

FRONT AND REAR BUMPERS

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Both front and rear bumpers are of one piece construction. The front bumper being peripheral in design incorporates the grille shells within its center. The rear bumper is the wrap-around type. Both feature sheet metal clearances which offer maximum protection both front and rear.

ADJUSTMENT

Attachment of the bumpers is such that slotted holes in the frame and bumper to frame attachment bars provide fore and aft as well as vertical adjustment. Lateral adjustment is possible by lateral slots in the bumper supports.

FRONT BUMPER

A. REMOVAL

1. Remove parking lights from valance panel.
2. Remove radiator support to fender gussets using J 22413 (see note). (Fig. 14-1).
3. Disconnect headlamps.
4. Remove frame bar to frame bolts and remove bumper and grille assembly from vehicle.

5. Disassemble bumper and grille assembly to replace face bar.

B. REPLACEMENT

1. To install, reverse above procedure making sure the front bumper is properly aligned with the front end sheet metal. Use shims if necessary.
2. Torque all face bar to attachment bar bolts 25 lb. ft. and all attachment bar to frame bolts 70 lb. ft.

NOTE: Always check headlight aim whenever front bumper is removed or readjusted.

REAR BUMPER

A. REMOVAL

1. Raise and support rear of vehicle (Fig. 14-2).
2. Remove bolts securing rear attachment bars to frame and rear end sheet metal. Also remove bolts holding sheet metal attachment bars to rear quarters at each side.

NOTE: Remove dampeners on convertible styles.

3. Remove screws securing license plate bracket to body and remove bumper from vehicle.

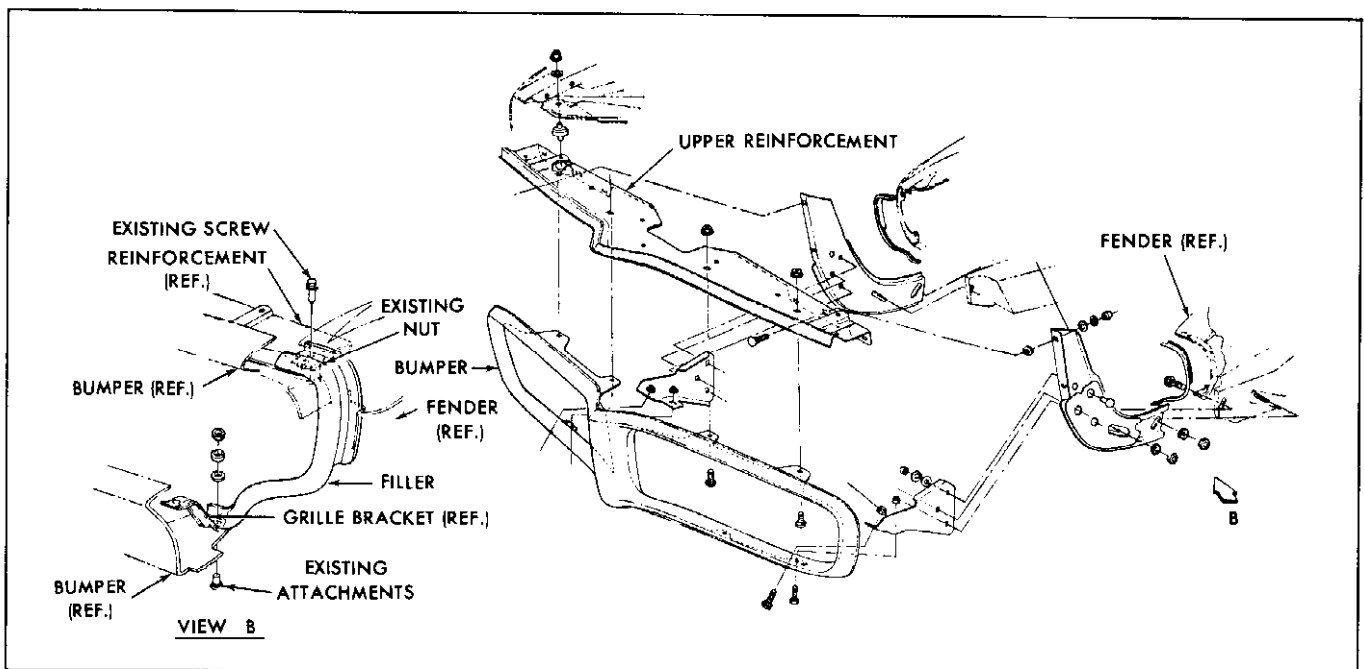


Fig. 14-1 Front Bumper

4. Remove license plate bracket from face bar using J 22413 (see note).

B. REPLACEMENT

1. To install, reverse the above procedure making sure rear bumper assembly is properly aligned.

2. Torque all face bar to attachment bar bolts 17 lb. ft., and all attachment bar to frame bolts 25 lb. ft.

NOTE: Pozidrive screws are used to secure the front fender to radiator support gussets and the rear license plate bracket. These screws may require a No. 4 Pozidrive bit, J 22413, to be removed.

