

Hey all..

Being in Melbourne we have all sorts of weather in one day! Everytime it rained or i washed the car i get that musty water smell for a few days.

I checked everywhere in the car and couldn't find any water or damage at all!

The other day i decided to remove my sub (tool compartment for others) and found this...



On closer inspection...



Then removing the lining of the trunk, got worse.. 😞





Next step was to close the boot and spray the car with water to see where the water was leaking from..  
In this pic you can clearly see the water comes in from the boot/trunk vent..



In order to fix this problem properly the bumper needs to be removed..  
Remove the 3 clips here



2 Screws here

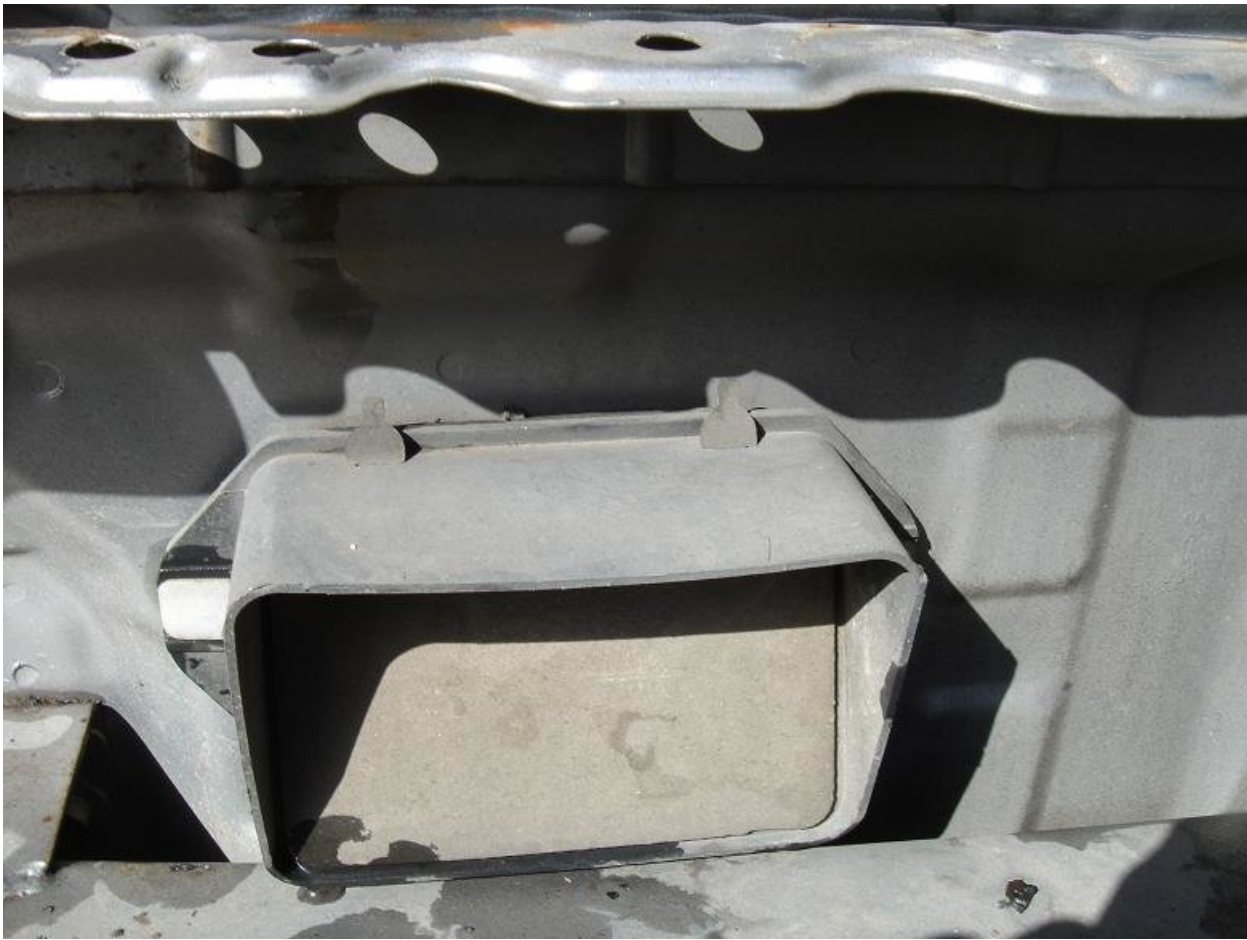


2 clips under the bumper



Be careful when removing the bumper. There are plastic tabs on the sides that can easily be damage upon removal.

This is the vent..



Here you can see that the gasket is worn out making the vent loose. You can also see where the water seeps in..





