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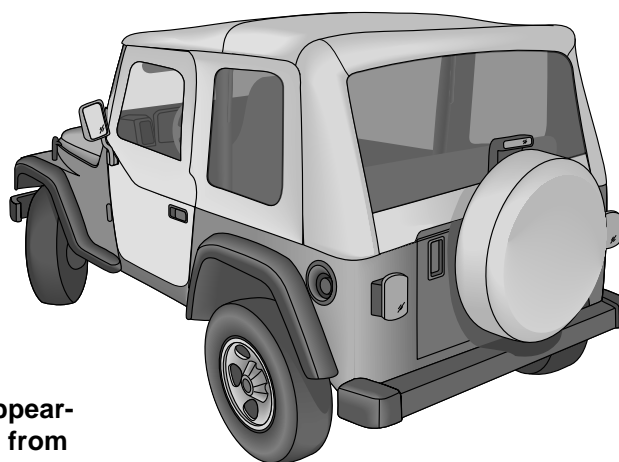
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# Supertop with Tinted Sides and Rear Curtain and 2 Piece Soft Doors Installation Instructions

For: '97 - '02 Wrangler TJ

Part Number: 54703

**DO NOT INSTALL THIS PRODUCT ON ANY VEHICLE  
OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE.**



## 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:

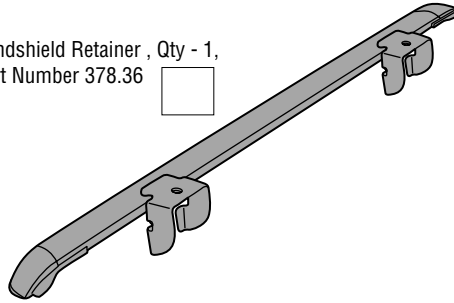
For ease in installation, the top should be installed at temperatures above 72° F. Below this temperature, the top may contract an inch or more, making it difficult to fit to the vehicle.

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.

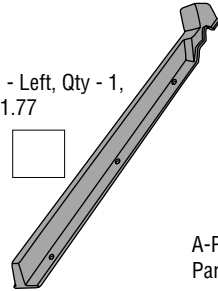
# Parts List and Hardware Identification

Top Fabric	Qty - 1
Quarter Window, Right	Qty - 1
Quarter Window, Left	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

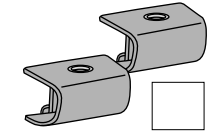
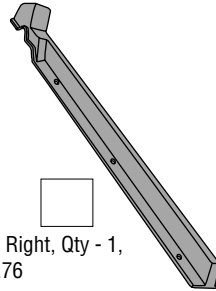
Windshield Retainer , Qty - 1,  
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A-Pillar Molding - Right, Qty - 1,  
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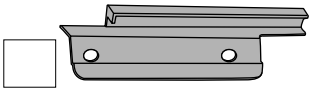
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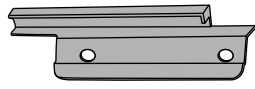
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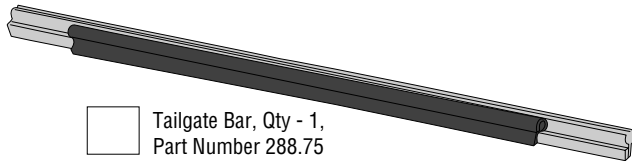
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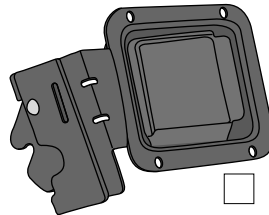
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Tailgate Retainer Mount, Right,  
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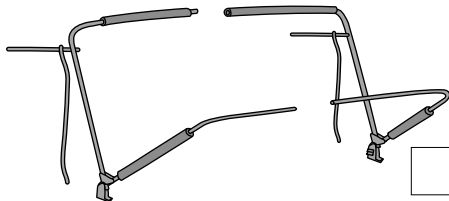


Tailgate Bar, Qty - 1,  
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Latches - Rotary Paddle Handle -  
Rt., Qty - 1, Lt., Qty - 1,  
Part Number 319.30

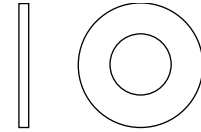
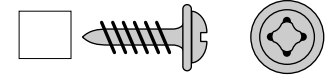
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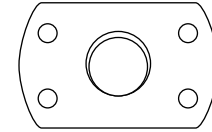
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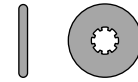
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Qty - 10, Part Number 200.48



5/16" Washer, Qty - 12, Part  
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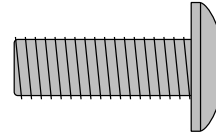
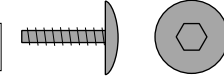


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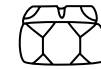


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#10-24 x 7/16" Button Head Socket  
Screw, Qty - 4, Part Number 317.52

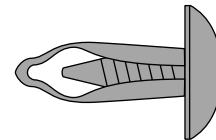
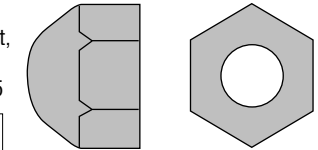


5/16-18 x 1" Phillips Head  
Bolt, Qty - 5,  
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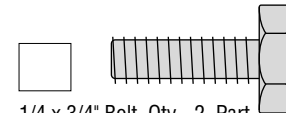


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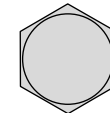
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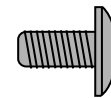
Unscrewing Snap Rivet,  
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1/8" Allen Wrench, Qty - 1, Part  
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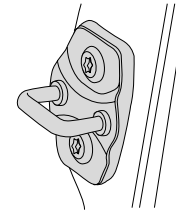
#10-24 Truss Head Machine Screw - Black,  
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## Tools Needed

- 1/2" Wrench
  - #2 Phillips Screwdriver
  - 9/16 Wrench
  - 7/16 Wrench
  - 13mm Wrench
  - \* Power Drill
  - \* 1/8" Drill Bit
  - \* Hammer
  - \* Center Punch
- \* on some models



If your vehicle does not have the latch pin assembly illustrated here, you have an incorrect part for your vehicle. Please call the 1-800 number before attempting installation.



**Special Note:** The Rotary Latch Paddle Handle **will only** latch on the automobile manufacturer's original equipment steel latch pin located on the vehicle. **Do Not adjust or remove this part.**

## Step One

### INSTALL A-PILLAR MOLDINGS

Remove the OEM A-Pillar Moldings on each side of the windshield using a #2 Phillips Screwdriver to remove the three screws in each molding.

Install the left and right A-Pillar Moldings from the parts kit in the existing holes using three #8 x 1/2" Pan Head Washer Screws on each side. Place an Unscrewing Snap Rivet through the hole in the Bulb Seal along the top of the windshield and into the hole in the top of each A-Pillar Molding.

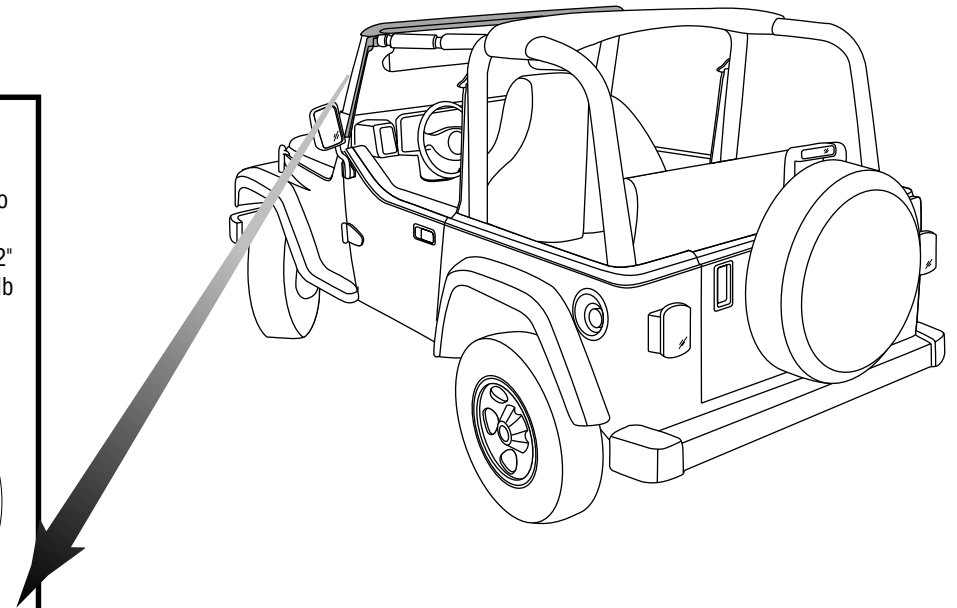
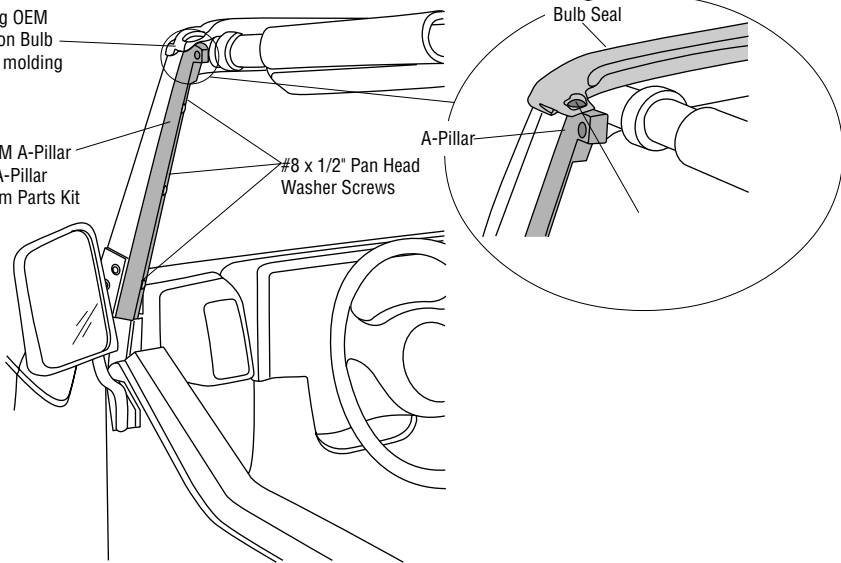
When removing OEM A-Pillar lift up on Bulb Seal to release molding

