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Body Panels - MX-5 Miata

BODY PANELS LOCATION INDEX
Fig. 1: Identifying Location Of Body Panel Components

1. Hood
2. Bumper reinforcement
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5. Fuel-filler lid
6. Trunk lid
7. Rear bumper reinforcement
8. Rear bumper
9. Seat Back Crossmember Assembly
FUEL-FILLER LID REMOVAL/INSTALLATION

1. Remove the bolts.
2. Remove the fuel-filler lid.
3. Install in the reverse order of removal.
4. Adjust the fuel-filler lid. (See FUEL-FILLER LID ADJUSTMENT.)

FUEL-FILLER LID ADJUSTMENT

1. Measure the gap and height difference between the fuel-filler lid and the body.
2. Loosen the fuel-filler lid installation bolts, and adjust the fuel-filler lid.

Standard clearance

a. 1.7-3.7 mm {0.07-0.14 in}
b. -0.5 -1.5 mm {-0.02-0.05 in}
c. -1.0-1.0 mm {0.04-0.03 in}
d. -0.75-1.25 mm {-0.03-0.04 in}
3. Tighten the bolts.

**Fig. 3: Identifying Gap & Height Difference Between Fuel-Filler Lid & Body**

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**FRONT BUMPER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION**

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable. (See BATTERY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [LF].)
2. Disconnect the front fog light connectors for vehicles with front fog lights.
3. Disconnect the side marker light connectors.
4. Remove in the order indicated in **Fig. 4**.
5. Install in the reverse order of removal.
6. Adjust the front fog light aiming for vehicles with the front fog lights. (See FRONT FOG LIGHT Aiming.)

FRONT BUMPER DISASSEMBLY/ASSEMBLY

1. To disassemble the front bumper, remove the following parts:
   1. Front fog lights (Vehicles with the front fog lights) (See FRONT FOG LIGHT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
   2. Front side marker light. (See FRONT SIDE MARKER LIGHT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
2. Disassemble in the order indicated in Fig. 5.
3. Assemble in the reverse order of disassembly.

FRONT BUMPER REINFORCEMENT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable. (See BATTERY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [LF] .)
2. Remove the front bumper. (See FRONT BUMPER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION .)
3. Remove the front combination light. (See FRONT COMBINATION LIGHT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION .)
4. Remove the fresh air duct. (See INTAKE-AIR SYSTEM REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [LF] .)
5. Remove the horn. (See HORN REMOVAL/INSTALLATION .)
6. Remove in the order indicated in Fig. 6.

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**Fig. 6: Removing/Installing Front Bumper Reinforcement (With Torque Specifications)**

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7. Install in the reverse order of removal.

REAR BUMPER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable. (See BATTERY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [LF].)
2. Remove the trunk end trim. (See TRUNK END TRIM REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
3. Remove the partition board. (See PARTITION BOARD REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
4. Remove the trunk side trim. (See TRUNK SIDE TRIM REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
5. Remove the rear combination lights. (See REAR COMBINATION LIGHT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
6. Remove the screws.
7. Splash shield, detach tabs A, and then remove the splash shield.

Fig. 7: Removing Splash Shield
8. Remove in the order indicated in the table.

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Fig. 8: Removing Rear Bumper
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9. Install in the reverse order of removal.

REAR BUMPER REMOVAL NOTE

1. Pull the rear bumper ends (wheel arch) outward to detach from the bumper slider.

CAUTION:  
- When detaching the rear bumper from the bumper slider, the rear bumper could fall and be damaged. Secure the rear bumper so that it does not fall.

Fig. 9: Pulling Rear Bumper Ends (Wheel Arch) Outward From Bumper Slider
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REAR BUMPER INSTALLATION NOTE

1. Spread the rear bumper ends (wheel arches) apart.
2. Attach the rear bumper to the body.
3. Press the rear bumper connecting area into the body to engage with the bumper slider.

