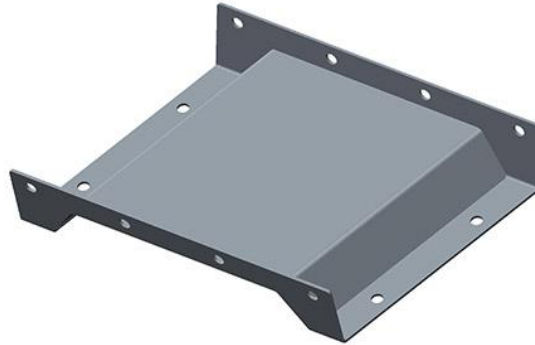




1993-1997 GM F-Body Body Notch Panel 71223002HKR Installation Instructions



Thank you for choosing to use this Hooker™ component as part of your performance project. This body notch panel was designed to provide a hi-quality method of replicating the exhaust clearance notch in the floor brace of 1998-2002 GM F-body vehicles, in the floor brace of any 1993-97 F-body vehicle. Once installed, this body notch panel will allow installation of any of the Hooker 1998-2002 dual exhaust systems on the affected vehicle.

PRE-INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS:

Installation of this component requires typical auto body repair skills and equipment along with the acquisition and use of weld-through primer, body seam sealer and paint. If you are unsure of your ability to perform this type of work, it is recommended that you seek the help of an experienced assistant.

You will need to need to obtain and use a can of weld-through primer, a can of spray paint (your choice of color) and a tube of seam sealer from your local auto body supply shop to complete the installation of this component.

CAUTION! WORK ONLY ON A LEVEL SURFACE. USE JACKS /JACKSTANDS OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO LIFT AND SUPPORT YOUR VEHICLE. NEVER WORK UNDER A VEHICLE SUPPORTED BY A FLOOR OR BUMPER JACK.

INSTALLATION:

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable.
2. Raise and support the vehicle to provide a comfortable standing work height under the car.

3. Layout/mark a cut pattern onto the driver's side floor brace under the car, per the dimensions shown in **Figures 1 and 2**.

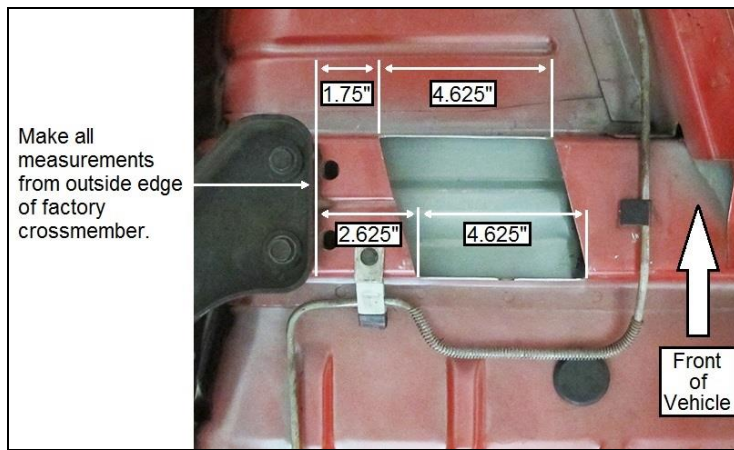


Figure 1

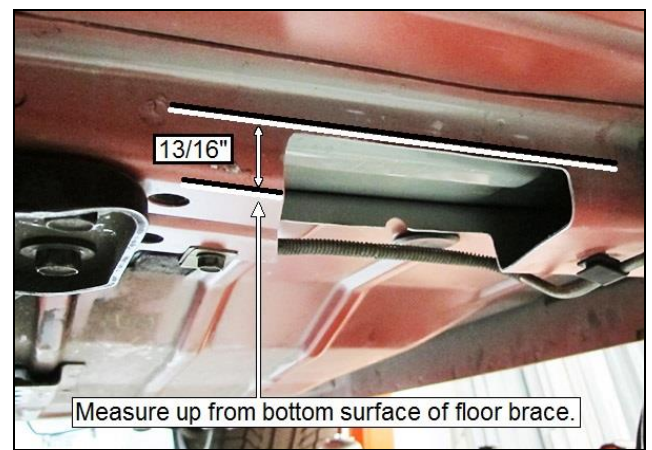


Figure 2

4. Using a cut off wheel, cut the angled notch out of the floor brace to the extents of the layout lines.
5. Clean the Hooker body notch panel with alcohol or acetone and scuff it up with a Scotchbrite pad or sandpaper. Once done, apply a coat of weld-through primer to the backside of the panel per the instructions on the can.
6. Using an angle grinder and small sanding disc, remove a 1.5" margin of paint/primer, down to bare metal, all around the cut edges of the vehicle floor brace. Once done, clean the area and apply a light coat of weld-through primer to cover all bare metal areas.
7. Place the Hooker body notch panel up into the the cut out in the floor brace and clamp it in place with a couple of C-clamps or locking pliers (vicegrips).
8. Plug weld the notch panel to the body brace through all of the 3/16" diameter holes present in the notch panel.
9. Let the panel cool and then apply seam sealer around the entire outer seam of the notch panel to seal it.
10. Apply a final coat of weld-through primer to the outside of the notch panel. Once dry, apply a couple coats of spray paint and let them dry completely.
11. Lower the vehicle and reconnect the negative battery cable.

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