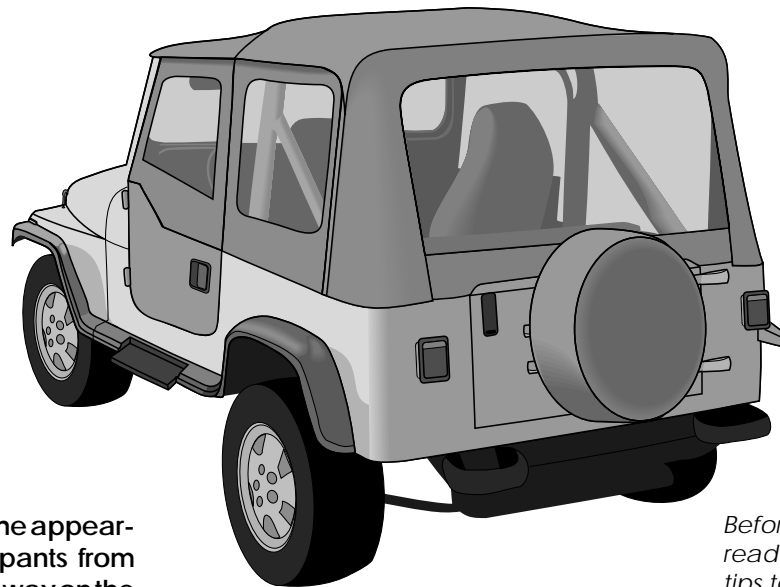




## Supertop Installation Instructions

For: CJ7 1980 - 1986 and Wrangler (All)  
Rotary Latch Paddle Handle

Part Number: 51603



### WARNING

This product is designed primarily to enhance the appearance of the vehicle and to shield the occupants from ordinary weather conditions. Do not rely in any way on the components of this product to contain occupants within the vehicle, or to protect against injury or death in the event of an accident. This top will not protect the occupants from falling objects. Never operate vehicle in excess of manufacturer's specifications.

**WEAR SEAT BELTS AT ALL TIMES**

Read and follow, precisely, all installation instructions provided when installing top. Failure to do so may result in a poor fitting top and could place occupants of the vehicle in a potentially dangerous situation.

### Installation Tips

*Before you begin installing this top assembly, read all instructions thoroughly. Below are a few tips to make this installation easier.*

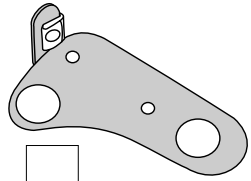
#### **For a smooth fit:**

For ease in installation, the top should be installed at temperatures above 72° F. Below this temperature, the top may contract an inch or more, making it difficult to fit to the vehicle.

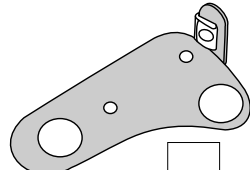
It is normal for a top to contract and wrinkle when stored in the shipping carton. Within a few days after the installation, the top will relax and the wrinkles will disappear.

# Parts List and Hardware Identification

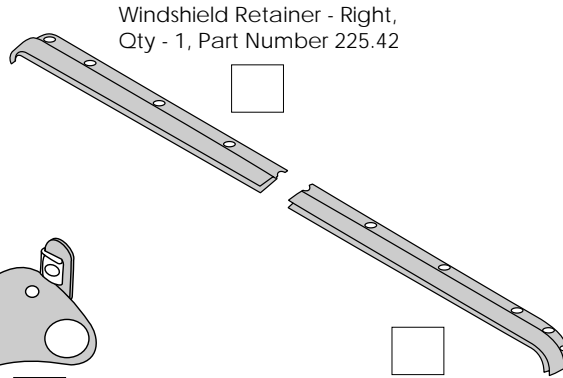
Top Fabric	Qty - 1
Quarter Window Rt.	Qty - 1
Quarter Window Lt.	Qty - 1
Rear Window	Qty - 1
Door, Upper - Right	Qty - 1
Door, Upper - Left	Qty - 1
Door, Lower - Right	Qty - 1
Door, Lower - Left	Qty - 1
Spacer Kit	Qty - 1



Windshield Bracket - Left, Qty - 1, Part Number 137.97

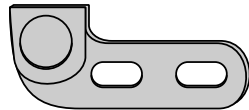


Windshield Bracket - Right, Qty - 1, Part Number 137.96

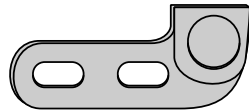


Windshield Retainer - Right, Qty - 1, Part Number 225.42

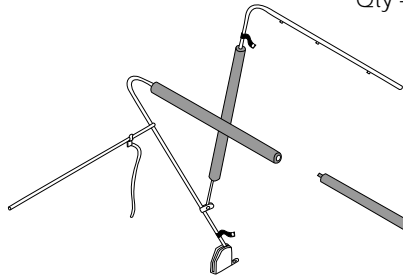
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Vertical Retainer Mount, Right, Qty - 1, Part Number 229.24



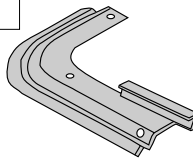
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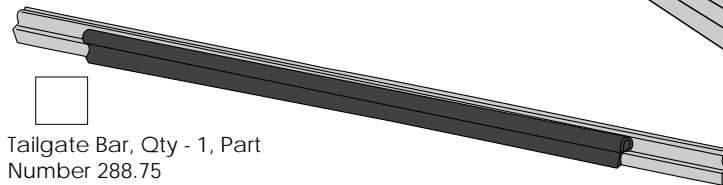
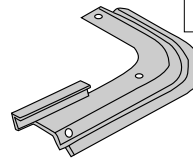
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Bow Assembly - Left, Qty - 1, Part Number 246.57

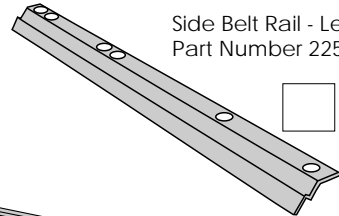
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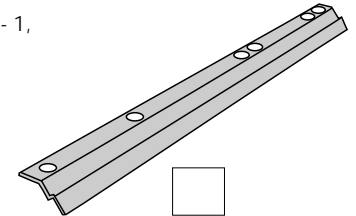
Corner Belt Rail, Right, Qty - 1, Part Number 288.33



Tailgate Bar, Qty - 1, Part Number 288.75



Side Belt Rail - Left, Qty - 1, Part Number 225.05



Side Belt Rail - Right, Qty - 1, Part Number 225.04

#8 x 1/2" Pan Head Washer Screw - Black, Qty - 13, Part Number 200.48

#10 x 1/2" Pan Head Sheet Metal Screw, Qty - 4, Part Number 1.92

#10-24 Truss Head Machine Screw - Black, Qty - 8, Part Number 195.92

5/16" Black Washer, Qty - 16, Part Number 233.04

#10-24 Locknut, Qty - 8, Part Number 195.93

5/16-18 Tapping Plate, Qty - 16, Part Number 200.50

5/16-18 x 1" Phillips Head Bolt, Qty - 16, Part Number 236.20

Rotary Latch Paddle Handle, Right, Qty - 1, Left, Qty - 1, Part Number 275.92



## CJ7 Only - Wrangler Adjustment on next page

### Please note

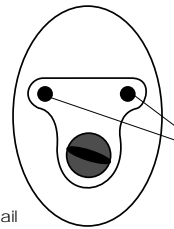
If you are replacing an old soft top, be certain that all parts of the old top are removed, including the windshield retainer. Old metal parts are not compatible with the new Supertop. Using parts other than those provided in your Supertop kit can result in personal injury and/or damage to the vehicle and soft top.

### Windshield Measurement

Before installing the top, check the windshield measurement. The distance from the top lip of the windshield to the top outer edge of the body must be **75 1/8"** on both sides of the vehicle. Measure 4"-6" inside the doors.

### CJ7 Windshield Adjustment

If necessary, loosen the two screws in the Windshield Clamps at the base of the windshield on each side of the vehicle. Adjust the windshield forward or back, use a shim if needed to position the windshield, and tighten the screws.



Windshield Clamp Detail

Adjusting Screws - Some Models may require a #40 Torx

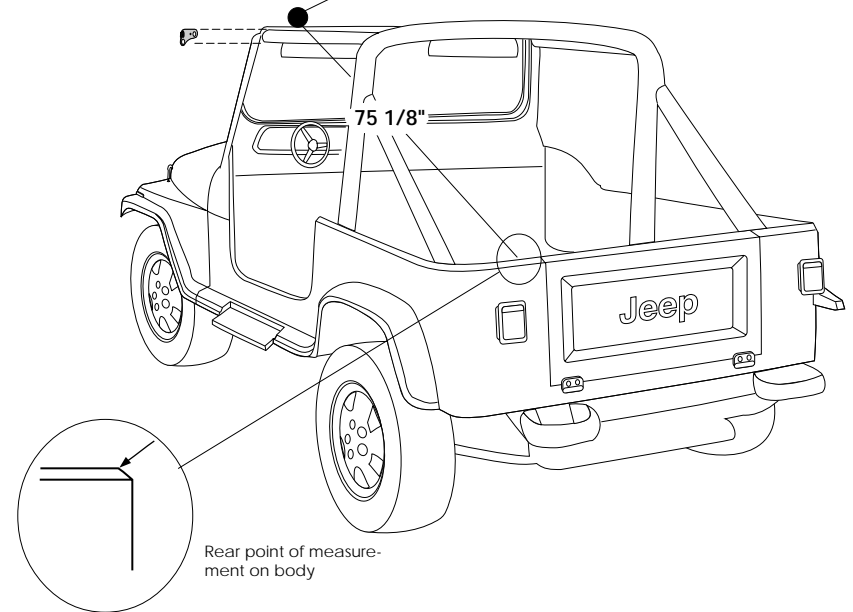
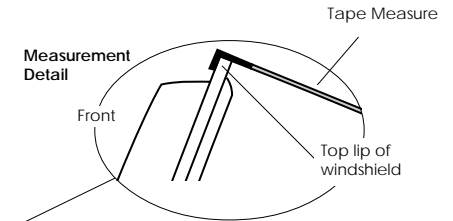
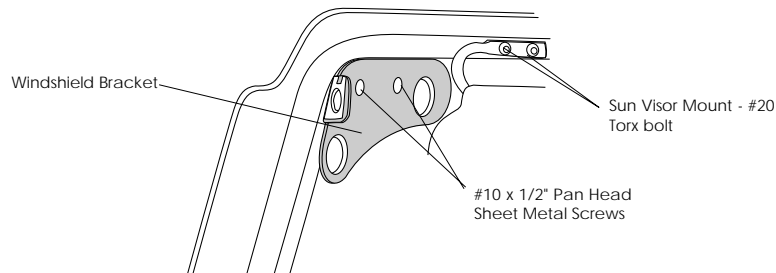
### Tools Needed

