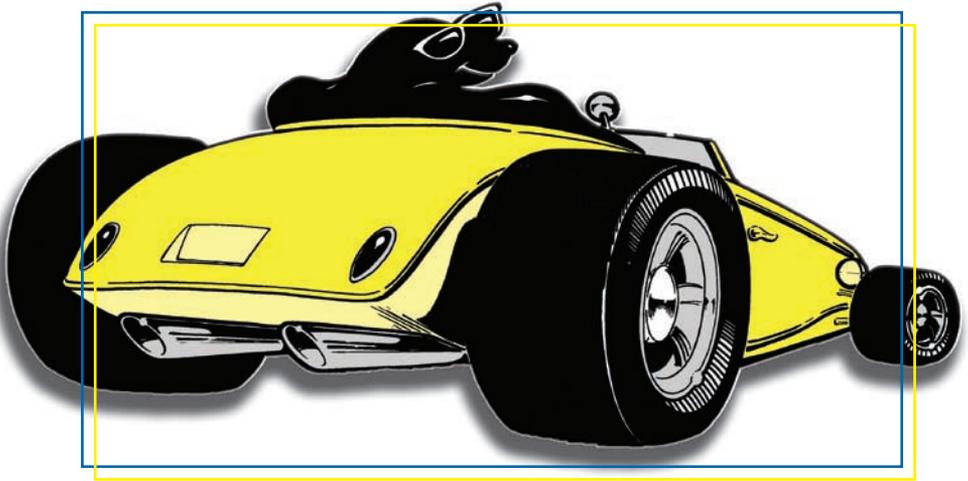


# SOFFSEAL

The weatherstrip name you know and trust

## Street Rod & Custom Installation Guide & Frequently Asked Questions



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## SOFFSEAL...

### We are committed to **QUALITY, SERVICE AND SATISFACTION**

**W**hen you install SoffSeal weatherstripping and rubber detail products on your car or truck, you're installing more than just rubber. Take 200 plus years of automotive experience, expert tooling and engineering, state of the art technology in machinery—and add dedication and commitment and what do you get? You get a company that is committed to excellence—you get *SoffSeal*.

You'll find all SoffSeal manufactured products are backed by a 100% satisfaction guarantee. Simply stated, if you're not satisfied—we're not satisfied! We will not rest until you are happy. No gimmicks, no tricks, no fine print—just your satisfaction, guaranteed 100%. So don't put *just any* weatherstrip on your car. Install the one that's committed to your satisfaction and guaranteed to perform—SoffSeal. Remember, if it's not SoffSeal, it's just rubber. Call toll-free 1-800-426-0902 with any questions, or fax us 24 hours a day, 513-367-5506.

### TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

**Q. What supplies does SoffSeal recommend for my weatherstrip application?**

A. Use the checklist below for tools and supplies that may be used for your SoffSeal™ brand weatherstrip installation. Most of these items can be found in your garage or workshop.



These simple tools and supplies will be helpful when installing SoffSeal brand weatherstripping and rubber detail items.

#### Supply Checklist

- Pliers
- Phillips screwdriver
- Flat tip screwdriver
- Side cutters
- Hammer and dolly, for A-Arm staples only
- Razor blade or sharp knife
- Door handle removal tool
- Door panel removal tool
- Scraper, metal or plastic
- Squeegee, plastic or hard rubber
- Wire brush
- Heat gun or hair dryer
- Spray bottle of water or glass cleaner
- Weatherstrip adhesive—we recommend 3M brand
- Weatherstrip adhesive release agent—we recommend 3M brand #3M8971
- Weatherstrip adhesive solvent
- Factory assembly manual for your specific vehicle

**Q. I recently purchased another brand of weatherstripping. When the package came, there were no instructions and I wound up installing it backwards, ruining the part. What do I do if I need help with my SoffSeal application?**

A. SoffSeal's products come complete with instructions, plus we have a toll-free tech support line—just in case you still have questions! **1-800-426-0902**. Or for those of you who are internet savvy, check us out online at [www.soffseal.com](http://www.soffseal.com).

## WEATHERSTRIPPING—Common Questions

**Q. Why do I need weatherstripping?**

A. Weatherstripping is specifically designed to fill factory gaps and seams, separate parts, and eliminate air noise and water leaks.

**Q. Why are factory gaps important and how do I know what my car's gaps should be?**

A. When reassembling your car, care must be taken not to eliminate these gaps. An assembly and shop manual will be very valuable explaining how to adjust your doors, glass and fenders to the proper specifications.

