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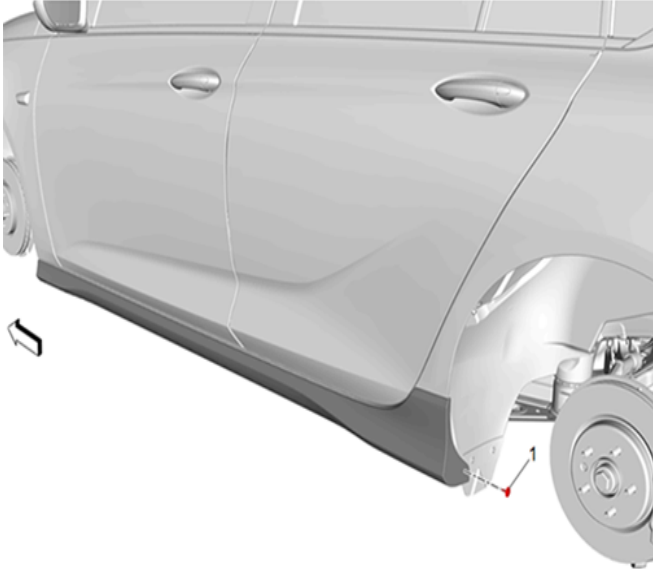
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Subject: Rocker Panel Molding Gap at Rear

Brand:	Model:	Model Year:		VIN:		Engine:	Transmission:
		from	to	from	to		
Buick	Regal GS	2018	2019			All	All

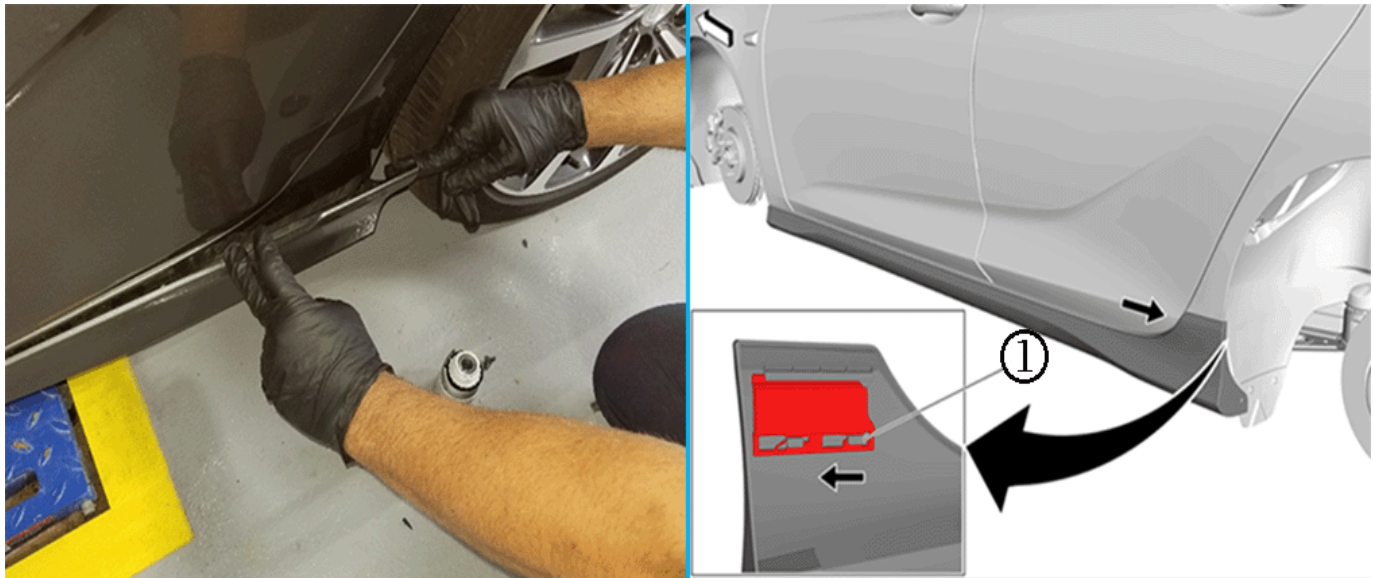
Involved Region or Country	North America and N.A. Export Regions
Condition	 <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">5147445</p> <p>Some customer may comment on seeing the rocker panel molding gapping to body at the rear wheel opening, on one or both sides of the vehicle.</p>
Cause	The cause of the condition may be due to thermal expansion and contraction. The adhesive tape retaining the molding is stretching and pulling away from the body.
Correction	Re-secure BOTH the left and right side rocker moldings, following the Service Procedure below.