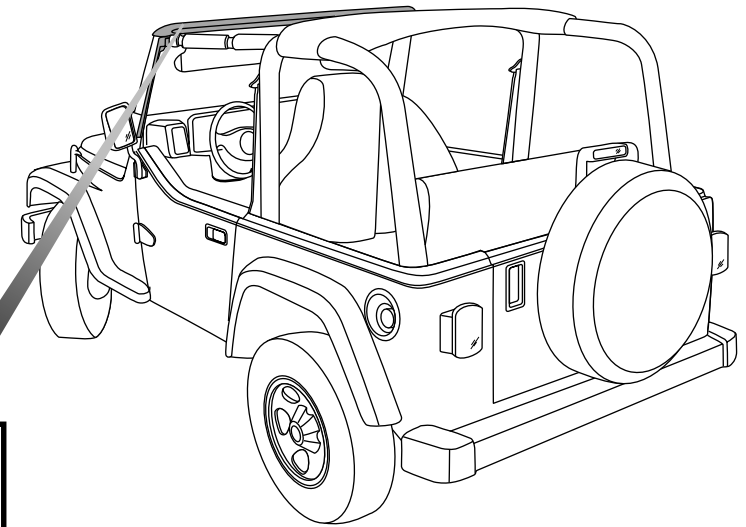
Remove OEM A-Pillar and Install A-Pillar Molding from Parts Kit

#8 x 1/2" Pan Head Washer Screws

Bulb Seal

A-Pillar



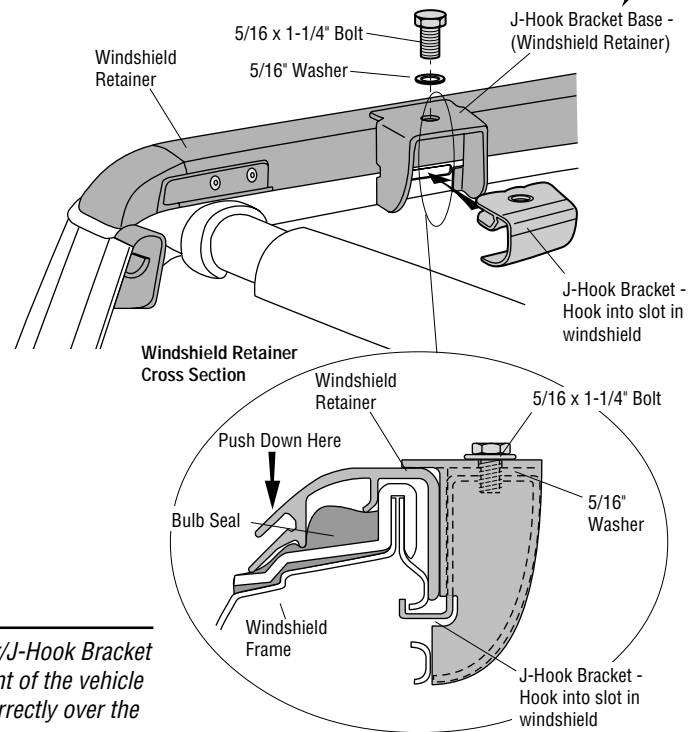


## Step Two

### INSTALL WINDSHIELD RETAINER

Place the Windshield Retainer assembly on top of the bulb seal along the top of the Windshield.

Locate the two J-Hook Brackets in the parts kit. Orient a bracket with the hook toward the front and the threaded insert toward the top. Slide the bracket into one of the J-Hook Bracket Bases mounted to the Windshield Retainer and catch the hook in the slot in the windshield. Insert a 5/16 x 1-1/4" Bolt and a 5/16" Washer from the top of the base into the J-Hook Bracket to secure the bracket to the base. Repeat this on the other side of the vehicle.

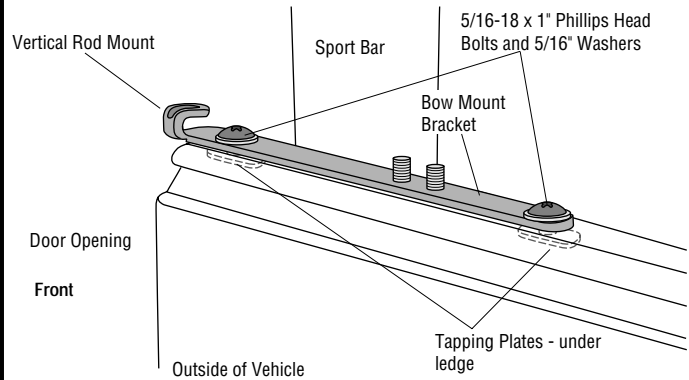


*Note: While installing the Windshield Retainer/J-Hook Bracket Assembly, apply firm pressure toward the front of the vehicle to make sure that the assembly is installed correctly over the bulb seal.*

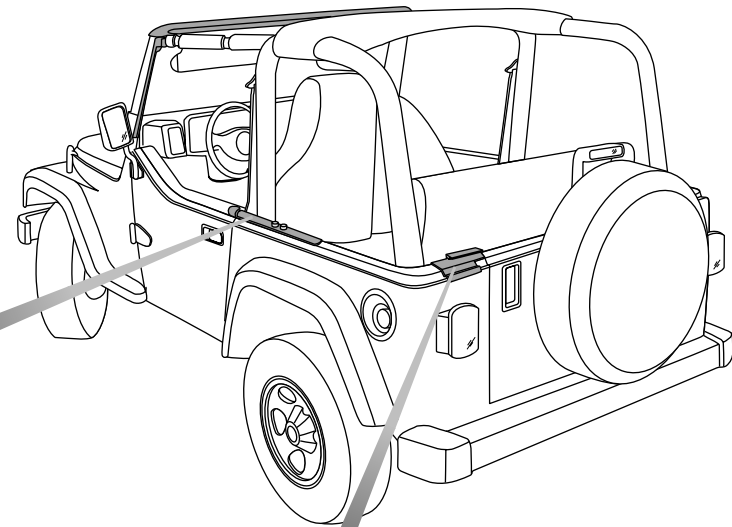
## Step Three

### INSTALL BOW MOUNT BRACKETS

Locate the Left and Right Bow Mount Brackets in the parts kit. Locate the brackets behind the door opening on top of the body, with the curved Vertical Rod Retainer toward the front and opening to the inside of the vehicle. Align the holes in the bracket with the existing holes in the vehicle. Place a Tapping Plate under the ledge, lined up with each hole and install a 5/16-18 x 1" Phillips Head Bolt and a 5/16" Washer.



*Note: In order to fit properly with either full steel doors or soft upper doors, these brackets may need to be adjusted after the full top is installed.*

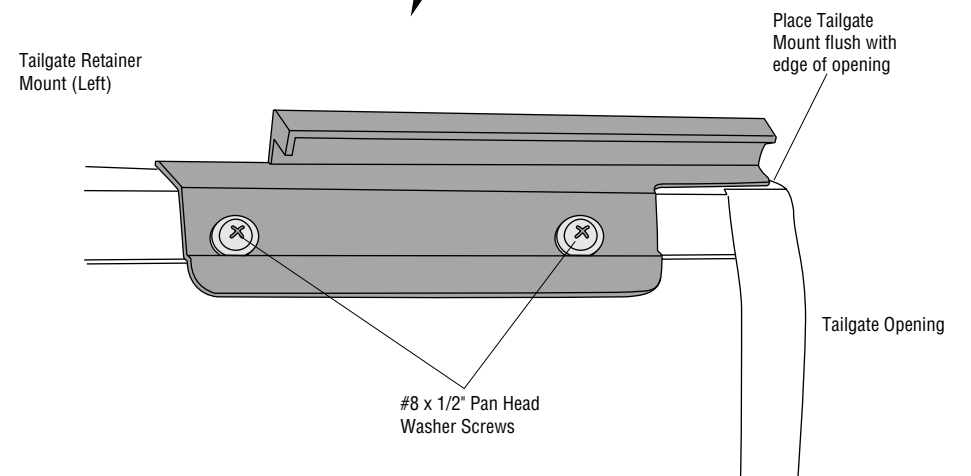


## Step Four

### INSTALL TAILGATE RETAINERS

Locate the left and right Tailgate Retainer Mounts. Place the mounts flush with the edge of the tailgate opening. Install the Tailgate Retainer Mounts with two #8 x 1/2" Pan Head Washer Screws for each mount.