REFLECTOR REMOVAL NOTE

1. Lift the reflector up in the direction of the arrow, then unhook it from rear bumper.

Fig. 10: Identifying Reflector
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REAR BUMPER REINFORCEMENT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION

1. Remove the following parts:
   1. Disconnect the negative battery cable. (See BATTERY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [LF] .)
   2. Trunk end trim (See TRUNK END TRIM REMOVAL/INSTALLATION .)
   3. Partition board. (See PARTITION BOARD REMOVAL/INSTALLATION .)
   4. Trunk side trim. (See TRUNK SIDE TRIM REMOVAL/INSTALLATION .)
   5. Rear combination lights. (See REAR COMBINATION LIGHT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION .)
   6. Rear bumper (See REAR BUMPER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION .)
2. Remove the nuts, then remove the rear bumper reinforcement.
3. Install in the reverse order of removal.

Fig. 11: Removing Rear Bumper Reinforcement (With Torque Specifications)
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FRONT FENDER PANEL REMOVAL/INSTALLATION

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable. (See BATTERY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [LF].)
2. Remove the front bumper. (See FRONT BUMPER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
3. Remove the front combination lights. (See FRONT COMBINATION LIGHT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
4. Remove the side step molding (See SIDE STEP MOLDING REMOVAL.) (See SIDE STEP MOLDING INSTALLATION.)
5. Remove in the order indicated in Fig. 12.
6. Install in the reverse order of removal.

**HOOD REMOVAL/INSTALLATION**

**WARNING:**
- Removing the hood without proper support can be dangerous. The
1. Disconnect the negative battery cable. (See BATTERY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [LF].)

2. To remove the hood hinge, remove the following parts:
   1. Front bumper (See FRONT BUMPER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
   2. Front combination lights (See FRONT COMBINATION LIGHT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
   3. Side step molding (See SIDE STEP MOLDING REMOVAL.) (See SIDE STEP MOLDING INSTALLATION.)
   4. Front fender panel (See FRONT FENDER PANEL REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)

3. Remove in the order indicated in Fig. 13.
4. Install in the reverse order of removal.
5. Adjust the hood. (See HOOD ADJUSTMENT.)
HOOD ADJUSTMENT

GAP ADJUSTMENT

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable. (See BATTERY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [LF].)
2. Remove the following parts:
   1. Front bumper (See FRONT BUMPER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
   2. Front combination lights (See FRONT COMBINATION LIGHT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
   3. Side step molding (See SIDE STEP MOLDING REMOVAL.) (See SIDE STEP MOLDING INSTALLATION.)
   4. Front fender panel (See FRONT FENDER PANEL REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
3. Loosen the hood hinge installation bolts and adjust the hood.
4. Tighten the bolts.

Fig. 14: Adjusting Hood Hinge
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5. Verify that the gap between the hood and the body is within the specification.

Standard clearance

a. 3.5-6.5 mm {0.14-0.25 in}
b. 3.0-5.0 mm \{0.12-0.19 in\}

![Diagram of car with arrows indicating measurements](image)

**Fig. 15: Identifying Gap Between Hood & Body**  
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**HEIGHT DIFFERENCE ADJUSTMENT**

1. Turn the stop rubber to adjust the height of the hood.
Fig. 16: Turning Stop Rubber To Adjust Height Of Hood
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2. Verify that the height difference between the hood and the body is within the specification.

Standard clearance

a. -1.0-2.0 mm {-0.04-0.07 in}
b. -1.5-1.5 mm {-0.06-0.05 in}
c. -0.5-1.5 mm {-0.02-0.05 in}
TRUNK LID REMOVAL/INSTALLATION

WARNING:
- Removing the stay damper without supporting the trunk lid can be dangerous. The trunk lid may fall and injure you. Be sure to open the trunk lid completely and support it securely before removing the stay damper.

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable. (See BATTERY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [LF] .)
2. Disconnect the trunk lid wiring harness connector, then take the trunk lid harness out from the vehicle.
3. Remove the clips that secure the trunk lid wiring harness.
Fig. 19: Removing Trunk Lid Wiring Harness Clips
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4. Pry off the stay damper band using a flathead screwdriver.
5. Pry out the connecting part of the stay damper and the hinge with a flathead screwdriver to disconnect them, then remove the stay damper.

