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**UPPER CLASS SERIES SIDE VENT MESH**

**Tools Required:**

Slotted Screw Drivers  
Plastic Interior Removal Tool (with one side flat tipped)  
Thin Solid Knife  
Masking Tape

**Parts List:**

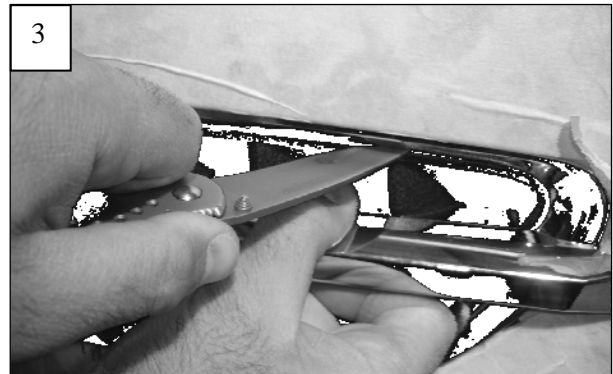
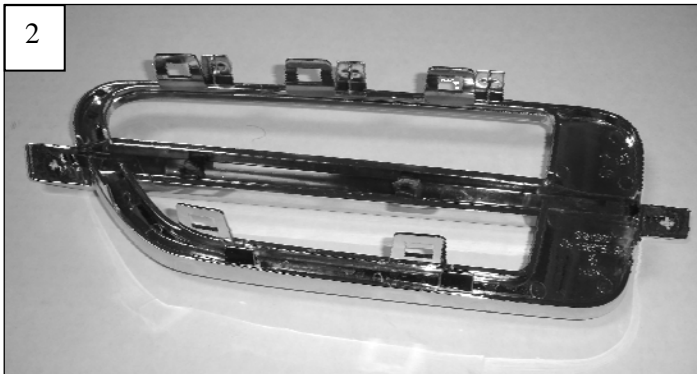
2 Mesh Inserts  
2 Black Backing Plates  
8 Spring Clips (8206)

**Read and understand instructions before attempting installation**



**Step 1**

A plastic interior removal tool is highly recommended (1). Most auto parts stores offer these if you do not have one. Apply masking tape around the painted surface surrounding the vents.



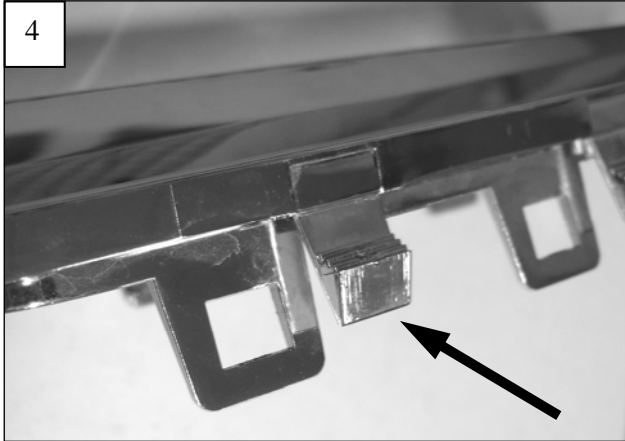
**Step 2**

Each vent has two pieces made of plastic; the black center clips into the chrome ring. It is best to separate the center insert from the chrome ring first. Molded clips secure the insert to the ring. Picture (2) illustrates the retaining clips to reference in removal.

Slide a thin solid knife between the chrome ring and center insert on top (3); apply pressure to the insert while depressing the clips up. Do not break the clips; they are needed to install the mesh inserts. Push the black insert into the fender and let fall into the fender.

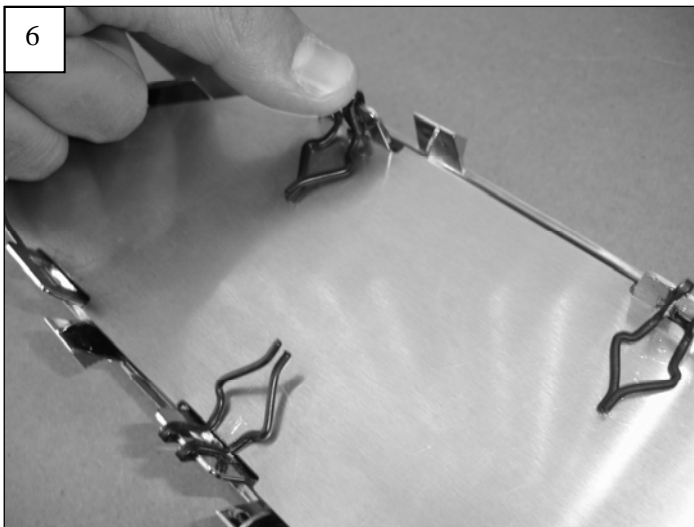
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### **Step 3**

The molded clips will now be exposed. Next to each clip is another clip that secures the assembly to the fender (4); three along the top and two on the bottom (2). Use the interior tool to spread the ring from the fender (5). Depress the clips using the interior tool and pry the chrome ring from the opening. **Do not** pry against the painted surface with a metal tool like a screwdriver; this may result in chipping the paint. Remove the factory vents from the vehicle. Now reach into the fender to remove the black plastic vent inserts from the fender.



### **Step 4**

Center one of the mesh inserts into the chrome trim. Now center a backing plate behind the mesh. Slide the spring clips onto four of the molded clips as shown (6). These will secure the mesh inserts and backing plates.

### **Step 5**

Re-install the vents onto the vehicle. Slide the top in first and then pop the lower clips in place.

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