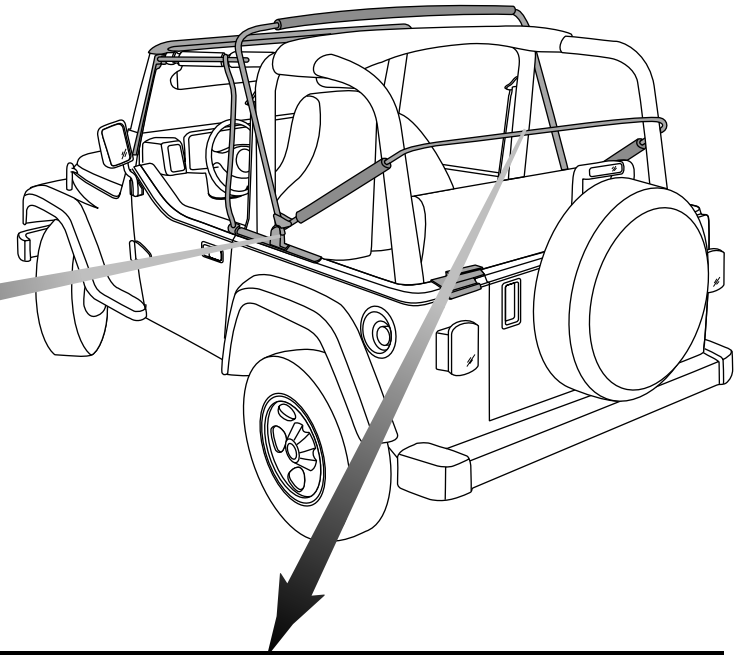
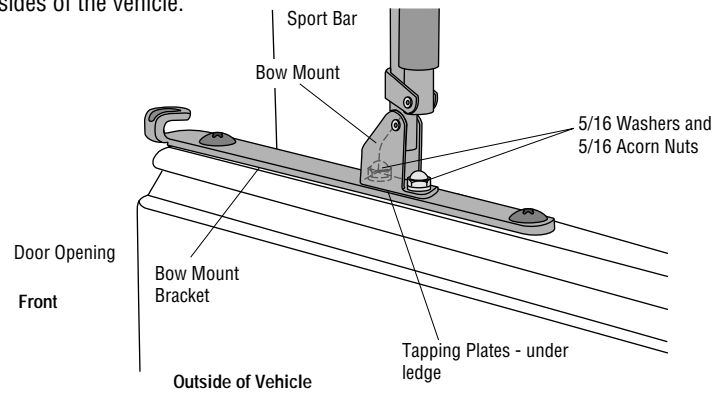
If your vehicle does not have holes at this location, align the Tailgate Retainer Mounts flush with the edge of the tailgate opening. Then mark the locations of the holes in the mounts, center punch and drill a 1/8" hole at the marked locations. Install the mounts with two #8 x 1/2" Pan Head Washer Screws for each mount.



## Step Five

### INSTALL BOW ASSEMBLIES

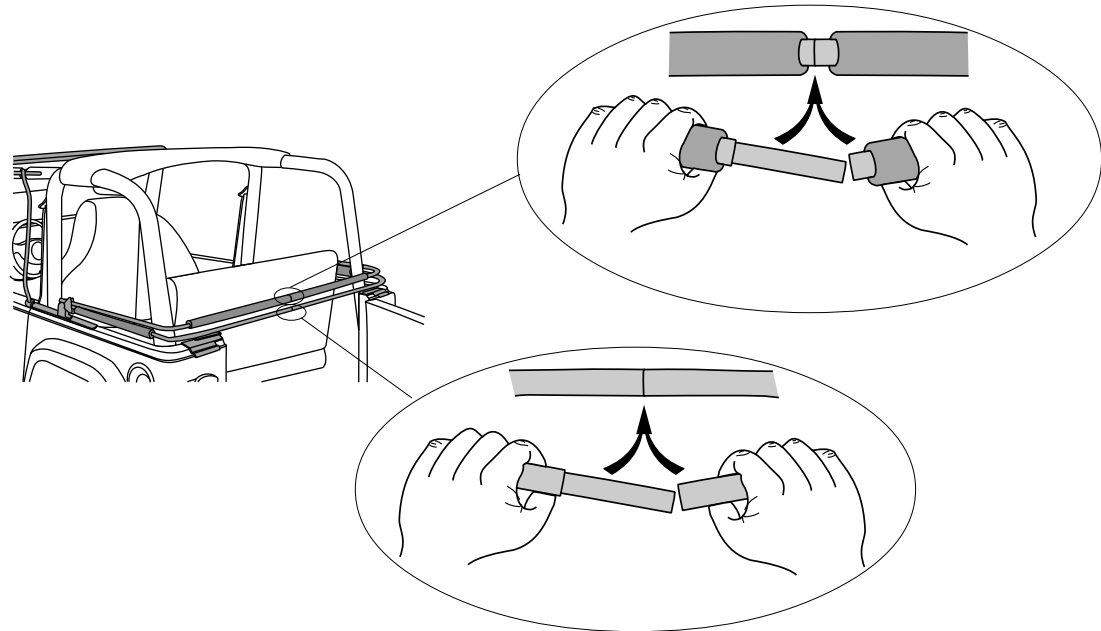
Locate the Left and Right Bow Assemblies in the parts kit. Orient the Bow Assemblies with the tab on the mount toward the rear of the vehicle. Place the holes in the mount over the studs in the Bow Mount Bracket and raise the bows to access the studs. Secure the Bow Assemblies to the Bow Mount Brackets with two 5/16 Acorn Nuts. Install the Bow Assemblies on both sides of the vehicle.



## Step Six

### ASSEMBLE BOW HALVES

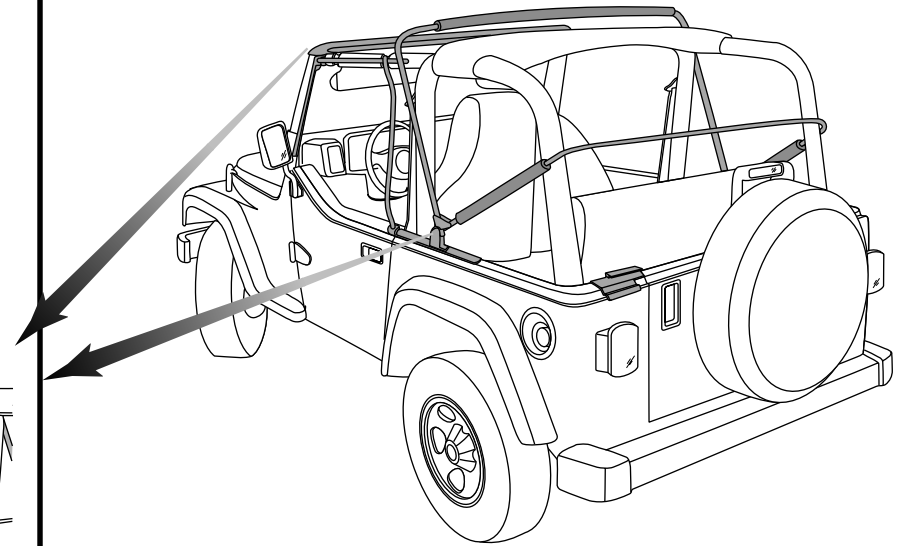
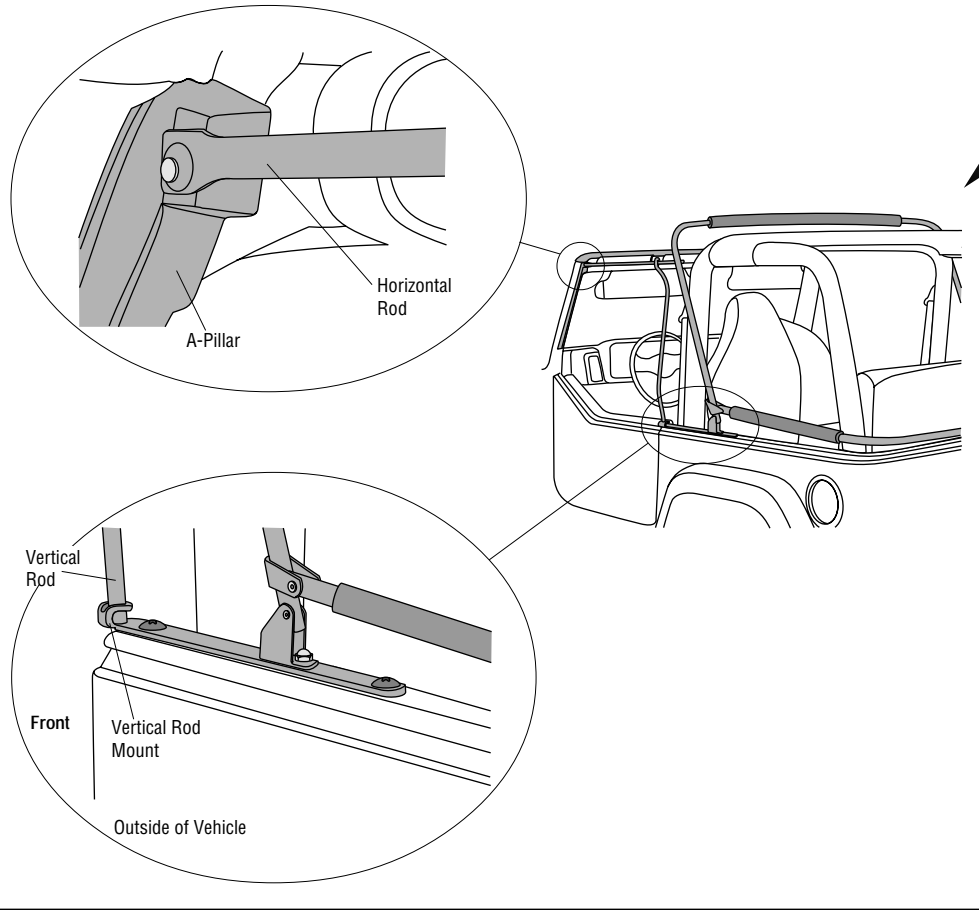
Lay the bows down on top of the body. Start the male end of the Top (Front) Bow into the female end. Push forward on the bow until the two sides snap together. Slide the foam pieces on the bow together. Then start the male end of the Bottom (Rear) Bow into the female end and push forward on the bow until the two sides snap together.