Service Procedure



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1. Starting on either side, remove the rear bolt (1) from the rocker panel molding.



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2. Pull the molding away from the body enough to access the inboard slider retaining clip (1) and outer rocker panel.
3. Remove the adhesive tape from the slider retaining clip and clean off any tape adhesive residue from the clip/body.



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4. Using sand paper or an abrasive pad, scuff up the backside of the slider clip AND the painted mating surface on the rocker panel.



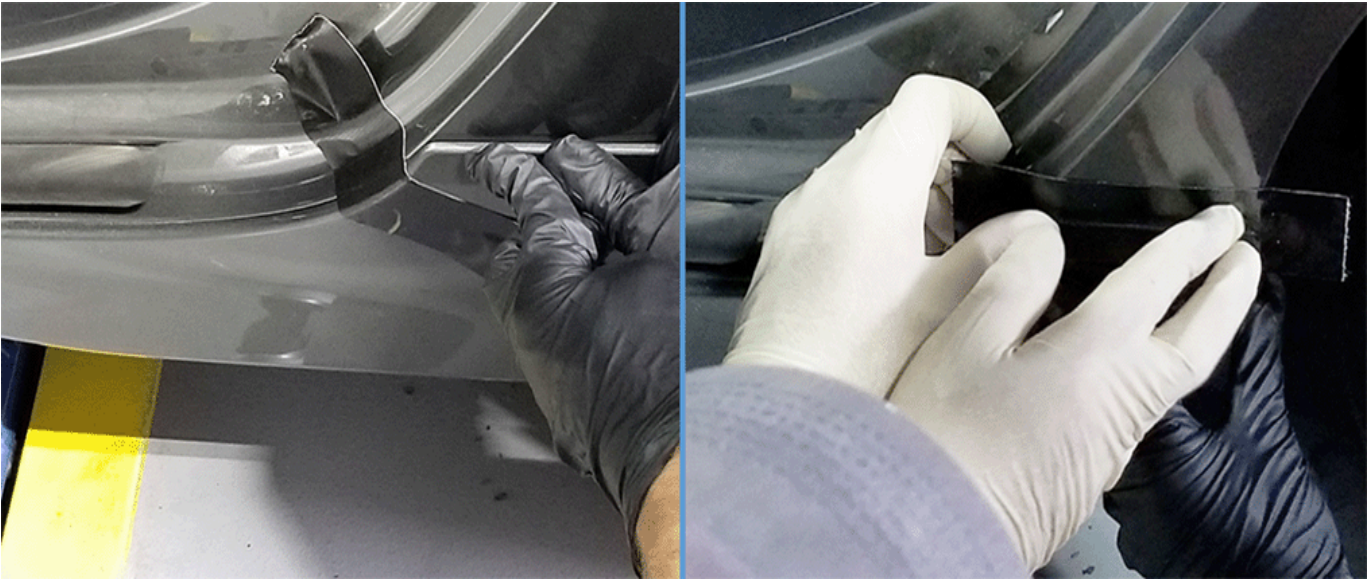
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6. Apply 3M Windo-weld Super Fast Urethane P/N 08609*, or equivalent, to the primed slider clip.



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5. Apply 3M Single Step Primer P/N 08681*, or equivalent, to BOTH the slider clip AND the rocker panel. Let dry per manufacturers cure time recommendation.



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7. Firmly press the rocker molding to the rocker panel and secure with several pieces of tape.



