

CERTAIN 2014-2015 EXPLORER AND 2014-2016 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES — FRONT DOOR TRIM PANEL REPAIR

OVERVIEW

In some of the affected vehicles, the driver or passenger front door trim panel cover material could separate at the top of the panel by the window. If an affected vehicle exhibits this condition, dealers are to remove and repair both front door trim panels.

To view a video demonstration of this repair procedure, click the video icon. 

SERVICE PROCEDURE

Recommended Tool List:

General Tools	General Equipment
3/8" Drive 7mm Socket	Straight Edge (Rotunda 164-R2760 or equivalent)
3/8" Drive 10mm Socket	Pneumatic Staple Gun - to apply 3/8" crown staples (Rotunda RTTP SNSJS7116LN, Kit SNSU502DT-PKG, or equivalent)
3/8" Drive Impact Gun	3/8" crown, 3/16" leg length staples (Rotunda RTTP SNS87003SS, or equivalent)
3/8" Drive Ratchet	
3/8" Drive Extension 3" (76 mm)	
Pocket Flathead Screwdriver	
Plastic Trim Tool	
Needle Nose Pliers	



NOTE: When removing the front door trim panel, do not pull from the center of the panel or damage may occur. Only pull or pry around the outer edge of the panel at the 8 trim panel clips, as shown in the Workshop Manual (WSM) removal procedure.

1. Remove both front door trim panels. Please follow the WSM procedures in Section 501-05.
2. Place the door trim panel upside down on a bench with the mirror sail end hanging over the edge of the bench. Cover the bench as needed to protect the door trim panel. See Figure 1.



FIGURE 1

3. Roll the lip of the door trim cover material back into place using a straight edge to ensure a smooth even surface. See Figure 2.

