Steel Panel Replacement Process

Personal Safety

Respiratory Protection
Hearing Protection





Face Protection



Reusable Workwear





Safety First! Always select appropriate personal protective equipment - eyewear, gloves, hearing and respiratory protection for your job and workplace.



 Degrease the surface using paint company or other recommended VOC compliant water-based and solvent-based products. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for surface cleaning instructions.



 Identify the OEM recommended sectioning location, scribe or mark with tape on the vehicle. Trim the repair area using your preferred cut-off wheel. Use a grade 36 or 60 filebelt in hard-to-reach areas to cut the exterior panel while avoiding damage to the interior panel.





3M™ Cut-Off Wheel Tool





 Use a clean and strip disc to remove seam sealer and coatings from large easy-to-access areas. Use a non-woven belt to remove coatings and seam sealers in hard-to-reach areas and along pinch weld flanges to expose spot weld locations.







3M[™] Pistol Grip

Sander

Scotch-Brite™ Roloc™+ Clean and Strip XT Pro Disc



• Using a grade 60 or 80 abrasive belt, grind spot welds to remove the weld from the outer panel. Note outer panel thickness.

Note: When grinding outer panel only grind the top panel and limit cutting into the host/inner panel. Use belt thickness as a gauge stop grinding when the back of the belt is flush with the outer panel. An 80-grade belt can be used to remove welds from thinner steels.







3M™ Cubitron™ II File Belt



• Separate outer panel from the interior panel.

Note: DO NOT force separation in areas where the weld isn't completely removed; go back to step 4 and finish weld removal before continuing.







• Clean and prep remaining mating flanges on the host and the replacement panel with a coarse non-woven belt where necessary. Clean and apply weld-thru primer to all areas requiring welding to









Scotch-Brite™ Durable Flex Belt, CRS

3M™ Weld Thru II Primer



• Use a 80-grade abrasive belt to dress replacement MIG welds.

Note: Use caution to avoid damage to adjacent areas.

ensure proper corrosion protection.



3M™ File Belt Sande



3M™ Cubitron™ II File Belt, grade 80+



• Use a 3 in. 60-grade grinding disc to dress continuous MIG welds at the sectioning joint. Grind weld.

Note: Use caution to limit the amount of grinding done to adjacent





3M™ Pistol Grip Disc Sander 3M™ Cubitron™ II Roloc™ Fibre Disc, grade 60+, 3 in



• Use a non-woven belt to clean the weld site in preparation for subsequent operations.



Scotch-Brite™ Durable Flex Belt, CRS