

Mopar E-Body & 71-72 B-Body Hood Hinge Installation Instructions

Before You Begin:

 Removing and installing the hood hinges is typically a 2 person job. Find a helper before proceeding.

Remove Existing Hinges::

- Unbolt the hood hinges and remove the hood from the car. Remove the front bolts first to ensure the hood does not swivel down and dent the area behind the hood.
- 2. Remove the hinges from the inner fender

Install New Hinges::

- 1. Chase, tap, or repair all threads as needed.
- 2. Apply lubricant (in enclosed tube) to hinge pivot points.
- 3. Bolt hinges to inner fender at midway point in vertical adjustment slots. It is important to start at the midway point, not all the way up or down.
- 4. Install the hood to the hinges, attaching the rear bolts first.

Adjustment of Hinges::

Front to rear adjustments are on the hood side of the hinges. Up and down adjustments are on the inner fender area of the hinges.

A common alignment issue occurs when the rear edges are up too high with the hinges adjusted all the way down on the inner fender.

- 1. Move the hinge up on the inner fender.
- 2. Loosen the 2 rear bolts and leaave the front bolt snug.
- 3. Lift the hood to make the hinge rotate.
- 4. Re-tighten the rear bolts and check the fit. The tail should come down.
- 5. Adjust the front to rear dimension on the hood side bolts.

Hinge Maintenance::

- 1. Do not clean with degreaser or thinner. Apply wax and grease sparingly and wipe with a clean disposable shop towel. Avoid rinsing grease from the rivet pins and teeth.
- 2. Do not expose hinges to blasting media. Grit in the joints or teeth will significantly accelerate wear.
- 3. Hinges are tight at the joints with a precision fit and tighter tolerance than production stamped teeth. This ensures a longer life hinge. The hinges will lossen slightly with use.