1/8", 5/32", 7/32", 3/8" Drill Bits	Flat Screwdriver
and Drill Motor	Phillips Screwdriver
Center Punch	Hammer
#20 Torx - Optional	Pencil
#40 Torx - Optional	Adjustable Wrench
Ratchet	10' Tape Measure
Utility Knife or Razor Blade	

**Warning: Improper windshield adjustment will result in poor fitting top and doors, causing looseness or undue strain on the top.**

### Step One

**CJ7:** After adjusting the windshield, install the Windshield Brackets. If present remove the outboard sun visor fasteners on both sides of the windshield frame. Place the Windshield Brackets flush with the frame on the upper corners of the windshield. Use the bracket as a template to mark, center punch and drill two 5/32" holes for each bracket. Mount each bracket to the windshield frame using two #10 x 1/2" Pan Head Sheet Metal Screws. Reinstall sun visor brackets.

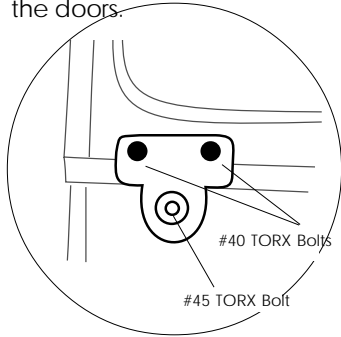


## Please Note

Under most circumstances, the windshield of the Wrangler will not require any adjustment. If your Wrangler windshield should require adjustment, this adjustment should be performed only by an authorized automotive mechanic using a special "Tamper-Proof" Torx head tool.

## Windshield Measurement

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**Wrangler/YJ Windshield Adjustment:** If necessary, loosen the #40 TORX bolts in the windshield clamps to loosen the windshield in order to slip the bracket under the horizontal tube.

## Step One

**Wrangler/YJ:** Use a #20 Torx to remove the outboard sun visor fasteners on both sides of the windshield frame. Remove the two #40 Torx head bolts that secure the horizontal sport bar to the windshield frame. Slide the Windshield Brackets between the windshield and the horizontal sport bar mounts.

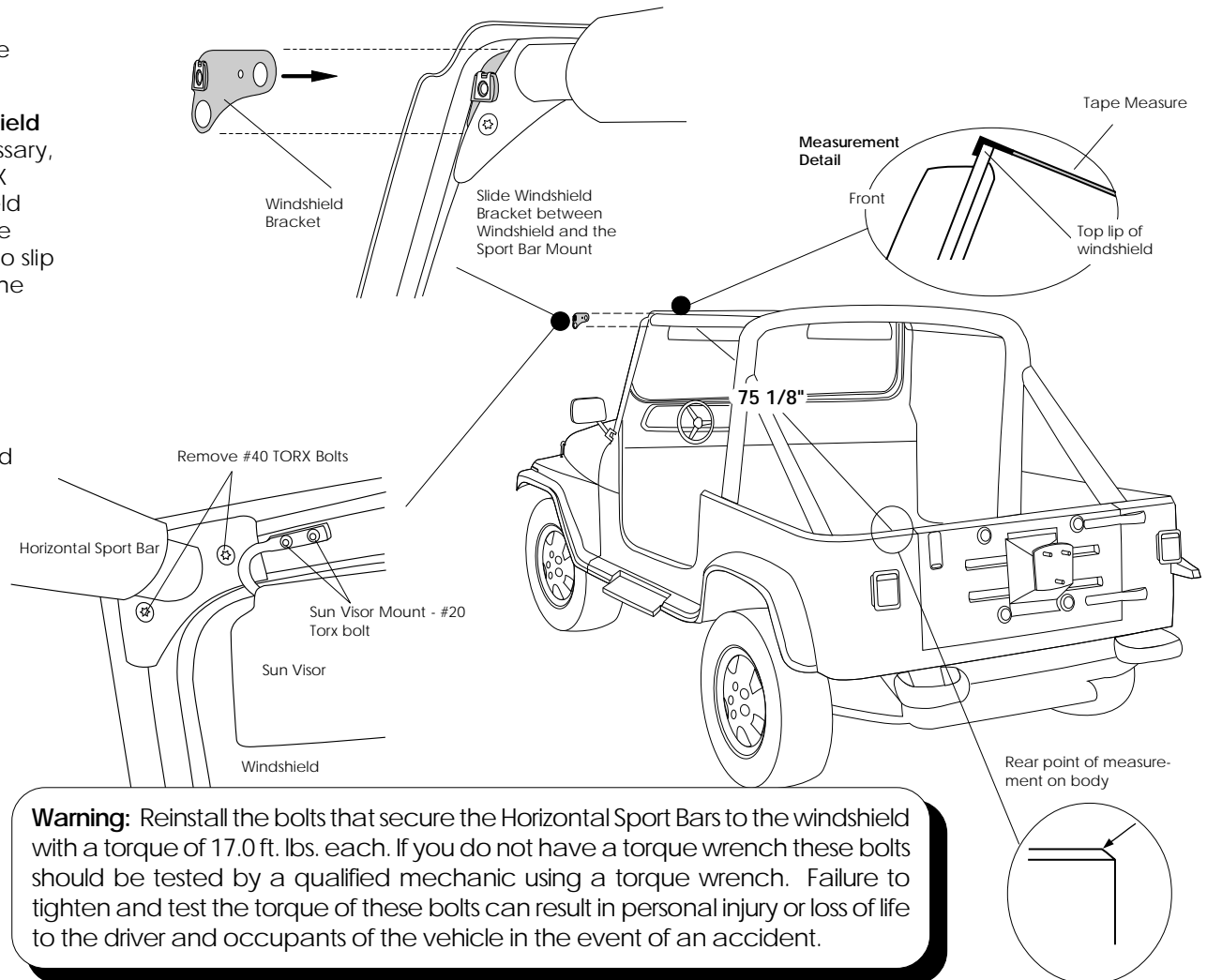
Reinstall the Torx head bolts, starting each in the frame with your fingers. After the Torx head bolts are started by hand tighten with your ratchet and Torx drive tool. Do not lay this tool aside until both bolts are completely tightened. If you tighten one of these bolts and the telephone rings - LET IT RING. NEVER LAY THIS TOOL ASIDE OR INTERRUPT THIS PROCEDURE. This procedure should be followed carefully on both sides of the vehicle.

## Wrangler Adjustment

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## Tools Needed

1/8", 7/32", 3/8" Drill Bits	Flat Screwdriver
and Drill Motor	Phillips Screwdriver
Center Punch	Hammer
Pencil	Adjustable Wrench
#40 Torx - Optional	10' Tape Measure
#20 Torx	Ratchet
#45 Torx - Optional	Utility Knife or Razor Blade



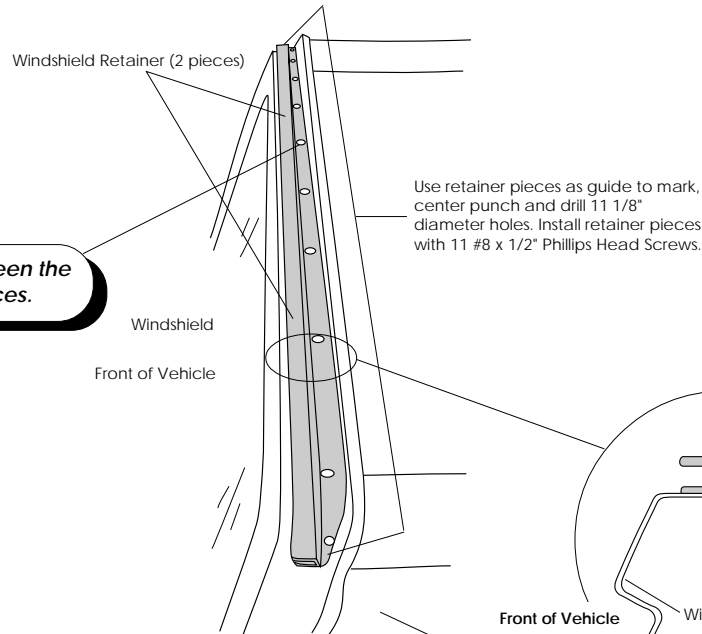
**Warning:** Reinstall the bolts that secure the Horizontal Sport Bars to the windshield with a torque of 17.0 ft. lbs. each. If you do not have a torque wrench these bolts should be tested by a qualified mechanic using a torque wrench. Failure to tighten and test the torque of these bolts can result in personal injury or loss of life to the driver and occupants of the vehicle in the event of an accident.

