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Cowl/Windshield Trim Installation

Tools needed:
Small flat blade screwdriver
Medium Phillips screwdriver
14mm socket and rachet

First you can remove the passenger side cowl trim cover that goes over the battery. You simply need to remove the two plastic screw clips that hold it in place using a Phillips head screwdriver. Often these clips are worn and can break during removal. You may need to use a small flat blade screwdriver or pick to pry the screw head up as you loosen it with the Phillips head screwdriver.

Next you will need to remove the windshield wipers so that you can take the main cowl trim piece off. Make sure to remember their location prior to removal. Tape or even taking a quick picture is very helpful. Start by removing the plastic caps that cover the wiper arm nuts. You can use a small flat blade screwdriver to pry the cover up. Once they are removed use a rachet with a 14mm socket to take off the nuts that hold the wiper arms on. You will need to raise and lower the hood during the process of removing the wiper arms and take care not to scratch the hood during removal. If the wiper have never been removed it will take some force and rocking motion to get them to break free.

Once the wipers are removed you need to remove all of the plastic screw clips from the original plastic windshield cowl trim pieces. These clips require the same method as the battery cover. When all of the clips have been removed the cowl cover will come out with some maneuvering needed to get around the hood hinge and wiper sprockets.

The original rubber gaskets that are attached to the factory plastic cowl trim pieces need to be transferred over the the ZThirtyTwo Cowl Trims. The battery cover has a small rubber gasket on the top that clips into two holes. The underside rubber seals can either be fitted using double side tape or simply placed under the new cowl trims when they are fitted to the windshield.

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