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10 Front fender - removal and installation

- 1 Block the rear wheels, then raise the front of the vehicle and support it securely with jackstands. Remove the front wheels and open the hood. Measure the gap between the rear of the fender and the front edge of the door to aid installation. Before opening the hood, note the gap between the fender and the hood.
- 2 Disengage the inner fenderwell liner by removing the plastic fasteners. These can be removed with a small round gasket punch.

Use a hammer to cut out the center of the fasteners with the punch. New fasteners, available at auto parts stores, will be used for installation.

- 3 The wheelwell liner is in two sections; remove the rear section, then the front section (which is secured by screws and nuts).
- 4 Remove the fender mounting bolts along the top of the fender.
- 5 On Sports Wagon and Sedan models, remove the bolts in the door jamb area (one at the rear bottom of the fender, and one at the front edge).
- 6 On Convertible and Coupe models, remove the mounting bolts in the door jamb area (two at the rear bottom of the fender, and one at the front).
- 7 Use masking tape along the front of the door to prevent scratches there. Make sure to disengage any cables, hoses or electrical harnesses that may be clipped or tied to the fender.
- 8 Carefully pull the fender up and off the vehicle.
- 9 Installation is the reverse of removal. Install all mounting bolts somewhat loosely, then position the fender to achieve the correct fender-to-door gap. Tighten the bolts to the torque listed in this Chapter's Specifications.

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