

How To: Remove & Install Fenders – Type 3

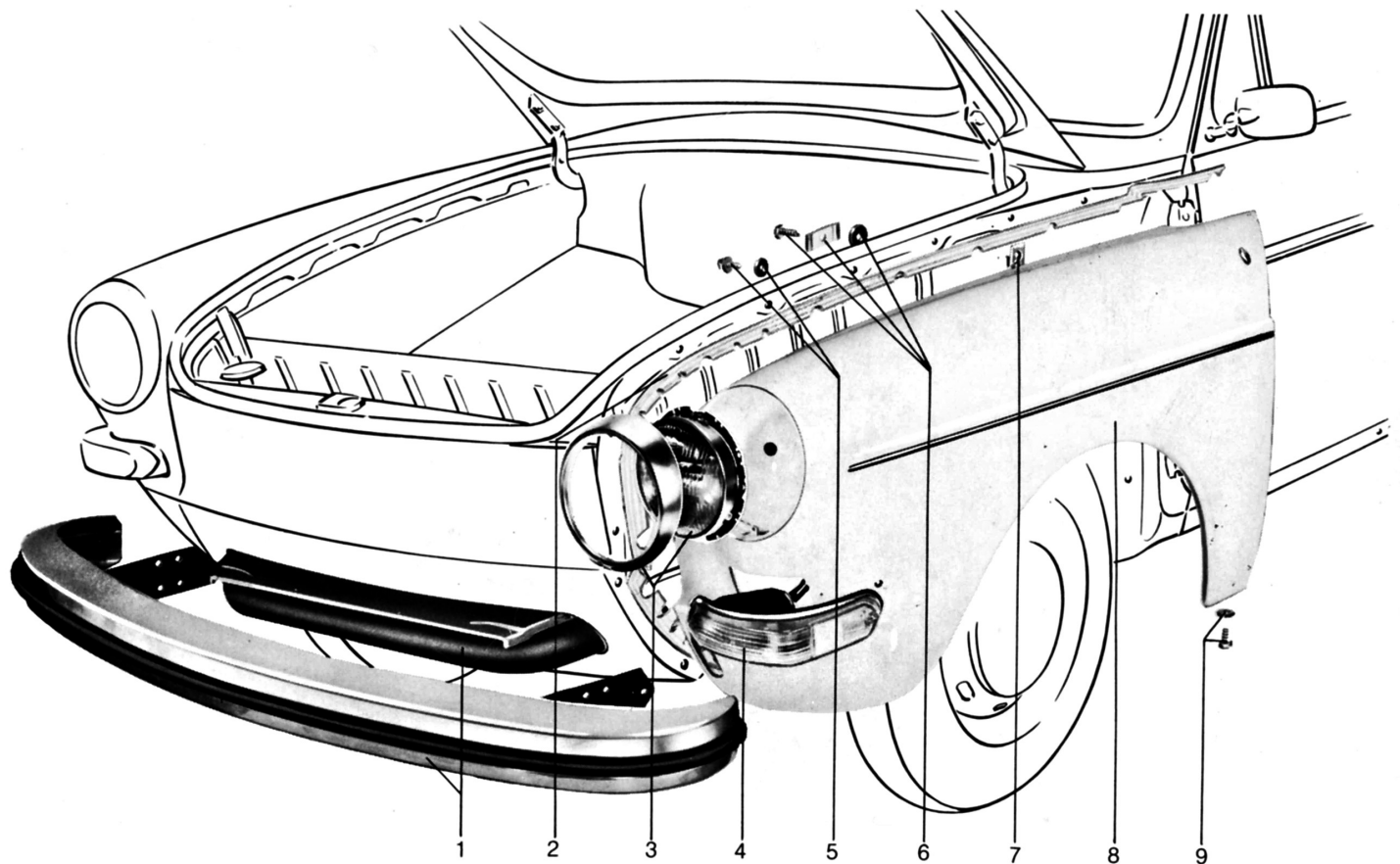
Front and rear fenders · Notchback, Squareback & Fastback

Type 3 fenders are bolted on, so no cutting or welding is needed to remove or replace them. A strip of plastic beading sits between each fender and the body as a gasket; plan on fitting new beading whenever a fender comes off.

Fender beading from ISP West: Part No. 315898715A (Notchback) · Part No. 361898715A (Squareback & Fastback).

Front Fenders

The front bumper brackets pass through the fenders, so the bumper and its reinforcement bar must come off before either front fender can be removed.