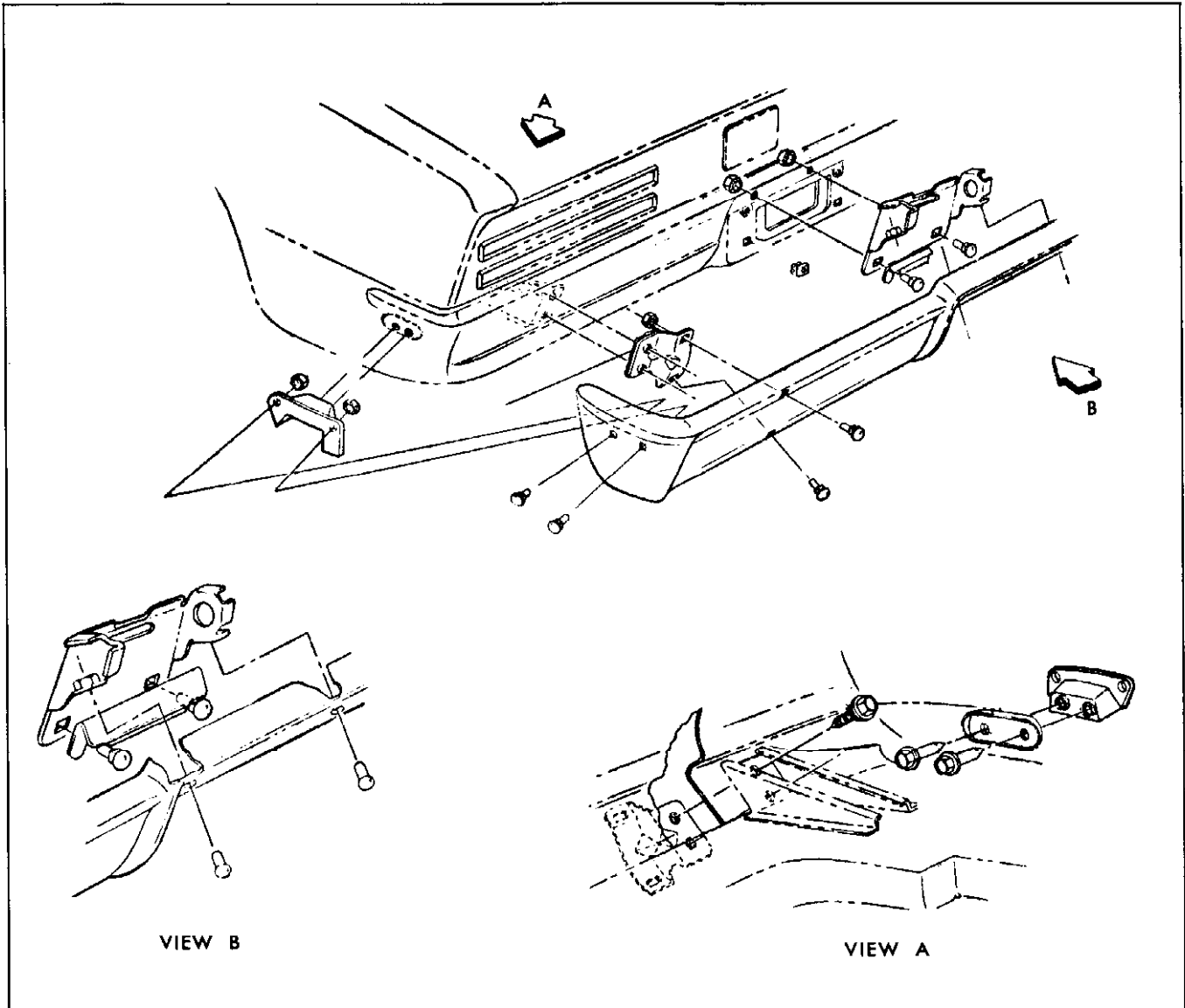


Fig. 14-2 Rear Bumper