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Installation Instructions - Jeep CJ/YJ Door Panels 10/05

<u>Please read these instructions carefully before you start</u> to assure a good installation experience. Each door panel comes with clip fasteners to attach to the door frame.

<u>Note #1:</u> Later CJ7 and YJ models use the same board shape and are interchangeable but there are differences:

- The heat press pattern
- Some clip holes are spaced differently
- Stocked colors Black and Grey for CY7 and Cinder, Spice and Grey for YJ
- Size is approximately 32" x 16"

Note #2: The early model CJ door panel ('76-80/81) is several inches smaller in both directions with a different shape. The pattern is stitched to match original, not heat pressed.

Note #3: All models are for the full metal door, not half doors

- **REMOVAL OF OLD PANEL:** Remove the window crank, door handle and arm rest. Remove the old panel from the door frame by prying out the clips from their holes. Special tools are available from auto parts stores or auto trim suppliers but you should be able to do it with a screw driver or flat chisel if you are careful. Take precautions not to scratch the door.
- PREPARE NEW PANEL: Holes for the fastener clips have been die cut into the panel but are not completely removed (this is to eliminate miss-runs when we heat press the pattern into the vinyl). Pry out the holes for your model Jeep with a screwdriver or other tool (use your original as a guide). Be careful not to damage the vinyl! Install the new fastener clips by turning or twisting them clockwise into the hole. The stopper part of the clip should be flush with the panel.
- INSTALL NEW PANEL: Install the new panel to the door frame by locating each clip to its proper hole in the door and pushing it in. Using a rubber hammer works well but be sure to protect the vinyl with a piece of fabric. Re-attach the window crank, handle and arm rest where required.

Note #4: OPTIONAL FOR YJ MODELS - <u>ARM REST PANEL REPAIR KIT</u> (JUST BELOW WINDOW): This repair/replacement kit is available for recovering the panel just below the window and above the main door panel (approx. 32" x 6"). The kit includes replacement vinyl (matched to our door panels), foam sheet and new clips.

- Remove the hardware and remove the panel from the door. It is fastened with clips.
- Remove the weather strip by prying or grinding out the staples from the back side. Remove the original vinyl and foam. Clean surfaces.
- Use glue (not supplied) lightly to fasten the foam onto the panel.
- Use glue or staples to fasten the vinyl to the back side edge of the panel. Work from the center outward making sure to eliminate wrinkles. Only glue on the back side. Follow instruction for the glue - typical is to apply to both surfaces and wait until somewhat dry before pressing together. Cut the hole for the door hardware last - make an X in the middle and work outward. Trim vinyl as needed when finished.
- Pop rivet the weather strip back on (drill new holes)
- Reinstall the panels with new clips and hardware the same way they were removed.