

1955-57 BELTLINE STAINLESS STEEL INSTALLATION



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The beltline moldings are the stainless steel pieces that run along the top of the doors and quarters. All 210 and Bel Air cars had "lower" beltline moldings; sedan, hardtop or wagon. All Bel Air sedans and 210 & Bel Air wagons also have "upper" beltline moldings that run along the top of the doors and the top of the quarter glass. In this article we will install the dogleg molding, beltline molding and outer lower vent window molding on a 1955 Bel Air two-door hardtop. Installation will be the same for 1956 and 1957 Bel Air hardtops.

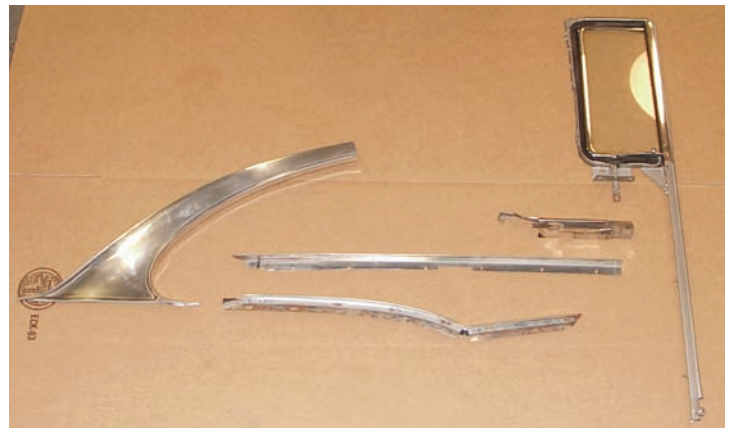


Photo #1a & 1b & 1c: The dogleg moldings are held to the body with three #6 button head sheet metal screws behind the sail panel. One #6 countersunk sheet metal screw at the front of the molding is trapped between the upper quarter glass stainless steel channel and the body with two #6 button head screws. In addition, the molding is attached to the body at the rear under the rear glass rubber via a rectangular metal tab that is screwed to the pinchweld.



Parts Needed:		<i>Catalog price</i>	<i>Member price</i>
34-301	1955-57 Sedan & Hardtop Dog Leg Screw and Clip Set	\$4.99	\$4.49 set
34-113	1955-57 Hardtop & Convertible Quarter Glass Beltline Screws	1.99	1.89 set
34-38	1955-57 Hardtop & Convertible Door Glass Beltline Screws	2.99	2.84 set

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Tools Needed:
Philips Screw Driver

Time Frame:
2 Hours

Photo #2: New J-clips are supplied with kit P/N 34-301 for the three tabs on the dogleg. These clips slide onto the tabs on the dogleg.





Photo #3a & 3b & 3c:

The holes in the body for the dogleg are slotted to allow for adjustment. The screws for the dogleg have washers attached to them to cover the slot in the body. The #6 sheet metal screw is 3/8" long. Using a longer screw will reach too far through the dogleg clip and may make contact with the molding causing a dent.



Photo #4a & 4b & 4c & 4d:

At the front of the dogleg, there is a single hole. There is an impression in the top of the quarter panel that will match the hole in the dogleg. A #6 countersunk sheet metal screw, included in kit **P/N 34-301** is used to hold the front of the molding in place. The rear tab on the dogleg is held to the body with a #6 counter sunk screw.



Photo #5a & 5b: The quarter window beltline moldings have a whisker strip stapled to the inner edge of the molding.

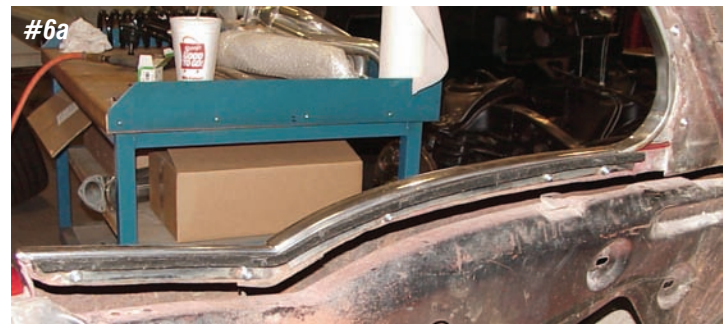


Photo #6a & 6b & 6c: The quarter window beltline moldings are held to the body with six #6 button head sheet metal screws kit **P/N 34-113**. There are slots in the molding for front to rear adjustment.



Photo #7a & 7b & 7c: The slots in the original beltline moldings are sometimes damaged. A new hole can be drilled in the molding and body to hold the moldings in place if needed.

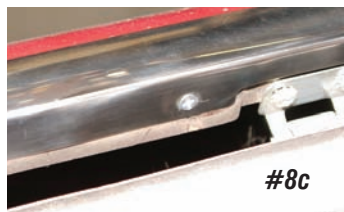


Photo #8a & 8b & 8c & 8d: The door window beltline moldings are held to the door with six #6 countersunk sheet metal screws included in kit **P/N 34-38**. These outer door moldings do not receive whisker strips.



Photo #9a & 9b: The last piece of beltline stainless to install is the outer lower vent window stainless. The stainless molding is held to the door with three #6 countersunk sheet metal screws; two behind the vent window frame and one in the door jam.



Photo #10a & 10b & 10c: The outer lower vent window stainless is held to the door with #6 counter sunk sheet metal screws included in kit **P/N 34-38**. These moldings need to be installed before the vent window assemblies are installed. Good Luck. ✓

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