

IMPORTANT: PLEASE RETAIN THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE



2008 Cadillac STS Fender Vent Mesh Insert Installation Instructions

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Part # 1006-01XW-08

Quantity	Description	Part No.
1 Set	22 Gage S.S. Vent Fillers	Right 1006-0095-08 Left 1006-0096-08
2	Fender Vent S.S. Mesh Inserts	1006-0054-08
2	Powder Coated Mesh Retainers	1006-0056-08
1	Hardware Kit (components listed below)	1006-0060-08
30"	.045" x .250" Double Faced Tape	3004-9250-92
15"	.040" x .500" Double Faced Tape	3004-9248-92
10	#6 x 1/2" Countersunk Phillips Screws	3999-9026-00

IMPORTANT!

The exposed edges of the stainless steel mesh can be extremely sharp. Please handle with care.



1. It will be necessary to remove the rear section of the inner fender liner from the vehicle to gain access to the back of the factory fender vent.
2. Remove the lower plastic push fasteners from the inner fender liner. The top of the liner is hooked behind the rolled fender lip.



3. Once the inner fender liner is removed, there is room to access the clips retaining the factory fender vents.



4. Use masking tape to protect the paint surrounding the chrome section of the fender vents.



5. Insert a plastic body filler spreader or other non-metal tool between the taped paint and the chrome frame of the fender vent. The corners are the easiest places to start separating the fender vent from the double-faced tape adhering it to the fender. Do not use a screwdriver or you will damage the chrome!



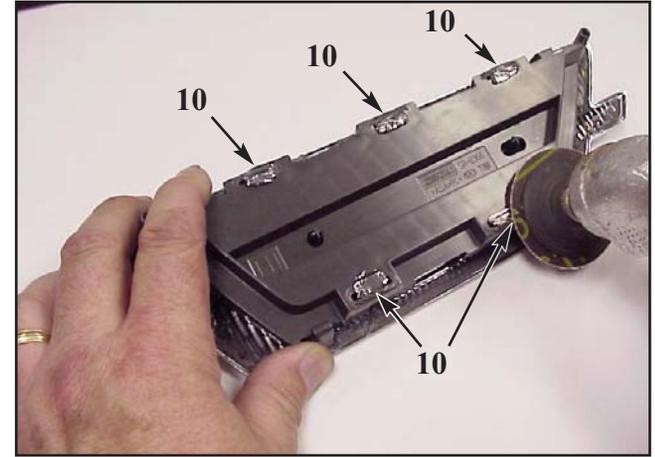
6. Insert a second spreader behind the first one, then use a thin wedge (wood or plastic) between the plastic spreaders to help separate the chrome vent from the fender. Push it in using only your hands, do not use a hammer to drive the wedge in. Carefully work your way around the chrome vent.



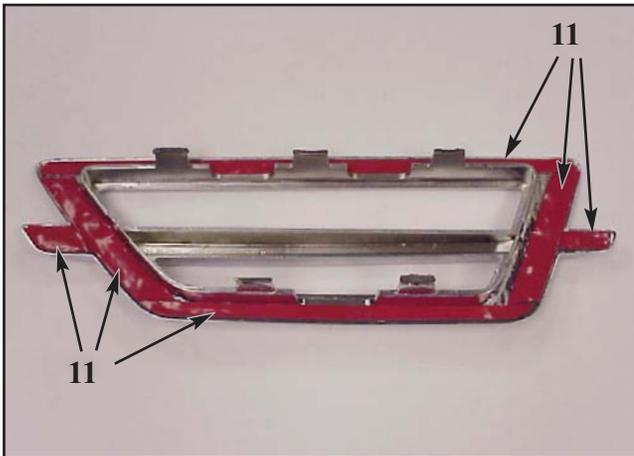
7. While separating the chrome vent from the fender using the plastic spreaders, reach up into the back of the fender and push down on the upper clips and push up on the bottom clips (see enlargement photo in the upper left corner) until they release from the back of the fender. You may not be able to reach the upper rear clip but it is not necessary for removal as you can rotate the fender vent out once you finish cutting through the double faced tape in the next step.



8. Finish removing the factory vents from the fender openings by cutting through the remaining double faced tape (as shown).
9. Remove any factory double faced tape from the front fenders.



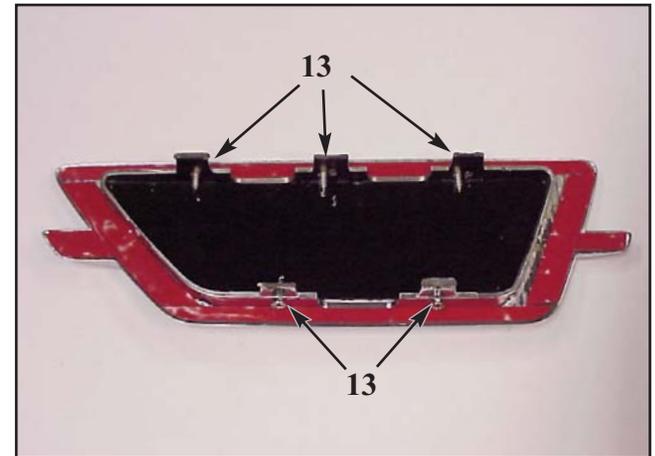
10. Use a disc grinder to remove the melted over tabs that hold the gray plastic insert to the chrome frame. Remove the factory gray plastic inserts, they are not reused.



11. Remove the old double faced tape and apply new double faced tape (1/4" strips on the top and bottom of the factory chrome frame, 1/2" strips on the sides and bar). Remove any factory double faced tape from the front fenders (not shown).



12. Align the polished stainless steel vent fillers (first) and mesh sections (second) into the chrome fender vent housings. The fillers act as a block out in the event that one or more strands of mesh loosen and fail during the manufacturing process.



13. Align the black powder coated vent mesh retainers into the back of the chrome fender vents and install them using the supplied #6 x 1/2" countersunk phillips screws. Be sure to drill the 7/64" the holes in towards the backing plate so that when the screws are installed, they make contact with the backing plate.



14. Peel off the backing from the double faced tape.
15. Reinstall the assembled vents back into the front fenders, making sure they are centered in the openings and the vent is pressed firmly into place to set the double faced tape.
16. Reinstall the inner fender liners to finish.