

10-2 BODY AND TRIM

EXTERIOR

Doors

ADJUSTMENT

Door Hinges

♦ See Figures 1, 2 and 3

The door hinges provide sufficient adjustment to correct most door misalignment conditions. The holes of the hinge and/or the hinge attaching points are enlarged or elongated to provide for hinge and door alignment.

➔ Do not cover up a poor door alignment with a latch striker adjustment.

1. Refer to the figures to determine which hinge bolts must be loosened to move the door in the desired direction.

2. Loosen the hinge bolts just enough to permit movement of the door with a padded prybar.

3. Move the door the estimated necessary distance, then tighten the hinge bolts to 19–25 ft. lbs. (25–35 Nm).

4. Check the door fit to make sure there is no bind or interference with the adjacent panel.

5. Repeat the operation until the desired fit is obtained.

6. Check the striker plate alignment for proper door closing.

Door Latch Striker

♦ See Figures 4 and 5

The latch striker should be shimmed to get the clearance between the striker and the latch. To check this clearance, clean the latch jaws and the striker area. Apply a thin layer of dark grease to the striker. As the door is opened and closed, a measurable pattern will result on the latch striker. Use a maximum of 2 shims on 1988–90 vehicles or one shim on 1991–00 vehicles, under the striker. Use

Torx® drive bit set D79P–2100–T or equivalent, to loosen and tighten the latch striker to 25–32 ft. lbs. (35–45 Nm).

Hood

REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

1. Open and support the hood. Mark the position of the hood hinges on the hood.

2. Protect the body with covers to prevent damage to the paint.

3. Disconnect the gas charged cylinders (where applicable).

4. With the help of an assistant, remove the 2 bolts attaching each hinge to the hood, being careful not to let the hood slip when the bolts are removed.

5. Remove the hood from the vehicle.

To install:

6. With the help of an assistant, position the hood on its hinges and install the attaching bolts.

7. Reconnect the gas charged cylinders. Remove the body covers.

8. Adjust the hood for an even fit between the fenders and a flush fit with the front of the fenders.

9. Adjust the hood latch, if necessary.

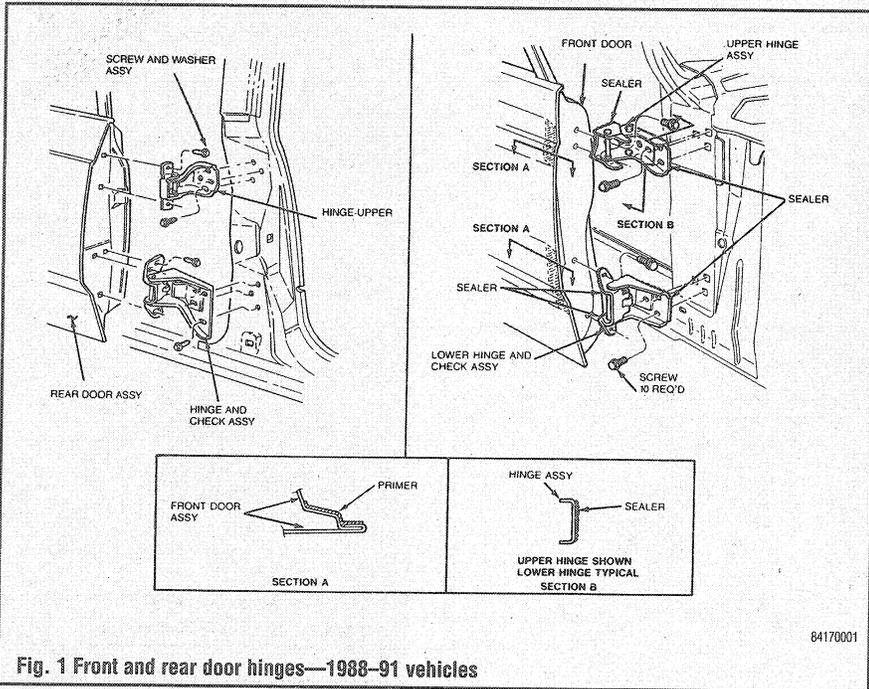


Fig. 1 Front and rear door hinges—1988–91 vehicles

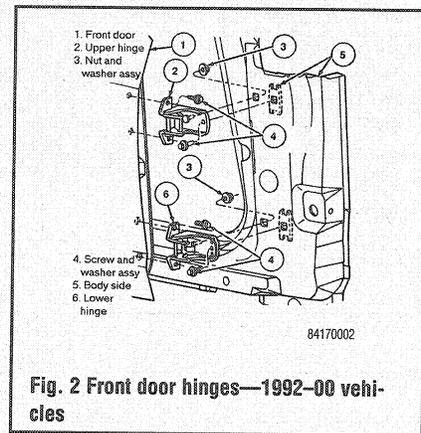


Fig. 2 Front door hinges—1992–00 vehicles

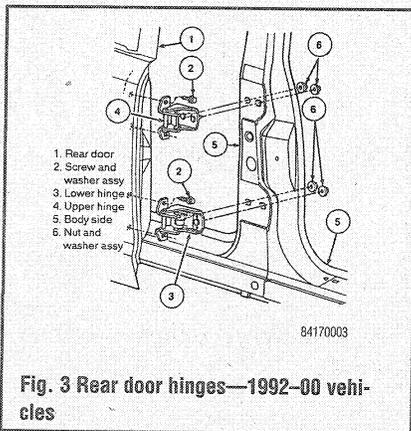


Fig. 3 Rear door hinges—1992–00 vehicles

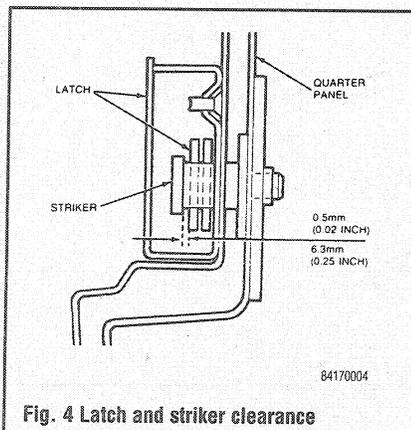


Fig. 4 Latch and striker clearance

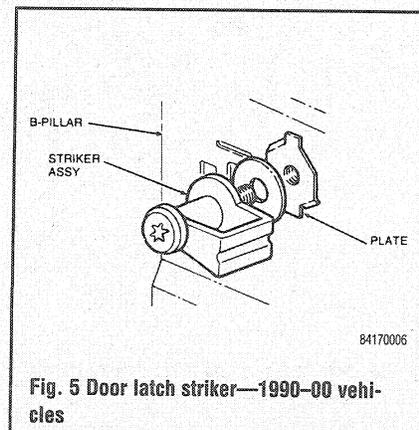


Fig. 5 Door latch striker—1990–00 vehicles