

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has been right at a year since I put out any updates on the 1955 Studebaker President State Sedan project. I am not very proud of the small amount of progress made in a year. There has been some and I will probably do this in a few emails because putting all the photos in one word document would create a very large file.

### **Garage Cleaned:**

If I planned to do any painting in the garage it had to be cleaned. It sure looked nice for a few weeks anyway.









**Carpet from Rene Harger:**

I had not taken the carpet and headliner out of the box Rene delivered to me last year in South Bend. He thought it should be laid out to let the folds start relaxing. I thought the car would be the best place to do that.





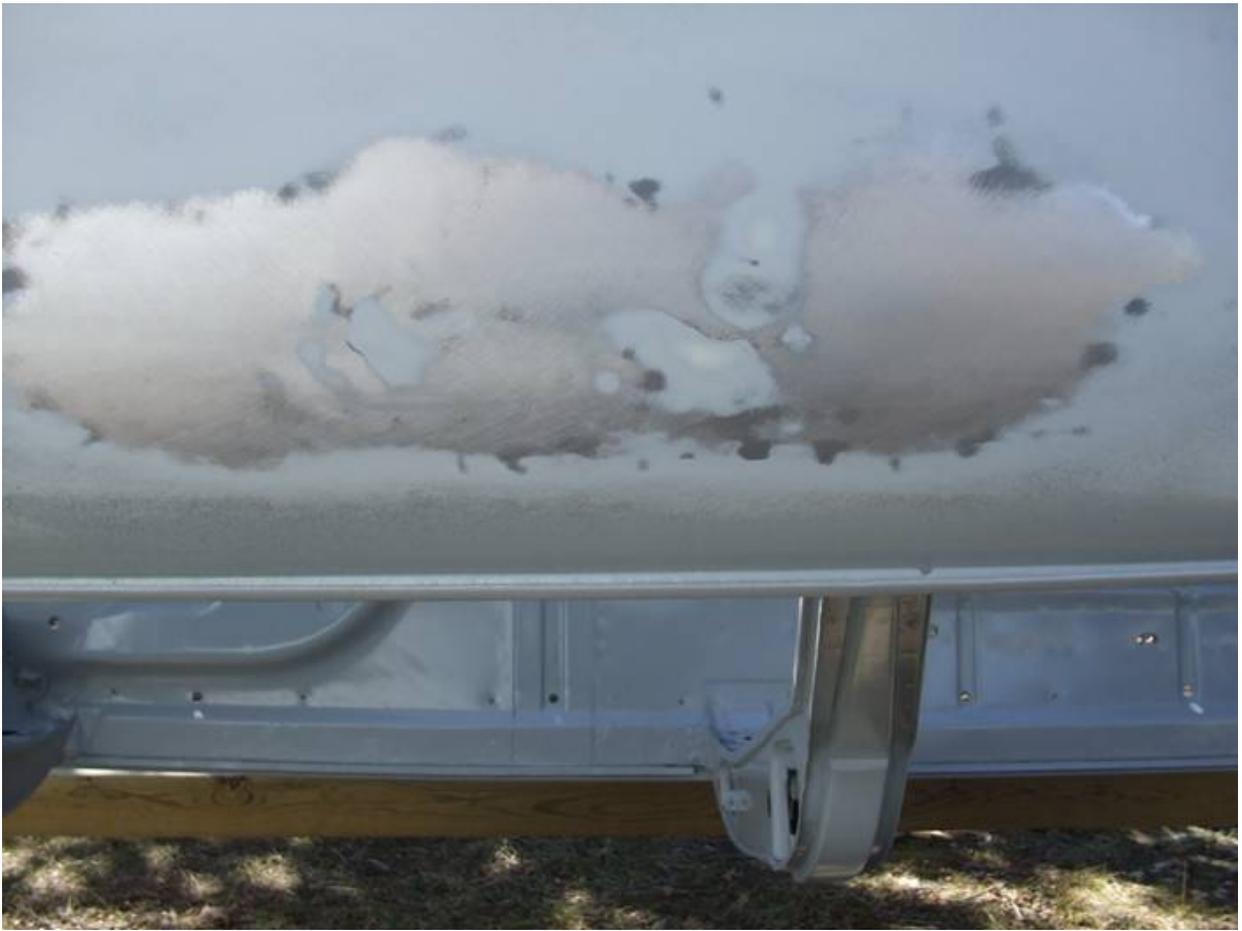
**Block sanding the roof:**

This project took quite a bit of time and was a somewhat challenging.



The ding on the back was there before I bought the car. The ding on the side was of my own making. I let a heavy object slip out of my hand and the roof caught it.







There were high spots out all over the roof. I found out in a hurry that trying to hammer them out without a backer was like trying to pound a drum. The whole roof would give and nothing happened to the high spot.



Most of the high spots showed up as low spots under the roof. A sanding block would reveal where the lows were.



Dad had given me a magnet with a handle a few years back. After grinding the bottom flat and wrapping the edge with masking tape it became my backer of choice. Close to the edge I was able to use this and the ball peen hammer to get the highs to become slight lows. I do not have a very expensive nor large variety of body hammers. The ball peen has become the body hammer of choice. I talked Pat into helping me by holding the backer on the spots too far away from the edge for me to get to.





This is some good stuff for minor lows.







A couple of rounds of epoxy, 2K primer and block sanding had things looking pretty good.



It is finally ready to paint (a few months later).

**Under the rear package shelf:**

I thought I had stripped and epoxied the entire shell until I noticed under the rear package shelf.







I have worked my way down through about 1/3 of the update pictures so this will be a good place to stop for now. I will start working on the next email shortly but I want to keep these emails under 10 Megabytes.

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