## Gee I Wish I Had Known That *Fix an Aftermarket Body Panel*

These are the steps I went through to make the after market steel inner fender wells fit my 1970 El Camino. If I can do it you can to.



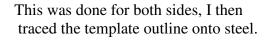
wrong shape. Here we have a picture of a 1970 right front fender with an after market steel inner fender well that meets that criteria. The inner fender well did not match up with the fender. There was a gap between the fender and the inner fender well. What to do??

Have you ever purchased an after market body panel that just did not fit? Maybe it was the

Below, I cut a template out of cardboard To match the "missing piece".



Then cut the pieces out of the steel to create the patch panels





The patch panel was then checked to be sure it fit correctly





The panel was then clamped into place leaving a small gap for welding



Make a small patch piece and weld it in.



Lets take care of these dimples

Ok; the patch panel is welded in place and ground smooth, now we have to fix the hole that is in the wrong place.



Grind it smooth.



Fill the dimples with weld, being careful to keep moving so as not to burn through





Some people do not like plastic. I think it is ok so long as you keep it really thin

That is pretty thin, don't you think?





Now for the reward for all that work. I think it was worth the effort.