**Q. When I open my door, it drops. What causes this?**

A. When you replace your old rubber with new SoffSeal weatherstripping be sure to check the door's hinge pins. This is critical in aligning your doors. If you open your door and it drops, the hinge pins are worn and should be replaced to align the door properly.

**Q. Are there any other adjustments that I should check?**

A. If you didn't buy your car new, several adjustments may have already been made. You may also need to make adjustments to your windows. Check your assembly manual, call your local dealer or call SoffSeal direct for technical assistance.

**Q. How do I know I am getting quality weatherstripping that won't have to be replaced in another year?**

A. To be sure you're getting the highest quality weatherstripping ask for SoffSeal by name, and look for the genuine SoffSeal packaging. SoffSeal offers a lifetime satisfaction guarantee on all SoffSeal manufactured parts.

**Q. How can SoffSeal make such a promise of quality?**

A. SoffSeal's weatherstripping has correct, machine installed, white clips that will line up properly with the factory holes. The ends are molded to the extrusion, not glued or bonded. Glued or bonded ends pull apart. SoffSeal's lifetime guarantee is your assurance of quality, fit, and looks. SoffSeal weatherstripping has the correct amount of mounting pins to attach your new weatherstripping. Another sign of SoffSeal's Attention to Detail™. SoffSeal's fit and look are the absolute best. When you install SoffSeal weatherstripping, you are installing quality.

### General Instructions

- 1) Check to make sure you have adequate clearance for all weatherstrips in their positions.
- 2) Using a clean soft cloth, clean the areas where the weatherstrip is to go with adhesive remover. Make sure it is totally clean and dry before proceeding.
- 3) Use premium brand label remover or degreaser to prep work area.
- 4) Always pre-test any chemical in an inconspicuous area for possible paint reaction.
- 5) Make sure area is thoroughly clean and dry before applying glue or self adhesive weatherstrip.

## STREET ROD • FIBERGLASS BODIES

**Q. Will weatherstripping make the gaps consistent in my glass body?**

A. Every fiberglass body manufacturer supplies their reproduction body in a different state of preparation. You or your builder will be responsible for a consistent gap that you wish to seal. Please note that weatherstripping without proper gaps will not solve your problems of wind noise and leaks.



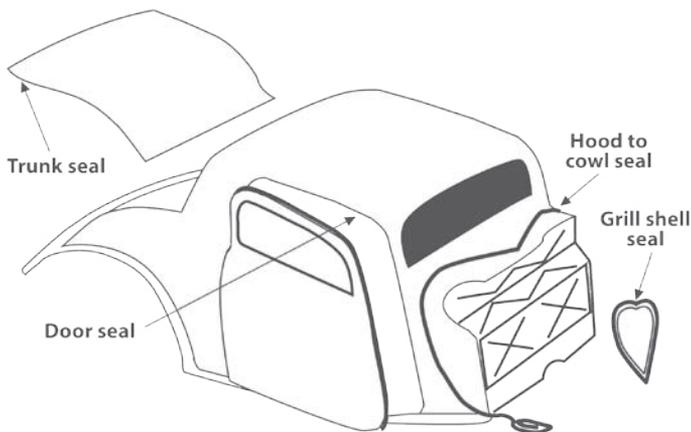
### Quick Hints

**Doors** Install either at inside edge of door or door opening on body using care to match door edge when closed.

**Hood to cowl** Install on cowl section of body to match rear edge of hood when hood is closed.

**Hood to Shell** Install on radiator shell to match front edge of hood when hood is closed.

**Trunk** Install on inside lip of U-shaped rain channel of trunk on body.



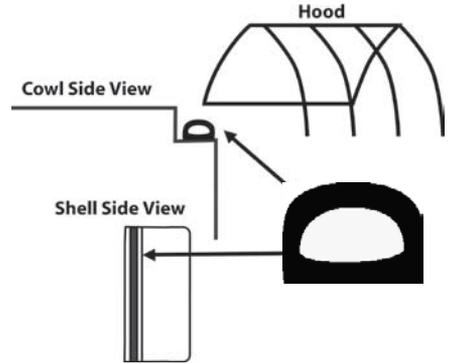
### STREET ROD HOOD TO COWL • HOOD TO SHELL

**Q. How do I protect my street rod's engine and under hood compartment from the elements and that ever annoying road friction?**

A. Every Street Rod needs protection in the engine compartment from water leaks. Installing SoffSeal's hood-to-cowl and hood-to-shell weatherstripping also protects your rod from paint damage caused by the friction of the panels.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Paint should cure for a minimum of 30 days before applying any type of glue or adhesive.