I used Silastic on the install but you can use any silicon. Apply to the metal cutout





I removed the clips that originally held the vent in as it didn't give the vent a tight fit. I also peeled off the original gasket. Re-installed the Vent





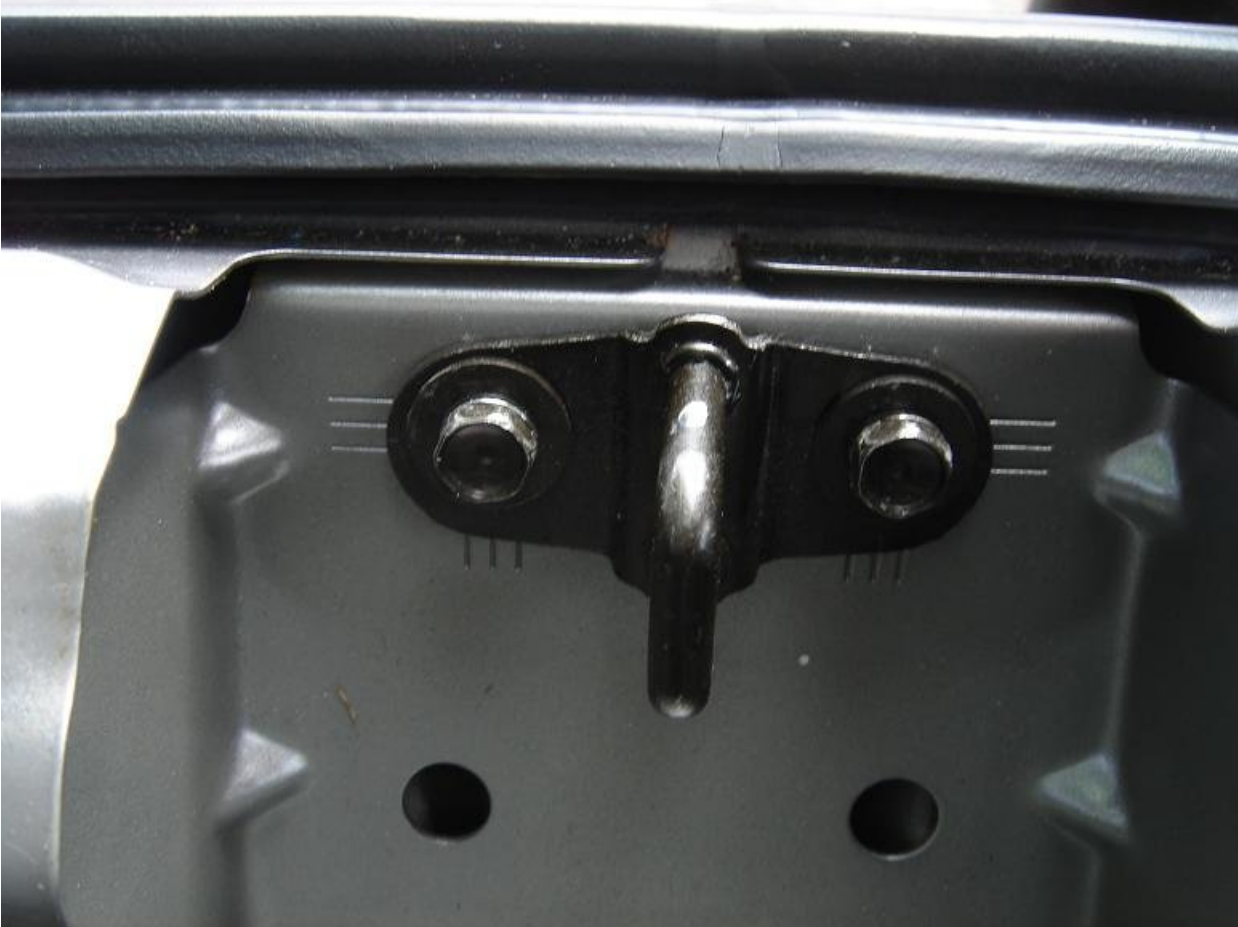
While waiting for the silicon to cure clean up the water and treat the mild rust..



I then hit that area with a spray type bitumen based body sound deadner, just incase this happens again as the spray is water-proof.



While everything is out, it is a good time to re-adjust the boot latch so its a water tight shut. Loosen these bolts to adjust the latch..



Clean up boot/trunk carpet with upholstery cleaner.



Once everything is dry.. Close boot and re-test the seal by spraying the boot area with water again...  
Everything is 100% ok now!!!



Re-install boot lining and bumper and your done!!!



No more smells, no more rust no problems!