

DECORATIVESTRIP :REPLACEMENT



Note, one or more warnings are present in this procedure



Equipment required

heat stripper

1. REMOVAL

1- REMOVAL PREPARATION OPERATION



WARNING

■ To avoid all risk of damage to the systems, apply the safety and cleanliness instructions and operation recommendations before carrying out any repair:

- [\(see 55A, Exterior protection, Decorative strip : Precautions for the repair\)](#) ,
- [Vehicle: Precautions for the repair](#) .

2- REMOVAL OPERATION

Use a heat stripper to take off the decorative strips.



Note:

It is essential to move the heat stripper back and forth continuously and not too close to the element, to avoid damaging the support.

Clean any traces of residual adhesive using a lint-free cloth soaked in heptane [Vehicle: Parts and consumables for the repair](#) .



Note:

It is recommended to sand and polish any paint grain on the bonding area of the decorative strip.

Wipe the bonding area using a lint-free cloth soaked in heptane [Vehicle: Parts and consumables for the repair](#) .

2. REFITTING

1- REFITTING PREPARATION OPERATION

Wipe the bonding area using a clean, dry lint-free cloth in one direction only.

Note:



Check for any dirt on the clean, dry lint-free cloth. If any traces of dirt are found, repeat the cleaning operation.

Note:



In the event of a painting, the laying of decorative strips will be performed 48 hours after painting.

2- REFITTING

Alignment process and fitting order of the decorative strip are specific for each model. Installation instructions, depending on the model, is supplied with the decorative strip.

Two operators are required for laying of decorative strips of large surface area.

Laying a decorative strip is usually done from the middle of the support and then by swiping outward with the squeegee.

Once the alignment process has been carried out, remove the central strip to finalise the position.

After laying, a line may appear on the central strip area on the decorative strip. It will disappear a few minutes or hours in paint booth to 60°C.



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