- 1) Always use a soft clean cloth.
- 2) Use premium brand label remover or degreaser to prep work area.
- 3) Always pre-test any chemical in an inconspicuous area for possible paint reaction.
- 4) Make sure area is thoroughly clean and dry before applying glue or self adhesive weatherstrip.
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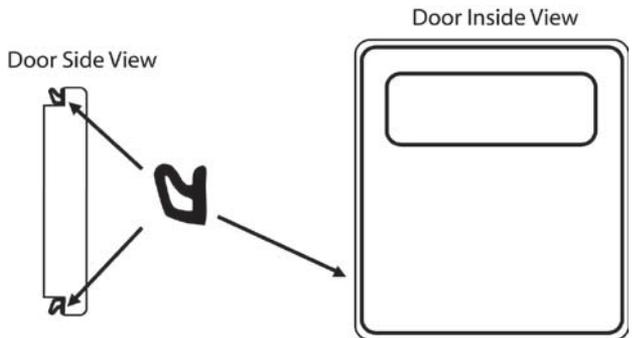
## STREET ROD DOOR WEATHERSTRIPS

**Q. I want to install weatherstripping on my Street Rod, but I have no experience with weatherstripping installation. Where do I begin?**

**A.** *One of the most obvious locations for seal replacement on a Street Rod, on both fiberglass and steel bodies, is the door. The wind noise and water leaks, not to mention the escaping air-conditioning... can all be prevented with a proper SoffSeal door weatherstrip installation. Most of SoffSeal's door weatherstrips for Street Rods have our simple to use self-adhesive backing, making the installation a breeze!*

- 1) Always use a soft clean cloth to prepare the area.
- 2) Use premium brand degreaser to prep work area.
- 3) Make sure area is thoroughly clean and dry before applying glue or self adhesive weatherstrip.

- 4) Install either at inside edge of door or door opening on body using care to match door edge when closed.



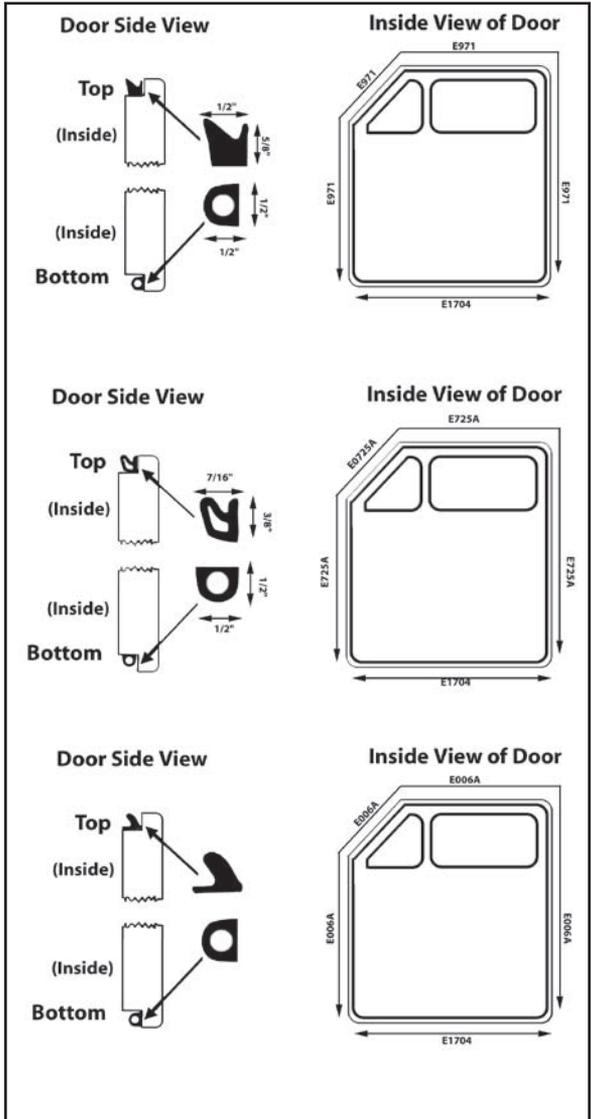
- 5) Slowly work weatherstrip onto door body by exposing about 6" of adhesive (or 6" of weatherstrip for glue applications) at a time, taking care **NOT** to **STRETCH** the seal!
- 6) After fitting the seal to the door panel, firmly press the seal into place with a roller.

7) After installation, close a sheet of paper in the door and pull on it to check for the quality of the seal. A proper seal requires moderate resistance to remove the sheet.

\* When applying the "D" shaped weatherstrip, try to stay to the inside of the door opening as much as possible, so you won't see the weatherstrip through the door gap when you shut the door. Go right over the hinge cutouts (if you have hidden hinges). This will help seal this area. Note that on some older bodies it may not be possible to use the upper door weatherstrip.