## Step Two

Position the two piece Windshield Retainer on top of windshield frame. Use retainer pieces as templates to mark, center punch and drill eleven 1/8" holes. Install with eleven #8 x 1/2" Pan Head Screws.

**Do not use any drill size other than 1/8". Failure to use the correct size may cause the Windshield Retainer to loosen.**

**Drill 1 hole between the two retainer pieces.**

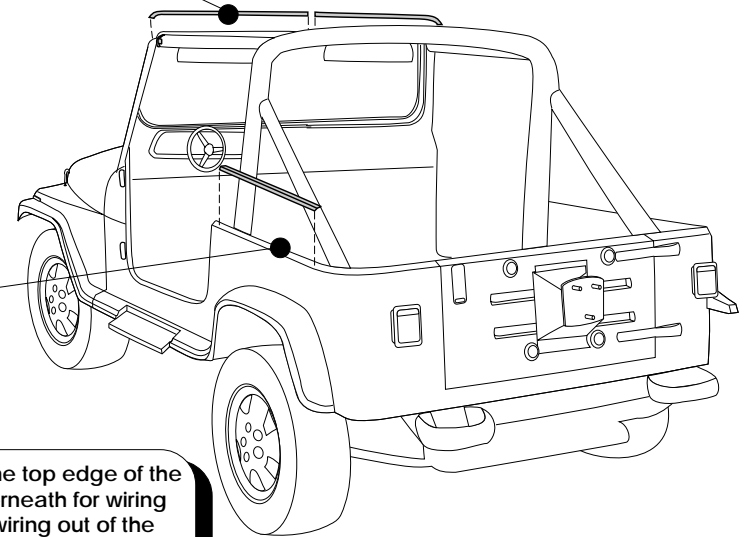
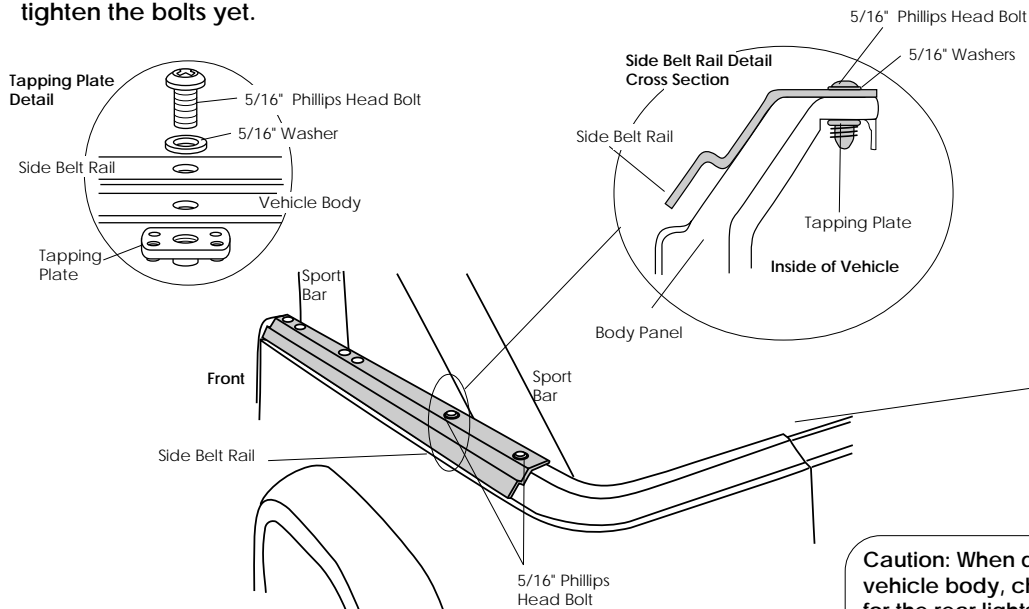


**Warning: A loose Windshield Retainer may allow the top to disengage from the windshield, causing damage to the top and possible injury to the occupants of the vehicle.**

**Make certain that the Windshield Retainer is securely fastened to the windshield during installation and at all other times by checking the tightness of the mounting screws every three months.**

## Step Three

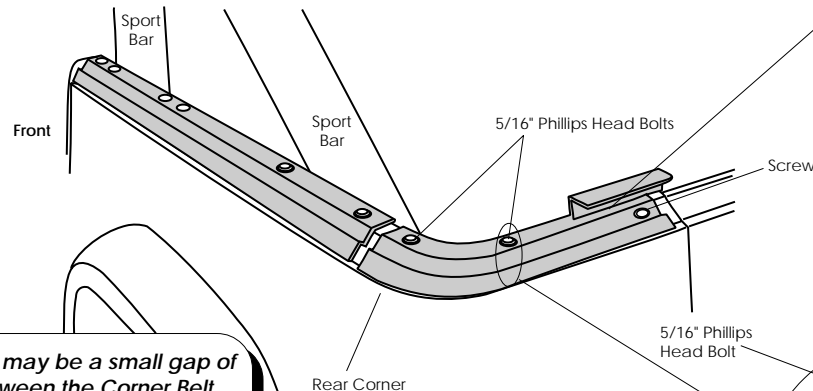
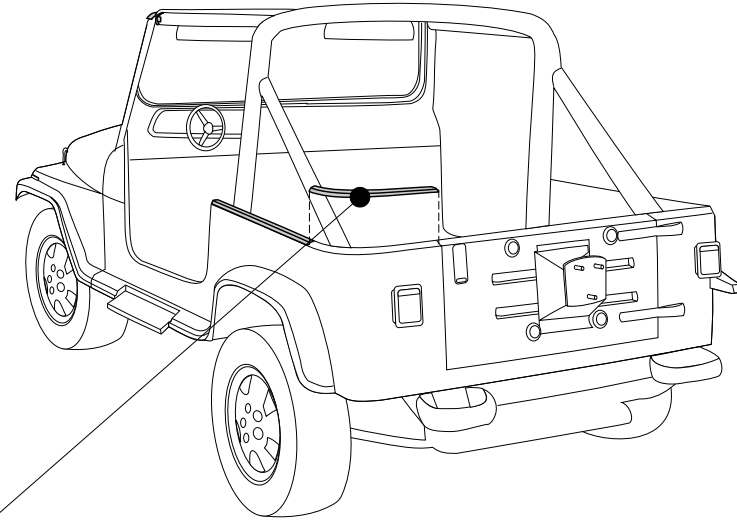
Install the Left and Right Side Belt Rails on each side of the vehicle. Use the Belt Rails as templates to mark, center punch and drill six 3/8" holes along the top edge of the body on each side of the vehicle. Some vehicles may already have four of these holes. Secure the two **rear** holes in the rails with two 5/16" Phillips Head Bolts, two 5/16" Washers and two 5/16" Tapping Plates. **Do not tighten the bolts yet.**



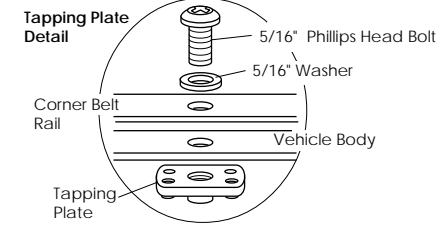
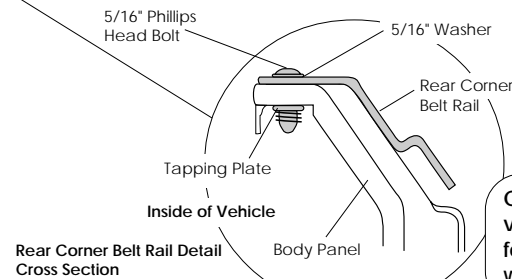
**Caution: When drilling in the top edge of the vehicle body, check underneath for wiring for the rear lights. Pull the wiring out of the way before drilling.**

## Step Four

Install the Left and Right Rear Corner Belt Rails on each side of the vehicle. Notice that the Corner Belt Rails do not butt-up against the Side Belt Rails installed in Step 3, this is normal. Use the Corner Belt Rails as templates to mark, center punch and drill two 3/8" holes in the top edge of the vehicle body. Some vehicles may already have some of these holes. Install the Corner Belt Rails with two 5/16" Phillips Head Bolts, two 5/16" Washers and two 5/16" Tapping Plates. At the location of the remaining hole in the Corner Belt Rail, next to the tailgate, mark, center punch and drill a 1/8" hole. Install a #8 x 1/2" Pan Head Screw. **Do not tighten the bolts yet.**



