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## Where Can I Find Window Channeling For My 1939 Wraith?

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I recently had a club member contact who was looking for some window channeling and a rubber door stop for his 1939 Wraith. He sent pictures of the items with dimensions including glass thickness and old channel height and width. He had contacted me before and I gave him a source for the channel but was unable to find what he was looking for.

When working on these older cars, one has to be very inventive about sourcing parts. My best supplier for window channel is called Restoration Specialties Supply Company (814-467-9842, [www.restorationspecialties.com](http://www.restorationspecialties.com)). The club member called them and said they were a bit abrupt and not very helpful. Fortunately, the company's catalog can be downloaded so one can do the proper research and provide part numbers to ease the process. The Wraith glass had a thickness of .2065" and the old channel was approximately 1/2" tall and .56" wide. From the picture I could see that it was all black and did not have any stainless beading on the edges. After combing the downloaded catalog I found the page with unbeaded glass run channels with steel core, the catalog lists most of these items in fractional terms so some simple math is required. The channel the seemed closest was good for glass from 3/16"(.1875") to 1/4"(.250"), was 17/32"(.5312") tall and 9/16"(.5625") wide. All most a perfect fit!! It comes in 60" or 96" lengths (which can be cut to correct size) and can be shipped directly to your front door. This company also carries a multitude of hardware, rubber seals, fasteners and more. I use them often.

The club member also needed a source to reproduce a hard rubber door stop which is approximately 2" long, 1" wide and about 3/4" thick. The company I recommend for this is called Restoration Supply Company (770-459-0040, [www.restorationstuff.com](http://www.restorationstuff.com)). They also have a catalog that can be downloaded for better research. The product that seemed best for fabricating the door stop was a hard rubber rod that comes in diameters from 3/4" to 2 1/2" and is sold by the linear inch. I think that the 2 1/2" rod would work great. Of course, some grinding, cutting and drilling will be required, I suggest to by extra just in case the first attempt is unsuccessful. This company is a gold mine for odd bits and pieces including the correct slotted screws and washers for wood trim inside PMCs. They also carry many special lubricants for vintage cars, including the proper water pump grease required for Pre-war PMCs. One more of my favorites is the Penrite Steering Box Lube that has a viscosity of 1200w and won't leak out of the old steering boxes.

One more good source for post-war weatherstrip and seals is Replacement Parts Inc. (770-459-0040, [www.replacementpartsinc.com](http://www.replacementpartsinc.com)). This company specializes in RR and Bentley seals and service items for post-war PMCs.

Thank you for the questions and keep them coming. Please send your questions to Ronny at [ronnyshaver@ronnysgarage.com](mailto:ronnyshaver@ronnysgarage.com).

Happy Motoring!  
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