

Accessory

REAR DECK LID MOULDING

Trim Kit

INSTALLATION ARTICLE

One of the most popular accessories that came out in 1957 was the Accessory Deck Lid Trim. It looks nice and it really sets off the rear of your 57. In this article we are going to show you how to install our part #535 and give you some tips on what to do to help it fit in the corners between the trunk and inner part of the quarter panel, an area that varies on most 1957's.

Tools and Parts You will need:

- #1 or 7/32" Drill Bit
- #18 or 11/16" Drill Bit
- #29 or 9/64" Drill Bit
- Electric or Air Drill
- Center Punch
- Rubber Mallet
- Rubber Tipped Clamps
- Masking Tape
- 5/16" Nut Driver or Wrench (or a Small Ratchet and Socket)
- 11/32" Wrench
- Sharpie Marker
- Thick Towel or Rag
- Grinder or Belt Sander
- A helper, not absolutely necessary but can only help.
- Danchuk Part #535 Accessory Rear Deck Moulding Trim Kit

The area where the end pieces install varies on every car. We have five 57's and this part will fit perfectly on one side of some, the other side of others and no sides on still others. So in order to install this kit you may have to do some modification on the ends. Not to fear, however, as we will show you all the tricks. Let's get started.



1) The Accessory Deck Lid Moulding Kit has one long piece for the trunk lid, two end pieces (the ones that may need modification) and an instruction sheet along with the installation hardware. Pic 1

2) We will start by installing the long center moulding on the deck or trunk lid. (You may want to put some tape on the back of this piece during this step just to protect the paint.) Hold it up to the decklid and adjust the location until you are happy with the fit. The trim should not overlap the bottom



edge of the trunk lid. When it is where you want it tape it or clamp it into place. Pic 2



3) There are a number of different fasteners that are used to attach the center moulding and they are all different sizes. Referring to the instruction sheet mark a bit of tape with either A, B, C or D. A, B and C are for the center piece and D is for the ends. Place the tape with the letters above the corresponding holes as outlined on the diagram. Pics 3, 4, 5 & 6

Adding this Trim to your '57 is Easier Than You Think!



Note: The instructions that come with the trim set tell you to mount the decktrim with the "T" bolts in holes "A" and then proceed to drill the rest of the holes and remove the trim to enlarge holes "C". We drilled all our holes at one time. Either way will work just fine.

and tap into place with your rubber mallet. Put the trim in place and install the "T" studs through the trim and into the tubular fastener. Tap the stud into place with your rubber mallet. Leave it a bit loose. Pics 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15



4) The instructions say to leave the moulding attached to the decklid when you drill each hole. We left ours in place attached with a set of rubber tipped clamps. If you prefer, after you center punch each hole mark each with a sharpie and move your tape up on the decklid above the corresponding spots (A, B or C) so you know which hole is which. Remove the moulding and carefully drill the holes using a #18 or 11/64" drill bit for holes "A" (there are three) and a #29 or 9/64" drill bit for holes "B" (there are two) AND "C" (there are two). If you left the moulding in place remove it, and using a #1 or 7/32" drill bit enlarge holes "C" to accommodate the special tubular fasteners. Pics 7, 8, 9 & 10



6) Next install the "T" bolts into holes "A" with the lock washer and crown nut and tighten with your 5/16" nut driver or wrench. Leave this a bit loose too. Make sure everything lines up like you want and tighten the "T" bolts just snug and push/tap in the "T" studs. Pics 16, 17 & 18



5) Once all the holes are drilled it's time to install the center trim piece. First install the split tubular fastener into holes "C"

7) Next install the sheet metal screws in holes "B" using your Phillips screwdriver. Tighten everything up snug (do not over

Getting the Ends Just Right is the Trick to a Clean Look!



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tighten) and you are done with the decklid trim. Pics 19, 20 & 21

Now we will fit the end pieces to the body. Apply tape on the back of each end piece to keep them from scratching the paint. The trim fits pretty well but the curvature of the body is slightly different here on all cars. You may have to fine-tune the fit by bending the ends. You may also have to do some grinding, ours overlapped a bit at the taillight so we marked it with a sharpie and took it down. A belt sander will work for this as well.



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8) Fit the ends up against the body and note the fit. If they fit fine then tape them in place and either center punch and drill or center punch and mark them with a sharpie removing the trim as we did in step 4 and drill with your #18 or 7/16" drill bit. Then attach them with the "T" bolts, lock washer and crown nut and tighten with your 7/16" wrench. Pics 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 028

bent with a little effort. Place a thick towel or rag into the jaws of a vise and put in the end piece you are going to bend. Clamp the part into place but not too tight...leave it a bit loose to prevent marring the finish. Then, by either pushing down or pulling up, bend the piece as needed. Work slowly and check the fit periodically until it fits to your liking. Once they fit like you want, tape them into place, drill the holes using your #18 or 7/16" drill bit and install the "T" bolts, lock washers and crown nut using your 7/16" wrench. Do not over tighten. Pics 29, 30, 31 & 32



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If they need to be tweaked then note the fit and cover the front of the part with tape as well. These pieces are stout but can be



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That's it. Step back and admire your work. Looks pretty good doesn't it?