

Front Side Door Outer Panel Replacement

Removal Procedure

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

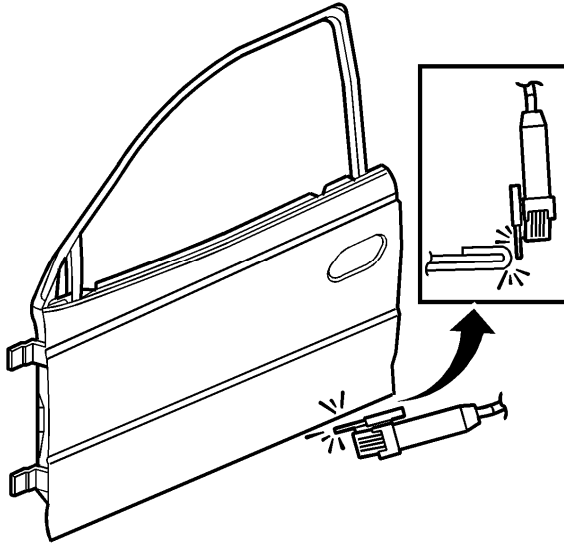
Important: Before beginning the repair, refer to [Metal Panel Bonding in Collision Repair](#) for proper adhesive applicator preparations and general information.

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.
3. Remove all related panels and components.
4. Repair as much of the damage as possible to factory specifications. Refer to [Dimensions - Body](#) .

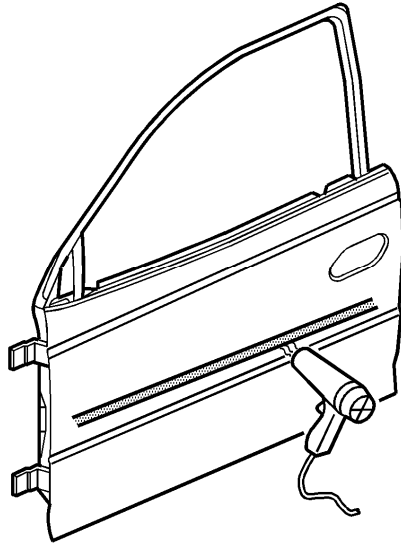
Caution: Refer to [Foam Sound Deadeners Caution](#) in Cautions and Notices.

5. Note the location and remove the sealers and anti-corrosion materials from the repair area, as necessary. Refer to [Anti-Corrosion Treatment and Repair](#) in Paint/Coatings.

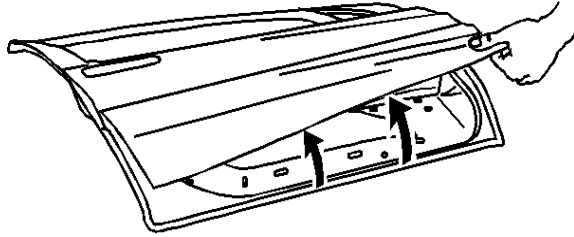
6. Remove the door assembly. Refer to [Front Side Door Replacement](#) in Doors.



7. Grind the edges of the door outer panel to separate the outer door panel from the door shell.

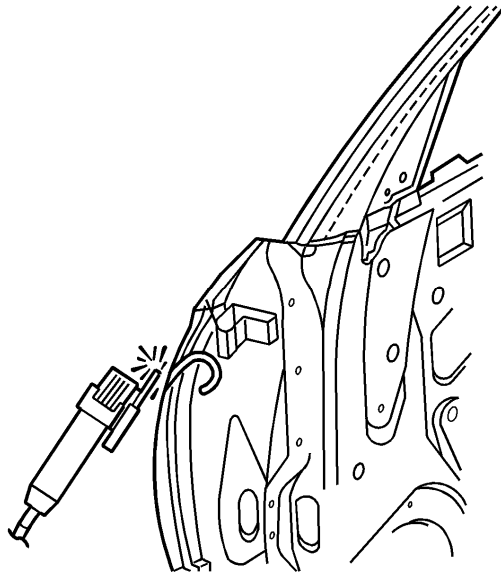


8. Soften the adhesive between the door outer panel and the door impact beam using a heat gun.



Caution: Inspection of the door guard beam for damage must be performed before replacement of the door outer panel. If damage to the door guard beam is found the door must be replaced. Failure to do so may compromise the structural integrity of the vehicle and may cause personal injury if the vehicle is involved in a collision.

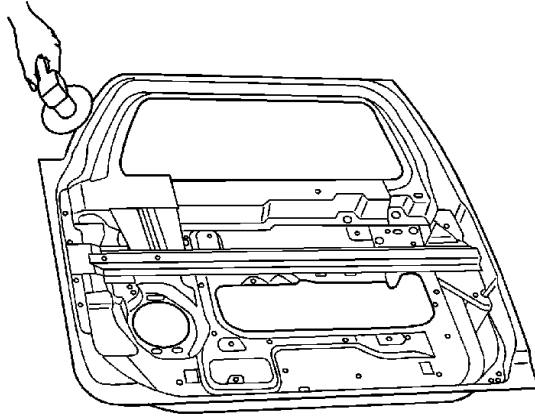
9. Remove the outer door panel.
10. Remove the sealers and anti-corrosion materials from the repair area, as necessary. Refer to [Anti-Corrosion Treatment and Repair](#) in Paint/Coatings.