Fig. 20: Prying Out Connecting Part Of Stay Damper & Hinge With Flathead Screwdriver
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6. Remove nuts A, then remove the trunk lid.
7. Remove nuts B, then remove the trunk lid hinge.
8. Install in the reverse order of removal.
9. Adjust the trunk lid. (See TRUNK LID ADJUSTMENT)
Fig. 21: Removing Trunk Lid Hinge (With Torque Specifications)
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**TRUNK LID ADJUSTMENT**

1. Measure the gap and height difference between the trunk lid and the body.
2. Loosen the trunk lid hinge installation nuts or the trunk lid lock striker installation screws, and adjust the trunk lid.
Fig. 22: Adjusting Trunk Lid
Courtesy of MAZDA MOTORS CORP.

Standard clearance

a. 4.5-7.5 mm {0.18-0.29 in} (Except Power Retractable Hardtop) 5.5-8.5 mm {0.22-0.33 in}  
   (Power Retractable Hardtop)
b. 5.0-9.0 mm {0.20-0.35 in}
c. 3.0-6.0 mm {0.12-0.23 in} (Except Power Retractable Hardtop) 4.0-8.0 mm {0.16-0.31 in}  
   (Power Retractable Hardtop)
d. 3.0-5.0 mm {0.12-0.19 in}

3. Tighten the nuts.
Fig. 23: Identifying Trunk Lid Standard Clearance
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STAY DAMPER DISPOSAL

NOTE:

- The gas in the stay damper is colorless, odorless, and non-toxic.

1. Wear protective eye wear.
2. Lay the stay damper flat.
3. Saw \textbf{2-3 mm \{0.08-0.11 in\}} into the stay damper using a hacksaw, and allow the gas to escape from the stay damper.
4. Verify that the gas has escaped from the stay damper.
5. Discard the stay damper.

\textbf{Fig. 24: Cutting Into Stay Damper Using Hacksaw}

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\textbf{SEAT BACK CROSSMEMBER ASSEMBLY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION}

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable. (See \textit{BATTERY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [LF] }.)
2. Remove the console. (See \textit{CONSOLE REMOVAL/INSTALLATION }.)
3. Remove the quarter trim. (See \textit{QUARTER TRIM REMOVAL/INSTALLATION }.)
4. Remove the scuff plate. (See \textit{SCUFF PLATE REMOVAL/INSTALLATION }.)
5. Remove the tire house trim. (See \textit{TIRE HOUSE TRIM REMOVAL/INSTALLATION }.)
6. Remove the aeroboard. (See \textit{AEROBOARD REMOVAL/INSTALLATION }.)
7. Remove the seat back bar garnish. (See \textit{SEAT BACK BAR GARNISH REMOVAL/INSTALLATION }.)
8. Remove the open hook lever. (See \textit{BACK TRIM REMOVAL/INSTALLATION }.)
9. Remove the back trim. (See BACK TRIM REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
10. Remove the open hook. (See OPEN HOOK REMOVAL/INSTALLATION[ADVANCED KEYLESS SYSTEM].)
11. Remove the rear speaker. (See REAR SPEAKER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
12. Remove the seat belt set plate. (See SEAT BELT REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.)
13. Remove the clips, then remove the speaker wiring harness.
14. Remove in the order indicated in Fig. 25.
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*BOLT, NUT
20.0—28.0 N·m
(2.04—2.85 kgf·m,
14.7—20.6 ft·lb)
Fig. 25: Removing/Installing Seat Back Crossmember Assembly (With Torque Specifications)
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15. Half open the power retractable hardtop

**CAUTION:** If the seat back crossmember component is removed with the power retractable hardtop fully opened, it may contact the middle roof and damage the roof. Half open the power retractable hardtop before removing the seat back crossmember component.

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**Fig. 26: Power Retractable Hardtop**

16. Remove the clips, then remove the speaker wiring harness.
17. Remove in the order indicated in the table.
18. Install in the reverse order of removal.

**SEAT BACK CROSSMEMBER ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION NOTE**

1. After temporarily tightening all of the bolts and nuts, tighten them to the specified torque. Tightening Torque: 20.0-28.0 N.m {2.04-2.85 kgf.m, 14.7-20.6 lb.ft}