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Fender Skirt Seals

by Ron Perry with forward by Jason Edge

In early January 2015, Ron Perry sent an email asking about the seal used for the original fender skirts, indicating he was finding different types available: some with and some without a lip and apparently in rubber, and not sure what was original.

My response to Ron was as follows:

“My experience with 43 parts cars and observing what was left, when anything was still there, is that this was not a rubber seal but a thin gasket like material glued to the back lip of the fender skirt as seen in pictures below. I did a quick look at what Steel offers (70-0154-45) and that looks nothing like the gasket material I have seen on original fender skirts. I don't have anything on mine so they sit in a bit and might even rattle with a hard jolt and thought I would simply get some thin gasket material cut into

a strip and glue to back. If you found a rubber seal that simply cupped around that metal lip (regardless of material) that would probably work.”

With that feedback, Ron took the bull by the horns and created a gasket seal for his fender skirt and included pictures of the process which I have included on the next page. Jason Edge



Original material was a thin gasket-like material glued to the lip of the fender skirt, not a rubber seal.



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Fender Skirt Seal by Ron Perry:

I found some thin gasket material then cut it to fit and glued it on with a waterproof contact cement, not that my car ever gets wet, and this cement gets stronger with time. I used a Contact cement that is resistant to weather and water. It's important to clean off the old gasket pieces that are stuck to the body of the car where the fender skirt went so that the skirt lays flush with the quarter panel. A piece of plastic Formica and paint thinner work fine. When the adhesive is applied any bare metal that is exposed will be sealed.



Fender Skirt with New Gasket Seal Gasket Attached



Outside Corners Traced Then Cut with Razor Knife

Use a gasket material 1/16th or less in thickness. You can get small sheets of it from Napa. Outside corners can be easily traced and inside radius can be left wide and later trimmed with a small razor knife using the inside of the fender skirt as a guide. Lengths can be cut 1/4 inch wide and trimmed later if needed.

Most important is to clean off all the left over gasket that is stuck to the body of the quarter panel! Ron.



Fender Skirt with New Gasket Seal Now Fits Nice and Flush with the Body of Car