

# Plenum Lower Panel Replacement

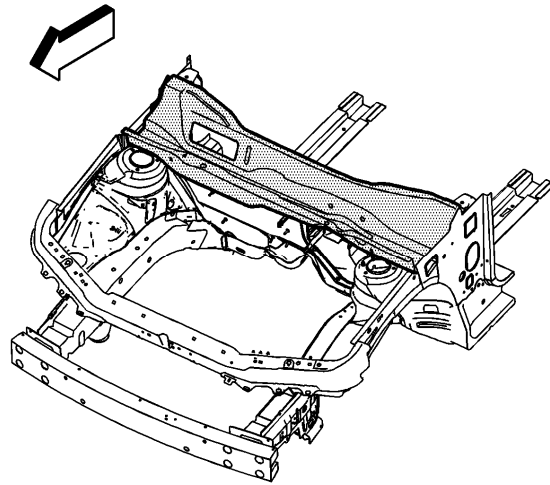
## Removal Procedure

**Caution:** Refer to [Approved Equipment for Collision Repair Caution](#) in Cautions and Notices.

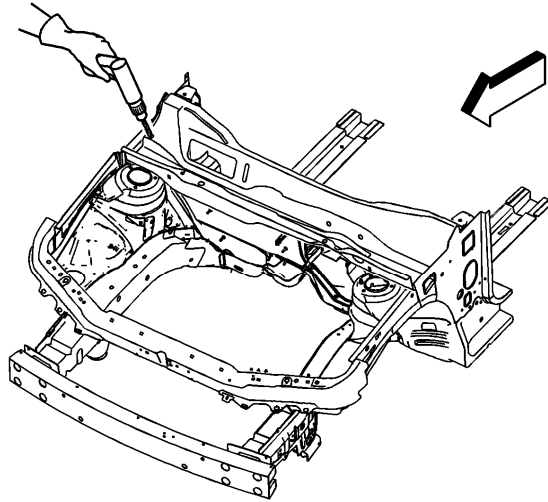
1. Disable the SIR system. Refer to [SIR Disabling and Enabling](#) in SIR.
2. Disconnect the negative battery cable. Refer to [Battery Negative Cable Disconnection and Connection](#) in Engine Electrical.

**Important:** This panel is replaced at factory seams.

3. Remove all related panels and components.
4. Repair as much of the damage as possible. Refer to [Dimensions - Body](#) .
5. Remove the sealers and anti-corrosion materials from the repair area, as necessary. Refer to [Anti-Corrosion Treatment and Repair](#) in Paint and Coatings.



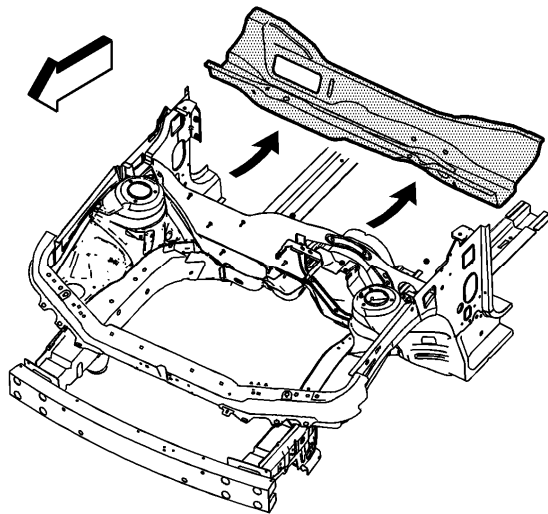
6. Locate and drill out all the necessary factory welds.



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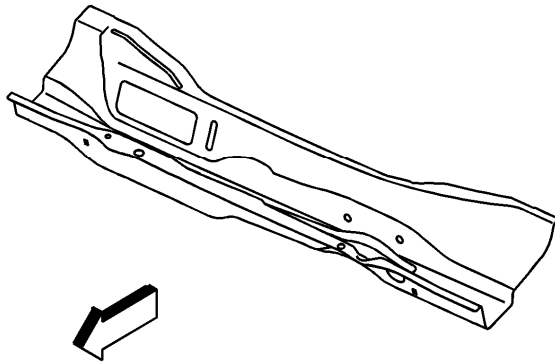
- The dash panel to the lower plenum
- The inside ends of the lower plenum
- On the top rear portion of the front upper rail to the plenum

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11. Remove the lower plenum panel from the vehicle.

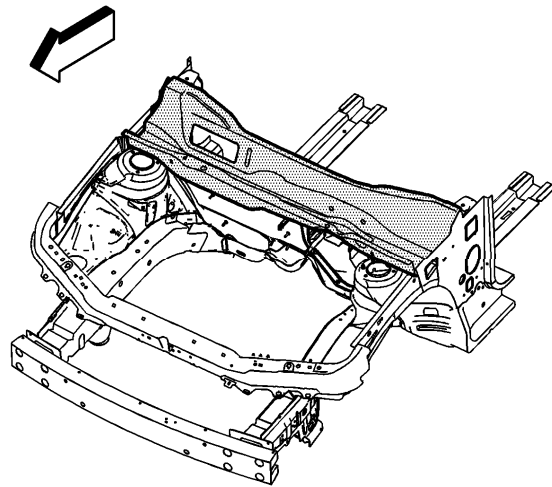
## Installation Procedure



**Important:** The service part comes as an assembly that includes the lower dash panel. If the repair does not require the dash panel, remove the dash panel before you install the lower plenum panel.

**Important:** If you cannot determine the location of the original plug weld holes, space the plug weld holes every 40 mm (1½ in) apart.

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



4. Position the lower plenum panel to the vehicle.
5. Plug weld accordingly.
6. Clean and prepare all of the welded surfaces.
7. Install all of the related panels and components.
8. Apply the sealers and anti-corrosion materials to the repair area, as necessary. Refer to [Anti-Corrosion Treatment and Repair](#) in Paint and Coatings.
9. Paint the repaired area. Refer to [Basecoat/Clearcoat Paint Systems](#) in Paint and Coatings.
10. Connect the negative battery cable. Refer to [Battery Negative Cable Disconnection and Connection](#) in Engine Electrical.
11. Enable the SIR system. Refer to [SIR Disabling and Enabling](#) in SIR.