

# Direction and Suggestions for Installing 55,56,57 Chevy Trunk Panel Kit 417-4



Based on your particular car, you may find it necessary to custom-trim here and there, depending upon the material you choose to cover the Masonite panels, how much foam you add or how you decide to custom-finish your panels. But if you find it necessary, a quick trim using an electric sander with 80 grit paper or a rasp file is all that will be required.

For installation, aside from the cutoff wheel, it will be necessary to remove the spare tire hold-down brackets, and you will need a Phillips screwdriver.

A typical stock trunk area is on all sedans and hardtops.

This is where the new panels are to be installed, and the installation process is the same, regardless.

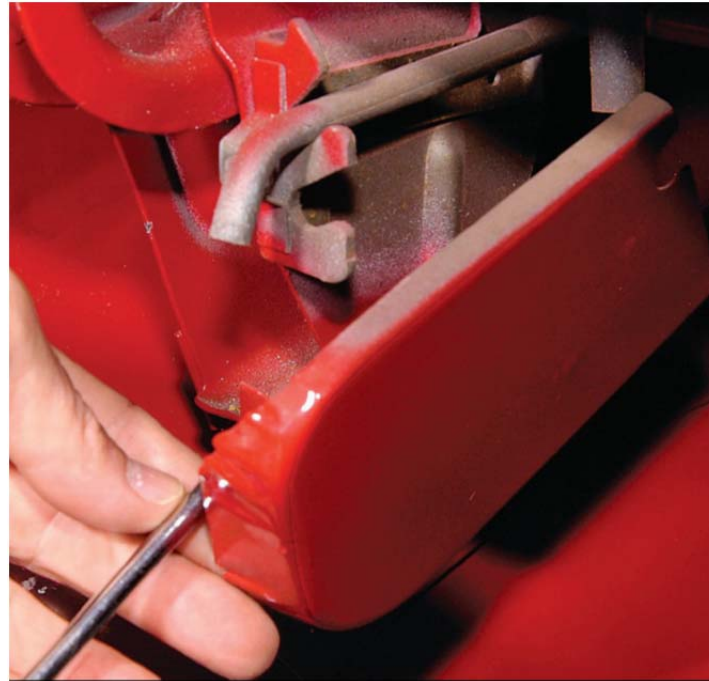
For the convertible, it will be necessary to trim the side panels.



Here's where trimming the floor panel comes in. The removal of the rear mounting pocket for the bumper jack as well as the tab for the spare tire hold-down bolt will be necessary. To do this, simply cut using an air-powered cutoff wheel. This step should take only a few minutes and will allow the bottom trunk panel to lay flat against the floor.

