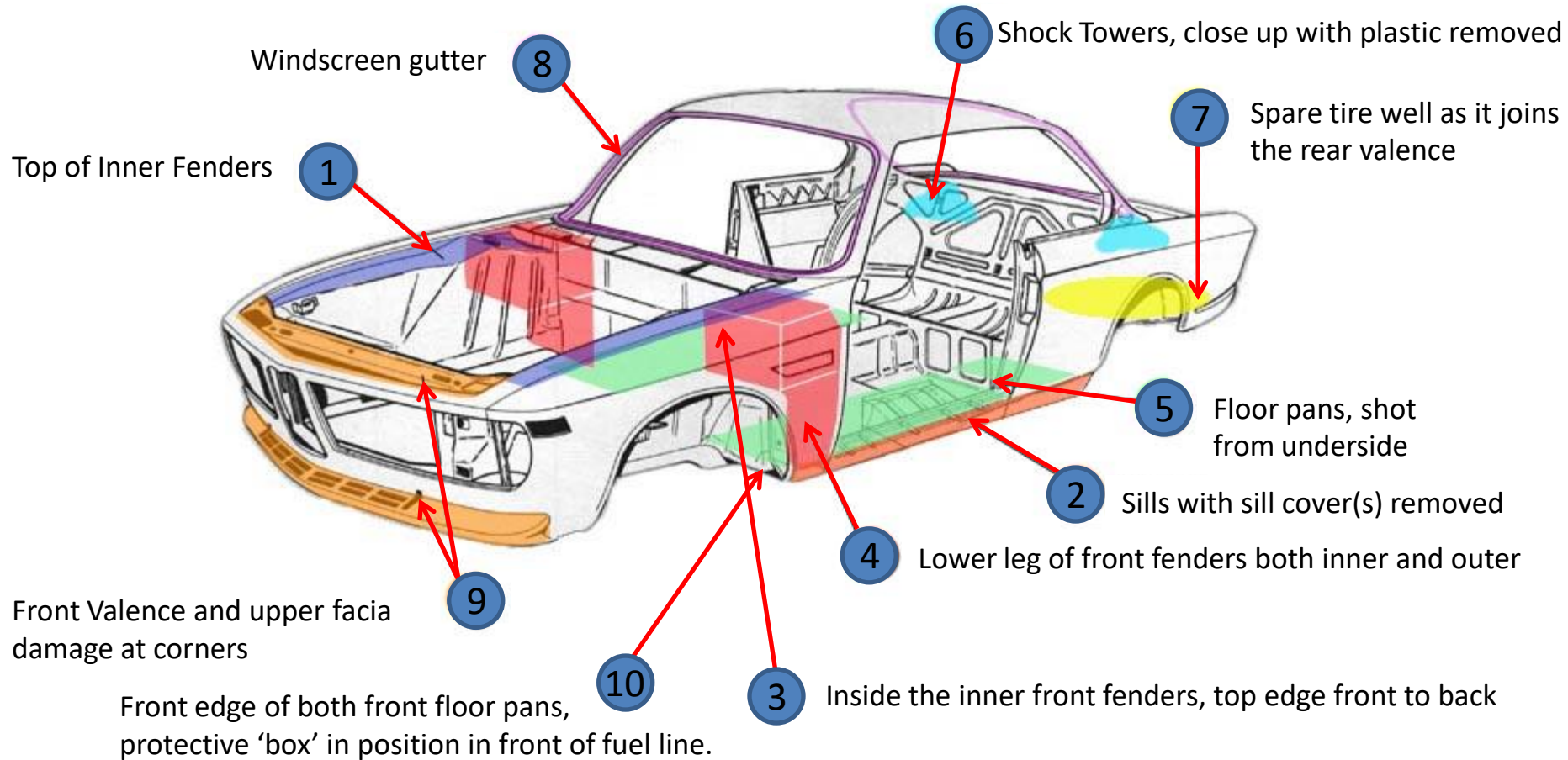


# Mandatory Pre-PPI photos-BMW E9

The following ten areas are critical to photo document prior to purchasing any E9.  
It is understood that capturing all ten is not possible.

- Take the photos in sequence. (photo area no. 1 is most important, etc.)
- Use a high resolution camera
- Provide good lighting
- Shoot from at least three angles

