Windshield/Backwindow Weatherstrip

For non-reveal molding models (no chrome or stainless on perimeter of opening- *Also models where chrome reveal is UNDER the rubber lip on pinchweld seal)

The following general instructions are to be used only as a guide. For more model specific instructions, refer to your vehicle body service manual.

Removal tips

To prevent damage to the finish of the instrument panel, you may want to apply masking tape along the top edge adjacent to the garnish molding. Remove garnish molding screws and rear view mirror bracket. Loosen the windshield wiper housing caps on the outside top cowl. Pry the upper corners of the garnish molding out sufficiently to get your fingers behind it. Over time the garnish molding sticks to the rubber. Cut outer lip off of weatherstrip above the pinchweld (diagram). Remove the center division channel (if applicable) and weatherstrips. Slide a flat teflon knife or spatula between the rubber and body, both inside and out. Push carefully from the outside in. If you do not feel the glass starting to give then check for areas that are not separated from the body. It should remove easily.

Clean up body area of all putty and dirt with an all-purpose cleaner, such as 3M General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner (96-8984-96), that will not harm paint, vinyl, or fabrics. Make any repairs. If using the same glass, clean thoroughly around the perimeter of glass.

Note:
Some models have reveal molding on the pinchweld below the outer rubber lip.
For these models, place the reveal molding on the pinchweld before installing weatherstrip.

Installation:

Lubricate the ¼” glass groove with glass lubricant or very soapy water to allow the glass to center itself while installing. Place new rubber on glass making sure that it is placed correctly and fits well. Any problems with fit will show up at this time. Rubber should fit glass without being too loose or too tight. Improper size will pucker or fold in corners.

Place ¼” cotton cord under the rubber lip around the perimeter to help rubber flap over the body. Place a bead of 3M Auto Bedding and Glazing Compound (96-8509-96) in the inner inside corner of the metal frame all around the body opening. From inside the vehicle, position the glass at the center of the opening. Cross the cord and pull the cord from the bottom center slowly making sure that the lip is wrapping over the body. It is helpful to have someone holding the glass from the inside while you pull the cord from the outside. Once the bottom is in place, work up the sides then the top while applying downward pressure on the glass. Check inner and outer perimeter to make sure it is fitted properly. Re-install garnish molding and tighten.