

## 1955-63 TRUNK LID INSULATION INSTALLATION



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When the trunk lids were assembled at GM, a sheet of insulation was installed between the inner and outer steel trunk skins. This material was similar to the sound-deadener material installed under the top, inside the doors and on the floors of the car. Since the trunk insulation sheet was installed before the lid was painted, the insulation received a fair amount of paint as well. Most people (though not correct) will not paint the insulation in order to give the trunk area a cleaner look. The replacement insulation is die-cut to fit the openings in the inner trunk skin to give the appearance a one-piece sheet, like the original. This insulation can be installed in less than a couple of hours and really gives the trunk area a nice clean, new look. This is a job that can be done even after the car is painted and finished.



### Parts Needed:

- 35-60 1955-57 All Body Styles Insulation
- 561876 1958 Convertible & Hardtop Insulation
- 561894 1958 Sedan Insulation
- 561875 1959 2-Door Hardtop Insulation
- 561901 1959 All Except 2-Door Hardtop Insulation
- 561885 1960 2-Door Hardtop Insulation
- 561883 1960 All Except 2-Door Hardtop Insulation
- 561895 1961 All Body Styles Insulation
- 561886 1962 All Body Styles Insulation
- 561884 1963 All Body Styles Insulation
- 49-06 3M Super Weatherstrip Adhesive

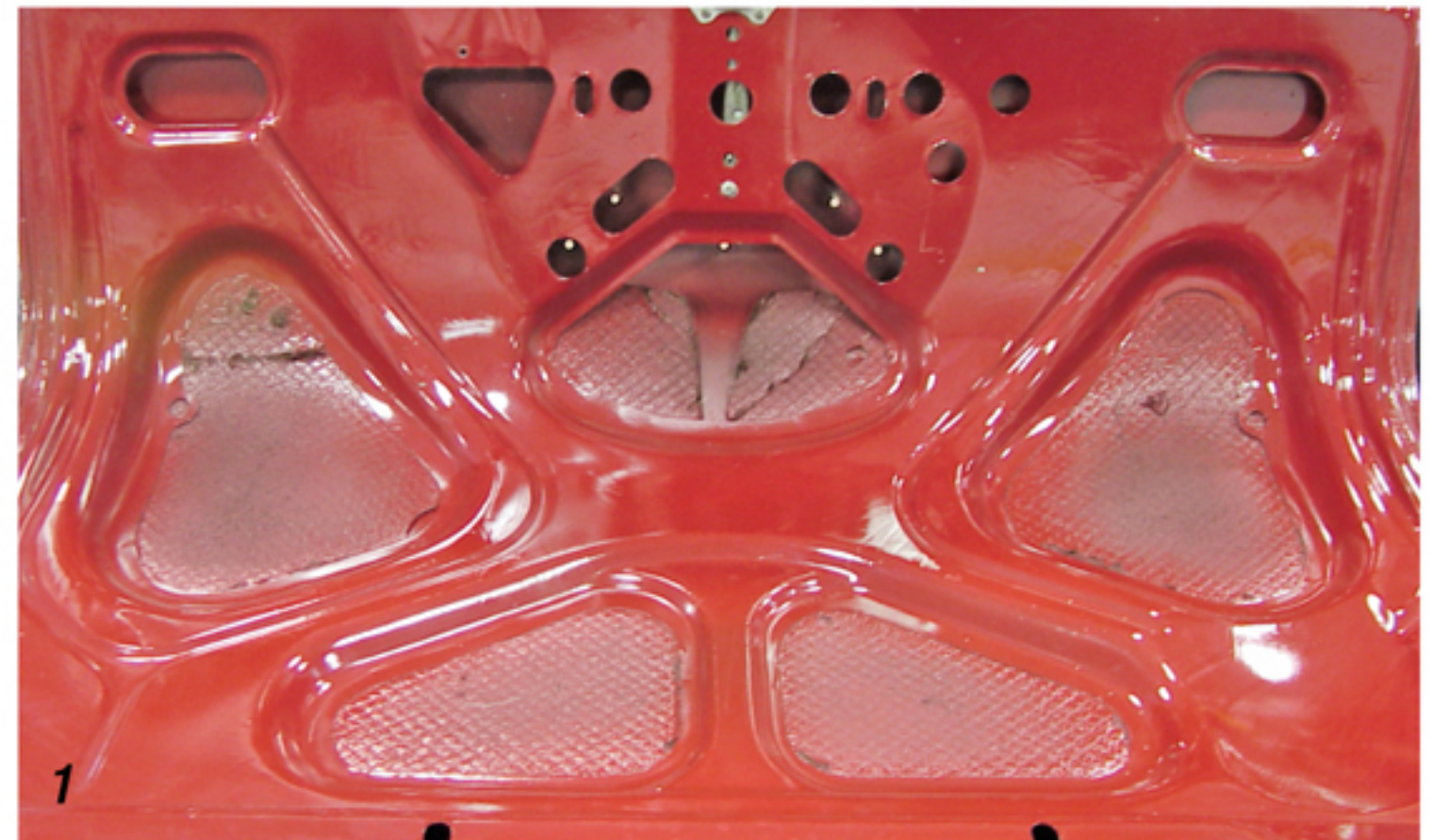
To order parts call 1-800-456-1957 or visit [ClassicChevy.com](http://ClassicChevy.com)

