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## Suggested Installation Instructions for: 603-880, 1968-1982 1969-Style Side Exhaust Covers

Please read all instructions <u>prior</u> to painting or installation of covers.

## **Helpful Hints:**

- Pre-fit covers to car prior to painting, sanding, etc. Keep in mind that all Corvettes may vary in dimensions & panel fit. These covers are made to factory dimensions, but could need some hand fitting for individual cars.
- 2. When you are satisfied with the fit, you may sand, prime, and paint the covers as desired. We recommend sanding with 320 grit wet/dry paper prior to priming. Sand the primer with 400 or 600 paper prior to the color coats. To achieve a factory look, mask off the tops of the fins with 1/8th inch masking tape and paint the "valleys" with black semi-gloss paint. Be sure to mask the cover ends also. Let the paint dry, then remove the tape. You may want to clear coat the covers to help prevent rock chips.

## **Installing the Covers:**

- 1. Remove stock rocker panels if still on car. Have a friend hold the covers in position while you mark the factory screw holes. Drill the covers with a drill bit the same size as your rocker panel screws.
- In order to get a custom fit on your car, you may need to add a bit of body putty to the back of the covers around the screw holes. Let the putty dry, then re-drill the holes.
- 3. Fit covers to your Corvette and install screws. Hint: for extra support of the covers, you may want to fabricate a couple of steel or aluminum straps to go from the inside lower edge of the covers, under the side pipe, and screw or bolt the strap to the frame rail. Bond, rivet, or screw the strap to the lower, inside edge of the cover. Due to the fit of some of the exhaust pipes, this may be necessary to keep the covers away from the pipes.