Front fender and bumper parts

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| 1 Bumper and reinforcement bar | 4 Turn signal | 7 Speed nut (10) |
| 2 Beading | 5 Sheet metal screw with flat and rubber washers (10) | 8 Fender |
| 3 Headlight | 6 Bolt with plate and rubber washer (2) | 9 Bolt and washer |

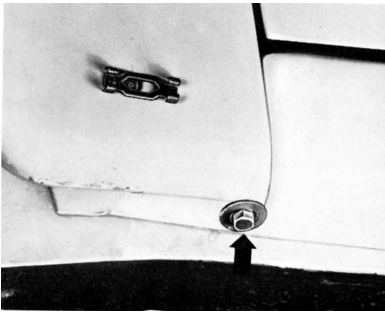
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Removal

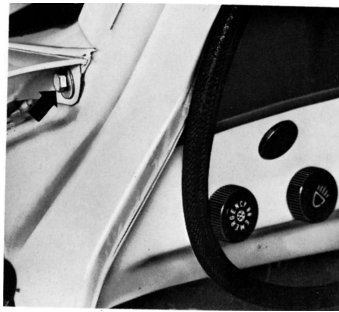
1. Remove the front bumper and reinforcement bar (1).
2. **Left fender:** disconnect the horn wire. **Right fender:** remove the fuel filler flap lock and its cable.
3. Remove the hex-head sheet metal screw under the rear edge of the fender, just ahead of the door. It passes through the fender and threads into the body side member. (Photo A)
4. Open the door and remove the single hex-head bolt at the door hinge pillar, in the upper rear corner of the fender. (Photo B)
5. Inside the car, carefully pull the front side trim panel off, then remove the bolts behind it. (Photo C)
6. Remove the fourth bolt, located under the instrument panel. On the left side of the car, take out the fuse box first to reach it.
7. In the front luggage compartment, remove the nine sheet metal screws (5) along with their flat and rubber washers. Lift the fender away from the body. (Photo D)

Installation

1. Apply new sealing tape to the door hinge pillar. (Photo E)
2. Fit the fender loosely, starting all of the bolts.
3. Insert the plastic beading (2) between the fender and the body.
4. Align the fender with the body, then tighten all of the bolts.
5. Glue the front side trim panel back in place with trim cement, and reinstall the bumper.



A Step 3: Screw under the fender edge, ahead of the door



B Step 4: Bolt at the upper rear corner of the fender



C Step 5: Bolts behind the front side trim panel



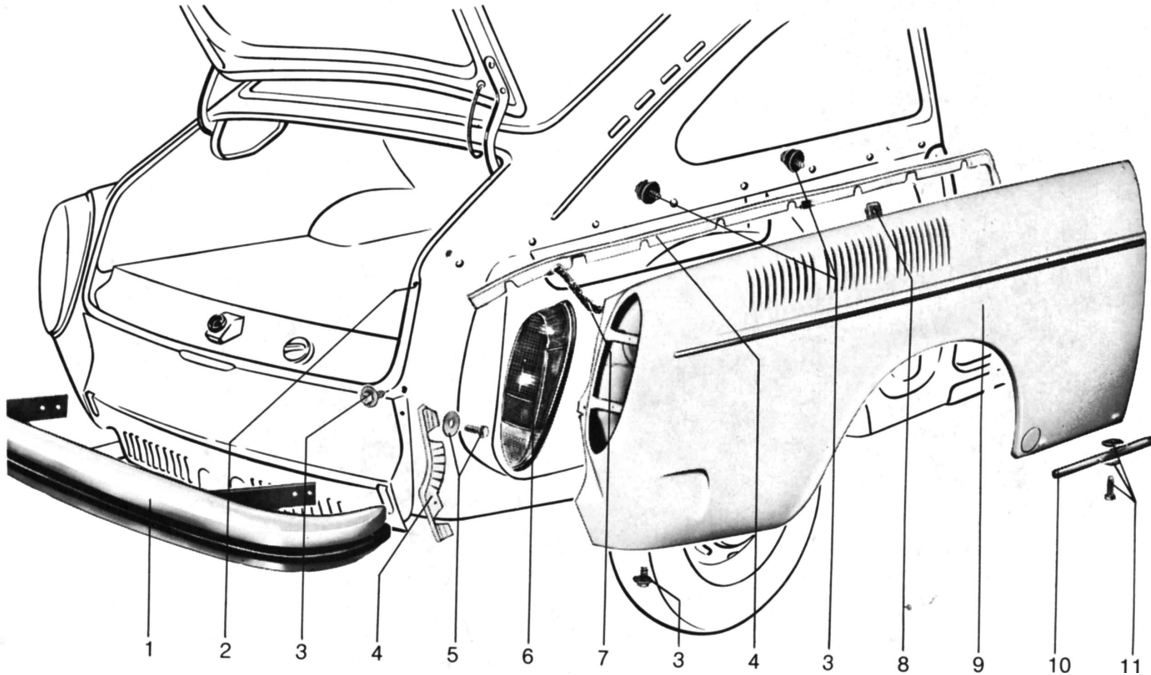
D Step 7: Screws inside the front luggage compartment



E Step 1: Sealing tape on the hinge pillar

Rear Fenders

Squareback and Fastback/Notchback rear fenders are shaped differently, but they mount at the same points. The difference is access: on the **Squareback**, all eight upper screws come out from the rear load area. On the **Notchback and Fastback**, five come out from inside the rear luggage compartment and three from inside the car. On all models, remove the rear bumper first for working room.



