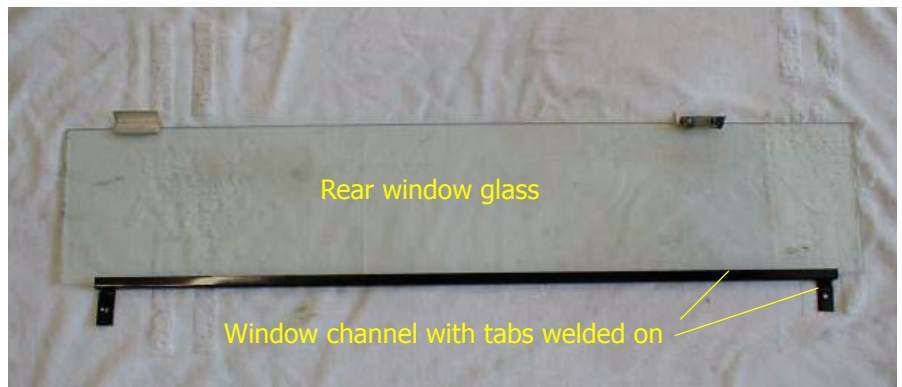


Windows

We have addressed the power windows in a separate chapter. This section will deal with the remaining windows in the front and back.

Rear Window

The rear window is a single sheet of safety glass that is held in place by a fabricated channel. Make sure that the fiberglass edge around the window is squared up and flat to mate up to the glass.

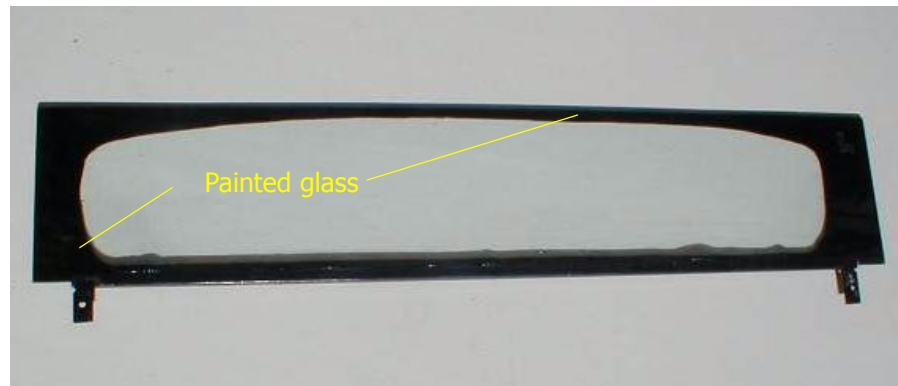


It is a good idea to actually black out the glass that is not visible.

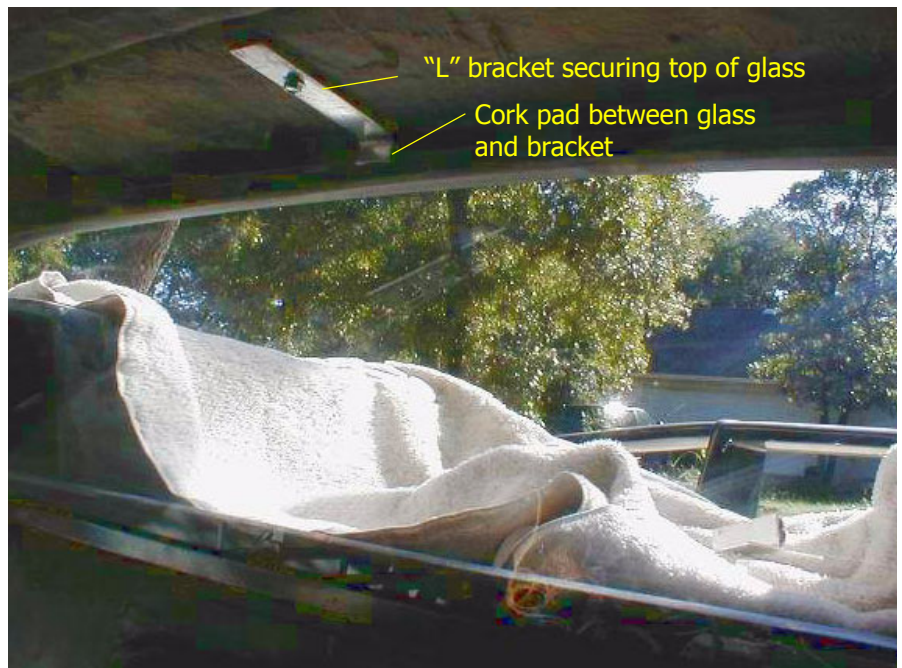
Start by taking a piece of window channel and welding two tabs on the bottom. Trial fit the bracket on the inside firewall. Set the glass in the channel and when you are satisfied with the position, trace the opening of the window onto the glass.