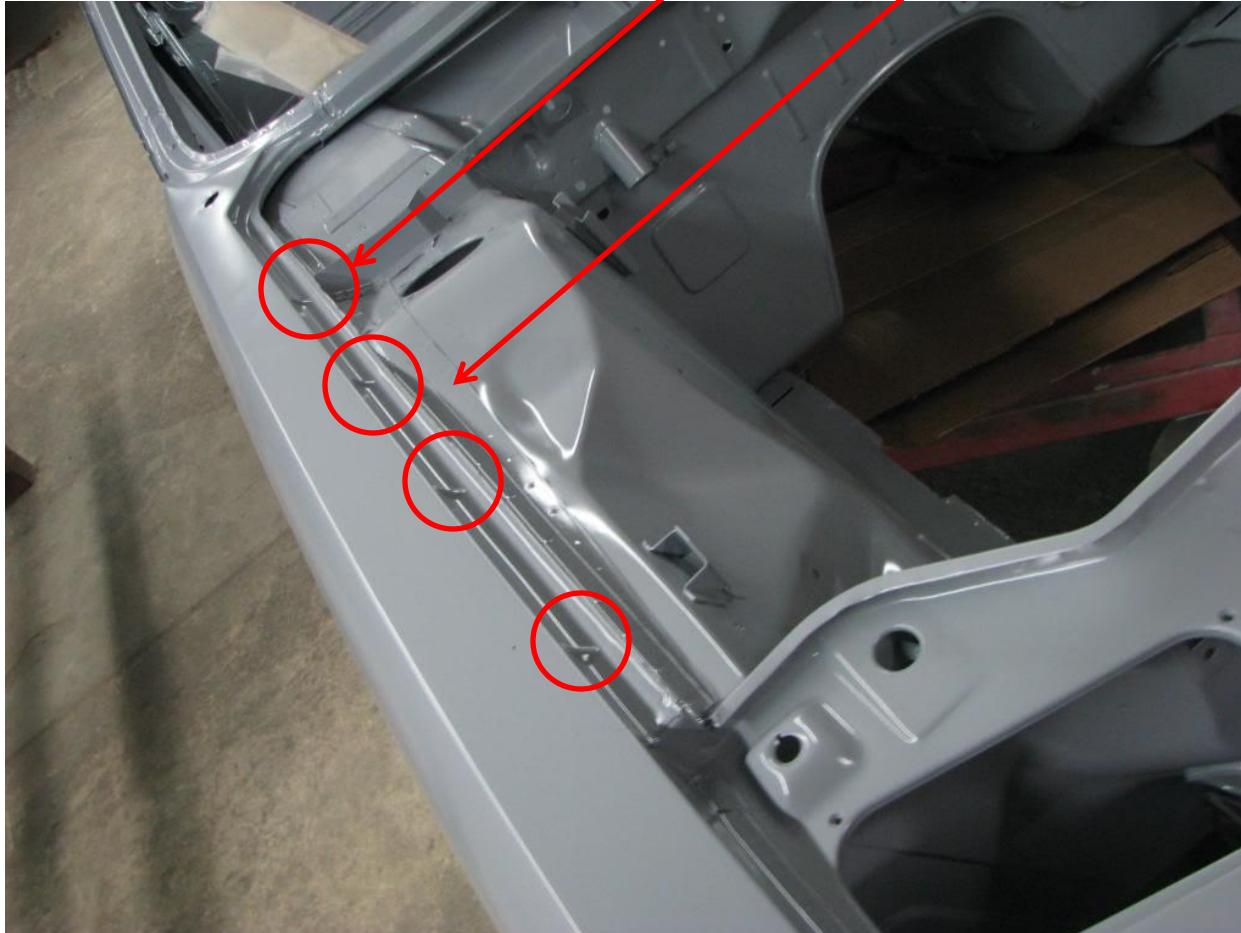
# Mandatory Pre-PPI photos-BMW E9



## The ten most common rust areas on a BMW E9

## Photo No. 1 -The top of the front fender

This is the seam where the Karmann assembler welded the E9 fender to an intermediate panel at the top of the inner fender. Each fender will have 4 tooling dimples as shown below. If they are not intact this is strong indicator of prior rust work or poor repair. There is a 'shelf' underneath this seam (above the tire) that collects dirt, rust will form here and destroy this seam from the bottom up.



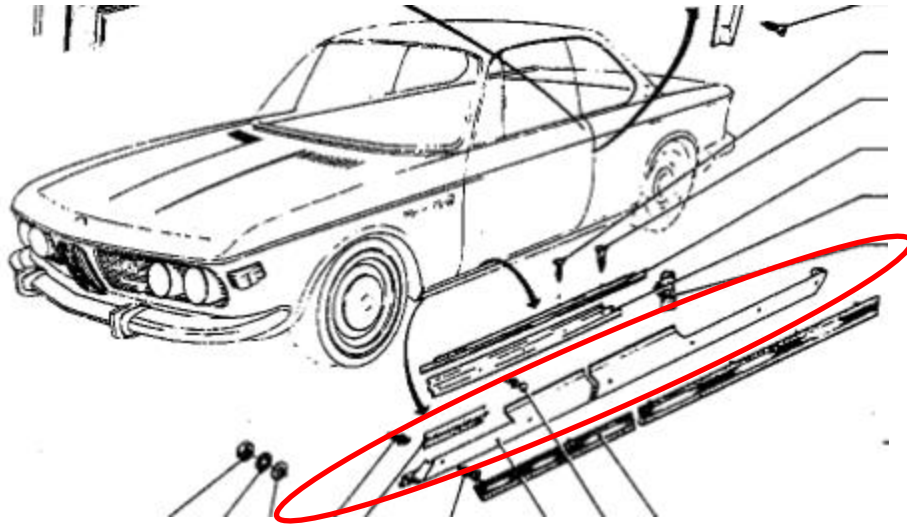
E9 front fenders are exceedingly difficult to fit to the uni-body, so sub-par repairs are common