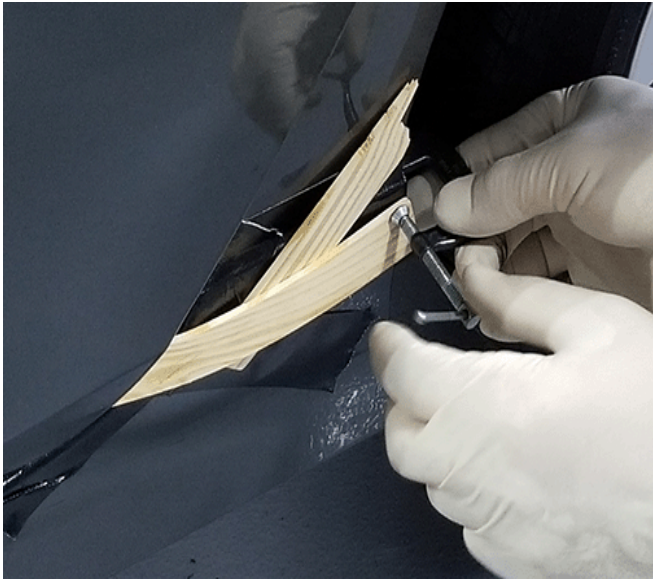
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8. Using paint sticks, or other suitable material, and a clamp, follow steps similar to those below to increase the pressure holding the molding in place while curing for 24 hours.



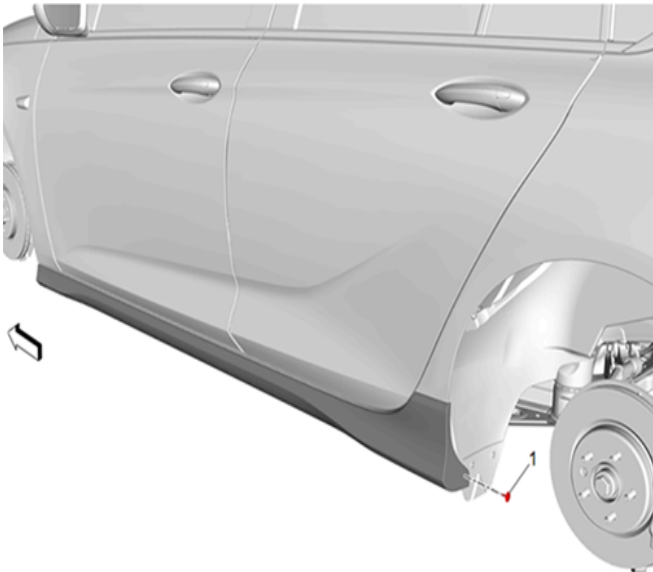
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- 8.1. Slightly open the rear door, then close the door one click short of full door closure, onto a piece of a paint stick. Loosely install the clamp at the rear wheel opening.



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- 8.2. Add another piece of a paint stick under the previous piece, and fully tighten the clamp. Let the urethane cure in this clamped position for 24 hours.
9. Repeat steps 1 – 8.2 on the opposite side.
10. Remove the clamps, sticks and tape on both sides.



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11. Reinstall the rear bolts (1) to both rocker moldings.

Tighten

Tighten the bolts to 2.5 N•m (22 lb in).

Parts Information

Contact 3M at 1 (888) 364-3577, on online at www.3m.com.

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Causal Part	Description	Part Number	Material Allowance
N/A	3M Single Step Primer	08682 (30 ml.)	\$19.25 (U.S.) \$25.01 (Canada)
N/A	3M Windo-weld Super Fast Urethane	08609 (10.5 oz.)*	\$7.65 (U.S.) \$9.94 (Canada)

*Due to a longer shelf life, this material can be retained and used for approximately 3 vehicle repairs. Store the remaining material for future use.

Warranty Information

For vehicles repaired under the Bumper-to-Bumper coverage (Canada Base Warranty coverage), use the following labor operation. Reference the Applicable Warranties section of Investigate Vehicle History (IVH) for coverage information.

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time
1082008*	Re-secure Left and Right Rocker Panel Moldings	1.5 hrs

*This is a unique Labor Operation for Bulletin use only.

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