**Note:** There may be a small gap of +/- 1/4" between the Corner Belt Rails and the Side Belt Rails.



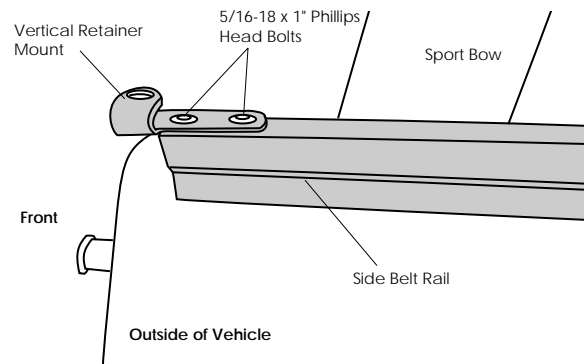
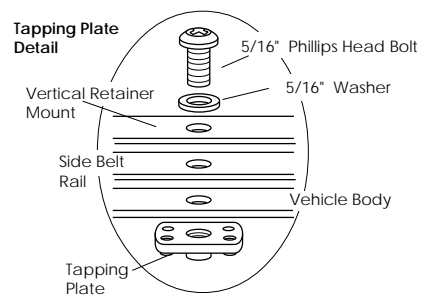
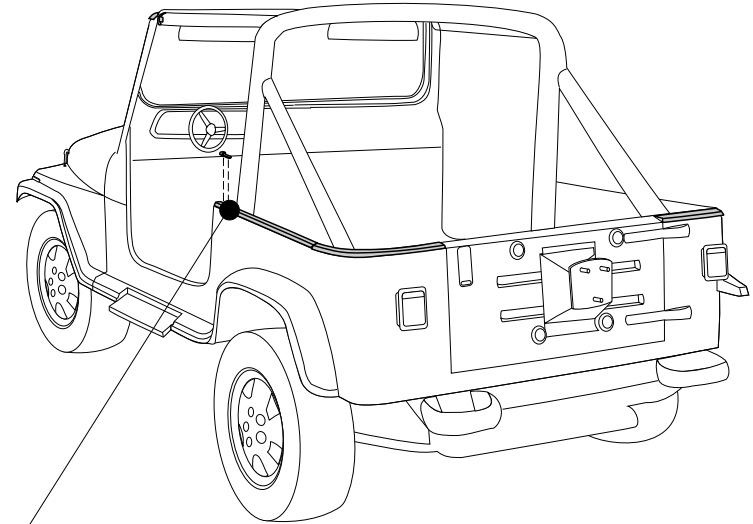
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## Step Five

For CJ-5 only, see video. All other installations continue on to Step 6.

## Step Six

Install the Vertical Retainer Mounts on top of the Side Belt Rails, just behind the door openings. Secure them in place with two 5/16-18 x 1" Phillips Head Bolts, two 5/16" Washers and two 5/16" Tapping Plates. **Do not tighten the bolts yet.**



## Step Seven

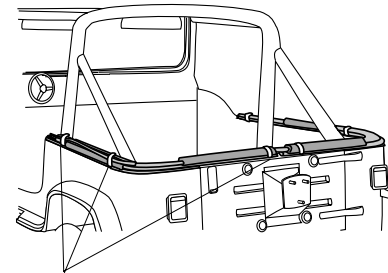
Lay the bow halves on top of the body with the holes in the Bow Mounts over the third and fourth holes in the Side Belt Rails.

**It is important that the white packaging tape remain on the bow assemblies until the forward bolt is tightened on both sides.**

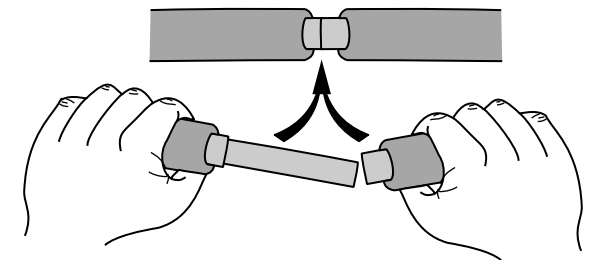
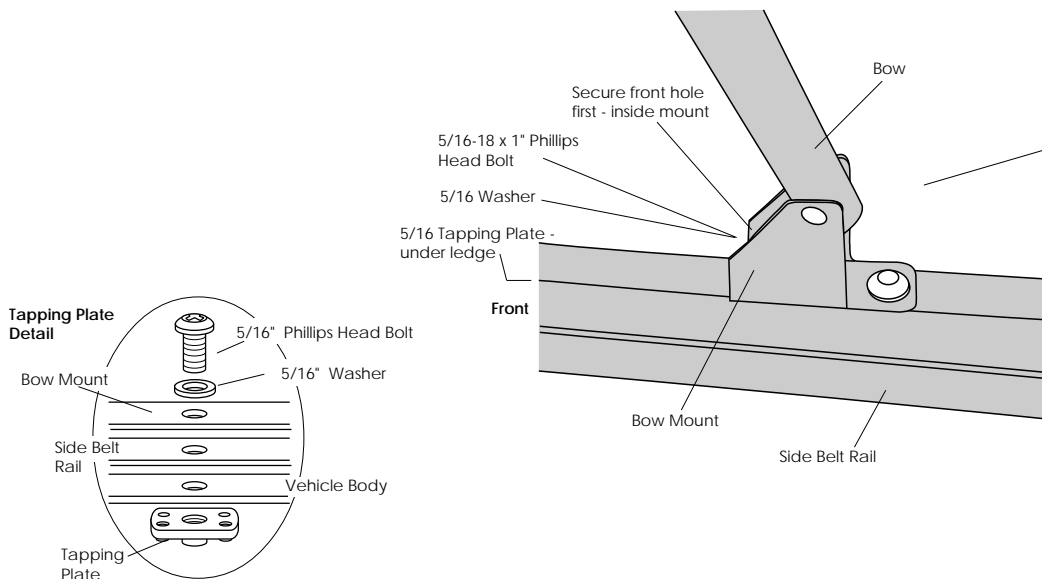
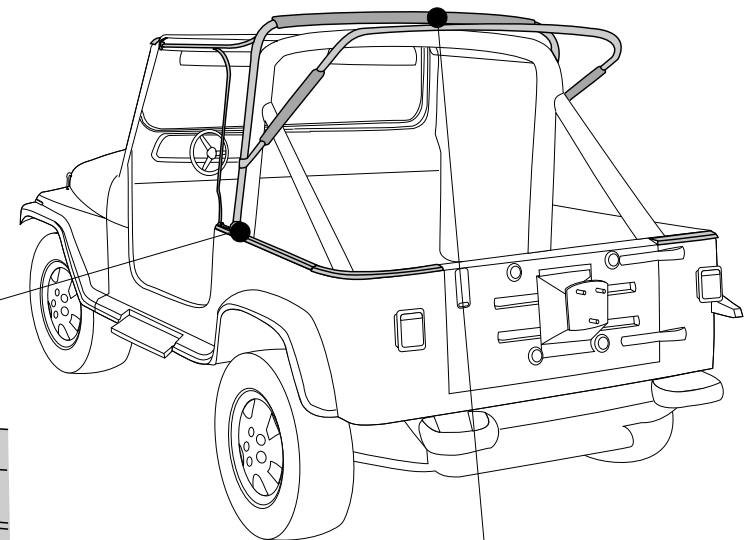
Secure the **FRONT** hole in the Bow Mount with a 5/16-18 x 1" Phillips Head Bolt, a 5/16" Washer and a 5/16" Tapping Plate. Once the front hole is secure, cut the packing tape.

Start the male end of the Top (Front) Bow into the female end. Push forward on the bow until the two sides snap together. Slide the foam pieces on the bow together.

**Once the Bow Mounts are secure, tighten all of the bolts on the Belt Rails.**



Leave packing tape on Bow Assemblies until front holes of Bow Mounts are secure





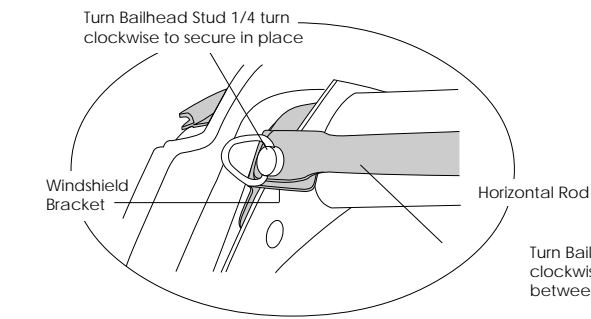
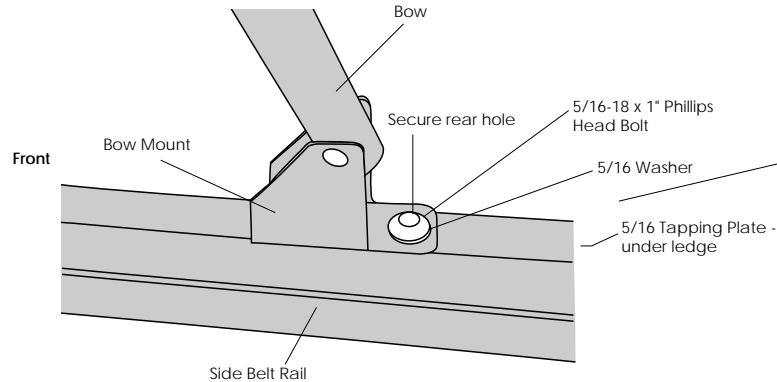
## Step Eight

Release the small metal rods from the plastic clips on both sides of the vehicle.

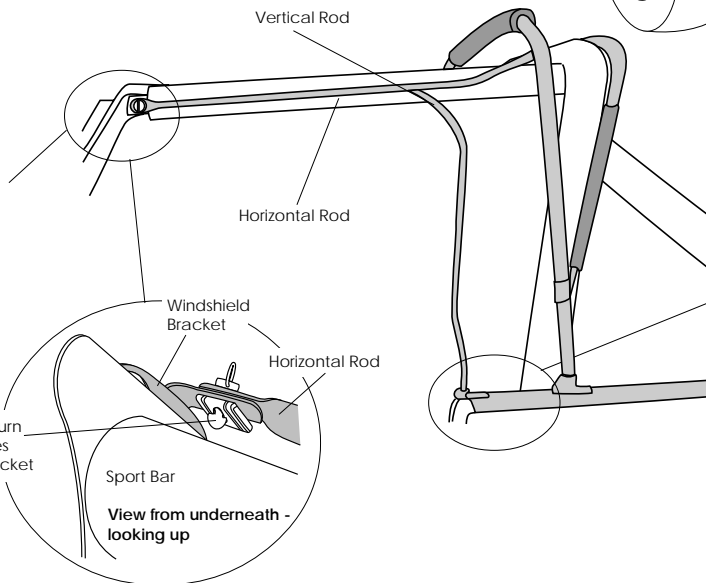
Lift the Top (Front) Bow and start the male end of the Bottom (Rear) Bow into the female end. Push forward on the bow until the two sides snap together.