Decorative Trim panel (black) is non structural and hides inner sill rust





## Photo No. 2 the lower sills



All Coupes have an outer decorative trim panel that cover the structural sill underneath. These outer covers are 'trim' and frequently don't rust. They cover the lower sill from fender well to fender well and mask the true condition underneath

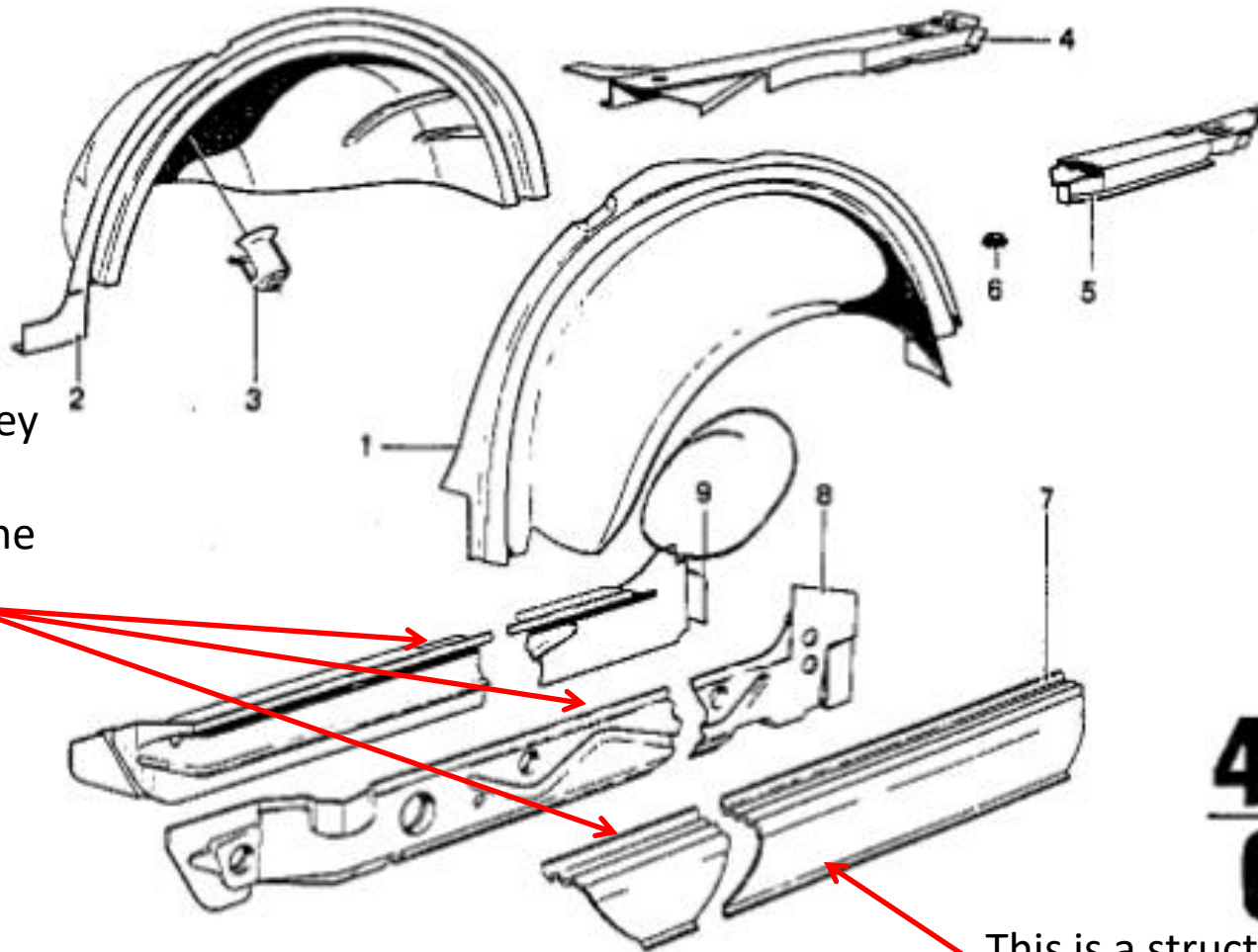
**It is imperative you remove these trim panels and inspect to condition of the real sills underneath**



When you remove the above trim panel you expose layer 1 of a three section welded lower sill that is the *single most important load carrying member on this pillarless coupe design*. The inner sills are precisely clamped together and welded at the factory, they become the lower frame rail of the car. This design had very poor drainage (particularly with sunroof cars) and the inner sills would fill with water. Decades later, they rust thru all three panels.

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# Serious Structural Rust Area –E9



These three sills are the key structural member of the E9 unibody.

This is a structural member,  
Not the decorative out sill

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