

Uniform Procedures For Collision Repair

SP91S—Trunk Floor

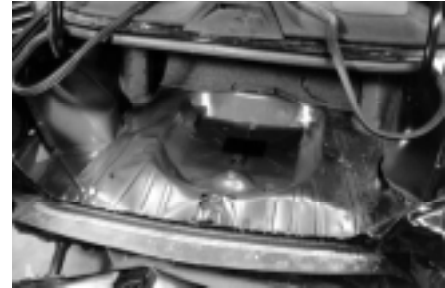
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1. Description

This procedure describes the repair and complete or partial replacement of a steel trunk floor. Inspection and evaluation requirements are also included.



2. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to provide industry-accepted requirements for performing high-quality repair of trunk floors. This procedure is intended for use by professionals who are qualified through training and experience.



3. Referenced Documents

The following documents are considered part of this procedure by reference.

3.1 Procedures

- CP01S Corrosion Protection
- ME01 Three-Dimensional Measuring
- PS01 Personnel Safety
- RF01S Surface Preparation
- RF41 Finish Application
- ST01S Stress-Relieving Heat Limitations
- ST11 Structural Straightening
- ST21S Metal Repair
- WE01S GMA (MIG) Plug Weld
- WE11S GMA (MIG) Fillet Weld
- WE51S Squeeze-Type Resistance Spot Weld

3.2 Other Information

- Vehicle-specific dimension specifications
- Vehicle-specific repair information



4. Equipment And Material Requirements

4.1 Straightening And Measuring Equipment

Use straightening equipment as described in **ST11**.

Use measuring equipment as described in **ME01**.

4.2 Welding Equipment

Use GMA (MIG) welding equipment as described in **WE01S** or **WE11S**.

Use **squeeze-type resistance spot welding (STRSW)** equipment as described in **WE51S**.

Note: Some vehicle makers recommend against the use of STRSW for replacing **spot welds**.



5. Damage Analysis

5.1 General Damage

Inspect a trunk floor for these types of damage:

- visible damage
- corrosion**
- improper previous repairs
- dimensional misalignment
- missing **seam sealers** or plugs

Determine how much of the trunk floor can be straightened, and the portion that must be replaced. Verify the availability of replacement parts. Refer to the vehicle maker's **body repair manual** for recommended joint locations.





6. Personnel Safety

6.1 General Safety

General safety information is in **PS01**.

Remove the fuel tank from the vehicle if it is located beneath the trunk floor. Properly handle and store the fuel tank to reduce the possibility of a fire or explosion.

6.2 Straightening Safety

Straightening safety information is in **ST11**.

6.3 Welding Safety

Welding safety information is in **WE01S**, **WE11S**, or **WE51S**.



7. Environmental Safety

Does not apply.



8. Vehicle Protection

8.1 Stress-Relieving

If heat is used for stress-relieving, use temperature-measuring methods as described in **ST01S**.

Note: Some vehicle makers recommend against the use of heat for stress-relieving.

8.2 Electronic Parts

To protect computers and other sensitive parts from damage:

- Follow the vehicle maker's recommendations for recording and resetting **electronic memories**.
- Ensure that the ignition key is in the LOCK position, and the key is removed.
- Disconnect and isolate the negative battery cable, and disarm the **passive restraint system**. Follow the vehicle maker's recommendations.

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8. Vehicle Protection (cont'd)

- Carefully remove computer modules when welding or heating within 300 mm (12"), or a greater distance when recommended by the vehicle maker.
- Protect computer modules, connectors, and wiring from dirt, heat, static electricity, and moisture.
- Loosen or remove any wiring harnesses or electrical parts that could be damaged during the repair process.

Remove the battery if it is in an area to be welded or heated.

8.3 Adjacent Areas

Protect glass, upholstery, and other cosmetic surfaces from welding, grinding, or cutting sparks. Remove interior trim, accessories, and trunk contents that cannot be protected.

8.4 Sectioning Guidelines

Do not section in or near these areas:

- holes larger than 3 mm (1/8")
- compound shapes** or structures
- areas where proper welding cannot be performed
- collapse or crush zones

Section above a crossmember where possible. Install the replacement portion on top of the existing trunk floor panel.



9. Repair Procedure

9.1 Straightening

To straighten a trunk floor:

1. Make sure the vehicle is properly anchored to the straightening system.
2. Make underbody measurements to determine the location of the trunk floor and the surrounding panels.
3. Use **multiple pulls** and stress-relieving to return the trunk floor to proper dimensions. Follow the **tolerance** recommendations of the vehicle maker. If no recommendations are given, use a tolerance of ± 3 mm (1/8"). Use a **three-dimensional measuring system** and adjacent panels to verify that the part is properly aligned.