## Step Seven

### SECURE VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL RODS

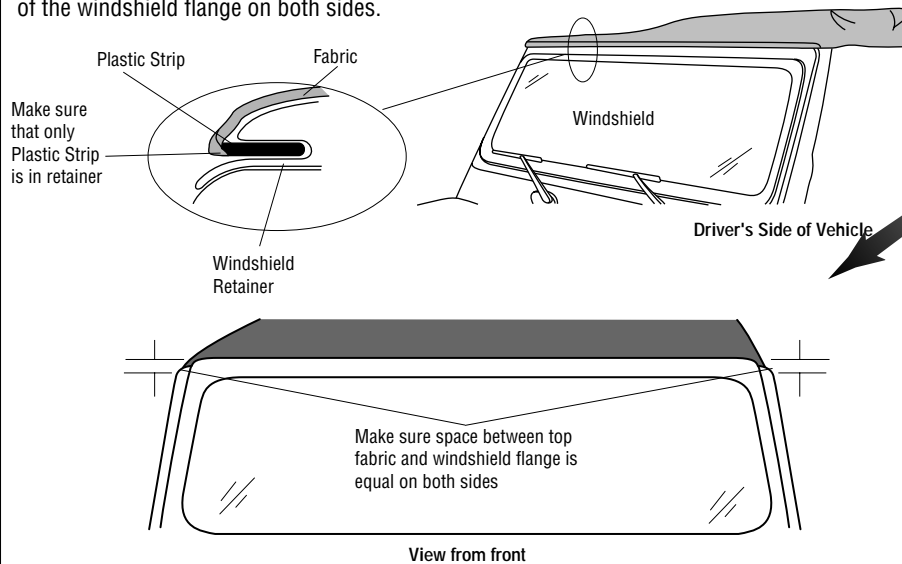
Raise the front bow and slip the Vertical Rods into the retainers at the front of the Bow Mount Brackets. Pull the Horizontal Rod forward toward the windshield and rotate the front bow forward. Snap the Horizontal Rod into the hole in the A-Pillar Molding.



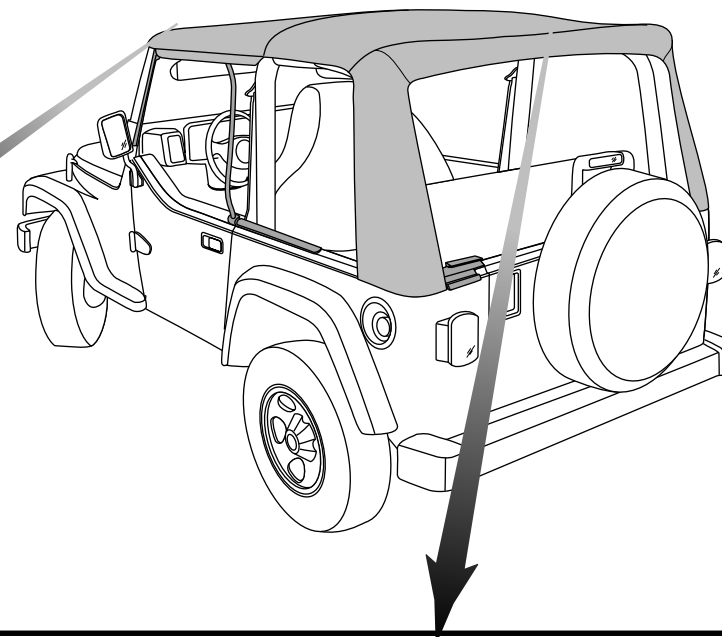
## Step Eight

### INSTALL TOP IN WINDSHIELD RETAINER

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 the 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.



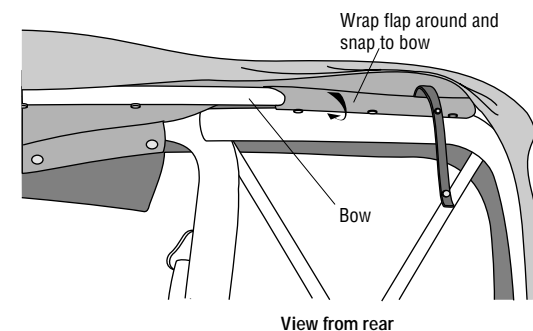
*Note: For best possible installation, check to make sure that the soft top is perfectly centered on the vehicle.*



## Step Nine

### SNAP TOP FABRIC TO REAR BOW

Fit the Rear Bow into the rear corners of the top. Snap the flaps to the six studs on the rear bow.



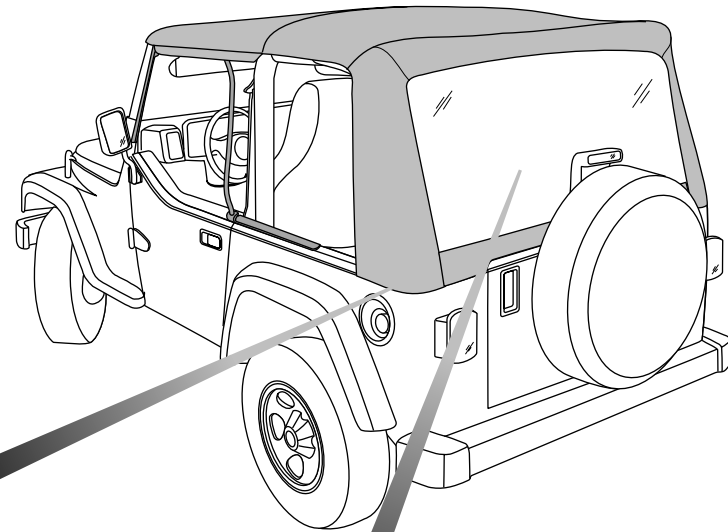
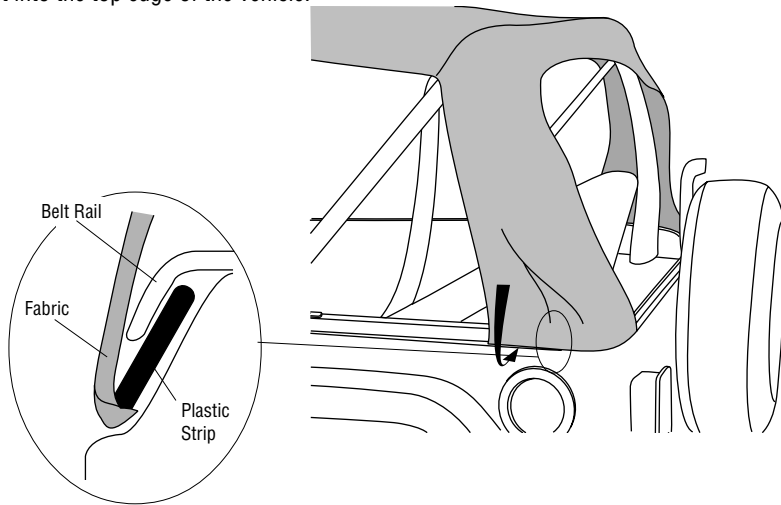
*Note: If the snaps don't appear to line up, push the rear bow forward to relieve the pressure on the bow. This will allow the snaps to line up more easily.*