### Tools Needed:

Razor Knife  
Scraper/Putty Knife

### Time Frame:

2-Hours



**Photo #1 and Photo #2a & 2b:** The original insulation was glued in place in addition to being trapped between the inner and outer metal. To remove the old insulation it is best to use a razor knife. Using the knife, cut an "X" in each exposed section of the insulation and cut along the outside edge of the inner trunk metal.



**Photo #3:** Use your scraper to remove the exposed insulation. Also remove as much insulation as you can under the edges between the inner and outer trunk skin. This will help make room for the new

insulation. Getting all of the old material off of the exposed areas is most important so the new insulation panels will stick and lay down smoothly.

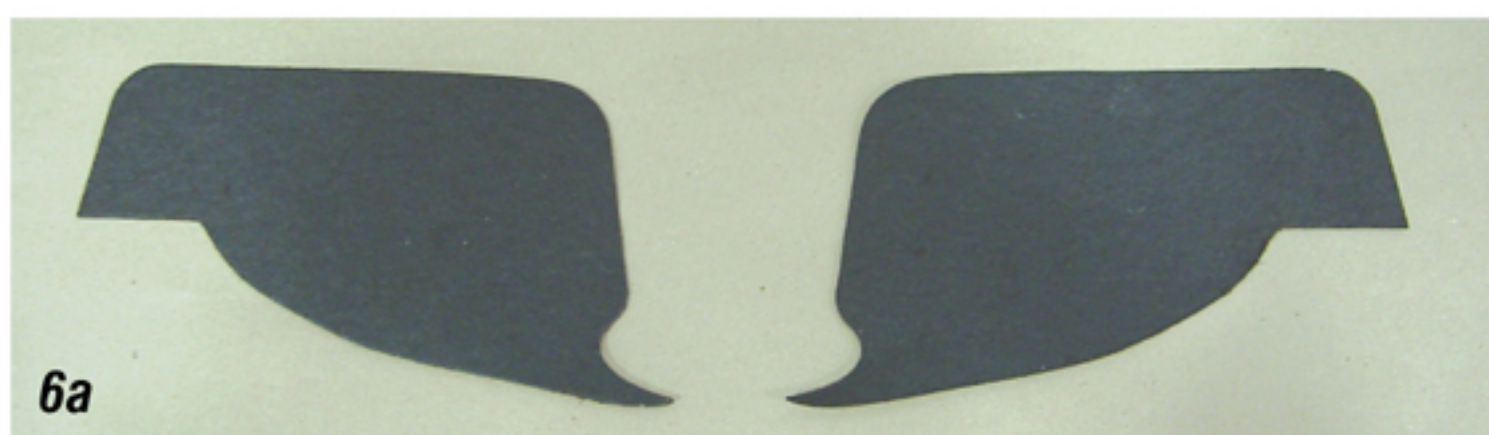


**Photo #4:** The new insulation panels are cut 1/8" larger than the openings in the inner trunk. This will allow the new insulation to be tucked between the inner and outer trunk skin along the edges and appear as one piece.





**Photo #5a & 5b:** Though the new insulation is self-adhesive, we like to add glue to be 100% sure the panels stick properly and do not fall out. 3M Super Weatherstrip Adhesive **P/N 49-06** works great to keep the new insulation in place. Put a generous amount of glue on the inner trunk skin and the insulation panels, let dry to tacky and install the new insulation. Be sure to tuck the edges between the inner and outer trunk skin and flatten the panels with no creases.



**Photo #6a & 6b:**

There are two smaller pieces that are cut to fit right above the trunk lock cylinder.



**Photo #7:** With new trunk insulation installed, the inside of the trunk lid will look brand new!

Good Luck! 