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9. Repair Procedure (cont'd)

- 4. If heat is used for relieving stress, follow the vehicle maker's temperature and time recommendations. If the part cannot be identified as **mild steel**, treat it like **high-strength steel (HSS)**.
Note: Some vehicle makers recommend against the use of heat for stress-relieving.
- 5. Plan to replace any areas that are kinked, have stress cracks, or develop cracks during straightening. If complete replacement is required, see **9.2** and **9.3**. For sectioning, see **9.4** and **9.5**.
- 6. Apply corrosion-resistant primer to all interior and exterior surfaces damaged by the collision, repairs, or anchoring.
- 7. Apply seam sealers, as necessary, to seal the joints and restore the appearance. Reprime if required by the product maker.
- 8. Apply undercoating and sound deadeners to underbody and trunk floor areas, as required to restore the appearance.
- 9. Apply **anti-corrosion compounds** to all enclosed areas.
- 10. Refinish areas damaged by the collision, repairs, or anchoring, as required to restore the appearance. Refinish cosmetic surfaces after all body repairs are complete.
- 11. Continue vehicle reassembly.

9.2 Complete Floor Removal

To remove a complete trunk floor:

- 1. Perform underbody measurements and adjacent panel alignment and straightening. See **9.1**.
- 2. Locate and remove the fuel tank and lines, if necessary.
- 3. Identify and mark all spot weld locations.
- 4. Remove the spot welds. Do not damage the parts attached to the trunk floor which are not to be replaced.
- 5. Remove the damaged trunk floor.
- 6. Remove any burrs or spot weld **nuggets** from the mating surfaces, and repair any damage. Avoid removing any **zinc coating**.
- 7. Straighten the mating panel edges, if necessary to ensure a proper fit-up with the replacement floor.

9.3 Complete Floor Installation

To install a complete replacement trunk floor:

- 1. Perform a trial fit of the replacement parts.
- 2. Clean the mating surfaces. Avoid removing any zinc coating.
- 3. Refer to the vehicle maker's body repair manual for the recommended welding method. STRSW should be used only when recommended by the vehicle maker.

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9. Repair Procedure (cont'd)

- 4. Refer to the vehicle maker's recommendation for the location, number, and size of **plug weld** holes. If no recommendations are available, punch or drill 8 mm ($\frac{5}{16}$ ") holes in the outer panel at the same locations used originally by the vehicle maker. If using a **lap joint**, allow for a minimum of 6 mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ ") overlap. If STRSW is used, refer to the vehicle maker's recommendations for the electrode diameter, weld locations and spacing, etc.
- 5. Test-fit the replacement trunk floor and clamp it in place.
- 6. Remove the replacement floor from the vehicle.
- 7. Apply **weld-through primer** to all weld mating surfaces that do not have zinc coating, or where the zinc coating was removed. Follow the vehicle maker's recommendations. Due to the poor adhesion property of some weld-through primers, it may have to be removed from all exposed surfaces after welding, before applying other coatings and sealants.
- 8. Apply **weld-bond adhesive** when recommended by the vehicle maker.
- 9. Position the floor on the vehicle and clamp it in place.
- 10. Use a three-dimensional measuring system and adjacent panels to verify that the part is properly aligned.
- 11. **Tack weld**, or securely hold, the floor in position.
- 12. Recheck the alignment using the measuring system and the adjacent panels.
- 13. Make test welds, before welding on the vehicle, using the same type and thickness metal that will be welded on the vehicle. Make the test welds in the same position as the welds on the vehicle, using weld-through primer if applicable. Visually inspect and **destructively test** the welds before welding on the vehicle.
- 14. Make the required welds.
- 15. Use the three-dimensional measuring system and adjacent panels to verify that the floor is still properly aligned.
- 16. **Dress the welds**, if necessary.
- 17. Apply corrosion-resistant primer to all interior and exterior surfaces damaged by the collision, repairs, or anchoring.
- 18. Apply seam sealers, as necessary, to seal the joints and restore the appearance. Reprime if required by the product maker.
- 19. Apply undercoating and sound deadeners to underbody areas.
- 20. Apply anti-corrosion compounds to all enclosed areas.
- 21. Refinish areas damaged by the collision, repairs, or anchoring, as required to restore the appearance. Refinish cosmetic surfaces after all body repairs are complete.
- 22. Continue vehicle reassembly.

