



## Bikini Top Installation Instructions

For: GEO Tracker/Suzuki Sidekick 1986-1994  
Part Number: 52570

Congratulations on your purchasing decision. Bestop designed the Bikini Top to give you years of dependability and performance with proper care. If you encounter any problems during the installation of your Bikini Top, or at any later date, please contact our Consumer Response Department, Monday - Friday at (800) 346-3910 or (303) 465-1755 in Colorado.

**Note: Please read this manual thoroughly before beginning the installation. After completing installation, keep this manual for further reference.**

### **Warning:**

**This product is designed 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 product 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 this product. Failure to do so may result in a poor fit and could place occupants of the vehicle in a potentially dangerous situation.**

### LIMITED WARRANTY

We warrant our product to be free from defects in material and workmanship, for the terms specified below, provided there has been normal use and proper maintenance. This warranty applies to the original purchaser only. All remedies under this warranty are limited to the repair or replacement of any item or items found by the factory to be defective within the time period specified.

If you have a warranty claim, first you must call our factory at the number below for instructions. You must retain proof of purchase and submit a copy with any items returned for warranty work. Upon completion of warranty work, if any, we will return the repaired or replaced item or items to you freight prepaid. Damage to our products caused by accidents, fire, vandalism, negligence, misinstallation, misuse, Acts of God, or by defective parts not manufactured by us, is not covered under this warranty.

THE WARRANTY TIME PERIOD IS AS FOLLOWS: ALL "SOFT GOODS" MANUFACTURED BY OUR COMPANY (USING PRIMARILY VINYL, PLASTICS, AND/OR FOAM): ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF PURCHASE.

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For further information or request for warranty work, please contact:

Bestop Inc.  
Customer Service  
(800)346-3910

## **Before You Install**

You may notice some wrinkling in the fabric of your Bikini Top when you first remove it from its shipping container. **Don't panic.** It is normal for the tops to do this when stored in the shipping container. The wrinkles and indentations will disappear after 48-72 hours of exposure to sunlight.

*Note: You should install your Bikini Top in temperatures of 70°F (21° C) or warmer. The fabric will contract in cooler temperatures, making proper installation difficult.*

You are now ready to begin the installation process.

## **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.

**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.

**Snap:** 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.

## **Installation: Getting Started**

This section will familiarize you with the parts included with your Bikini Top and will get you through the "pre-installation" steps.

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### **What You'll Need**

- A soft cloth
- Alcohol/Water Solution (50/50)

That's it. With these tools, you're ready to go.

### **Unpacking: What You Have**

Remove parts carefully from the shipping container.

**Check each part included against the following Parts List.**

### ***Parts List***

Check off each item

- Fabric Top, Qty - 1
- Adhesive Hook Strip, 4" x 5/8", Qty - 2
- Retention Strap, Qty - 1

## Top Fabric Installation

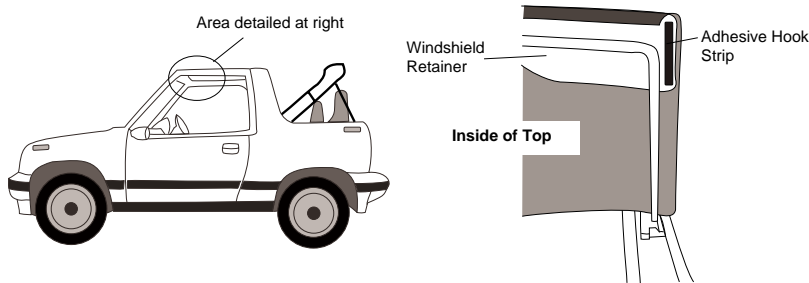
### Step One

Unlock the Windshield Retainer and open it back.

*Note: The adhesive hook strip included in the Parts Kit will attach to the loop strip sewn into the cover to provide a quick and secure fastener.*

Locate the area on each side of the Windshield Retainer where you will install the adhesive hook strip and clean it with the 50/50 solution of alcohol and water to remove all dirt, silicone sealants, wax and any other substances which might keep the adhesive from sticking (see Figure 1). Install a piece of hook strip on each side of the Windshield Retainer using firm, direct pressure to insure maximum adhesion.

