

COLLISION REPAIR INFORMATION

FOR THE TOYOTA DEALER

TITLE: DOOR SILL PLATE REMOVAL

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SECTION: INTERIOR BULLETIN #25 (REVISED)

MODELS: 1988 COROLLA COUPE

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Removal of the door sill plate on 1988 model Corolla Coupe is difficult as it is held by positive locking clips. The following procedure should be used to remove the plate to prevent breaking or otherwise damaging it.

1. Separate the front of the sill plate from the cowl side panel trim. Holding the cowl side panel firmly ahead of the sill plate (1), insert a flat screwdriver from the interior side under both the cowl side panel and the sill plate (2).

CAUTION: DO NOT attempt to lift the back end of the sill plate.

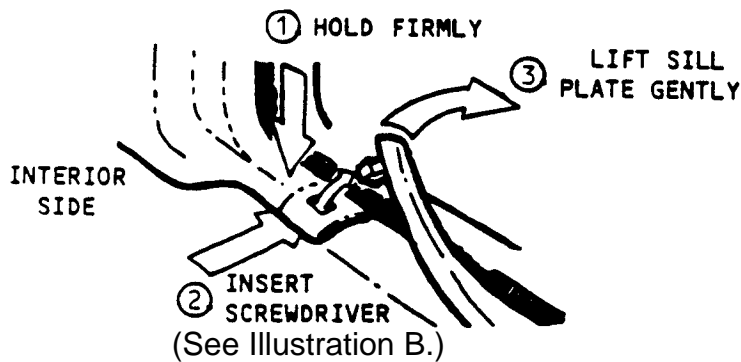


Illustration A.

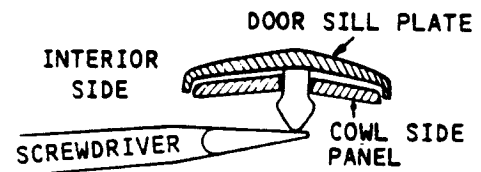
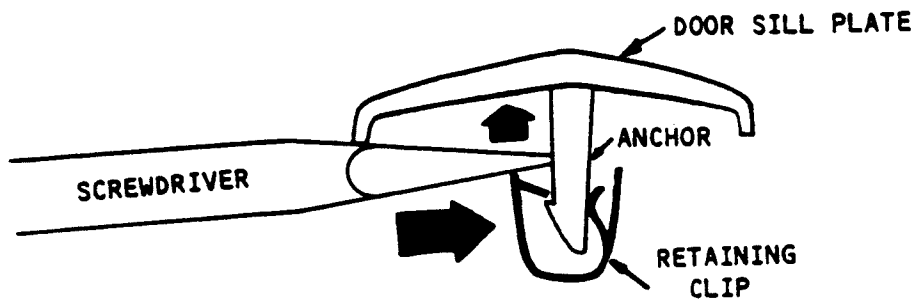


Illustration B.

2. Lift the sill plate just enough for the tab to clear the cowl side panel and to locate the retaining anchor. Working from FRONT to REAR, insert a flat screwdriver under the sill plate at the anchor from the interior side.



3. Push firmly against the anchor and pry the sill plate upward simultaneously. Lift the sill plate only enough to allow the anchor to clear the retaining clip.
4. After all the anchors have been released from the metal clips, slide the sill plate toward the front of the car to disengage the rear retaining clip. **DO NOT** lift the back of the sill plate until it has been pulled completely free from the rear retainer.

Gentle handling of the door sill plate is imperative as bending will cause the plastic to turn white, resulting in a poor appearance.

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