Slide the Bottom (Rear) Bow up on the Top (Front) Bow to access the rear bolt position in the Bow Mount. Install and tighten the **REAR** bolt in the Bow Mount on both sides of the vehicle.

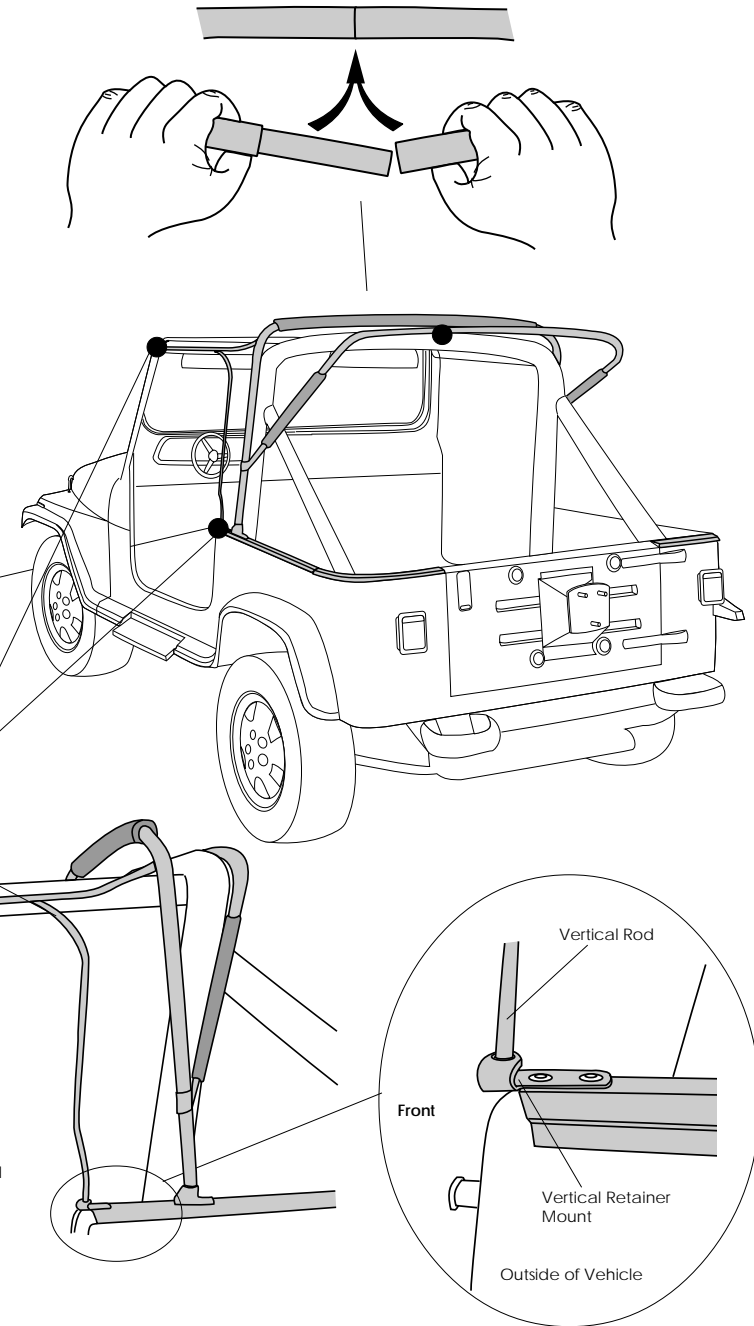
Raise the Top (Front) Bow Assembly, holding the small rods in an upright position, and insert the Vertical Rods into the hole in the Vertical Retainer Mount. Attach the Horizontal Rod to the Windshield Bracket using the Bailhead Stud. The pin on the Bailhead Stud will only turn clockwise because the prongs on the edges of the opening in the Windshield Bracket. Slip the pin through the opening and turn the Bailhead Stud a quarter turn clockwise so that the flanges on the pin are secure between the prongs.



Turn Bailhead Stud 1/4 turn clockwise so pin catches between prongs on bracket

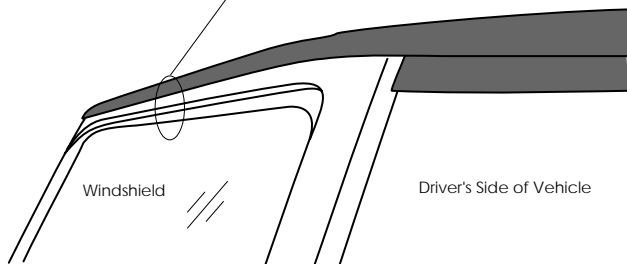
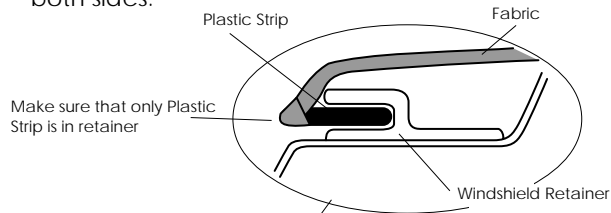


View from underneath - looking up

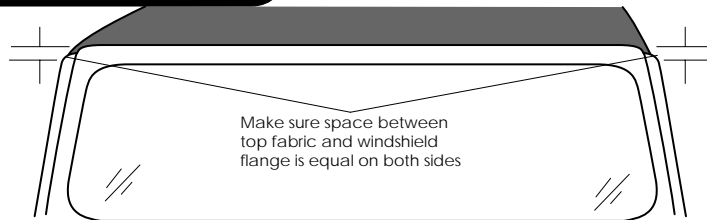


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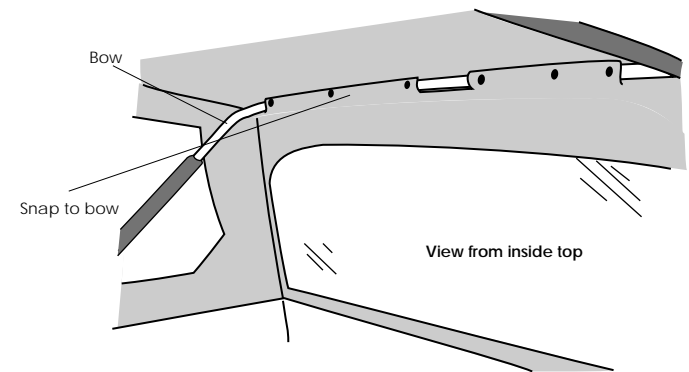
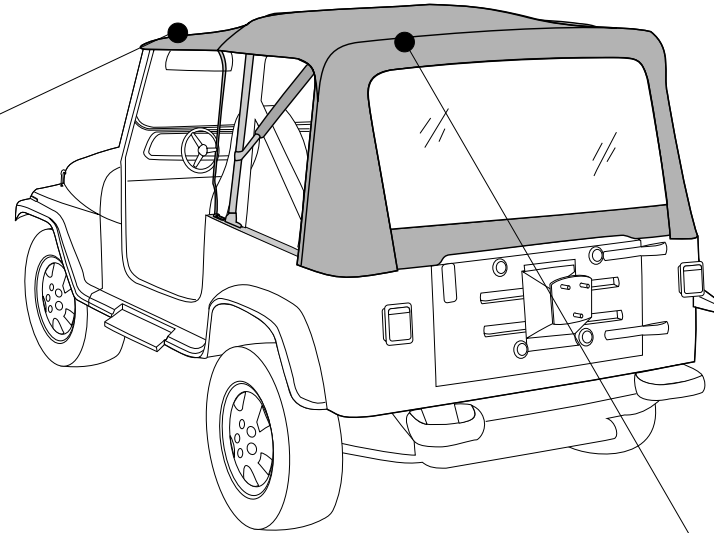
Locate the top and orient it on the vehicle. Drape the top over the bows and insert the plastic strip sewn along the front of the top into windshield retainer. Do not catch the fabric in the retainer. Center the front of the deck on the vehicle so that it is an equal distance from the top of the windshield flange on both sides.



**Note:** For best possible installation, check to make sure that the soft top is perfectly centered on the vehicle.



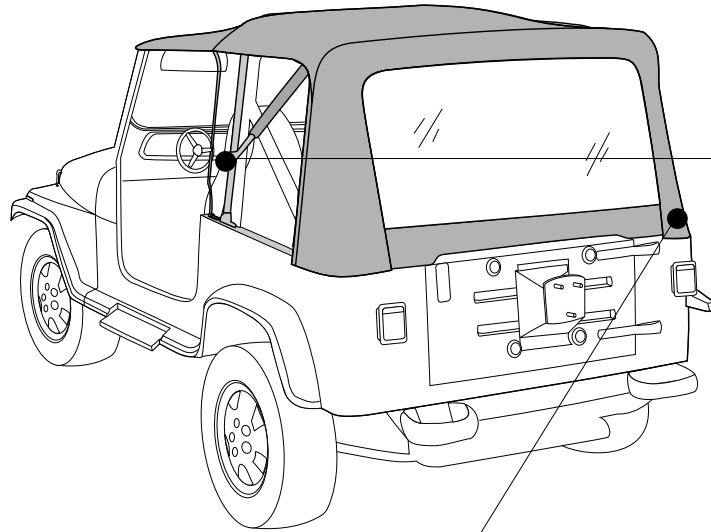
View from front



**Note:** If the snaps don't appear to line up, push the rear bow forward to relieve the pressure on the bow. This will allow the snaps to line up more easily.

