

## REAR PANS 88-98 FULL SIZE FLEETSIDE PICKUPS

The rear pan fits between the bed sides below the tailgate. It is formed to match the curve of the bed sides so that when installed it fills the open area under the tailgate by carrying the original body lines across the rear of the box under the tailgate.

### Suggested Installation Instructions For "weld-on" applications

1. Remove the bumper and brackets.
2. Hold the rear pan in position below the tailgate to verify it fits properly. It should closely match the curve of the bedside below the tailgate with about 1/2" space between the pan and the tailgate.
3. If necessary, grind the ends slightly so that the pan fits between the bed sides and is even with the bedside outer surface below the tailgate. Also note that the spare tire crank mechanism may need to be moved or modified before the pan is permanently installed.
4. Make sure the tailgate will open without binding against the pan and adjust the position if necessary. The tailgate may need to be adjusted, especially if the hinge points are worn. After the pan is installed the tailgate hinges are difficult to adjust.
5. Tack weld the pan to the bed sides a couple of places on each end. Check the edges of the pan for proper alignment to the bed sides. Also check that the gap between the tailgate and the pan is uniform from one side to the other. When the alignment is satisfactory, permanently weld the pan to the bedside at each end.
6. Weld or screw the pan to the rear sill of the bed floor below the tailgate. Before attaching here verify that the tailgate will still open without binding.
7. Grind the welded seam to match the body contour. Fill the welded seam at the bed sides with lead or "Bondo" and smooth it as necessary.
8. The pan is now ready for paint finishing.

### Suggested Installation Instructions for "bolt - on" applications

1. Remove the bumper and brackets.
2. The spare tire will interfere with the installation of the pan if it is mounted in the original position. Install a spare tire relocater to move the spare tire forward for clearance.
3. Hold the rear pan in position to make sure it fits. Mark the location on the bedside

where the lower edge of the rear pan meets the bedside. This mark will be a reference point for installing the clips which hold the lower edge of the rear pan.

4. Make sure the tailgate will open without binding against the pan and adjust the position as necessary. While holding the pan in its proper mounting position, mark the rear sill through the holes along the mounting flange of the rear pan. These marks will be used to locate and drill holes for attaching the pan.
5. Install the clips which hold the lower edge of the rear pan as follows. The clips connect the lower edge of the rear pan to the bedside. Holes must be drilled in the bedside and the rear pan at the time of installation.
  - a. First attach the clip to the bedside. It should be about 3/4" rearward from the reference mark placed in step #2 above. Drill a 1/4" hole through the bedside sheet metal 3/8" outward from the turned up inner edge of the bedside.
  - b. Attach the clips so the center part of each clip straddles the turned up edge of the bedside. Use one of the sheet metal screws provided for each clip. A drop of oil on the screw thread will aid in forming the thread in the clip. The clips should extend into the open area below the tailgate.
6. Centerpunch and drill for the two outer mounting screw holes as marked in step #4 above. Use a 5/32" drill.
7. Temporarily screw the pan to the rear sill using only the two outer screws.
8. Mark the rear pan for the screw holes at the clips on the lower edge and for the remaining screw holes in the rear sill. Remove the pan and drill the holes in the lower edge of the pan at 1/4" and the holes in the rear sill at 5/32".
9. Primer the pan and paint it to match the truck. The back side of the pan should also be painted or undercoated to provide rust protection.
10. Before installing the pan, screw one of the sheet metal screws in and out of each drilled hole and the holes in the lower clips to preform the threads. This makes it much easier when attaching the pan.

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