## Step Ten

### SECURE REAR CORNERS TO BELT RAILS

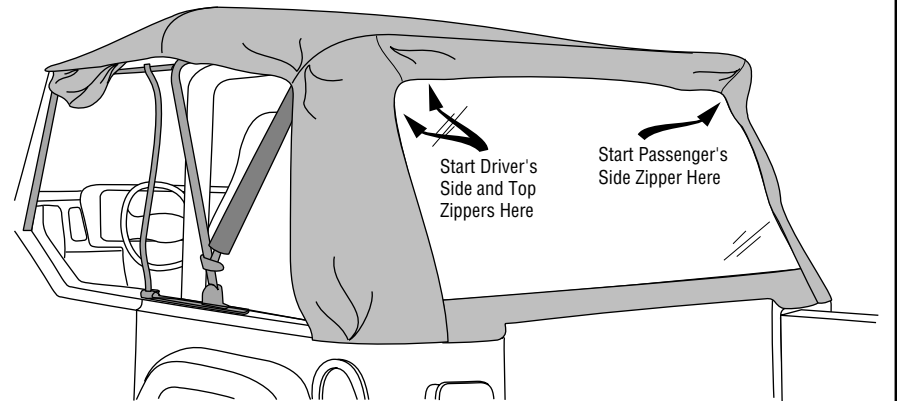
Insert the plastic strips at rear corners of top into the corners of the belt rails that are built into the top edge of the vehicle.



## Step Eleven

### INSTALL REAR WINDOW

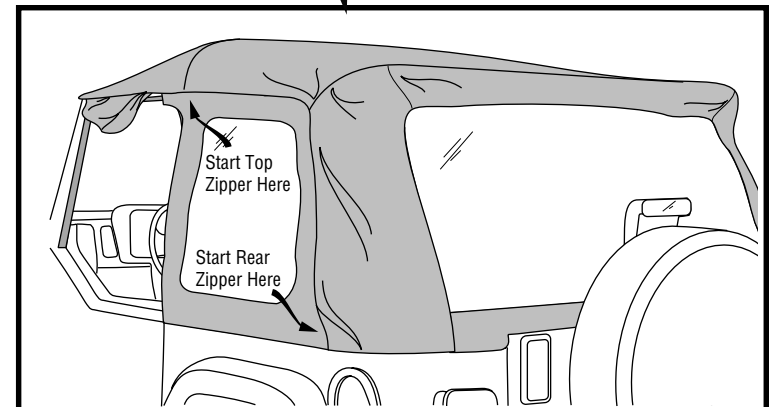
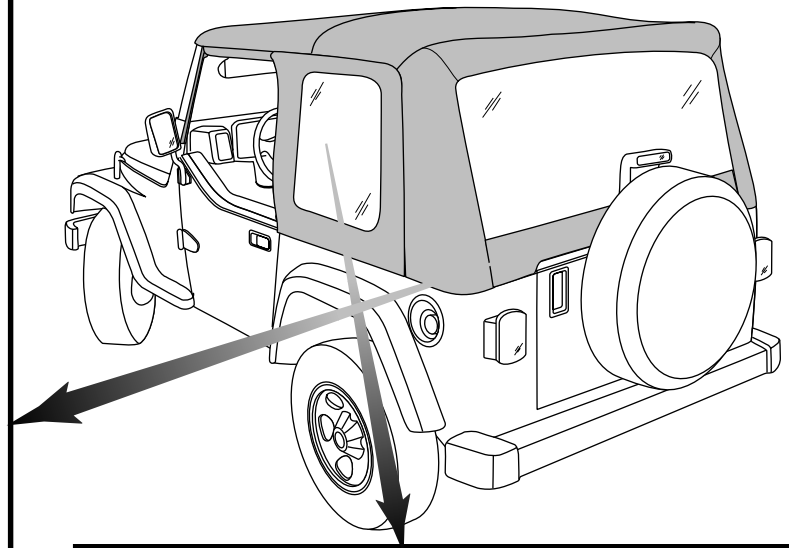
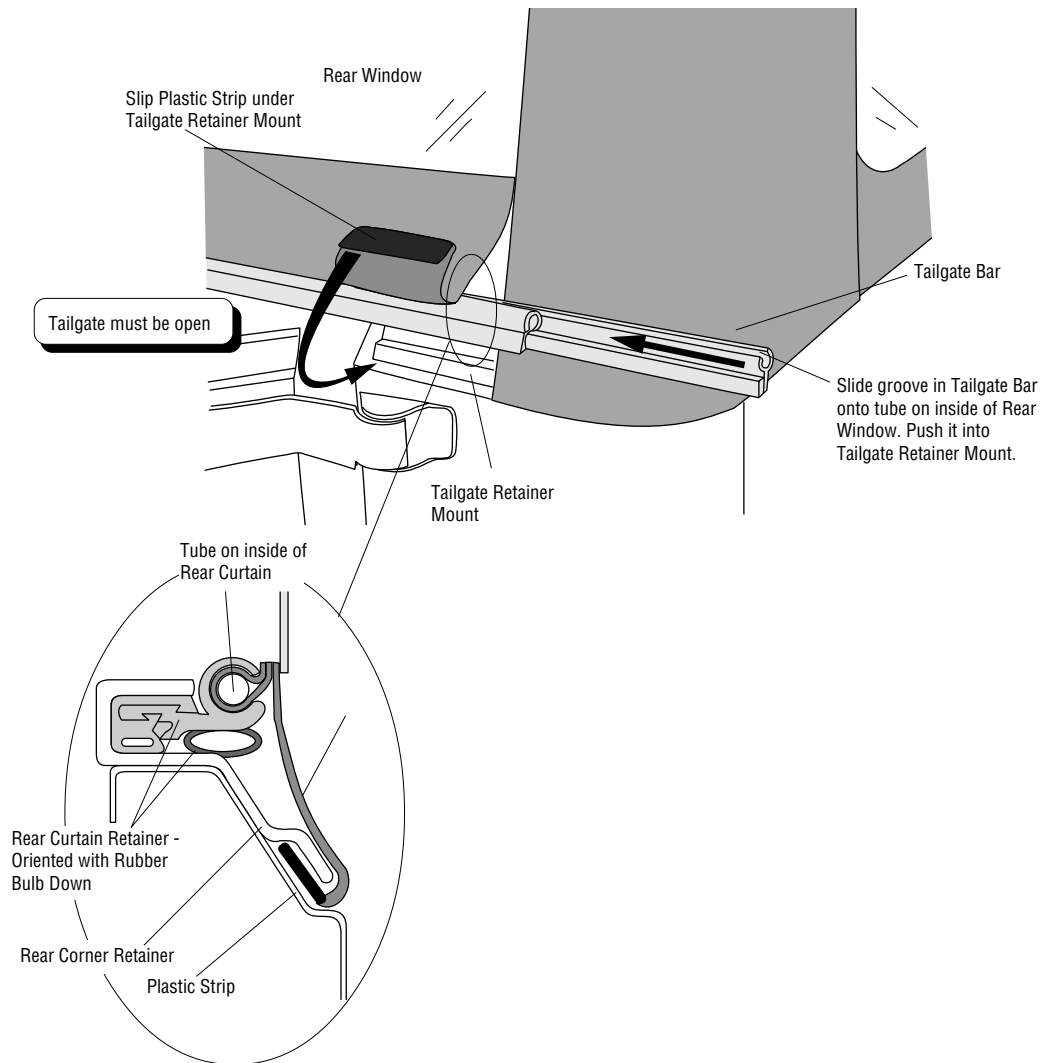
Locate the Rear Window in the parts kit. Orient it on the vehicle with the zippers toward the top. Catch the zipper on the driver's side, starting at the top corner and close the zipper a few inches. Then catch the top zipper, starting in the same corner and closing it a few inches. Finally, catch the zipper on the passenger side, starting at the top corner. Close all the zippers completely.



## Step Twelve

### INSTALL TAILGATE BAR

Open the tailgate. Orient the Tailgate Bar with the rubber bulb facing down, in order to form a seal with the top of the tailgate. Slide the groove in the Tailgate Bar onto the tube inside the bottom of the Rear Window. Roll the Tailgate Bar into the top of the Tailgate Retainer Mounts. Slip the plastic on the bottom of the Rear Window under the bottom part of the Tailgate Retainer Mounts. Close the rear curtain zippers.