## Step Ten

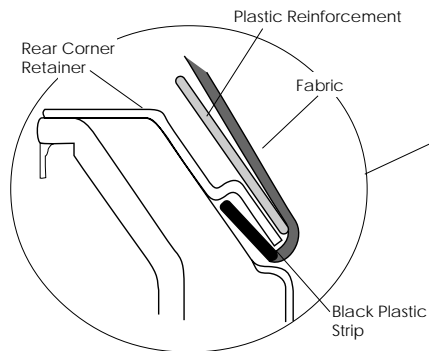
Snap the flaps to the six studs on the rear bow.



### Step Eleven

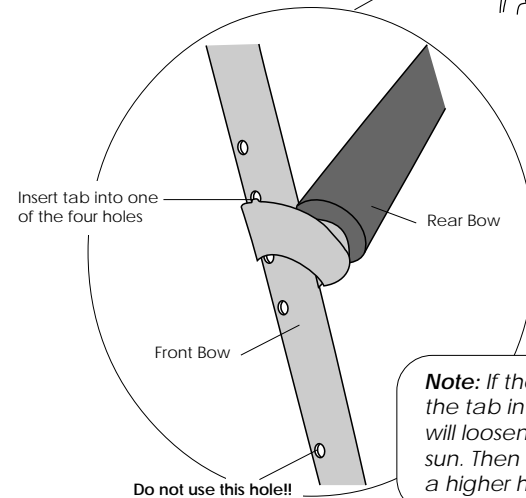
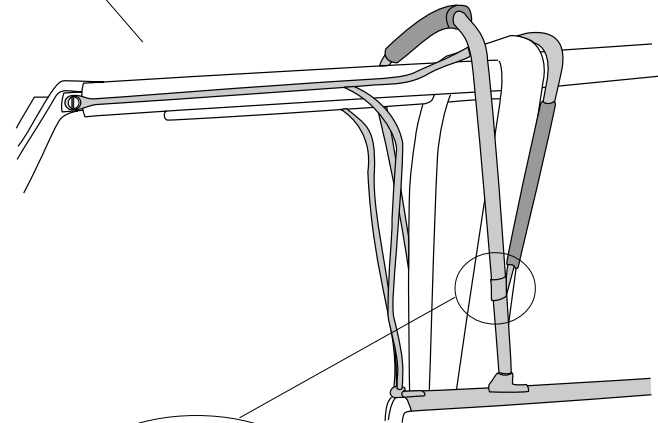
Insert the black plastic strips at rear corners of top into Corner Belt Rails. There is a plastic reinforcement sewn into the corner of the top, in addition to the plastic strip.

Make sure that the reinforcement is not caught under the Corner Belt Rail.



### Step Twelve

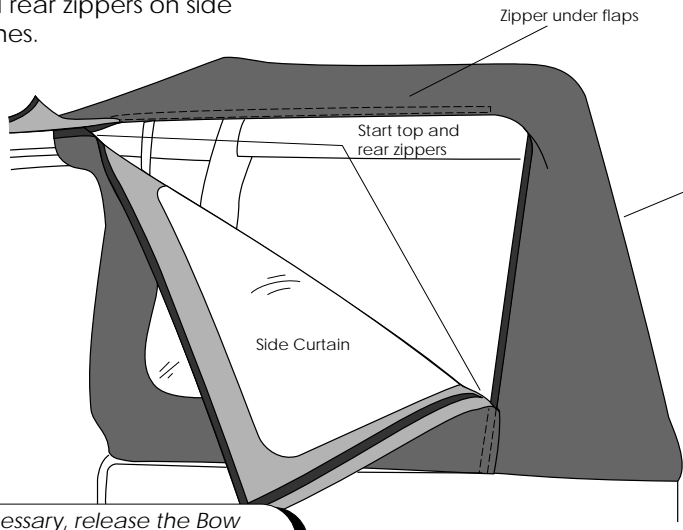
Slide the Rear Bow up on the Front Bow and insert the small bent tab into one of the four holes in the Front Bow.



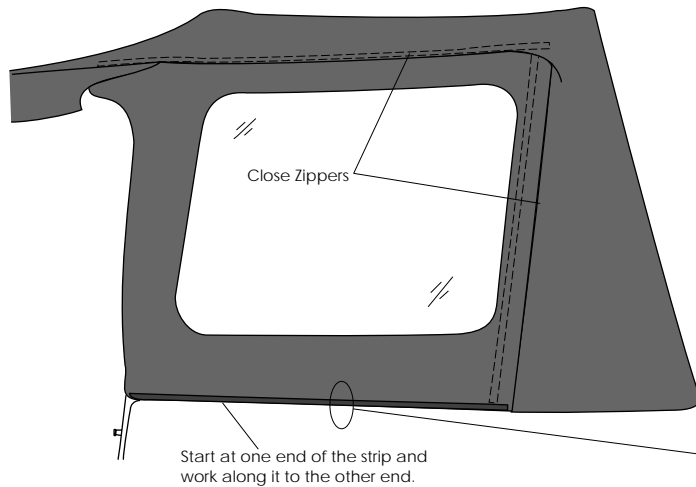
**Note:** If the top is extremely tight, slip the tab into the bottom hole. The top will loosen up after a few hours in the sun. Then the tab may be inserted into a higher hole position.

### Step Thirteen

Start top and rear zippers on side curtain 6 inches.

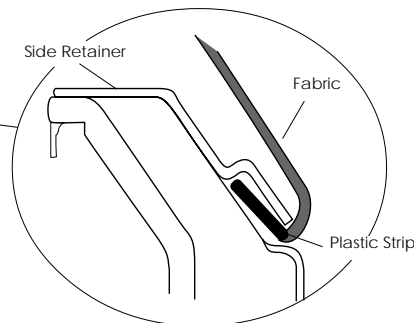


**Note:** If necessary, release the Bow Coupler and slide the top around the Corner Belt Rail towards the window to make it easier to start the zippers on the Side Curtains.



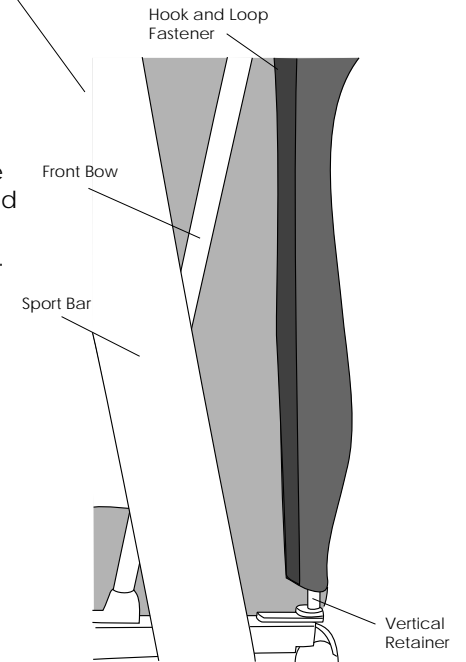
### Step Fourteen

Slip the plastic strip on the bottom of the side curtain into the side retainer. Close the top and rear zippers on the side curtain.



### Step Fifteen

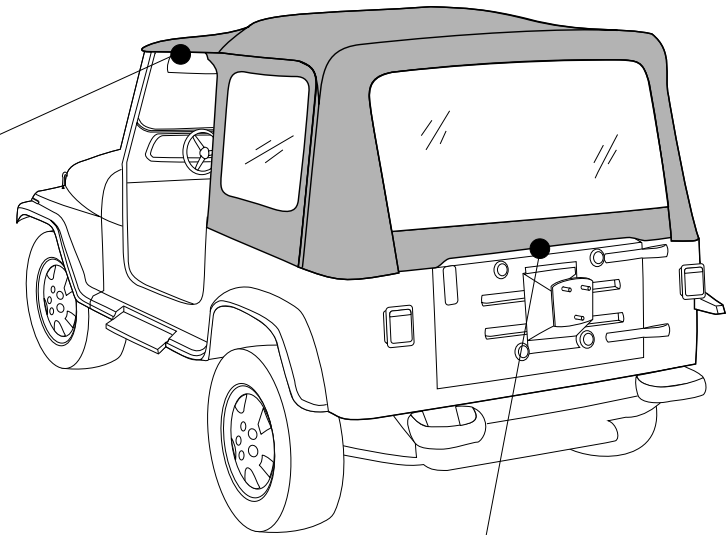
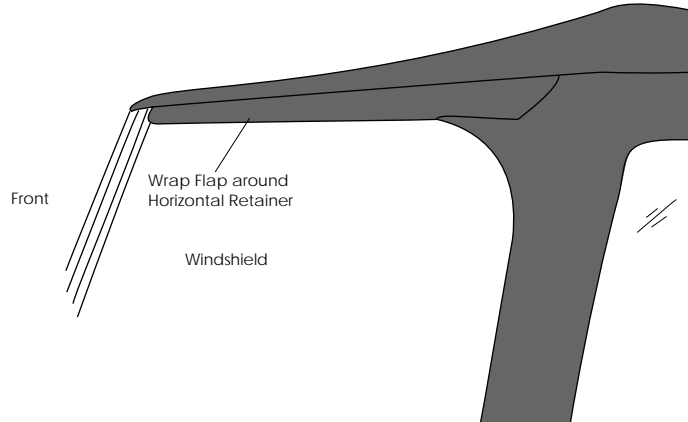
Wrap fabric flap on the front of the side curtain around the Vertical Rod (not the front bow) and fasten the hook and loop strips to each other.