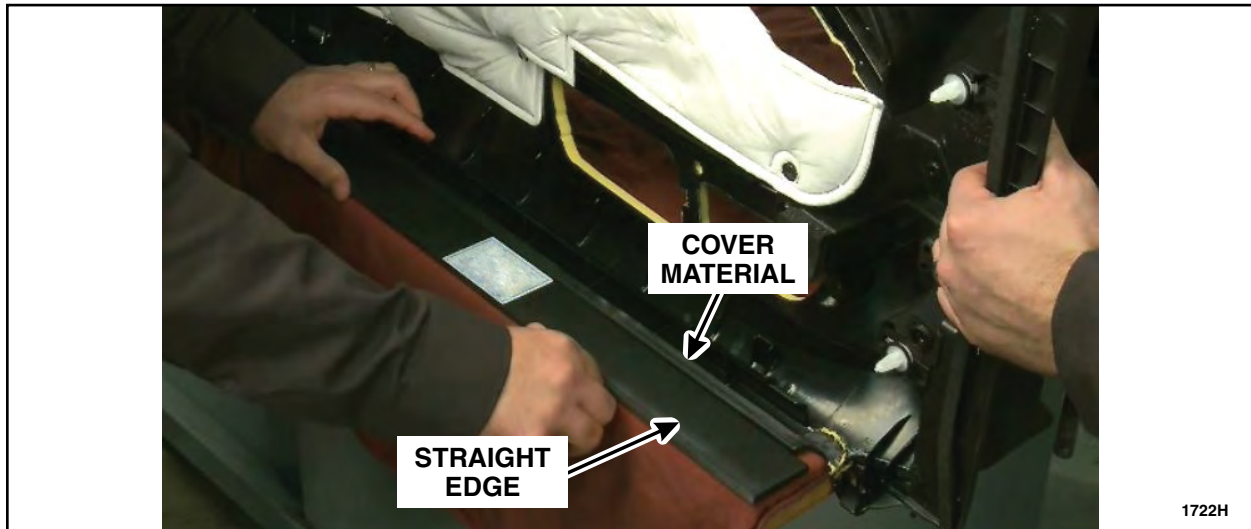


FIGURE 2



4. Using a 3/8" crown, 3/16" leg staple and a pneumatic staple gun regulated at 60 psi, staple the upper edge of the door trim cover material to the substrate on both front door trim panels. The use of an assistant will be needed to hold the door trim panel in place during the stapling procedure.
 - a. Place a couple of test staples at the end of the door trim panel in the area of the mirror sail and adjust air pressure as needed so the staple does not go through the fabric and sits flush. See Figure 3.
 - b. Starting from the center and working outward, place staples approximately 1/4" (6 mm) apart. See Figure 3.
 - c. Return to the center of the panel and work outward in the opposite direction so the entire panel is stapled across the top edge of the panel. See Figure 4.

