

# Cleaning/Maintenance Information

## QUARTER FENDER AND MUD FLAP HANGER CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

Fenders and mud flap hangers endure extreme environmental and service conditions during standard over-the-road/on-road duty. These service recommendations are to allow the maximum amount of service and use from the products. Contact with external forces such as road objects or trailer chassis/landing gear can damage the fenders/ hangers and void warranty. Off-highway/off-road use is considered non-standard and can substantially shorten product service life and will void warranty.

### QUARTER FENDER MAINTENANCE

**CLEANING:** Stainless steel can develop surface rust if not kept clean and polished. A stainless finish can be easily scratched so do not use abrasives or scotch brite pads to remove dirt or grime. It may be necessary to use products like tar & bug remover to remove heavy road grime. Commercially available polishing products that help both to remove surface rust and polish the surface are recommended. Never use an abrasive compound on the stainless as it will damage the finish. Use glass cleaner and a soft cotton cloth to clean the stainless after installation. A coat of light wax will help to preserve the finish. A lint free soft paper towel will generally scratch less than a cloth material on fully polished hangers. A clear or white pvc protecting stretch film may be present on the part. This is used to protect the finish during manufacturing and may be removed by the end user.

To clean aluminum, it is best to use mild detergent & warm water when possible. Alkalis, even baking soda, discolor aluminum. If trying a stronger cleaner, pre-test on a hidden place to be sure it cleans satisfactorily & does not damage the aluminum. Always follow directions

### QUARTER FENDER MAINTENANCE (Cont.)

on the product label for aluminum exactly. Be cautious about using abrasive cleaners (scouring powders, steel wool, abrasive polishes, etc) as they may permanently scratch aluminum; painted or anodized aluminum surfaces will be permanently damaged. Do not clean aluminum when it is too hot to touch, or if temperatures go below 50°F. Remove bugs, sap, tar, tree seeds, etc. as soon as possible. They will harden with exposure to sunlight & heat and will be harder to remove. Suitable solvents will remove tar & similar substances. Test solvent first if the aluminum is painted to be sure it doesn't also remove the paint. Follow label precautions when using solvents--no spark or flame in the area & have sufficient ventilation.

Painted steel products are coated with an electrostatically-applied, baked-on finish that is very durable. This finish serves as both a final coating or as a primer coating for overpainting. Standard washes are recommended but acidic washes or engine degreasers should not be applied to the painted surface. It may be necessary to use products like tar & bug remover to remove heavy road grime. Use of a clean water rinse on the part interior will help to dislodge and remove any corrosive materials lodged within the part. A coat of light wax will help to preserve the finish.

**REPAIR:** Users may change damaged top flaps. Reuse existing hardware or grade 5 zinc plated hardware with locking washers or nuts. There are no other serviceable parts in the fender assembly. There are no user serviceable parts in the mud flap hanger assembly. Attempting to disassemble the fender or hanger may lead to injury and loss of part function.



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