

# 1997 - 1998 Corvette: Service Bulletin: Front Fender to Door Fit/Appearance (Install Retainer)

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**Subject:** FRONT FENDER TO DOOR FIT/APPEARANCE (INSTALL RETAINER)  
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**Models:** 1997-1998 Chevrolet Corvette

**Condition:**

SOME OWNERS MAY COMMENT THAT THE REAR UPPER CORNER OF THE DRIVER'S AND/OR PASSENGER'S FRONT FENDER DOES NOT FIT WELL WITH THE FRONT UPPER EDGE OF THE DOOR (SEE FIGURE 1). THEY MAY ALSO COMMENT THAT THE CONDITION APPEARS MORE NOTICEABLE WHEN THE VEHICLE IS EXPOSED TO WARMER AMBIENT TEMPERATURES.

**Cause:**

THIS CONDITION MAY OCCUR ON SOME VEHICLES WHEN THE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE IS HIGH AND THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS. DURING THESE CONDITIONS, THE FRONT FENDER MATERIAL, WHICH IS ABSORBING HEAT ENERGY, MAY BEGIN TO "DROOP" SLIGHTLY AT THE UPPER REAR CORNER. WHEN THIS OCCURS, THE UPPER REAR EDGE OF THE FENDER MAY NOT APPEAR FLUSH TO THE FRONT UPPER DOOR EDGE. AS THE FENDER COOLS, IT RETURNS TO ITS ORIGINAL FIT OR FLUSHNESS.

**Correction:**

TO CORRECT THIS CONDITION, INSTALL ONE RETAINER (P/N 10412533) TO THE UPPER FRONT EDGE OF BOTH DOORS AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 1.

**Parts Information:**

P/N	DESCRIPTION	QTY. PER VEHICLE	PKG.	QTY. REQUIRED
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10412533	RETAINER	1	2	

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