



1993-95 Lightning Door Panel Reinforcement Brackets

Tools Needed:

Phillips head screwdriver	Vice grips
Flat head screwdriver	Sandpaper
Trim removal tool	Wire brush
Assortment of clamps	Cleaning supplies



1. Start by opening the door and rolling down the window. This will allow you to grab the door in more areas around the panel itself for the removal process.
2. Crack the corner vent widow.
3. Starting at the power window switch, remove the Phillips head screw holding it in place.
4. Lift the switch and bezel from the panel and flip it over to access the retaining screws and the mirror switch connector on the backside.
5. Using a small flat blade screwdriver, release the connector on the mirror switch. Remove all three of the Phillips head screws holding the switch to the bezel.
6. Remove the screw at the door pull area.
7. Starting on the top corner of the panel, locate the long Phillips head screw in the recessed hole and remove it from the panel. *(Since these have a few different screws that will be different sizes, use a small scrap piece of cardboard and label each of the screws coming out to keep track of these. Label these accordingly for their corresponding hole or location.)*
8. Moving to the lower edge of the door, locate all of the attaching screws and remove these from the door.
9. Once you have all of the attaching screws out of the door release all of the door panel push pins that hold the panel in place.
(There will be three of these along the leading edge, two on the backside, and one in the center by the handle)
10. Using a trim removal tool work around the panel and release these from the door.
11. Once the panel is free, remove the door light by turning it counter clockwise. Back the electrical connectors down while lifting the door panel up and out to fully remove from the door.
12. Remove the factory inner door belt weatherstrips by gently releasing the tabs along the panel, set aside.
13. Prep the door panel for the adhesive. Clean all excess dirt with a simple cleaning solution and a paper towel.
(Verify that you have the correct bracket. They are side specific.)
14. Pull back the jute padding to give you room for the bracket. Hold this in place by pinning it back with some picks and pins
15. Scuff the surface with a combination of a wire brush and some fine sandpaper to give the bracket a rough surface to adhere too.
(Clean all remaining dust from any sanding before applying the adhesive. Have clamps or vice grips ready.)

16. Open the adhesive and apply it to the door panel where the bracket will make contact. *(This can be verified by dry-fitting the bracket first.)* Apply the adhesive to the bracket as well.
17. Once the glue is spread onto the panel and the bracket, position the bracket into its proper location.
18. Use an assortment of clamps and carefully clamp the bracket to the door panel. Make sure that you apply enough clamps across the entire bracket and that they are evenly spaced.
19. Once everything is fully clamped down, allow at least 1 hour minimum for proper dry time.
20. After everything has dried, remove clamps and check work.
21. Reinstall the inner door belt.
22. Reinstall door panel and all attaching hardware and complete all electrical connections of the window switch.
23. Repeat these steps for the other door panel.



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