Now remove the glass and tape over the window area with masking tape. Cut the edge of the tape to leave the window area filled in. Paint the glass with a black mat paint.

Put a bead of silicone sealant into the channel and seat the glass in the silicone.



The window frame is now secured to the firewall with screws through the tabs, Extended "L" brackets hold the top of the glass against the top.



Once the window has been secured, seal any minor gaps between the glass and the body with a waterproof sealant. It is best to use a sealant specifically made for glass.

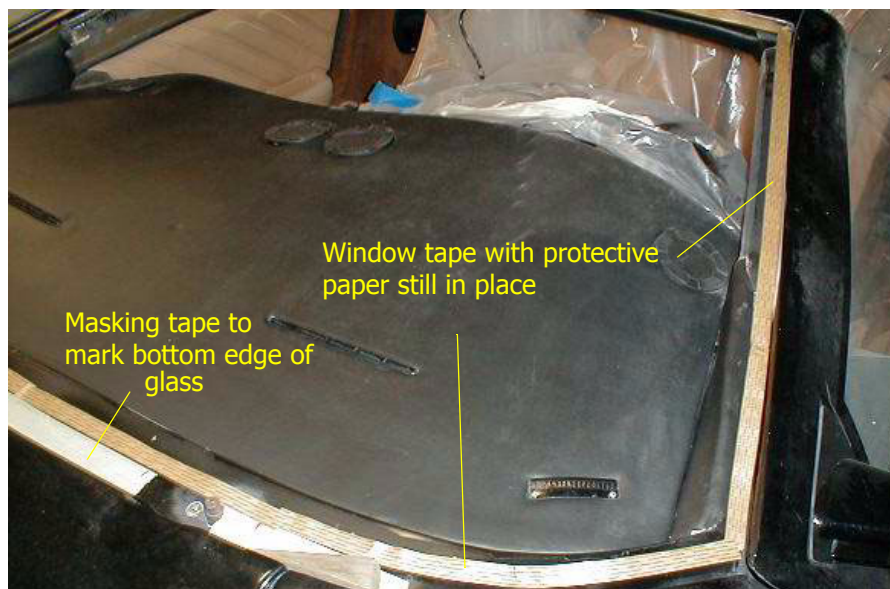
Windshield

The windshield is something that you may wish to have professionally installed. Whether you choose to do it yourself or have it professionally installed, you will still need to do the preparation.

Start by test fitting the windshield into the frame. Check that the window comes in contact with the frame across the top, bottom and sides.



There can be slight dips but they should not exceed 1/4". Check to see that the edges of the doors do not hit the edge of the glass. While the window is in place, mark the lower edge with tape to determine where to put the sealant.



You can either use a urethane window sealant which requires it to be applied hot and you have to work quickly. This is what the professionals use. Another alternative is to use butyl window tape. This is normally a ribbon that has a paper protection on one side. It is very sticky and will hold the windshield in place quite nicely.

You can pick up a universal edge trim from any glass shop. This can be placed along the top and bottom edges to provide a finished look.



FIGURE 149. Windshield installed