## Step Thirteen

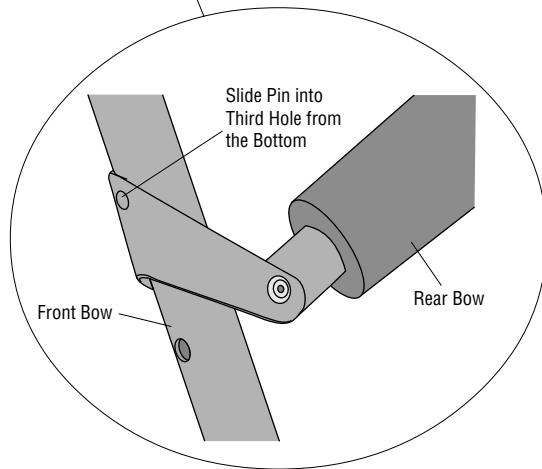
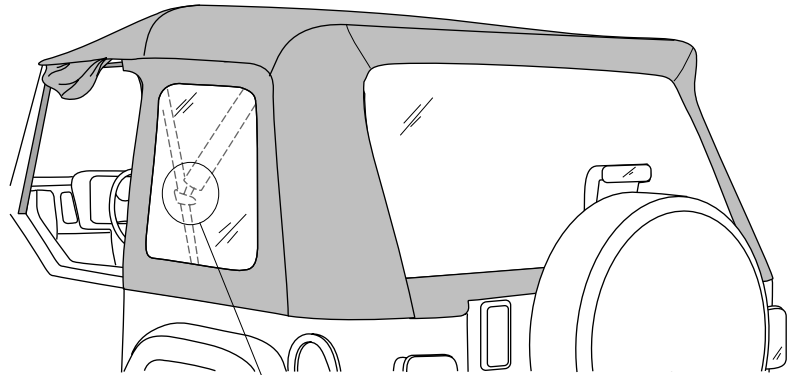
### INSTALL QUARTER WINDOWS

Locate the Left and Right Quarter Windows in the parts kit and orient them with the zippers toward the top and rear. Start the top zipper at the front corner and the rear zipper at the bottom rear corner. Close the zippers and tuck the top rear corner of the panel smoothly under the top.

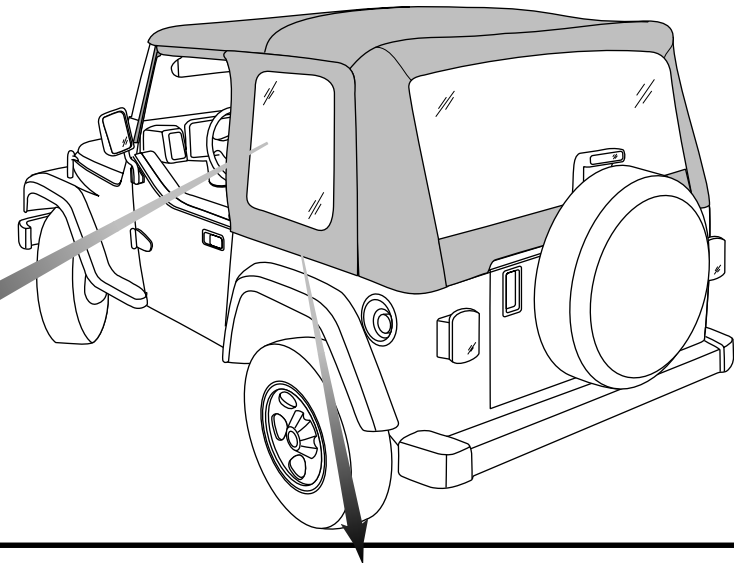
## Step Fourteen

### ADJUST TENSION ON TOP

Reach in under the Quarter Window and carefully slide the Rear Bow up on the Front Bow to increase the tension on the top. Be very careful not to scratch the windows. Insert the pin in the slide into the third hole (counting up from the bottom) of the four holes in the Front Bow.



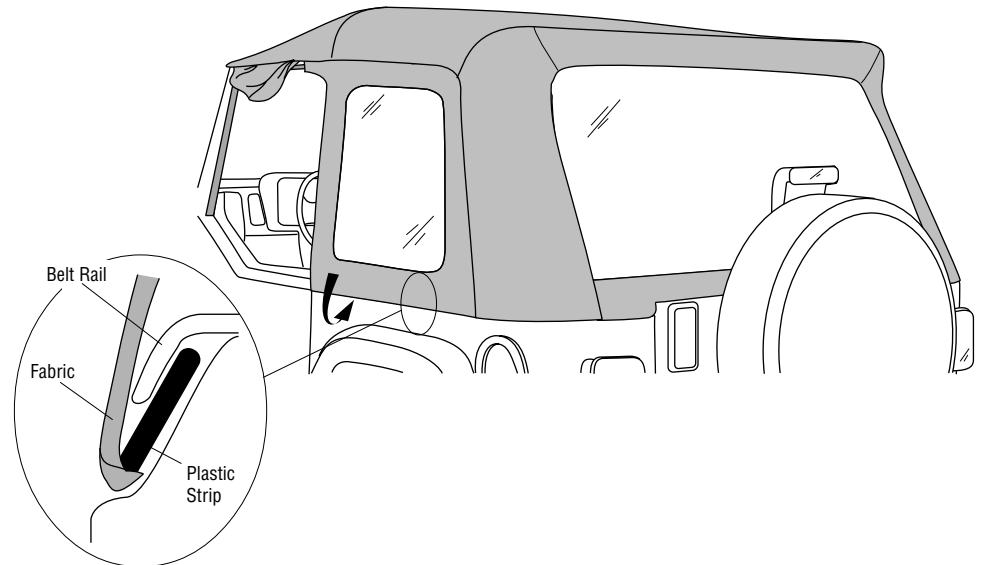
*Note: If the top is extremely tight, slip the tab into a lower hole. The top will loosen up after a few hours in the sun. Then the pin may be inserted into a higher hole position.*



## Step Fifteen

### SECURE BOTTOM OF QUARTER WINDOW IN BELT RAIL

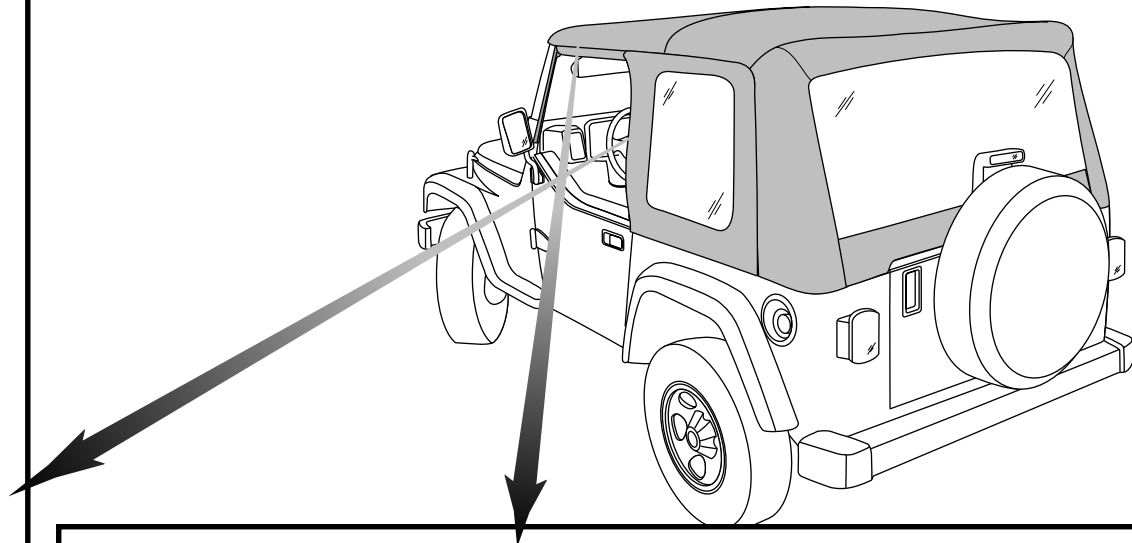
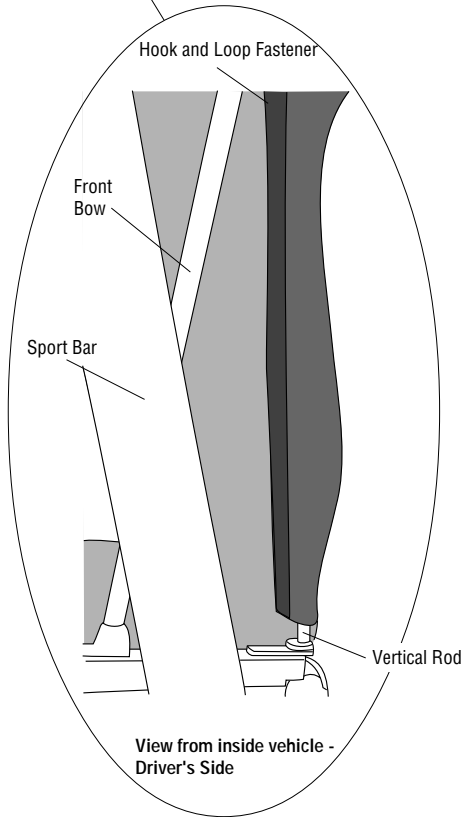
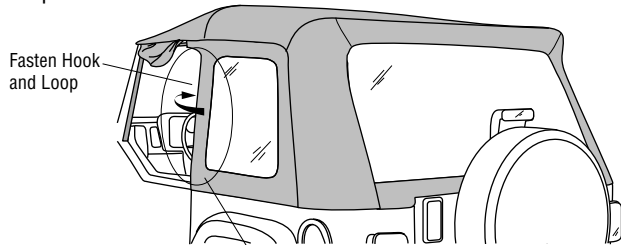
Slip the plastic strip on the bottom of the Quarter Window into the belt rail built into the vehicle.