The door may shut a little hard at first but it will become easier once the weatherstrip has become compressed, normally in 1-2 weeks.

Doors that shut hard can also be caused by lack of lubrication on your latches, strikers and dovetails. Use some *Dooreze Waz Lube* on them.

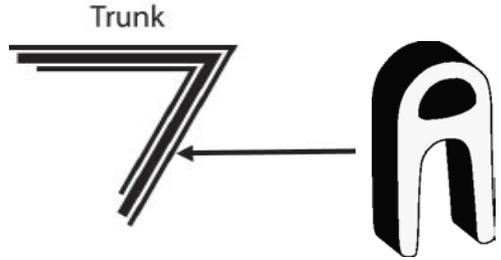


## STREET ROD TRUNK WEATHERSTRIPS • BUG GUARDS

- Q. *Installing weatherstripping sounds complicated and I need to seal the trunk deck on my street rod. What should I do?***
- A. *Installing SoffSeal's trunk weatherstripping for Street Rods is a simple process! Most SoffSeal kits include door, hood to cowl and trunk (or rumble) weatherstrips.***

## Trunk/Rumble

- 1) Select the appropriate seal for your application.
- 2) Always use a soft clean cloth to prepare the area.
- 3) Use premium brand label remover or degreaser to prep work area.
- 4) Always pre-test any chemical in an inconspicuous area for possible paint reaction.
- 5) Make sure area is thoroughly clean and dry before applying glue or self adhesive weatherstrip.
- 6) Use a good quality black weatherstrip adhesive, taking care not to slather on the glue. A spot of glue every 6 inches or so will do the trick.
- 7) Install on inside of lip of U-shaped rain channel of trunk on body, moving slowly, without stretching the seal.



## **Q. I recently took my rod to a local show, and when I removed the bug guard the metal clips scratched my beautiful grill! How can I prevent this from happening again?**

- A. *SoffSeal also manufactures molded replacement bug screen clips. These soft-molded clips won't scratch your grill like the original metal clips do—and they are a "snap" to install and remove!*

## Bug Screen Clips

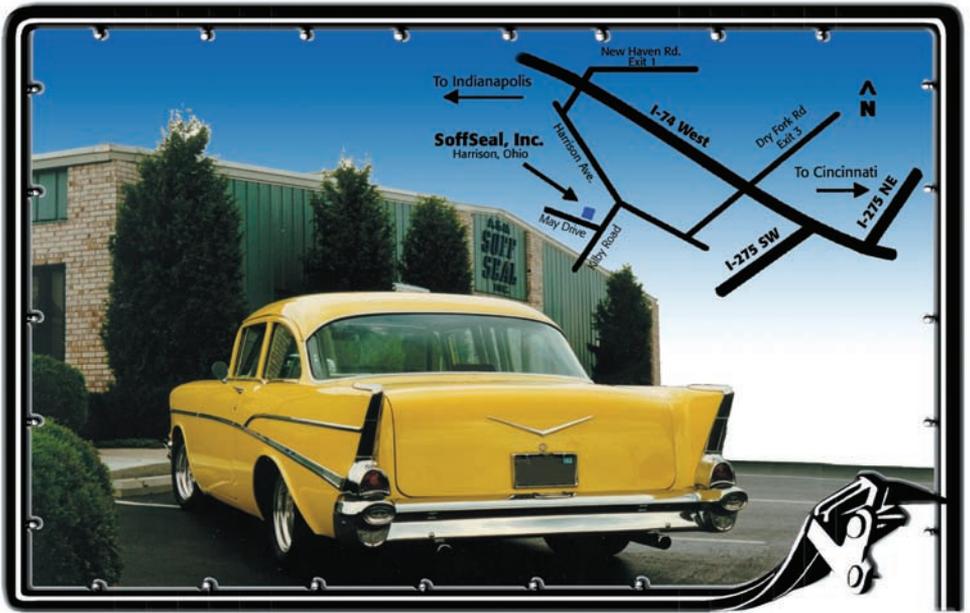
- 1) Remove the old spring clip.
- 2) Install the new molded clip through the grommet in the bug screen.
- 3) Squeeze the clip between the bars to secure it to the grill.
- 4) A pointed tab protrudes from the clip which can be pinched for a quick and easy removal.

Large: SRK20 • SRK2004 • SRK 2006 • SRK2008

Fits 1938-41 grill shells with wide bars. (Fits grill slots from .351 to .425 inches wide.)

Small: SRK10 • SRK1004 • SRK1006 • SRK1008

Fits 1932-37 grill shells with close bars. (Fits grill slots up to .350 inches wide.)



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