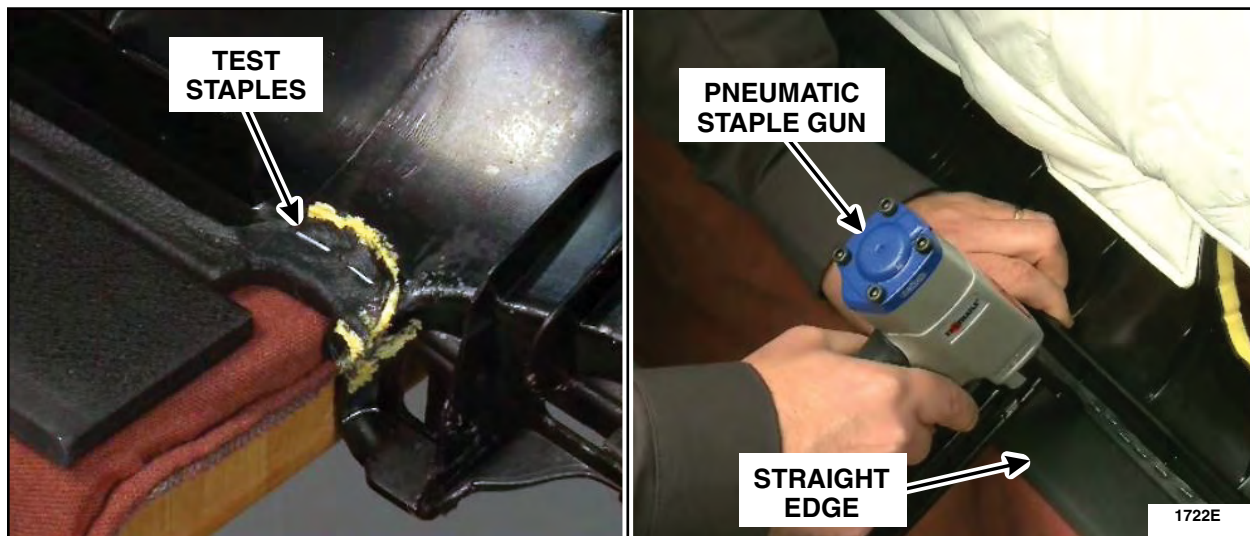


FIGURE 3

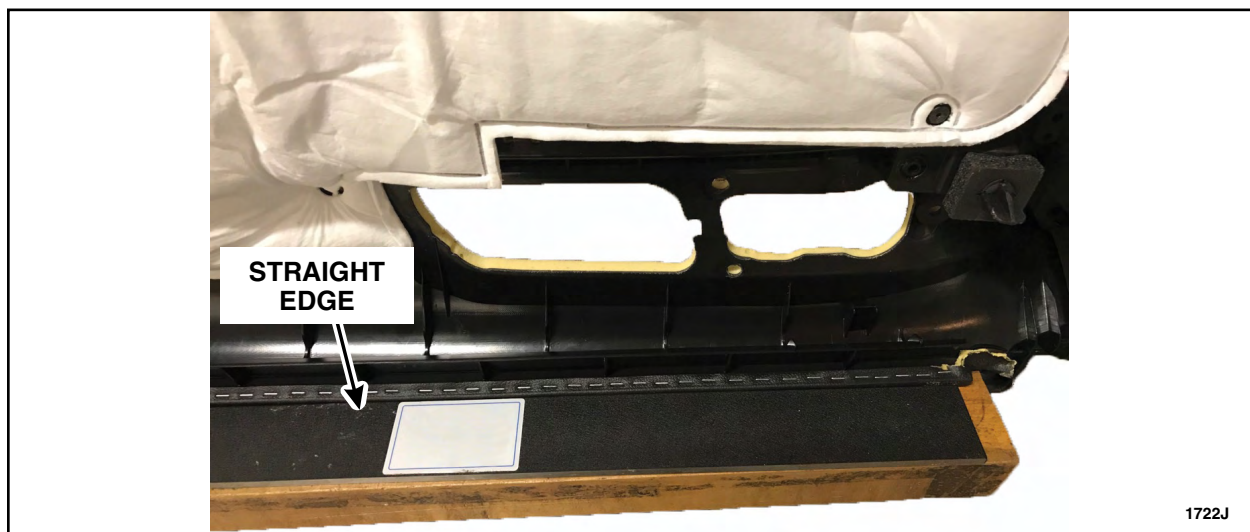


FIGURE 4



5. Place the panel upright and inspect the cover material for a smooth even surface. See Figure 5.



FIGURE 5

6. If sections of the cover material are wavy following inspection, or staples have pressed through the cover material, remove any staples or section of staples using a small flat head screw driver and needle nose pliers and re-staple as needed. See Figure 6.

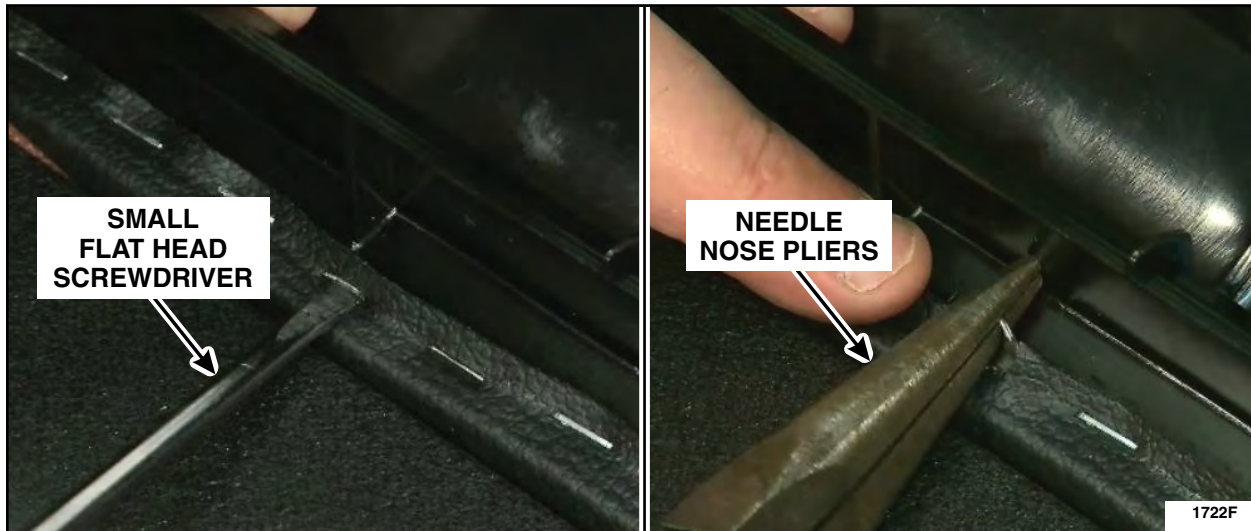


FIGURE 6

7. Install both front door trim panels. Please follow the WSM procedures in Section 501-05.

