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9 Bumper covers - removal and installation

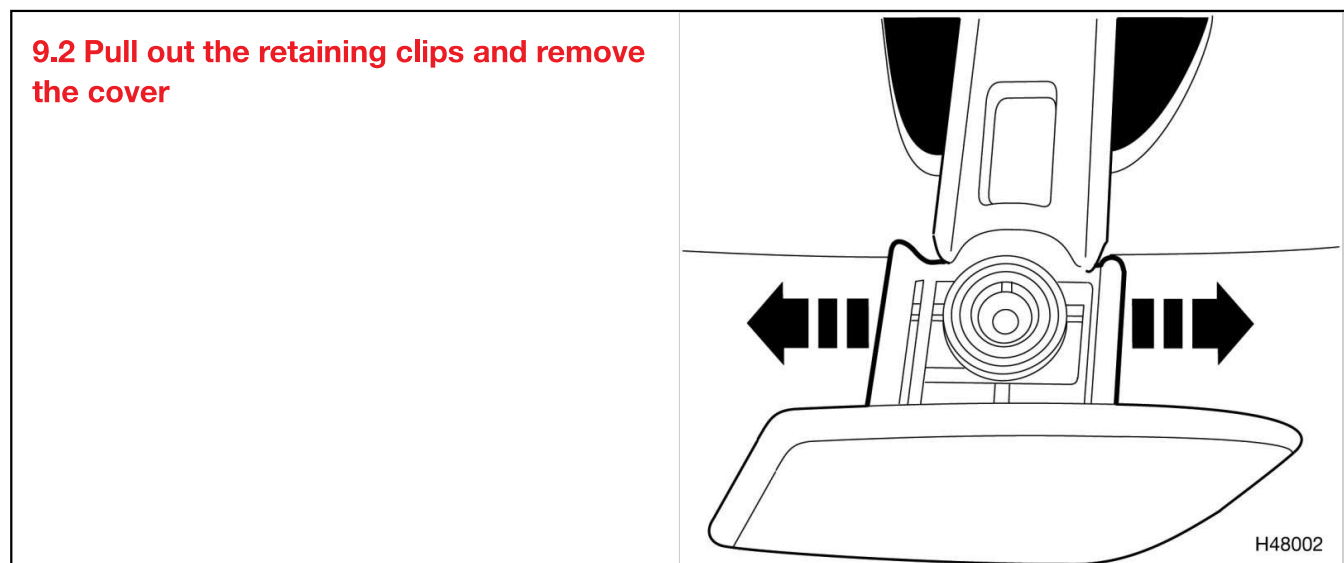
Note:

These vehicles have urethane bumper covers, behind which are steel protective bumper beams with impact-absorbing units .

Front

1 Apply the parking brake, raise the front of the vehicle and support it securely on jackstands , then remove the engine splash shield fasteners and shield from under the vehicle.

2 On models with headlight washers, pull the washer jet covers forwards. Gently pull the retaining clips apart slightly, and remove the covers (see illustration) .



3 On F-series chassis models, remove the plastic trim cover from the radiator support and, on all models, remove the mounting bolts at the upper edge of the bumper, then pull up the rubber sealing strip from the edges, if equipped (see illustration) .

9.3 Remove the mounting fasteners, then remove the rubber sealing strip



Note:

On F-series chassis models, once all eight upper bolts are removed, there are four clips that must be removed before the upper edge is released.

4 Remove the mounting bolts at each side securing the wheelwell liner to the bumper (see illustration) .

9.4 Remove the mounting bolts securing the wheelwell liner



5 Pull back the wheelwell liner and remove the mounting bolts at each side securing the bumper to the fender (see illustration) .

9.5 Remove the mounting bolts securing the bumper to the fender on each side



6 Remove the mounting bolts on the underside of the bumper (see illustration) .

9.6 Remove the mounting bolts at the lower edge of the bumper (right-side bolts shown)



7 Pull the rear edges of the bumper out slightly, then pull the bumper forward a little. Noting their installed locations, disconnect the various electrical connectors.

