

1955-56 COWL WEATHERSTRIPPING INSTALLATION



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The cowl weatherstripping, or hood-to-cowl seal, fits across the top of the firewall and seals out dust, dirt and water from the engine compartment. The 1955-1958 cowl weatherstripping is held to the cowl with clips or screws. The 1959-1967 cowl weatherstripping is slid onto the front lip of the cowl ventilator. In this tech article we will install the cowl weatherstripping on a 1955.



Parts Needed:

- 13-01 1955 Cowl Weatherstripping With Hardware
- 13-02 1956 Cowl Weatherstripping With Hardware
- 13-03 1957 Cowl Weatherstripping With Hardware
- 513002 1958-60 Cowl Weatherstripping
- 561221 1958 Cowl Weatherstripping Clips
- 513039 1961-62 Cowl Weatherstripping
- 513054 1963-64 Cowl Weatherstripping
- 513074 1965-67 Cowl Weatherstripping

To order parts call 1-800-456-1957 or visit ClassicChevy.com

Tools Needed:

Awl
Scissors or Razor Blade

Time Frame:

15 Minutes

Original Restoration Tech Questions?

Please note our schedule changes!

1955-57 Dave Fletcher 925-516-7267, M-W, 6:30-8 pm Eastern Time

1958-72 Gene Showers 407-292-2030, M-W, 3:30-5 pm Eastern Time



Photo #1a & 1b: The cowl weatherstripping on a 1955 and 1956 is a split rubber seal and is attached to the cowl with clips hidden underneath the flap of the seal. The cowl weatherstripping on a 1957 is a rectangular flat seal and is held to the cowl with sheet metal screws and plates.

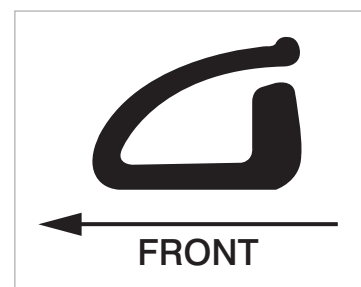


Photo #2 & Diagram: The narrow edge of the cowl weatherstripping faces to the front of the car while the open side faces to the rear.

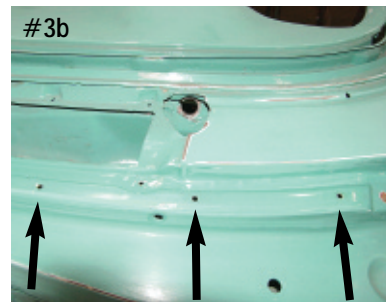


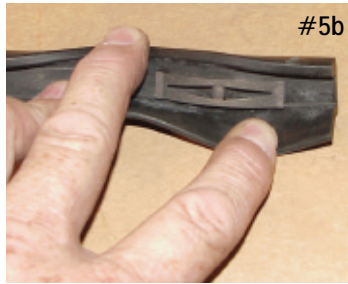
Photo #3a & 3b: There are a series of holes in the top of the cowl for the spring steel butterfly clips. The 1955 cars have nine clips and the 1956 cars have eleven.



Photo #4: The cowl weatherstripping starts and ends at the end on the raised shelf on the top of the cowl.



#5a



#5b



#5c

Photo #5a & 5b & 5c: Place the weatherstripping on the cowl and using an awl, punch a hole through the cowl weatherstripping. The two fingers on butterfly clip will protrude through the new hole in the weatherstripping and into the cowl. The clips will be hidden by the top flap on the rubber seal.

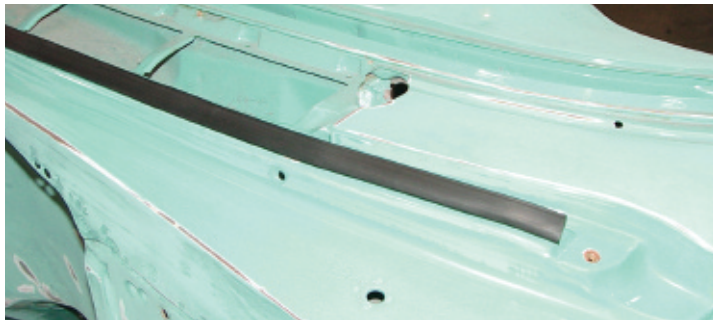


Photo #6: Snap the two fingers on the butterfly clip into the first hole in the cowl. Now do the next hole and work your way across the cowl. If the seal is too long, trim the ends with your scissors or a razor blade until even. The new weatherstripping really looks great and will keep the water and dirt away from your engine. Good Luck. ✓