## Step Sixteen

### SECURE HOOK AND LOOP ON QUARTER PANELS

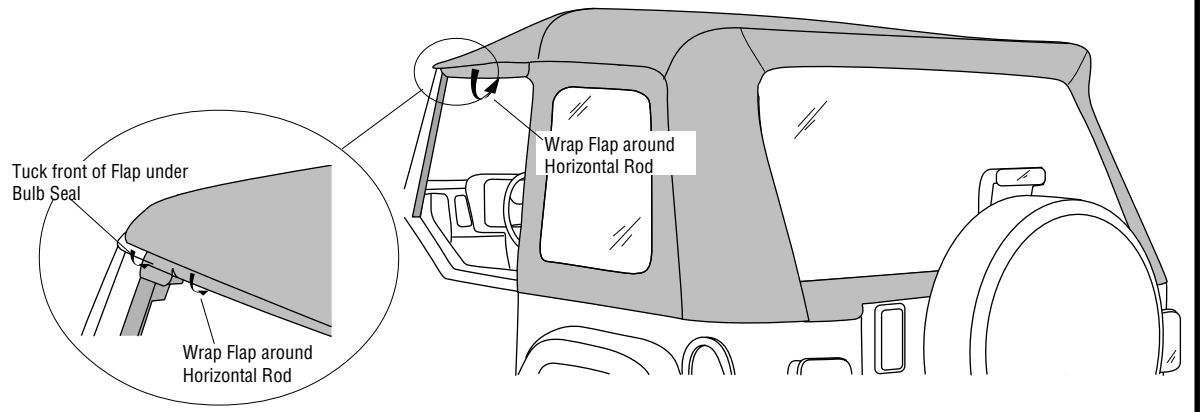
Fasten the hook and loop strips at the top front of the Quarter Window. Wrap fabric flap on the front of the Quarter Window around the Vertical Rod (not the front bow) and fasten the hook and loop strips to each other.



## Step Seventeen

### SECURE FABRIC ABOVE DOOR OPENINGS

Wrap the flap, sewn to the top above each door, around the Horizontal Rod and fasten the hook and loop strips to each other. Tuck the front edge of the flap, next to the windshield, up under the Bulb Seal.



## Step Eighteen

### FINAL CHECK AND ADJUSTMENT

Check the fit of the doors. If necessary, adjust the Bow Mount Brackets installed in Step 4 so that the doors fit properly. Tighten the bolts.



## WARNING

It is important that the Paddle Hand **must align correctly** with the automobile manufacturer's original equipment steel latch pin located on the vehicle. **Failure to properly install the paddle handle may result in the door accidentally opening. IMPROPER CLOSURE COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO THE OCCUPANTS. WEAR SEAT BELTS AT ALL TIMES. DRIVE CAREFULLY.**



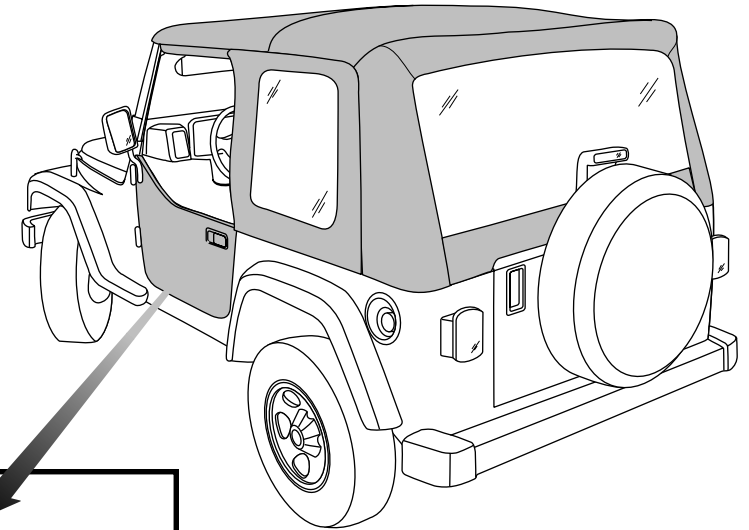
## Caution

DO NOT attempt to adjust the Original Equipment Latch Pin (illustrated on Page 3). Doing so could result in damage to the pin.

### Step Nineteen

#### REMOVE FACTORY STEEL DOOR

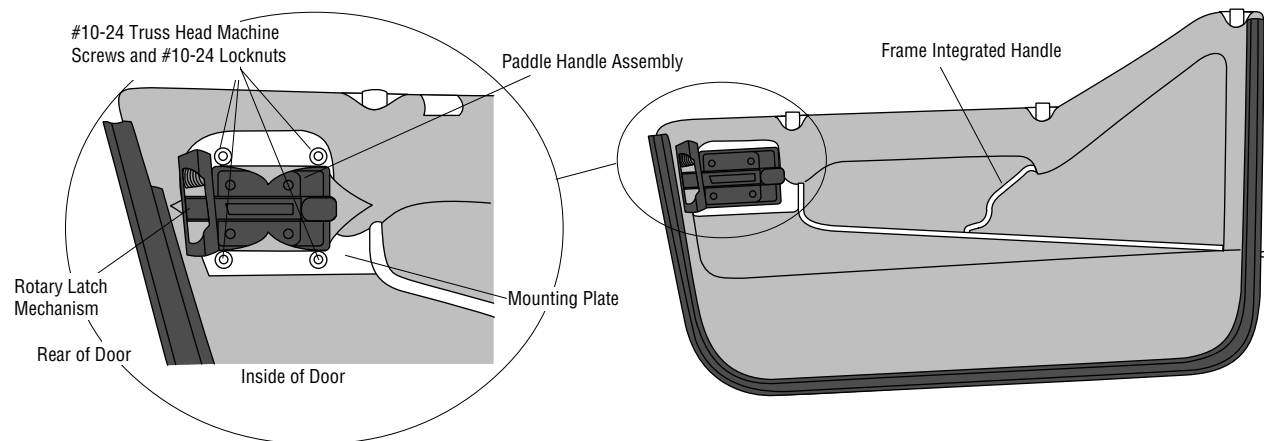
Remove the factory steel door by removing the hinge pin nuts and lifting the door up and out of the body hinge. Remove any entry lights that are on when the doors are removed.



### Step Twenty

#### INSTALL PADDLE HANDLE

Remove the plastic caps from the upper door pins and from the Lower Door Hinge Pins. 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. Align the four holes in the Paddle Assembly with the four holes in the mounting plate. Use a pointed tool to punch four holes in the fabric to match the holes in the Paddle Handle and the mounting plate. 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. Check alignment of the Paddle Handle to the steel latch pin before tightening the screws. If out of alignment, align and retighten the screws securely. Trim the excess fabric around the Paddle Handle. Repeat for both lower doors.

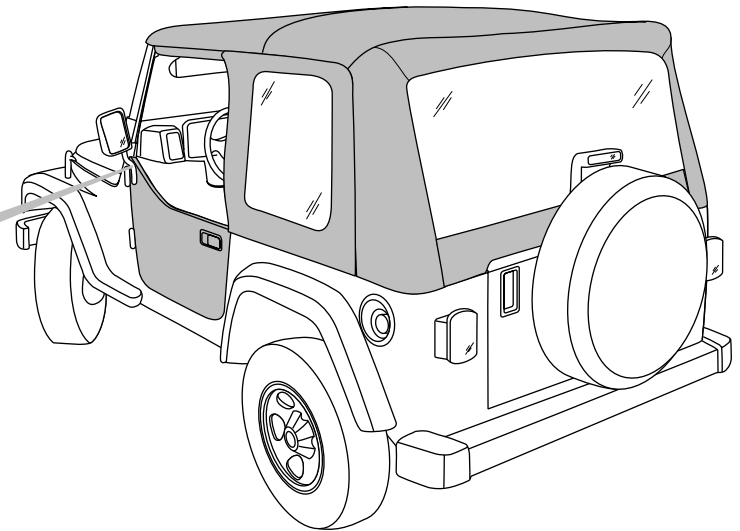
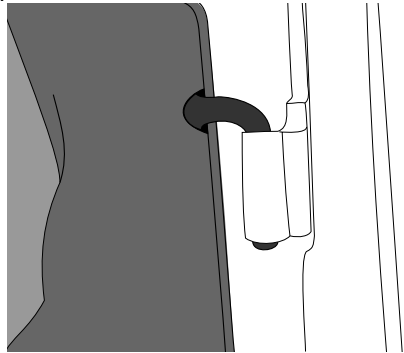


**Important:** You should check alignment of the Paddle Handle to the steel latch pin before tightening the screws. If out of alignment, align and retighten the screws securely.

