

# Installation of a Slip-On Rocker Panel

How do I install a “slip-on” rocker? There are actually many different ways to install a Slip-On Rocker, however, the most common way is to slip the new rocker over top of the existing rocker and then attach it using glue, pop rivets, screws, spot welds, or any other method you feel will suffice. We make our slip-on rockers as easy to use as possible, so everyone, regardless of skill level, feels comfortable working with and installing them. Follow these steps and you can do it yourself.

**1. Prep the area:** You will need to clean the surface of the old rocker panel to start. Use a wire brush or sandpaper to remove any surface rust or paint on the areas you will be attaching the panel to. Make sure to also wash the area with soap and water to remove any dirt or debris.

***Please Note:*** *Although it is not necessary, it is recommended to cut out the sections of your existing rocker that are completely rusted through or not salvageable. If you need to cut out sections of the rocker, make sure enough surface area remains for mounting the new panel on.*

**2. Prep the area (continued):** Once you have cleaned and made any necessary cuts to the area, the next step is to apply a rust inhibiting paint or primer such as POR-15. Make sure you apply this to any bare metal areas to prevent future corroding. You may also want to apply a thin layer of the anti-rust paint or primer to the back of the new rocker panel. (Let the paint or primer dry).

**3. Measure and cut the new Slip-On Rocker Panel:** The Slip-on Rocker Panel you get may be too long for the area you are looking to cover on your vehicle. Use a saw or grinder to make your cuts after you have made the correct measurements.

**4. Test Fit:** Make sure your cuts and adjustments were good by holding up your panel to your car or truck. Make any necessary adjustments to make sure your panel fits snug.

**5. Install the panel:** If you are using an adhesive glue, apply a thin layer of it to back of the new rocker on the areas that will be in contact with your car and old rocker. Then fit the rocker onto the car and secure it in place with either self-tapping screws, clamps, rivets, or a combination while the glue dries. If you are having trouble getting the rocker to fit, use a rubber mallet to secure the panel flush to the body. Add body filler to the edges to blend the new panel to the existing panel (follow body filler instructions).

**6. Prime and Paint:** Once your new rocker is in place and body filler is cured and sanded smooth, the next step is to prep for primer and paint. Cover the areas of your vehicle around the new rocker panel with kraft paper or plastic so there is no over-spray. Next apply a rust-proof primer followed by paint to match color.

***Note:*** *Installing a Slip-On Rocker Panel can be a simple task to complete on your own. However, if you feel uncomfortable doing it yourself, please seek out a professional body shop to do it for you.*