

If Equipped: Install the top rail cover, wheel house opening and lower side trim.

22.

Install the tailgate.

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Special Tool(s) / General Equipment

6.5 mm Drill Bit
Self-Piercing Rivet (SPR) Remover/Installer
Belt Sander
Blind Rivet Gun
Locking Pliers

Materials

Name	Specification
Metal Bonding Adhesive TA-1, 3M™ 08115, Fusor® 108B	-
Fusor® Flexible Foam Repair 3M™ 08463, Fusor® 121	-

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NOTE: 6.5 foot pickup box shown in illustration, 5.5 foot and 8 foot similar.



NOTE: Aluminum body panels are highly receptive to heat transfer. With the extensive use of structural adhesives and non-structural sealers used in vehicle construction, the potential of heat transfer could impact adhesives and sealers in non-associated panels during the repair process. Many repairs areas that utilize structural adhesive may be separated after fastener removal by using a panel chisel along the joint/flange. Using heat not exceeding 425°F to loosen a bonded panel should only be done when all panels in the joint will be replaced and new adhesive applied.

All vehicles

1.

If Equipped: Remove the lower trim panel and wheel opening trim.

Outer Wheelhouse

2.

Remove the B-brace bolt.



3.

Remove the B-brace SPR fasteners.

Use the General Equipment: Self-Piercing Rivet (SPR) Remover/Installer

Use the General Equipment: Belt Sander



4.

Remove the B-brace.

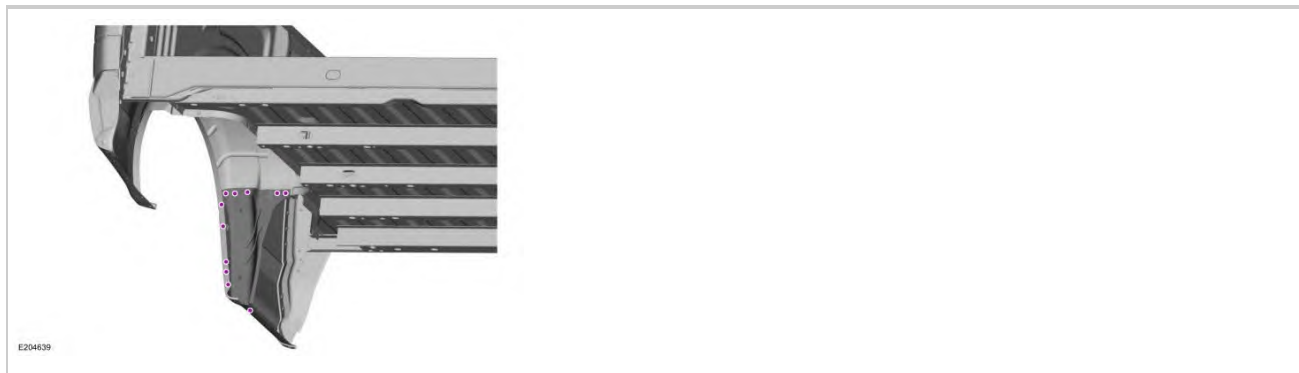


5.

Remove the A-brace SPR fasteners.

Use the General Equipment: Self-Piercing Rivet (SPR) Remover/Installer

Use the General Equipment: Belt Sander



6.

Remove the A-brace.

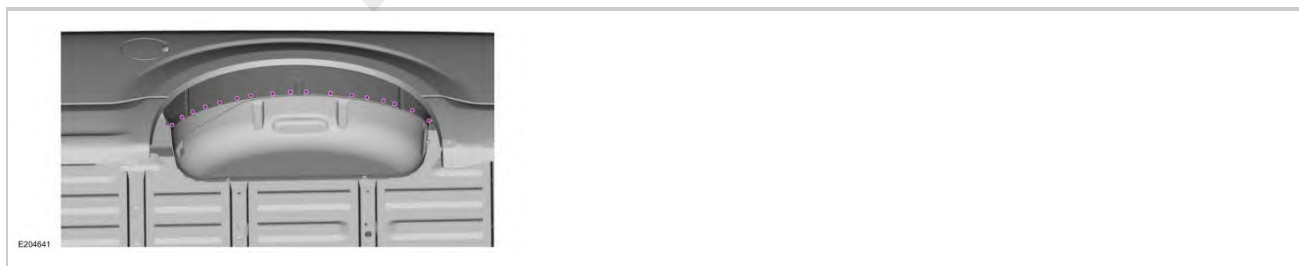


7.

Remove the inner to outer wheelhouse SPR fasteners.

Use the General Equipment: Self-Piercing Rivet (SPR) Remover/Installer

Use the General Equipment: Belt Sander



8.

 **NOTE:** Pay particular attention to adhesive and sealer locations to aid in installation.