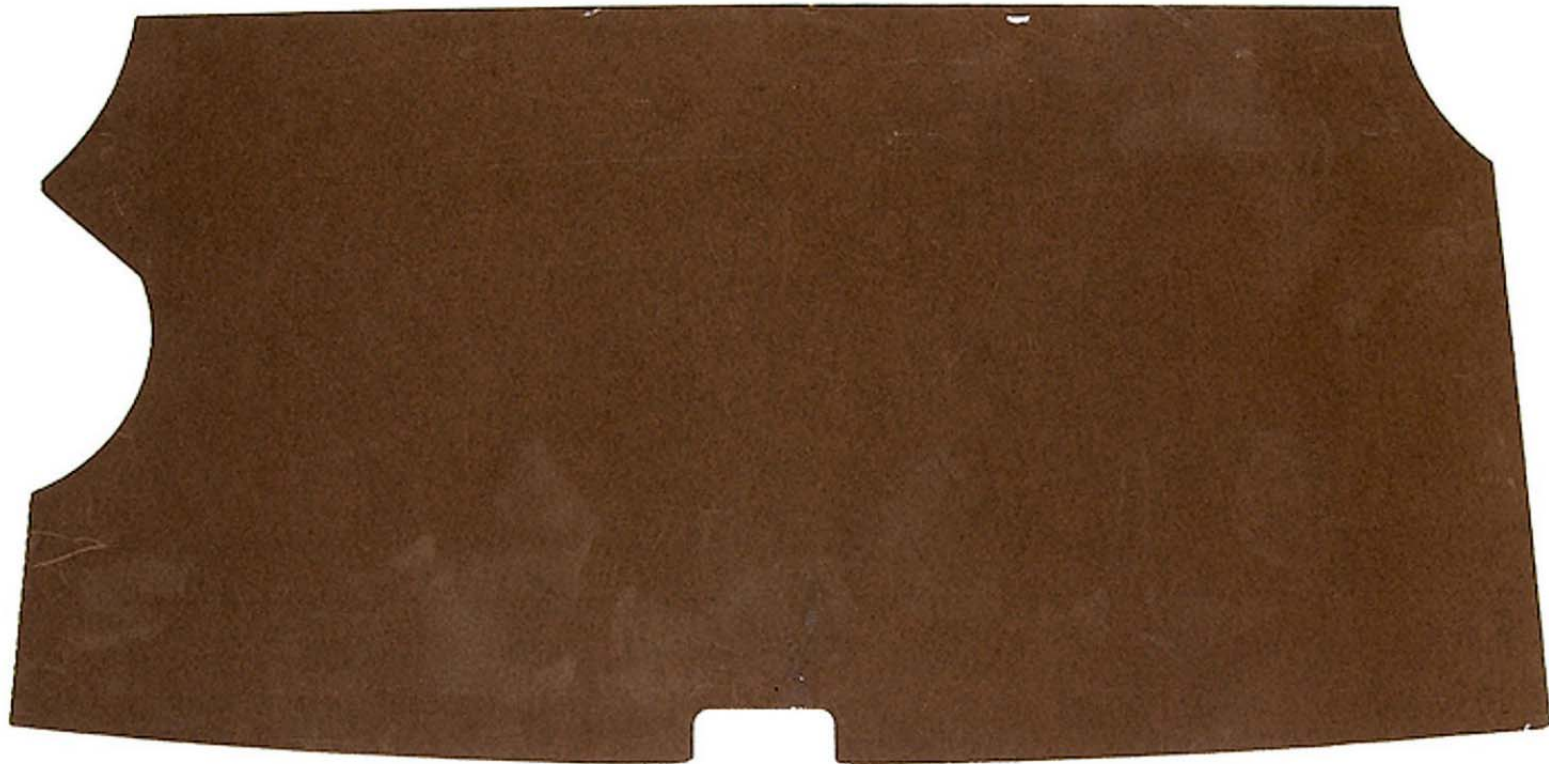


Prior to installing the front panel, first remove the small cover over the driver's-side trunk hinge. This will allow the installation of the forward trunk panel. The forward trunk panel is trapped between the inner lip of the trunk and rear window upper panel and the trunk floor panel. This installation will provide you with a 16-inch gap between the rear of the backseat and the trunk panel. Considering the options, you can hide amps, a remote CD player or even a toolbox. For easier access to these items, a custom removable panel or door can be cut into this panel. Use the cutout piece for the door.



This is a picture of the bottom floor panel for the 55, 56, 57 Chevy. The panel is big and needs to be placed in the trunk tilted right side down and in first. Set the panel on the floor of the trunk then slide it back toward the trunk latch. The tail light wires should be moved out of the way or wire tied up in order to seat the panel properly in the trunk.

### Floor Panel Cut-out



These are the next panels to go into the trunk. Put the left side in by matching the cutout with the hump near the bottom of the wheel well tub. Be careful not to break the panel by forcing the piece into place. Start by sliding the front of the panel under the edge of the trunk fender then slide the cutout into place. The panels should fit under the edge of the trunk lip. The side panels should be on top of the floor panel on both sides.

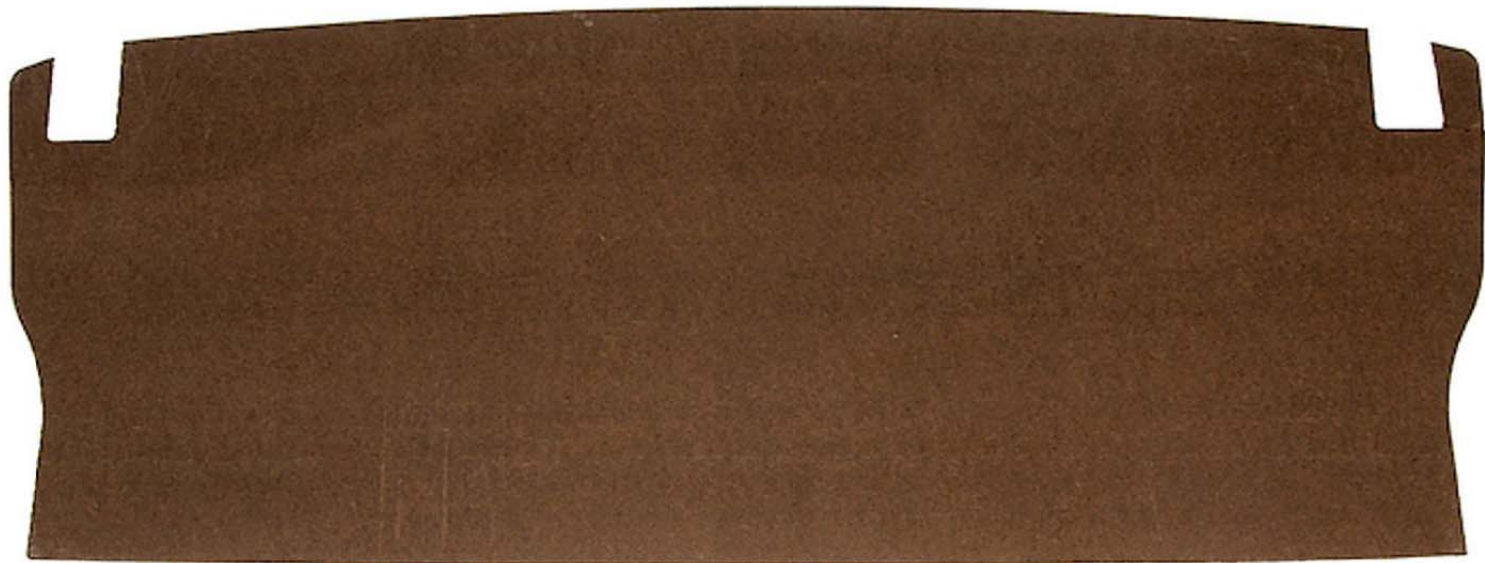
The panels are designed to have enough clearance to upholster and fit snug under the edge of the fender.

Please Note:

Adjustments to the panels fit can be made with a rasp file or a sander using 80 grit sanding paper if needed.



This is the last panel to go in. Put it into the trunk by tilting the top toward the trunk latch and then slide it up and into place. Do not force the panel in place, use a steady pressure against the side panels and have the front panel sit straight up with careful attention to not breaking the cutouts for the trunk hinges. The panels will fit tightly with material on them but not so tight you can't get them out. Just enough to hold them in place.



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