

Wheel Well Removal

Our Vue already has the Wheel Well Splash guards installed. So the first step I needed to take was to remove the splash guards. It is simply held in place by three screws, two inside the wheel well and one on the back of the splash guard. (Be careful not to lose the two clips that the two wheel well screw's tighten against.)



Inside the wheel well are 9 pin clips. Your fingernail should slide easily under the edge of the center pins in these. I often use a small screwdriver to pull the center pin, saving my fingernails. Pull the pin about 1/4 inch outward, then slide your fingernails (or screwdriver) under the outer edge of the clip and pull it all the way out.



After all the pin clips are removed there is one more screw holding the wheel well in place. There isn't enough room in this area for a screwdriver, so I used a Phillips bit in my socket set. Remove that screw and then work the wheel well out from behind the tire. Be careful, chances are when you remove the wheel well the retaining clip for the screw will fall out from behind the well. Remember where this clip goes for reinstallation, then set it with the pin clips and screw. (Ever wonder what to do with all those margarine tubs, Cool Whip tubs, or baby jars? I set my hardware in them, keeping them with the parts I am removing. I just realized you can see the tubs in the reflection of the fender in these pictures.)



Finally, here is the wheel well and splash guards removed.



And here is the hardware that held the wheel well in place.



Removing both wheel wells, although somewhat time consuming is really an easy task. And it doesn't get any tougher as we move forward to the....

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