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The liftgate inner panel is a combination of magnesium and aluminum alloys. The usage of this type of material utilized in this application requires unique guidelines that must be adhered to.

#### NOTE

Due to the usage of magnesium, **do not** attempt to repair the liftgate inner panel.

#### **NOTE**

When working with a magnesium component be certain to follow all warnings (Refer to Body/Warning).

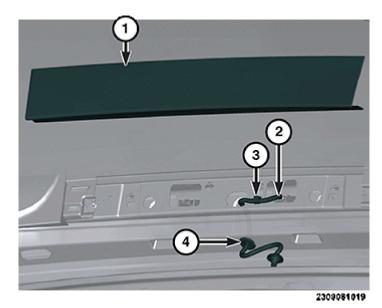
## Appearance-

- The textured finish on the liftgate inner panel differs from a smooth finish typically found on closure panels.
- The texture is produced from the casting of the component as compared to smooth stamped sheet metal.
- This finish is completely normal and acceptable.
- Do not remove the textured finish to produce a smooth finished appearance.

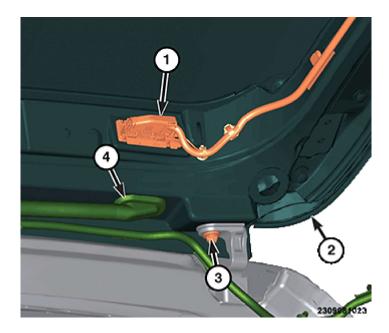
# Workability-

- Do not grind the material, it will create combustible magnesium residue.
- Any sanding of the component is to be done with a scuff pad not a sanding disc.
- Do not make any repairs to liftgate inner panel other than for refinishing purposes.

For further information refer to Liftgate Inner Panel **DO NOT REPAIR** as found in the collision information (Refer to 31 - Collision Information/Standard Procedures/Non-Structural Sheet Metal Repairs).



- 1. Remove the liftgate trim panels (Refer to Body/Decklid/Hatch/Liftgate/Tailgate/PANEL, Trim, Liftgate/Removal and Installation).
- 2. Unclip the rear washer hose (3) and disconnect it at the fitting (2).
- 3. Remove the grommet (4) from the liftgate and pull the rear washer hose out of the liftgate.



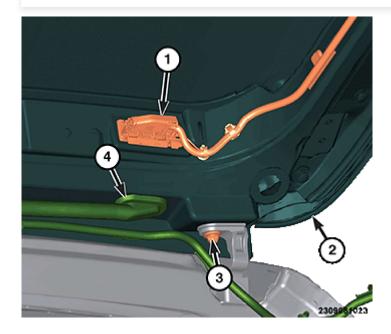
- 4. Disconnect the wire harness connector (1).
- 5. Remove the wire harness grommet (4) from the liftgate (2) and pull the wire harness out of the liftgate.
- 6. Using a grease pencil or equivalent, mark the hinge location on the liftgate to aid during installation.

- 7. With the aid of an assistant, support the liftgate and remove the gas prop from the liftgate only (Refer to 23 Body/Decklid/Hatch/Liftgate/Tailgate/PROP, Gas/Removal and Installation).
- 8. With the aid of an assistant, support the liftgate and remove the power liftgate drive unit from the liftgate only (Refer to Electrical/Power Liftgate/DRIVE UNIT, Power/Removal and Installation).
- 9. With the aid of an assistant, remove the bolt (3) from each side of the liftgate and remove.

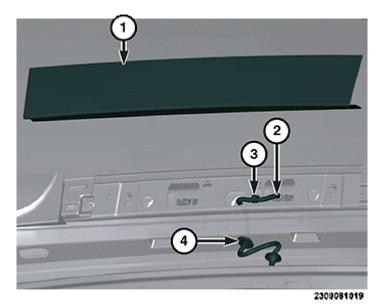
#### **INSTALLATION**

## **NOTE**

A suitable body sealant should be used when removing or moving the hinges.



- 1. With aid of an assistant holding the liftgate (2), position the liftgate and loosely install the bolts (3).
- 2. Align the liftgate with the reference mark made previously and tighten the liftgate hinge to liftgate bolts to the proper (Torque Specifications).
- 3. Install the gas prop to the liftgate.
- 4. Install the power liftgate drive unit.
- 5. Route the wiring harness into the liftgate and attach the grommet (4) into the liftgate.
- 6. Connect the wire harness connectors (1).



- 7. Route the rear washer hose (3) into the liftgate and install the grommet (4). Connect it to the fitting (2).
- 8. Check and adjust the liftgate if necessary.
- 9. Install the liftgate trim panels (Refer to Body/Decklid/Hatch/Liftgate/Tailgate/PANEL, Trim, Liftgate/Removal and Installation).