## Step Twenty-one

### INSTALL LOWER DOOR

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 all sides to make sure that it fits properly against the body.



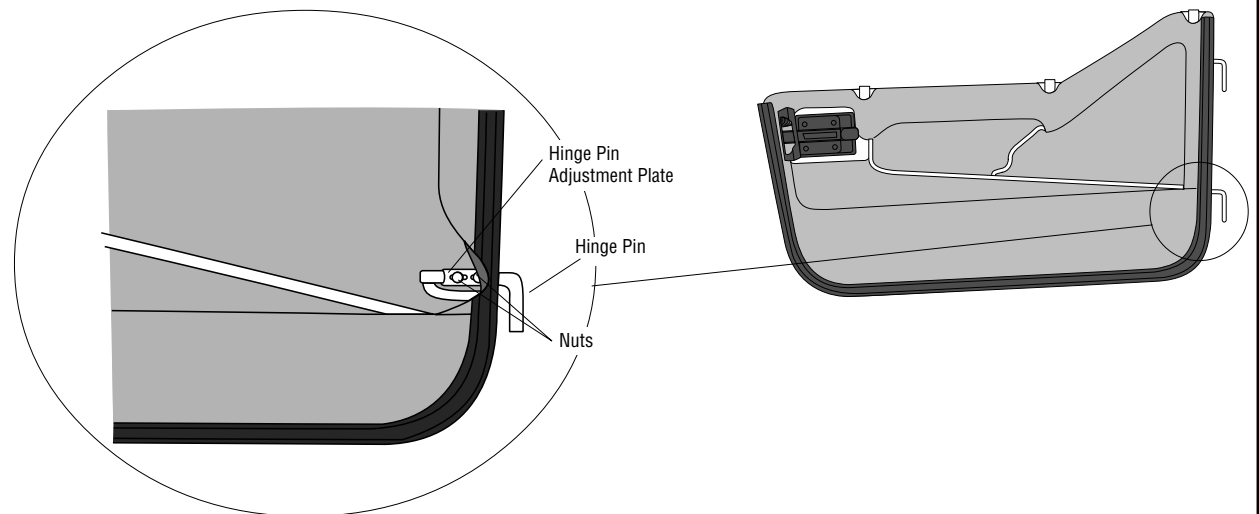
## Step Twenty-two

### ADJUST LOWER DOOR

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.

Readjust the Paddle Handle if necessary.

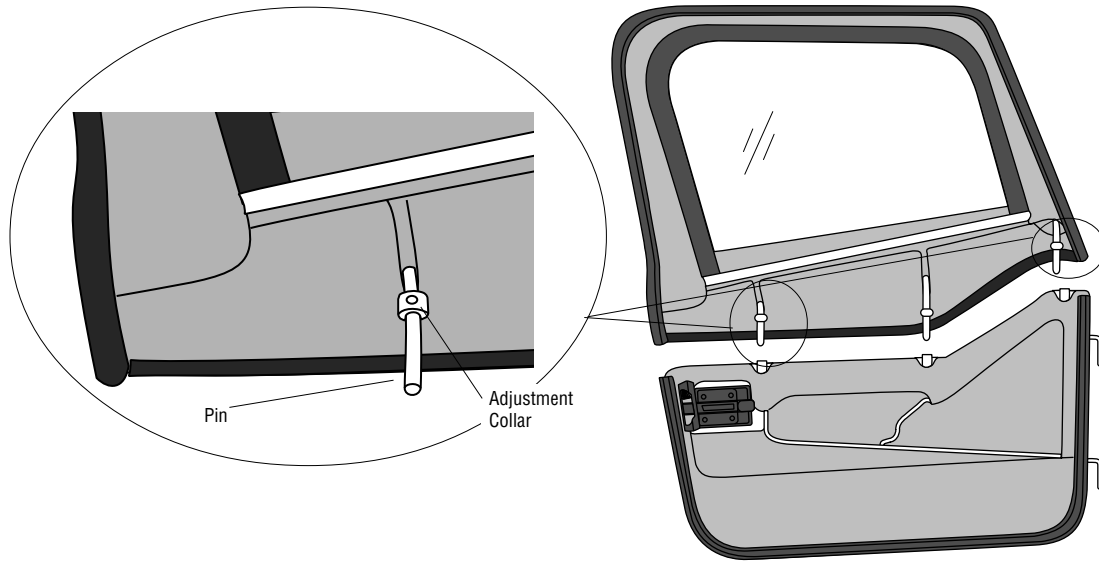
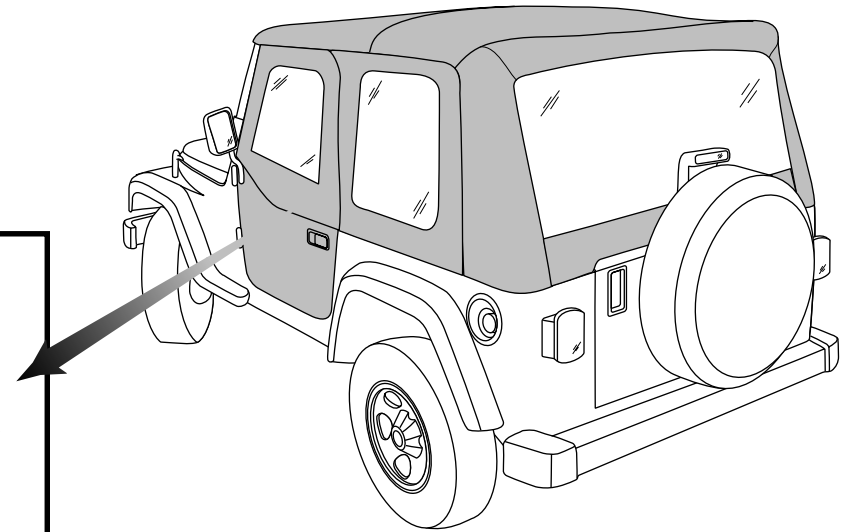
*Note: If the lower door pivot does not provide enough adjustability for correct latch adjustment (the door does not latch properly), follow the instructions in the enclosed spacer kit.*



## Step Twenty-three

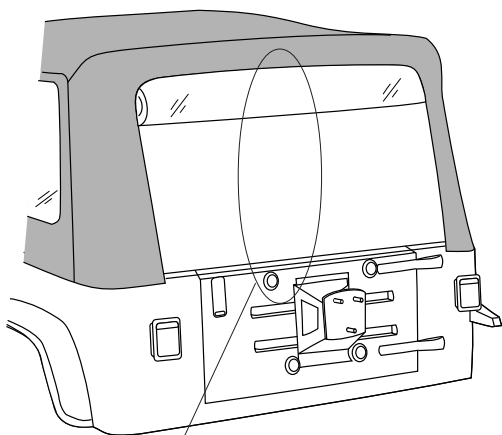
### INSTALL UPPER DOOR

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. 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.

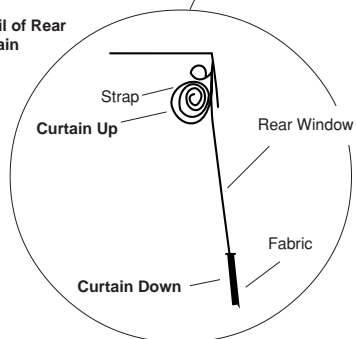


*Note: Lubricating the upper door pins with a light weight oil will make it easier to install and remove the upper door.*

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



Detail of Rear Curtain



Side View

## 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.

### 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

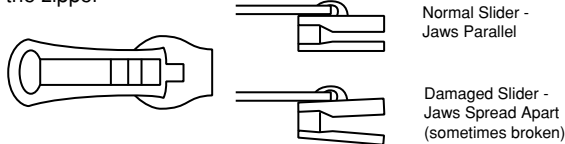
Your top is made of the finest materials available. To keep it looking new and for the maximum possible wear, it will need periodic cleaning and maintenance.

**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.

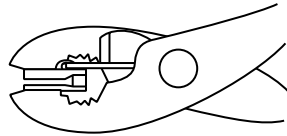
**Windows:** Keep windows clean to avoid scratching. DO NOT use a brush on the windows! Wash with a watersoaked cloth or sponge and a mild dishwashing detergent. NEVER WIPE THE WINDOWS WHEN THEY ARE DRY. Be careful when cleaning snow or frost from the vinyl windows since they are easily scratched and 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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