Upper Chrome Trim Replacement

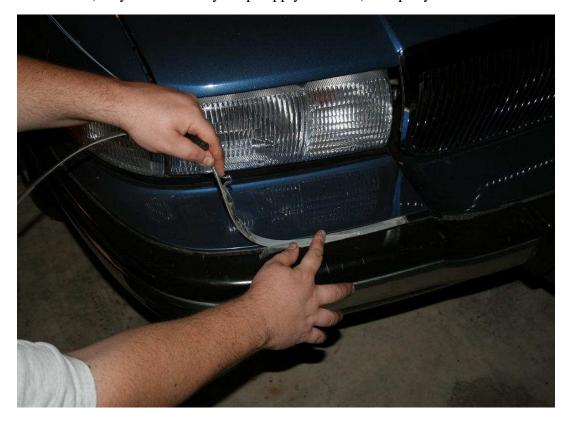
Buick Roadmaster

Time takes it's toll on the small chrome trim on the top of the Roadmaster bumper. It's plastic and will begin to yellow and peel.

Here's what mine looked like when we started, quite unattractive



First you must remove the old trim. It's held on with adhesive tape. Use a small flat object to get started. Flat blade screwdrivers will work but you must be cautious not to gouge your bumper cover. Plastic razor blades (see your local body shop supply for these) or a putty knife also work well.



One corner removed.



Now you need to remove all of the remaining adhesive tape. A plastic scraper or any flat tool will work here too. Again, be careful not to scrape your bumper cover. Placing the car in the sun for a bit will help to soften the tape.



Here is the bumper cleaned off.



Now, you need to use paint thinner or something similar to clean the dirt and any adhesive left. Be careful here as you could damage the black or body colored painted surfaces here if you rub too hard.



Go to your local auto supply store and pick up a package of 'Wheel Molding' trim 3/8" in width. This is about 1/16" narrower than the stock trim and a very close fit.



Here is what I had left over after doing my bumper.



This trim is 'half round' and not wedge shaped like the factory trim. So you will notice small gaps as pictured. If you're looking for 100% stock you may want to look for different trim. Otherwise, it's a very close to a match for the stock stuff.



Here is the trim installed

