

1955.2 – 1959 Chevy Truck Rust Areas

Dryer Climates – “Usual” Locations

- ◆ Rear Cab Corners, inner and outer. Caused by drain hole between panel getting clogged and rain/snow water and interior washout water being held between panels.
- ◆ Lower inner hinge area. Caused by the drain hole at bottom of hinge pocket getting blocked and holding water.
- ◆ Bottom rear of front fender. Caused by drain at bottom of inside U brace getting clogged and water being held inside the brace.
- ◆ Headlight eyebrow. Caused by water and mud being thrown up into the eyebrow area off the front tires.
- ◆ Center of step. Caused by water etc being pushed into the end of the U brace under the step with no drain.
- ◆ Bed rear cross sill and front panel sill. Caused by water trapped under the wood over time.

Wetter Humid Climates

- ◆ **Step** seams at vertical panels. Caused by long term exposure to sitting water or snow, or cab sitting on earth.
- ◆ Lower cowl/firewall, inner floors. Same cause as above. Sometimes the cowl/firewall below the battery box will have spot pin holes or rust from repeated washing of battery residue.
- ◆ Cab eyebrow over windshield and A pillars. Caused by condensation inside roof draining the eyebrow area and down the A pillars.
- ◆ Back window frame. Same cause as above except drainage to back window area.
- ◆ Bottom of air vent in front of windshield, lower cowl below the vent. Caused by moisture, leaves, dust, etc. entering the vent and getting held in place. Inside the front wheel well on the cowl at the bottom is a metal flap with a screw that can be opened to clean and “rod” out debris, but it is never mentioned in any operator’s manuals.
- ◆ Body panel seams. Takes time but when the paint goes away or wetting breaks up moisture gets into the seams.
- ◆ Oddly, because the wheel well lips are single panel construction and drain pretty well you very seldom see problems there.
- ◆ In very humid climates you will find surface rust on the inside of just about every panel as the paint breaks down over the years.