Rear fender and bumper parts

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| 1 Bumper | 5 Bolt and washer | 9 Fender |
| 2 Screw | 6 Rear light | 10 Trim molding |
| 3 Sheet metal screw with flat and rubber washers (11) | 7 Seal | 11 Bolt with flat and rubber washers (2) |
| 4 Beading | 8 Speed nut (11) | |

Removal

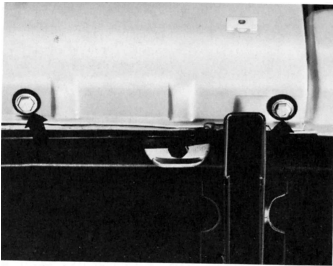
1. Using a wooden wedge, pry the trim molding (10) off the lower front area of the fender.
2. Remove the rear seat.
3. Pull the beading off the door pillar.
4. Remove the side trim panel inside the car. The panel and its number of spring clips differ between the Notchback/Fastback and the Squareback, but removal is the same.
5. Remove the two bolts (11) that hold the fender to the side member, under the front forward edge of the fender (just below where the trim molding was). (Photo A)
6. Remove the rear light lens, then the complete rear light assembly (6). Disconnect the wires and pull them free of the fender without damaging the rubber grommets.
7. Through the rear light opening, remove the single fender mounting bolt. (Photo B)
8. Remove the two sheet metal screws under the rear lower edge of the fender, near the rear bumper mountings. (Photo C)
9. Partially pull the luggage compartment lid seal off the metal bead beside the rear light opening.

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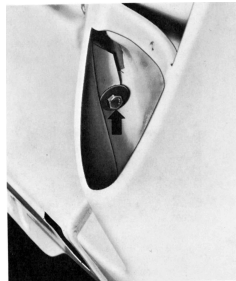
10. Remove the Phillips screw and the hex-head screw shown. (Photo D)
11. **Squareback only:** support the fender. Working from inside the rear load area, remove the eight hex-head sheet metal screws along the upper fender edge, then take the fender off.
12. **Notchback and Fastback only:** support the fender so it does not buckle as the fasteners come out. Inside the car beside the rear seat, remove the three hex-head sheet metal screws. (Photo E)
13. **Notchback and Fastback only:** peel the trim down inside the luggage compartment, remove the five hex-head sheet metal screws, and take the fender off. (Photo F)

Installation

1. Check the air duct seals: the rubber strip (A) and the foam rubber pads (B). Replace them if damaged. (Photo G)
2. Check the rubber seal around the lower part of the wheel housing, and replace it before fitting the fender if it is damaged.
3. Attach the fender loosely and insert the plastic beading (4) between the fender and the body.
4. Align the fender with the door and the body, then tighten the bolts.
5. Reinstall the rear light, the exterior trim molding and the rear bumper. Glue the interior trim panels in place with trim cement.



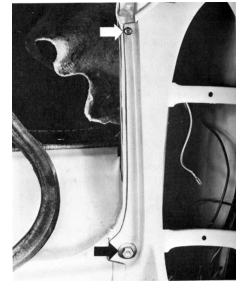
A Step 5: Bolts holding the fender to the side member



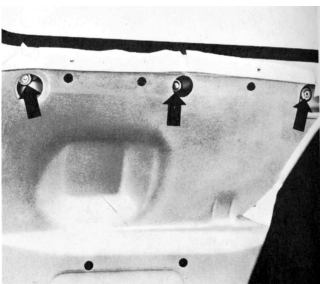
B Step 7: Mounting bolt inside the rear light opening



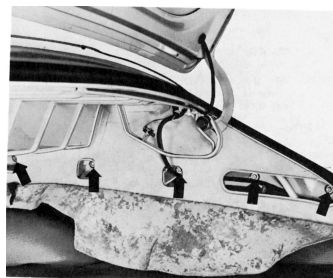
C Step 8: Lower rear fender mounting screws



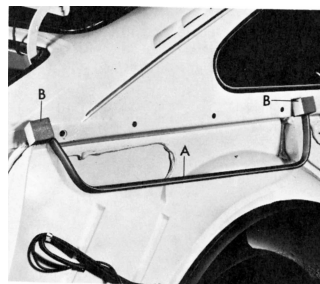
D Step 10: Phillips screw (white arrow) and hex-head screw (black arrow)



E Step 12: Three screws beside the rear seat



F Step 13: Five screws inside the luggage compartment



G Step 1: Air duct seals: rubber strip (A) and foam pads (B)

While the rear fender is off, check these seals and replace any that are torn, hardened or compressed:

- **Inner fender seal** (rubber seal around the lower wheel housing): [Inner Fender Seal Pair, 311821331C](#)
- **Fresh air passage seal** (between the fender and the upper air passage): [1962–1965 Squareback, 361821333](#) · [1966–1973 Squareback & Fastback, 361821333A](#)

Also check the water drain flap inside each rear wheel housing, just above the front fender bolt. It should close under its own weight but swing open with light fingertip pressure.