

# HOW-TO: INSTALL A '54 CHEVY GRILLE IN A SHOEBOX '51 FORD.

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The '54 Chevy grille has been a favorite of customizers forever! This month I've taken a mild custom '51 and will show a step by step procedure for installing it in a slightly modified grille opening. Grab your tools and we'll get started:

The first thing that has to be done is to weld in the gravel shield and all holes that were used for the original park light assembly as pictured in **photo 1**.



I made a template of the Chevy park light assembly then modified it to fit the Ford fender



contour. **Photo 2** exhibits where I transferred the template to another piece of template paper to show how much the Chevy housing has to be modified.



As illustrated in **photo 3**, I placed the template on the Chevy housing and marked it out using a felt tip marker.

**Photo 4** demonstrates the difference between the original



and the modified after being cut and grinded.

After modifying the right and left housing, I mocked them up for a trial fit. **Photo 5** exhibits the fitting.



**Photo 6** shows the side view and the final fine tuning.

As pictured in **photo 7**, I welded a 5/18" bolt near the rear edge and a piece of angle



iron centered above the park light for mounting.



**Photo 8** shows the two holes where the angle iron above the park light is bolted. The lower bracket bolts to the lower part of the housing.



I wanted the center of the grille to peak out to match the peak on the upper grille shell. In **photo 9** note the plum bob to find the center.

**Photo 10** exhibits the mounted center tooth after I found the center.

The teeth on a '54 Chevy grille have only one center tooth. I measured equal distance to mount four teeth on each side of the center tooth. **Photo 11** shows how it looks prior to rechroming.