

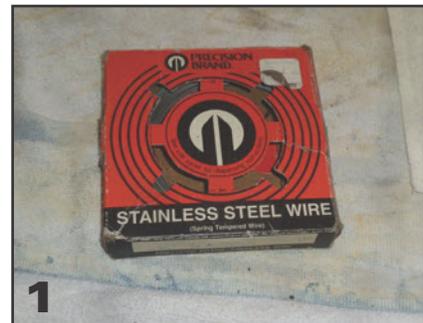


1951 FORD COUNTRY SQUIRE

... *Replacing Window Weather Strip
by Ron Carpenter*

When we restore cars there are many different skills that you need to learn. Many different parts have to be repaired. It is easy to have a motor rebuilt or body work done and repaint the car. But what about trying to get glass work done anymore. They can change the windshield on a new car and even come to your house but what about the flat glass in the windshield and doors. It is (like everything else) harder and harder to get good quality work done, so you do it yourself. One of the jobs that needs to be done is to replace the felt and weather strip on car doors and windows. That includes replacing the "WHISKERS" or that is what I call the fuzzy stuff on window frames that keeps the glass from rattling on the doors. I checked with Restoration Specialties and Supply to see what the proper nomenclature is. What they call this product is "Stainless Steel Belt weather strip." Now the thing about this weather strip is that they sometimes hold the weather strip in with metal staples thru the metal window frames. Years ago a good friend of mine, Fred Hill, showed me how to do this. Fred told me to get some stainless wire from the local hardware store (they make the wire in several different dimensions) and that is what I use. They might use this product for pianos but I have some pictures that show how I did it on the '51 Wagon. I have to also say that they use metal staples thru metal splash pans and I use the same procedure for that.

1. This is the product I use for the window frames and you can see that I have the weather strip mounted on the window frame.



2. This is a better picture showing the completed window frame and the box of stainless steel for the staples.



3. This picture shows the new weather strip next to the window frame and the original holes that the factory put in the window frame.

4. This picture shows the wire staple is made and installed (sticking thru) in the weather strip. I found that I use a pair of needle nose pliers and they are tapered so that I bend a piece of wire on one side and then estimate how wide the staple will be and see if it goes thru the factory holes in the window frame. Once I have found the thickness then it is easy to make the staples. so you can see that the staples are ready to go into the window frame and once they are thru the frame then you bend them over.



There is nothing to say that you can't make your own holes and change the spacing on the staples but at least you have an idea on how to do this now.