Installing the Side Rockers

The Prius PLUS Performance side rockers are without a doubt the easiest parts to install of the 7-piece package. It should take you no more than 20 minutes per side.

Step 1

Apply masking tape at the following areas of your front and rear doors to protect from inadvertent scratches when removing the OEM side rocker and installing the PLUS side rocker.

Apply masking tape on bottom of door to prevent scratches

Step 2

Remove 4 plastic plugs from underneath the side rocker. These are disposable as the new hardware bags include brand new plugs. If they are hard to budge, it's okay to break/chip them out of the body.
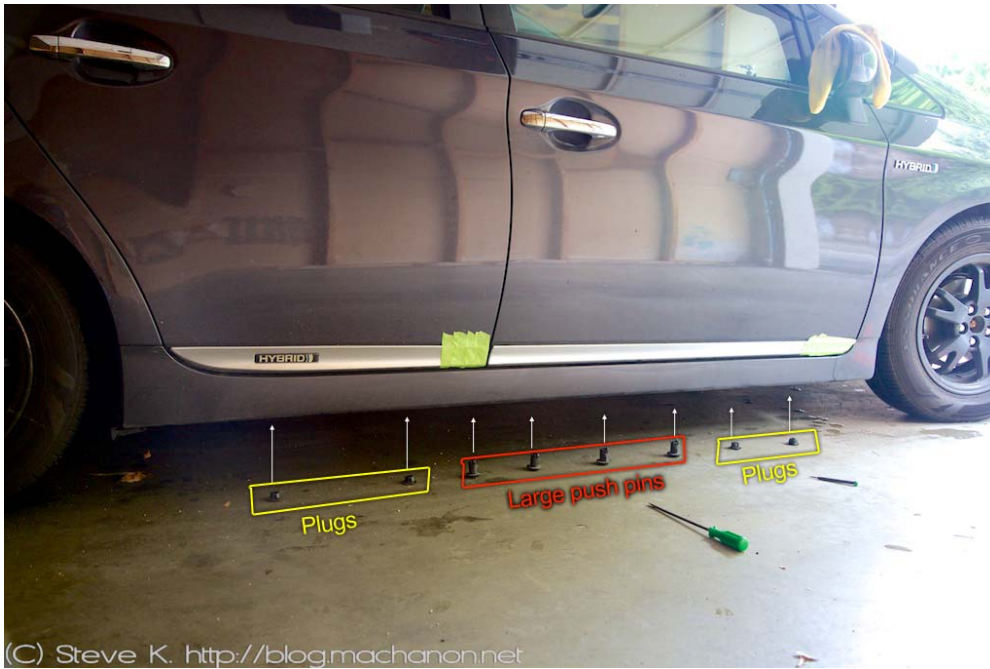
Plastic plugs x4

Then remove 4 large push pins. Save these large push pins for later re-installation.

Large push pins x4

These are the approximate location of where the plastic plugs and large push pins are located:

Locations of plastic plugs and large push pins

Remember to retain the large push pins for later re-installation.

Step 3

Use a 10 mm socket to remove two 10 mm bolts from the front and underneath the front of the side rocker.

10 mm bolt at front of side rocker

10 mm underneath front of side rocker

Step 4

Use a 10 mm socket to remove two 10 mm bolts from the back and underneath the back of the side rocker.

10 mm at the back of the side rocker

10 mm bolt beneath back of side rocker

Remove the fastener from the OEM mud flap at the indicated location and discard the mud flap and fastener once they are free:

Remove fastener with a trim removal tool or simply a flathead screwdriver

Discard OEM mud flap

If the OEM mud flap is troublesome to remove, you can just cut it out with a garden pruner and pry out the fastener. The hardware bag includes a new replacement fastener.

Step 5

Use a Phillips screwdriver to remove 2 Phillips screws from the side rocker located near the front and rear doors:

Remove Phillips screw from side rocker near front door

Remove Phillips screw from side rocker near rear door

Step 6

Gently pull the OEM side rocker away from the vehicle. The side rocker is secured with push clips, so just start from the back and pull the rocker out until you reach the front. There is a total of 9 clips you need to disengage:

Starting from the back, gently pull the side rocker away from the vehicle

The side rocker is secured to the body by 9 push clips

OEM side rocker removed

Step 7

Retrieve 9 new push clips from the hardware bag and install them into the PLUS side rocker in their corresponding holes:

Install new clips onto the PLUS side rocker

Make sure the clips are snapped into place and float inside their holes without falling out. Once all 9 clips are securely on the PLUS side rocker, it's time to re-install.

Step 8

Position the PLUS side rocker so that each of the 9 clips installed in step 7 are aligned with their corresponding holes on the vehicle. Starting from the center, push the clips into their holes with gentle force and work yourself outward. If done correctly, you should hear a snapping sound confirming successful engagement with the vehicle.

Install the PLUS side rocker

Step 9

Re-install the 2 Phillips screws that were removed from step 5.

Re-install two Phillips screws

Step 10

Re-install the 10 mm bolts that were removed earlier from the front of the OEM side rocker in step 3.

Replace the two 10 mm bolts that were removed from the front of the OEM side rocker earlier

Step 11

Locate new mud flap from the PLUS side rocker package and then install using 10 mm bolts that were removed earlier from the back of the OEM side rocker in step 4. Slide the PLUS side rocker through the slit on the new mud flap and then install new fastener clip through mud flap and into the vehicle mount:

New mud flat installed

Step 12

Retrieve new plastic plugs from hardware bag and reinstall them into the installation positions as noted in step 2. Locate the large push pin fasteners that were removed earlier and re-install them into the positions noted in step 2.

Prius PLUS Performance side rocker installed