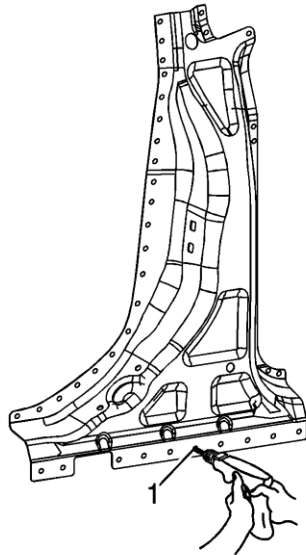
10. Remove the damaged center pillar (1).

## Installation Procedure



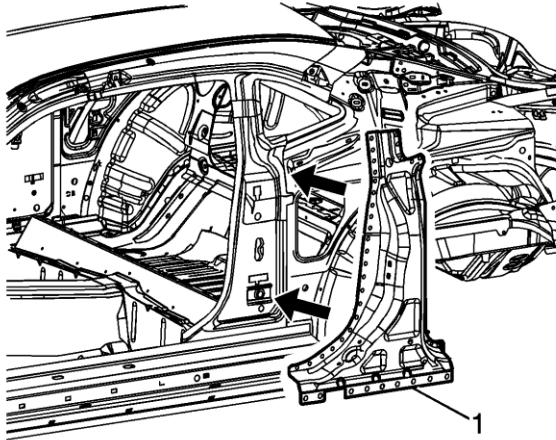
**Note:** The sectioning joint in the center pillar does not require a backing plate the center pillar reinforcement can be used as a weld backer.

1. Cut the replacement center pillar in corresponding locations to fit the original panel (1). The sectioning joint should be trimmed to allow 1.5 times the metal thickness at the sectioning joint.

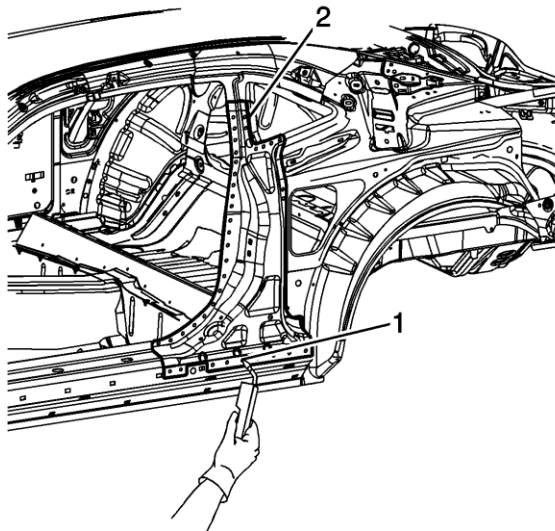


**Note:** In any area damaged beyond recognition, or structural weld thru adhesive was present space plug weld holes every 4 0mm (1 1/2 in) apart.

2. Drill 8 mm (5/16 in) plug weld holes in the service part as necessary in the locations noted from the original panel and along the sectioning cut (1).
3. Prepare all attachment surfaces as necessary.
4. Apply GM approved Weld-Thru Coating or equivalent to all mating surfaces. Refer to [Anti-Corrosion Treatment and Repair](#).



5. Position the service panel to the vehicle (1).
6. Clamp service part in place.
7. Inspect the vehicle for proper dimensions using 3-dimensional measuring equipment.



8. Plug weld accordingly (1).

**Note:** To create a solid weld with minimum heat distortion make 25 mm (1 in) stitch welds along the seam with 25 mm (1 in) gaps between them. Then go back and complete the stitch weld

9. Stitch weld sectioning joint (2).
10. Clean and prepare all welded surfaces.
11. Apply the sealers and anti-corrosion materials to the repair area, as necessary. Refer to [Anti-Corrosion Treatment and Repair](#).
12. Paint the repair area. Refer to [Basecoat/Clearcoat Paint Systems](#).
13. Install all related panels and components.
14. Connect the negative battery cable. Refer to [Battery Negative Cable Disconnection and Connection](#).
15. Enable the SIR system. Refer to [SIR Disabling and Enabling](#).

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