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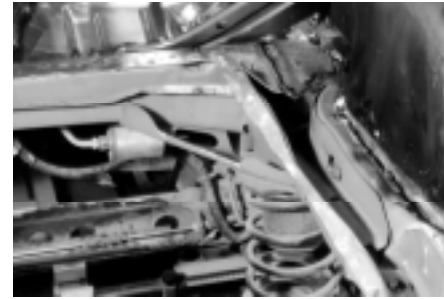


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9.4 Partial Floor Removal

To remove the damaged part of a trunk floor for partial replacement:

- 1. Perform underbody measurements and adjacent panel alignment and straightening. See **9.1**.
- 2. Select the cut location based on the damage and construction of the floor pan. Follow the vehicle maker's recommendations and the sectioning location guidelines described in **8.4**.
- 3. Measure and mark the cut location.
- 4. Remove all sealers, sound deadeners, and anti-corrosion materials from the repair area.
- 5. Cut the undamaged portion of the trunk floor slightly longer than the final cut location. Avoid creating a large **heat-affected zone**.
- 6. Identify and mark the spot weld locations of the portion to be removed.
- 7. Remove the spot welds where the damaged floor joins the parts to be saved. Do not damage the parts that are attached to the floor if they are not to be replaced.
- 8. Remove the cutout portion of the trunk floor from the vehicle.
- 9. Trim the remaining edges of the trunk floor to the exact cut locations.
- 10. Remove all burrs or spot weld nuggets from the mating surfaces, and repair all damage. Avoid removing any zinc coating.
- 11. Straighten the mating panel edges, if needed to ensure a proper fit-up with the replacement portion.



9.5 Partial Floor Installation

To install a partial trunk floor section:

- 1. Compare the replacement part to the original part by visual inspection and measuring. Measure across the area to be sectioned, using three or more **reference points**, such as holes, notches, weld seams, or feature lines. If no reference points exist on the replacement part, make reference marks on both parts.
- 2. Cut the replacement trunk floor to the proper size and shape for the type of joint recommended by the vehicle maker.
- 3. Clean the mating surfaces. Avoid removing any zinc coating.
- 4. Refer to the vehicle maker's body repair manual for the recommended welding method. STRSW should be used only when recommended by the vehicle maker.

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9. Repair Procedure (cont'd)

- 5. Refer to the vehicle maker's recommendation for the location, number, and size of plug weld holes. If no recommendations are available, punch or drill 8 mm ($\frac{5}{16}$ ") holes in the replacement panel at the same locations used originally by the vehicle maker. If using a lap joint, allow for a minimum of 6 mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ ") overlap. If STRSW is used, refer to the vehicle maker's recommendations for the electrode diameter, weld locations and spacing, etc.
- 6. Test-fit the partial trunk floor and clamp it in place.
- 7. Remove the partial floor from the vehicle.
- 8. Apply weld-through primer to all weld mating surfaces that do not have zinc coating, or where the zinc coating was removed. Follow the vehicle maker's recommendations. Due to the poor adhesion property of some weld-through primers, it may have to be removed from all exposed surfaces after welding, before applying other coatings and sealants.
- 9. Apply weld-bond adhesive when recommended by the vehicle maker.
- 10. Position the partial trunk floor on the vehicle and clamp it in place.
- 11. Use a three-dimensional measuring system and adjacent panels to verify that the partial trunk floor is properly aligned.
- 12. Tack weld, or securely hold, the partial trunk floor in position.
- 13. Recheck the alignment using the measuring system and the adjacent panels.
- 14. Make test welds, before welding on the vehicle, using the same type and thickness metal that will be welded on the vehicle. Make the test welds in the same position as the welds on the vehicle, using weld-through primer if applicable. Visually inspect and destructively test the welds before welding on the vehicle.
- 15. Make the required welds from the top of the partial floor.
- 16. Make continuous **fillet welds** on the bottom of any lap joints. Follow the vehicle maker's recommendations.
- 17. Use the three-dimensional measuring system and adjacent panels to verify that the partial trunk floor is still properly aligned.
- 18. Dress the welds, if necessary.
- 19. Apply corrosion-resistant primer to all interior and exterior surfaces damaged by the collision, repairs, or anchoring.
- 20. Apply seam sealers, as necessary, to seal the joints and restore the appearance. Reprime if required by the product maker.
- 21. Apply undercoating and sound deadeners to the underbody and trunk floor areas.
- 22. Refinish areas damaged by the collision, repairs, or anchoring, as required to restore the appearance.
- 23. Continue vehicle reassembly.



10. Use Of Recycled (Salvage) Parts

10.1 Inspection Of **Salvage Parts**

Do not install a salvage trunk floor having any of these defects:

- unrepairable damage
- corrosion that has caused pitting
- improper previous repairs
- missing mounting locations

10.2 Preparation Of Salvage Parts

To prepare a salvage trunk floor for installation:

- Clean the part to remove dirt, wax, grease, undercoating, corrosion, etc.
- Remove all heat-affected zones.
- Trim the part to fit.
- Make sure the part is not deformed along the weld joints.



11. Inspection And Testing

11.1 Inspection Of A Repaired Or Replaced Trunk Floor

Inspect a repaired or replaced trunk floor area for these conditions:

- dimensional alignment
- proper alignment to adjacent panels
- weld quality
- proper finish appearance and film thickness
- trunk floor coverings installed with an accurate fit and appearance
- proper installation of all drain plugs
- proper application of corrosion protection and sound deadeners
- proper installation of all labels

Correct any defects.