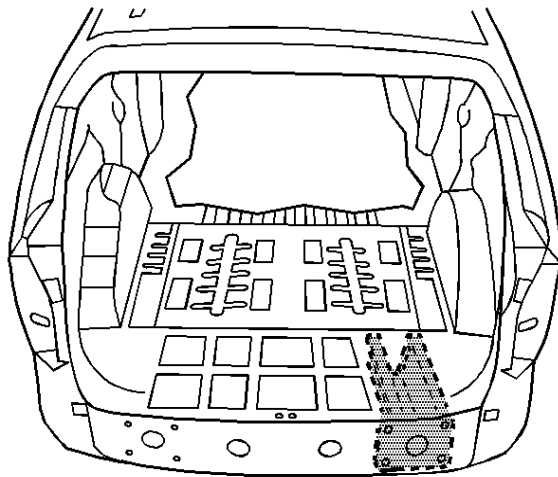


Rear Rail Replacement

Removal Procedure

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

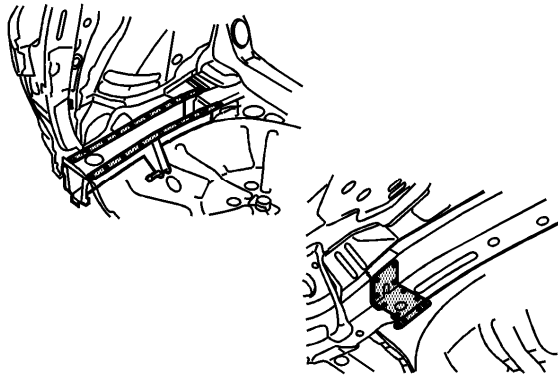
1. Disable the SIR system. Refer to [SIR Disabling and Enabling](#) in SIR.
2. Disconnect the negative battery cable. Refer to [Battery Negative Cable Disconnection and Connection](#) in Engine Electrical.



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

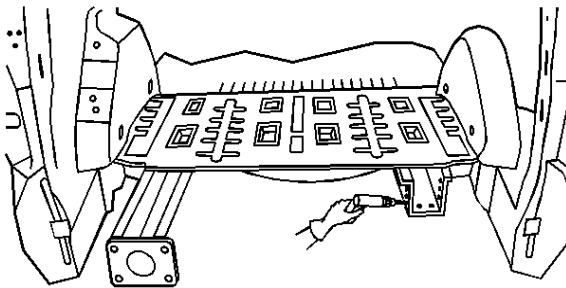
Caution: Refer to [Foam Sound Deadeners Caution](#) in Cautions and Notices.

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 and Coatings.



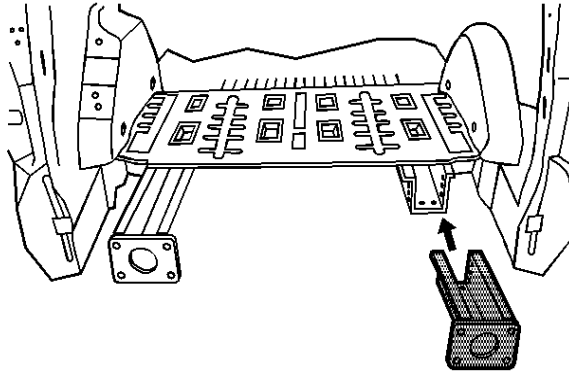
6. Locate, mark, and drill out all factory welds attaching the rear rail.
7. Remove the damaged rear rail.

Installation Procedure

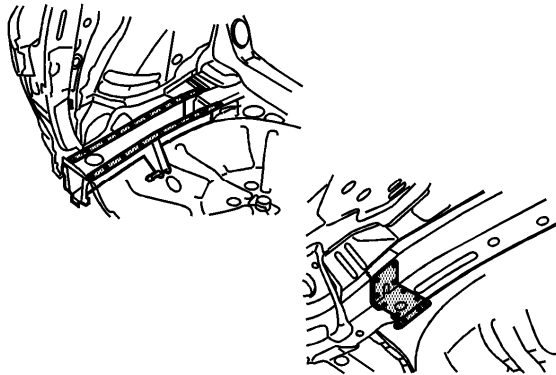


Important: If the location of the original plug weld holes can not be determined, or if structural weld-thru adhesive is present, space the plug weld holes every 40 mm (1 ½ in) apart.

1. Drill 8 mm (5/16 in) plug weld holes along the rail. Locate these holes 13 mm (1/2 in) from the edge and spaced 40 mm (1 1/2 in) apart.
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 rear rail service part.



5. Plug weld accordingly.
6. Clean and prepare all welded surfaces.
7. Apply the sealers and anti-corrosion materials to the repair area, as necessary. Refer to [Anti-Corrosion Treatment and Repair](#) in Paint and Coatings.
8. Paint and repair the area. Refer to [Basecoat/Clearcoat Paint Systems](#) in Paint and Coatings.

9. Install all related panels and components.
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.