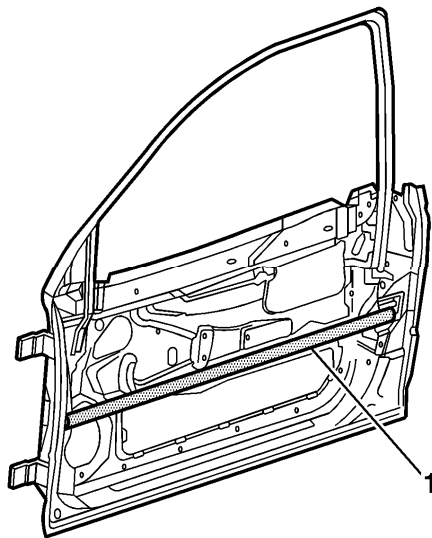
11. Remove the remaining metal strip from the door shell by grinding away the metal and the adhesive.

12. Straighten the edges of the door shell.

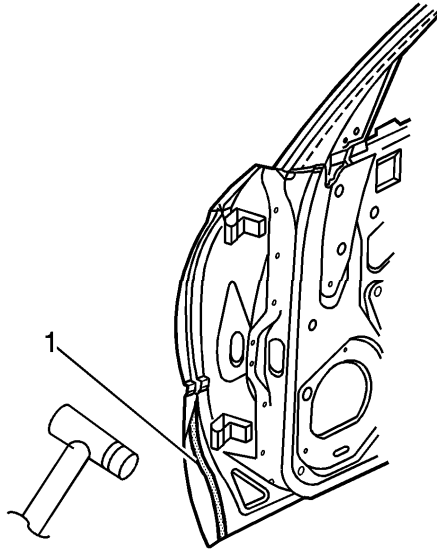
Installation Procedure



1. Using a grinding disk, grind the surface of the door shell, mating the flanges to bare steel.
2. Apply sealers and anti-corrosion materials to the repair area as necessary. Refer to [Anti-Corrosion Treatment and Repair](#) in Paint/Coatings.



3. Apply Fusor super flexible anti-flutter foam-fast set, Fusor P/N 121/124, or equivalent, in 4-5 evenly spaced locations (1) to the inner safety beam.
4. Clean both mating surfaces.



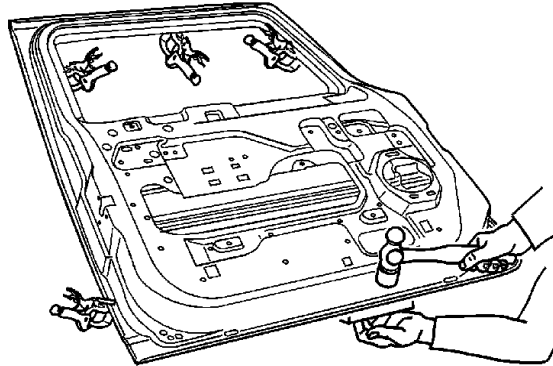
Important: The adhesive has a 40-50 minute working time. Do not allow the door to totally cure off the vehicle, as proper alignment of the door outer panel to the door shell will be difficult.

5. Apply a 3-6 mm (1/8 to 1/4 in) bead of metal panel bonding adhesive (1) GM P/N 12378566/7 (Canadian P/N 88901674/5) or equivalent, to both of the mating surfaces.
6. Using a small acid brush, spread a coat of adhesive to cover all the bare metal surfaces to ensure corrosion protection.

Important: Do NOT pull the panels apart after being joined together. Slide the panels against each other to realign the panels.

7. Install the door outer panel to the door shell.

8. Clamp the door outer panel into position as required.



9. Using a hammer, re-hem the hem flanges around the door shell .

Continue to hammer in stages along the hem flanges.

10. Using lacquer thinner, remove the excess adhesive from the door panel area.
11. Install the door to the vehicle. Inspect the door outer panel for proper alignment, adjust the alignment as required.
12. Apply sealers and anti-corrosion materials to the repair area as necessary. Refer to [Anti-Corrosion Treatment and Repair](#) in Paint/Coatings.
13. Paint the repaired area. Refer to [Basecoat/Clearcoat Paint Systems](#) in Paint/Coatings.
14. Install the door assembly. Refer to [Front Side Door Replacement](#) in Doors.
15. Install all related panels and components.
16. Connect the negative battery cable. Refer to [Battery Negative Cable Disconnection and Connection](#) in Engine Electrical.
17. Enable the SIR system. Refer to [SIR Disabling and Enabling](#) in SIR.