View from inside vehicle - Driver's Side

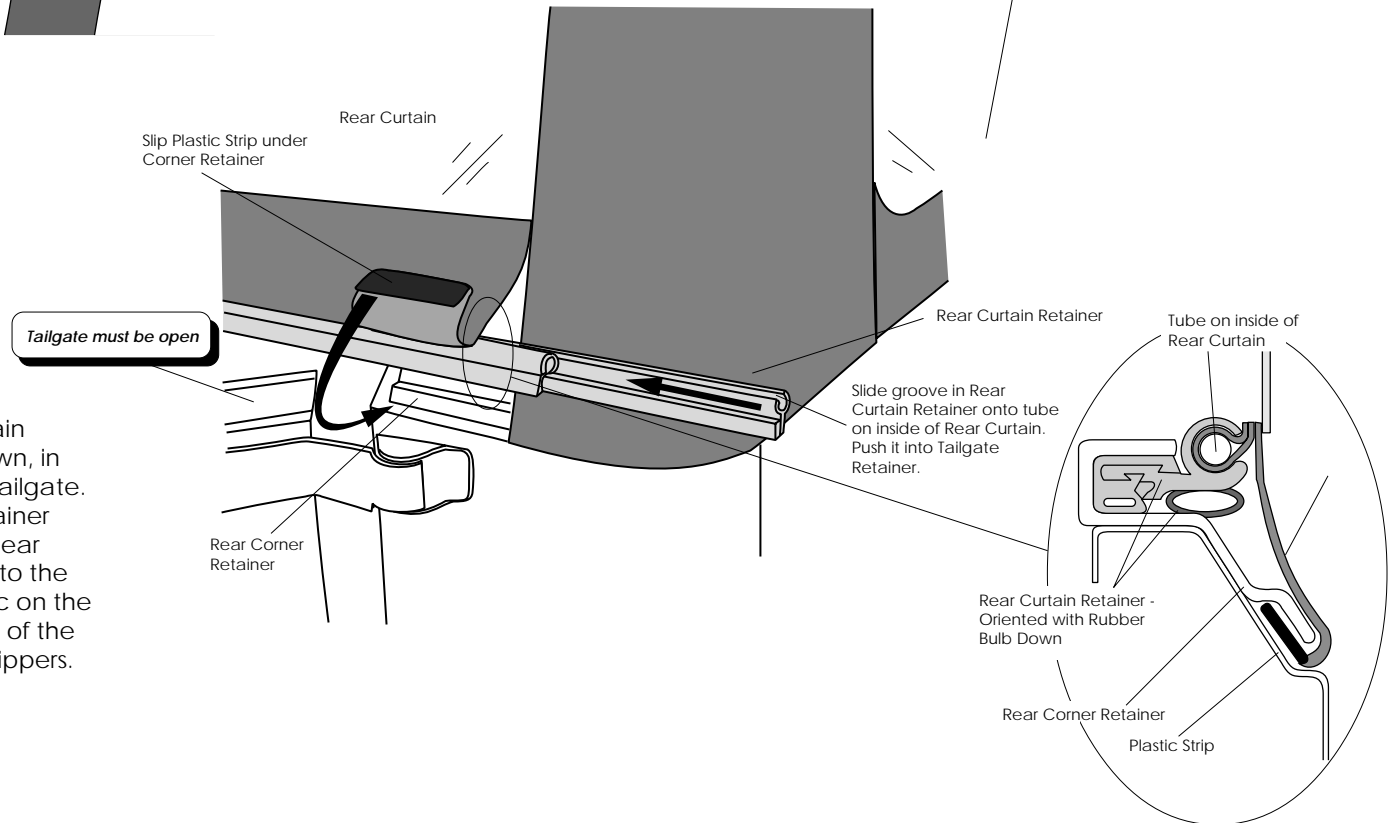
## Step Sixteen

Wrap the flap, sewn to the top above each door, around the Horizontal Rod and fasten the hook and loop strips to each other. The foam pillow with the flat surface must be on the inside of the horizontal rod for full, steel door use.



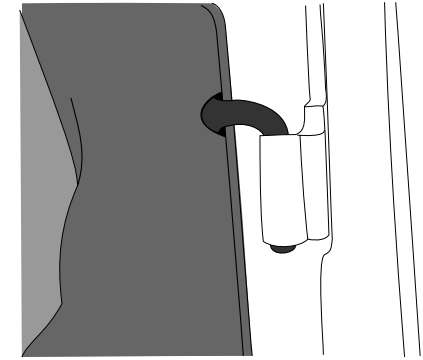
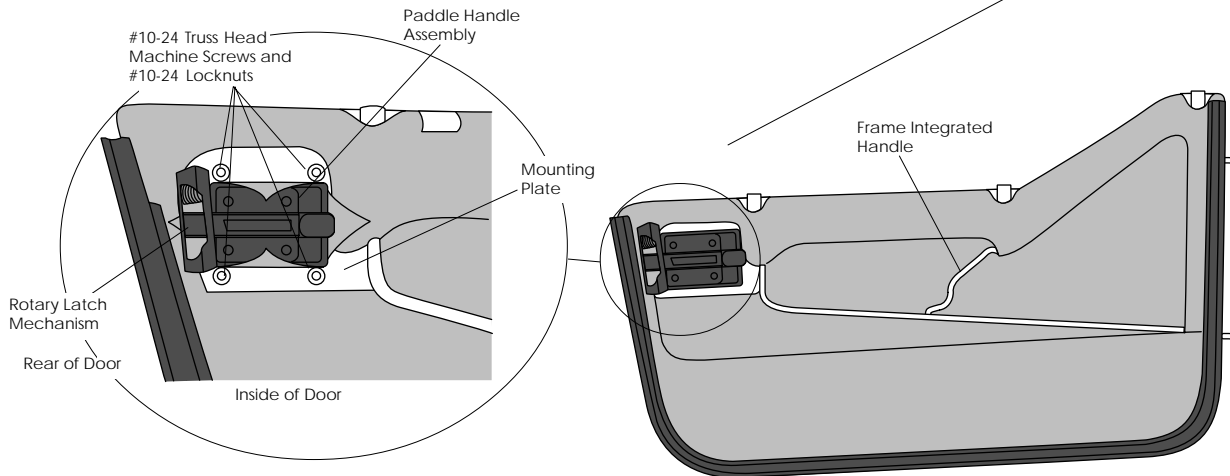
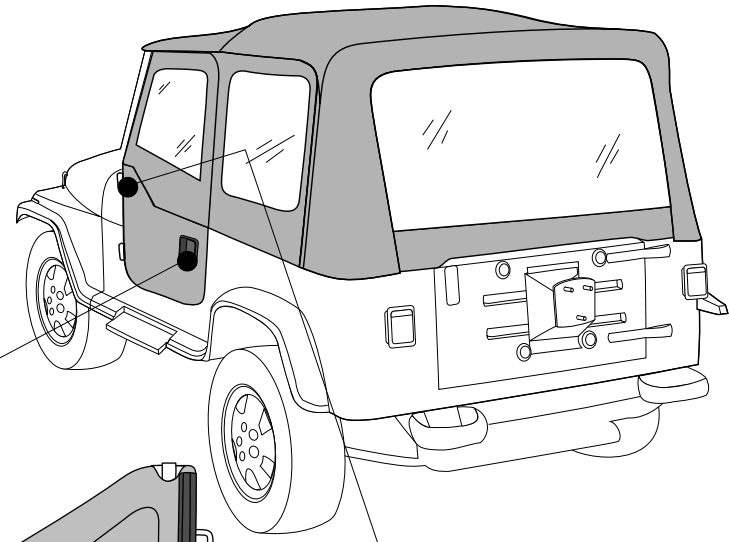
## Step Seventeen

Open the tailgate. Orient the Rear Curtain Retainer with the rubber bulb facing down, in order to form a seal with the top of the tailgate. Slide the groove in the Rear Curtain Retainer onto the tube inside the bottom of the Rear Curtain. Roll the Rear Curtain Retainer into the top of the Corner Belt Rail. Slip the plastic on the bottom of the corners under the bottom of the Corner Belt Rail. Close the rear curtain zippers.



## Step Eighteen

Determine the left and right Rotary Latch Paddle Handles. Locate the pre-cut "X" in the lower door panel where the Paddle Handle will fit into the mounting plate on the door frame. Fold the pre-cut fabric back and insert the Paddle Handle into the mounting plate so that the latch mechanism is inside of the vehicle and the Rotary Latch Mechanism is toward the rear of the door. Start with the Rotary Latch Paddle Handle at an angle to the door and rotate it into position as shown in the video. Align the four holes in the Paddle Handle Assembly with the four holes in the mounting plate. Match the holes in the Paddle Handle and the mounting plate with the four pre-cut holes in the fabric. Insert four #10-24 Truss Head Machine Screws from the outside and secure them with #10-24 Locknuts. Do not tighten the screws until all four are in place. Use a Utility Knife or a Razor Blade to trim the excess fabric around the Paddle Handle. Repeat for both lower doors.



## Step Nineteen

**NOTE:** Bestop has replaced the Clip-On Handle included in this kit with a frame integrated handle. There are no Clip-On Handles in this kit due to this product change. Please disregard this step in the video installation.

