REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION (Continued)

Bumper Isolator and Bracket

CAUTION: Never apply heat to the bumper energy absorber. Heat could cause the material inside the absorbers to expand and flow out of the absorbers or crack the metal housing. Always remove the absorbers before making body frame service near them.

Refer to the appropriate illustration under Bumper Removal and Installation.

Removal

- 1. Remove bumper assembly as outlined.
- To remove front isolator, remove three bolts retaining isolator to body. Remove isolator. To remove rear isolator, remove two bolts attaching isolator to rear frame rails. Remove isolator.

Installation

- Install isolator and bracket and tighten bolts to 17-27 N-m (13-20 lb-ft) for front isolator. Tighten rear isolator bolts to 35-55 N-m (26-40 lb-ft).
- 2. Install and adjust bumper assembly as outlined.

Bumper Stone Deflector

Rear

Sedan

Removal and Installation

- 1. Remove bumper as outlined.
- From inside luggage compartment, remove ten nuts retaining stone deflector to lower back panel.
- Carefully pull outboard ends of stone deflector away from quarter panels and move deflector rearward.

4. To install, reverse Removal procedure.

Station Wagon

Removal and Installation

- 1. Remove bumper assembly as outlined.
- Remove 11 screws retaining stone deflectors to bumper.
- 3. To install, reverse Removal procedure.

Bumper Cover

Front

Taurus SHO

Removal and Installation

- Remove six push pins retaining cover to top of grille opening panel.
- Remove four push pins retaining cover to bottom of bumper.
- Remove two push pins (one each side) retaining cover to front fender wheel opening flange.
- 4. Remove four nuts (two each side) retaining cover to front fenders.
- 5. Pull ends of cover away from front fenders to clear retaining studs and remove cover.
- 6. If replacing cover, transfer license plate mounting bracket if so equipped.
- 7. To install, reverse Removal procedure.