Note:

On models equipped with aerodynamic trim, there are two bars that lock into the bumper cover from behind. They are located to the inside of the fog lights and must be unclipped before the bumper can be removed.

8 With the help of an assistant, pull the bumper forward and away from the vehicle.

9 Installation is the reverse of removal.

Rear

10 To improve access, block the front wheels, then raise the rear of the vehicle and support it securely on jackstands. An assistant is also helpful.

11 Remove the body-mounted rear light units (see [Chapter 12](#)).

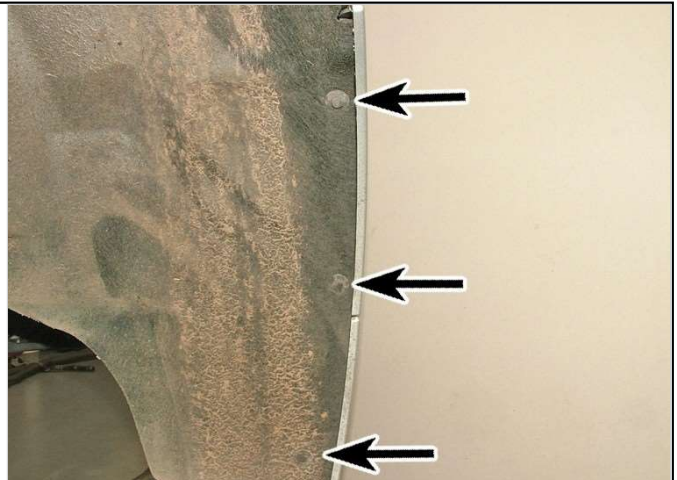
12 Pry out the caps and remove the bolts in the front corners of the trunk lid/tailgate opening (see illustration) .

9.12 Pry out the cap and remove the bolt on each side of the trunk lid/tailgate opening



13 Remove the bolts securing the wheelwell liner to the bumper (see illustration) .

9.13 Remove the bolts securing the wheelwell liner to the bumper



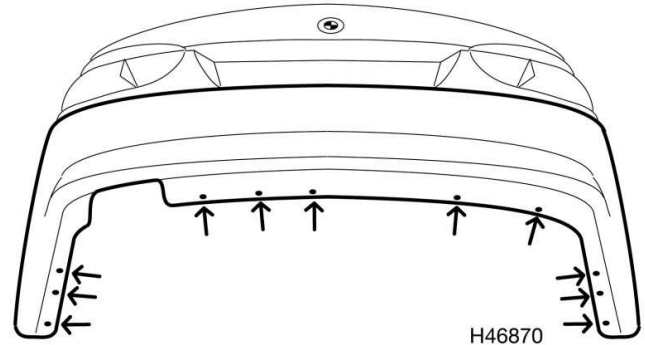
14 Pull the wheelwell liner forward and remove the bolt at each side securing the bumper to the rear quarter-panel (see illustration) .

9.14 Remove the fastener on each side securing the bumper to the fender



15 Remove the fasteners at the lower edges of the bumper (see illustration) .

9.15 Remove the fasteners at the lower edge of the bumper – E-series shown, F-series similar



16 Gently pry up the black plastic holders in the rear light openings, and with the help of an assistant, push the bumper rearward to release the retaining clips. Strike the front edge of the bumper on each side with the palm of your hand to help release the clips. Disconnect the parking sensor electrical connectors (where applicable) as the bumper is removed (see illustrations) .

9.16a Pry up the plastic holders slightly . . .



9.16b . . . then strike the front edge of the bumper at each side to release the clips



17 Installation is the reverse of removal, ensuring that the bumper ends are correctly engaged with their slides. Apply thread-locking compound to the bumper mounting bolts and tighten them securely.

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