## Step Twenty

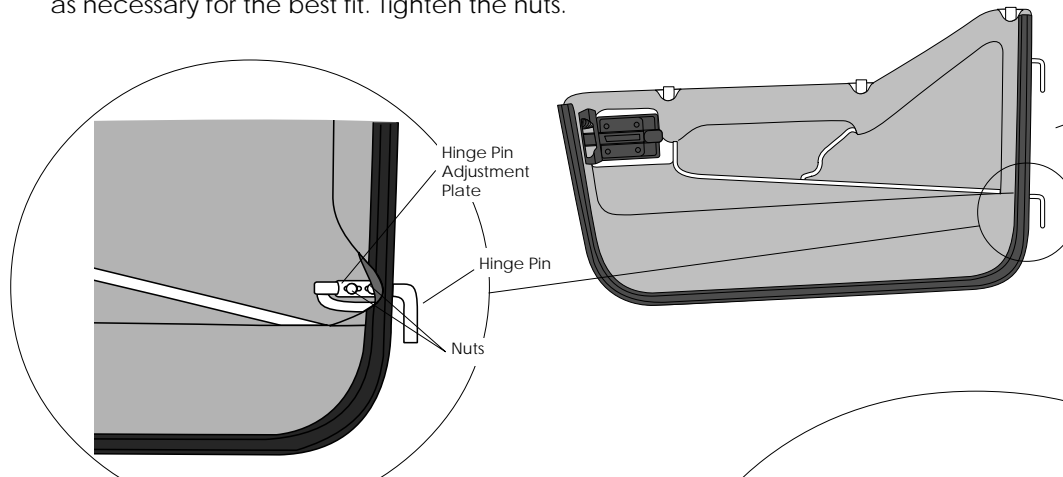
Remove the plastic caps from the Lower Door Hinge Pins. Hold the door straight out from the vehicle with the hinge pins over the body hinges. Lower the pins into the hinges. Make sure that the pins are fully inserted into the body hinges. Close the door and check to make sure that the door latches securely to the hard door striker pin.

### Warning:

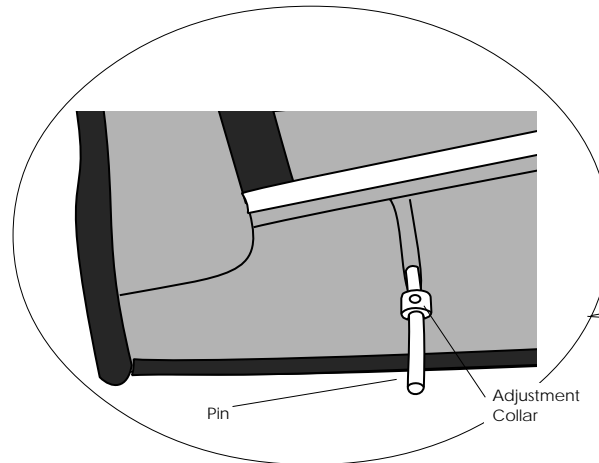
The doors in this product are designed only for protection against the elements. Do not rely on the doors to contain occupants within the vehicle or to protect against injury during an accident. Door handles are only designed to aid in door closure. Door and handle will not support a person's weight.

## Step Twenty-one

Locate the Lower Hinge Pin Adjustment Plate on the Lower Door frame. If the Lower Door needs to be adjusted for a better fit against the body, use a 7/16" Wrench to loosen the two nuts in the adjustment plate. Slide the Hinge Pin backward or forward as necessary for the best fit. Tighten the nuts.



**Note:** If the lower door pivot does not provide enough adjustability for correct latch adjustment (the door does not latch properly), follow the instructions in the enclosed spacer kit.



Once the door fits properly - trim excess rubber seal

## Step Twenty-two

Remove the plastic caps from the Upper Door Pins and install the upper door into the lower door. Starting with the front pin, slip the pins into the sockets in the lower door. Make sure that the pins are well seated in the sockets. Close the door to check that it fits properly against the body. If necessary, use a 1/8" Allen Wrench to loosen the Collars on the front and rear upper door pins. The Collars will slide up or down as needed to provide the best fit of the Upper Door against the windshield and the Horizontal Rod plastic. Attach the loop strip on the bottom of the upper door to the hook strip on the top of the lower door. If necessary for proper door fit, bend the door slightly inward (see video). Once the doors close and seal properly, cut off the excess rubber seal at the front of the door.

**Note:** Lubricating the upper door pins with a light weight oil will make it easier to install and remove the upper door.

**Warning:** When operating the vehicle without the Side Curtains, the Rear Curtain should be rolled up for proper ventilation.

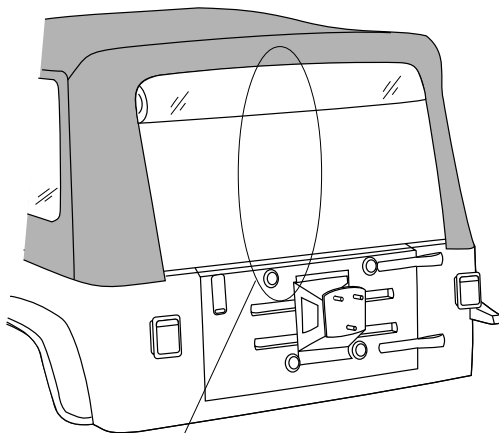
## Adjusting the Top

### Side Curtains

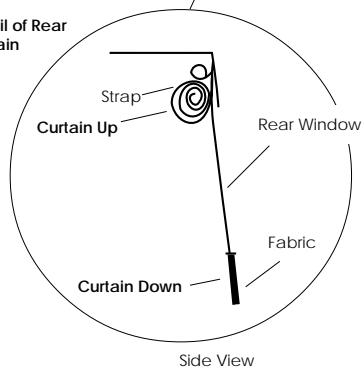
To remove the Side Curtains. Unzip the rear and top zippers. Release the plastic strip from the retainer. Release the Hook and Loop Fasteners from around the Vertical Retainer.

### Rear Curtain

To roll up the Rear Curtain, remove the Rear Curtain Retainer and start at the bottom rolling it to the inside. Avoid wrinkles in the fabric and window. Secure it in place with the curtain straps inside of the top.



Detail of Rear Curtain



### Folding the Top Down

Open the zippers at the rear of the Side Curtains. Pull the plastic strip on the bottom of the Side Curtains out of the Belt Rails. Leave the rear corners of the top attached to the Corner Belt Rails. Unfasten the hook and loop strips at the front of the Side Curtains, releasing the Side Curtains from the Vertical Retainer. Fold the Side Curtains up onto the top and release the hook and loop fasteners on the flaps, above the doors. Unsnap the top from the rear bow.

Release the locking tabs on the Bow Releases from the holes in the bow and slide the rear bow down to the Bow Mounts. Release the Horizontal Rod from the Windshield Bracket. Remove the Vertical Rod from the Vertical Retainer Mount and lay the bow assembly down on the rear of the vehicle.

Unfasten the top from the windshield and lay it down on the body. Make sure that the rear corners of the top are tucked under the rear bow. Fold the top in half from front to back and continue folding until the top is about 1 foot wide at the rear of the vehicle. Secure the top by clipping the Bow Tie Downs into the Side Belt Rails.

### Removal of Soft Top for Open Air Driving

When operating the vehicle with the fabric top removed, it is very important that the supporting hardware system be disconnected from the windshield bracket and folded flat to the rear of the vehicle. The vertical and horizontal rods should be snapped into the plastic clips located on the inside of both bow mount brackets. Wrap the elastic straps around the bows and insert the plastic strip into the side belt rail. Never operate the vehicle with the fabric removed and the hardware in the fully erected position.



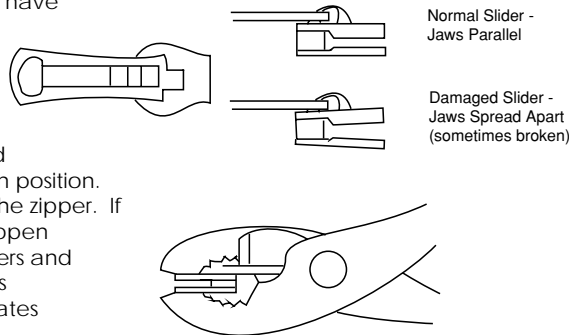
## Care and Maintenance of your Bestop Top

Your top is made of the finest materials available. To keep it looking new and for the maximum possible wear, it will need periodic cleaning and maintenance.

**Washing:** The top fabric should be washed often using soap, warm water and a soft bristle brush. Rinse with clear water to remove all traces of soap.

**Windows:** Keep windows clean to avoid scratching. DO NOT use a brush on the windows! Wash with a watersoaked cloth or sponge and a mild dishwashing detergent. NEVER WIPE THE WINDOWS WHEN THEY ARE DRY. Be careful when cleaning snow or frost from the vinyl windows since they are easily scratched and may crack at low temperatures. DO NOT roll the sides or rear window in cold weather. The windows become stiff and will crack.

**Zippers:** Keeping the zipper cleaned and lubricated with a silicone lubricant will help prevent damage and keep the zippers in a smooth working condition. If a zipper opens behind the slider, the slider may have been spread apart. This problem can usually be repaired by using an ordinary pair of pliers to bring the sides back into parallel. Return slider to the end of the zipper in the normal Open position. Squeeze lightly at first and test the zipper. If the zipper continues to remain open squeeze more firmly with the pliers and try the zipper again. Repeat this procedure until the zipper operates correctly.



**Water:** Seeping through at the seams may be stopped by applying 3-M Scotchgard® on the inside of the seams. Rips in the fabric may be repaired with Bondex® iron on patches. Iron the patches to the inside of the top, carefully following the Bondex® instructions.

**Snaps:** Keep snaps cleaned and lubricated with silicone to help prevent snaps from sticking to the studs. If a snap does become stuck to a stud, use a screwdriver and GENTLY pry apart to prevent permanent damage to the snap or the top fabric.

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