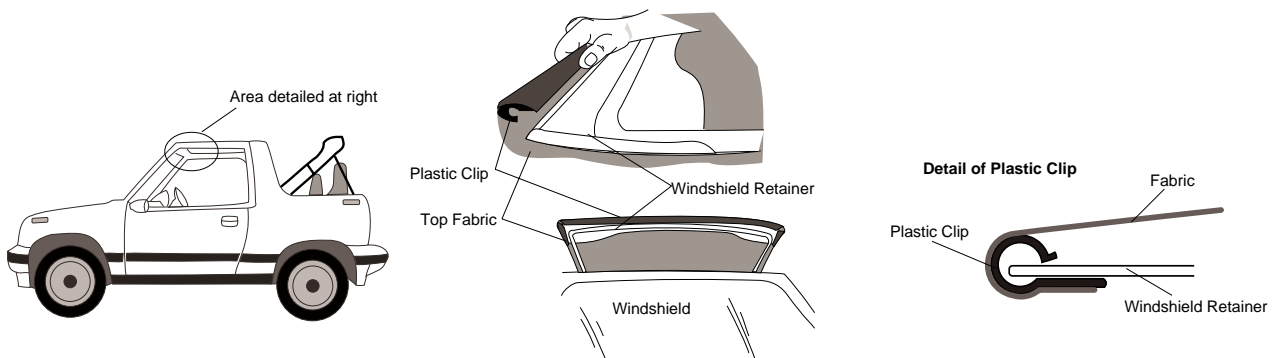
**Figure 1**



### Step Two

Attach the front of the deck to the front of the Windshield Retainer. Start on one side or the other and roll the plastic clip onto the edge of the metal retainer one section at a time. Be careful not to overlap the plastic clip (see Figure 2). Then wrap the fabric flap, sewn on the side of the Top around the side of the retainer and fasten the loop strip to the hook strip. Do this on both sides and then finish hooking the plastic clip into place across the front of the retainer.

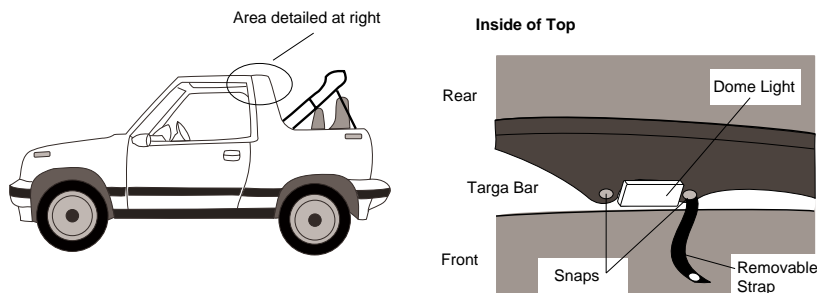
**Figure 2**



### Step Three

Drape the Top over the Targa Bar of the vehicle. Snap the two snaps on the inside of the Top to the studs inside of the Targa Bar on each side of the dome light (see Figure 3). Attach the removable strap, from the Parts Kit, to the stud on the driver's side to be used when the front of the Top is opened.

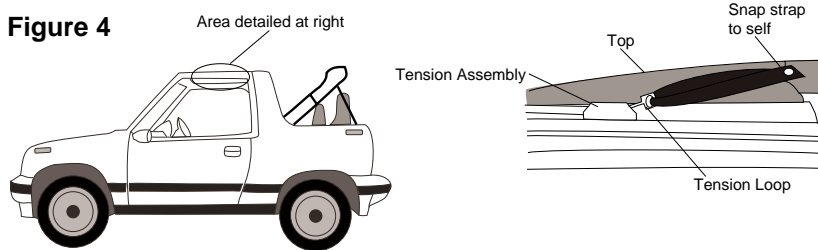
**Figure 3**



#### Step Four

Close the Windshield Retainer and locate the straps, sewn to each side of the Top, above the doors. Without twisting the straps, thread them through the loops on the tension assembly (see Figure 4). Pull the end of the strap back and snap it to itself.

**Figure 4**



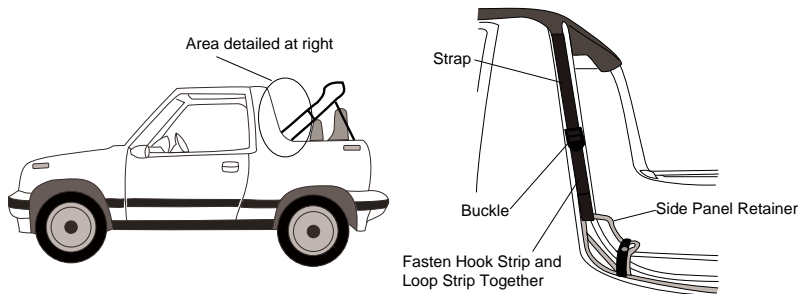
#### Step Five

Lock the Windshield Retainer into place.

#### Step Six

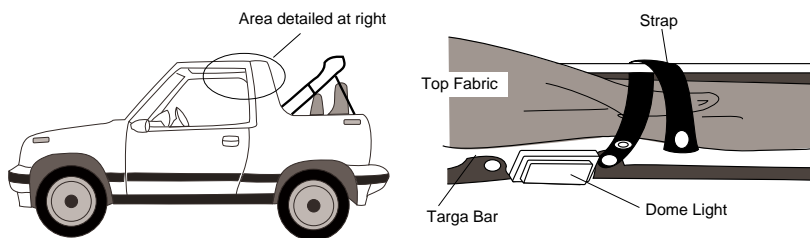
Locate the straps sewn to the rear of the Top. Pull down and back on the strap and thread it through the Side Panel Retainer (see Figure 5). Pull the end of the strap back up and thread it through the buckle that is sewn to the strap. Fasten the hook strip sewn to the tail of the strap to the loop strip on the strap to keep it from flapping when the vehicle is driven.

**Figure 5**



#### Step Seven

The removable strap attached to the snap inside of the Top (see Figure 1) is for use at this times when the vehicle will be used with the Windshield Retainer folded back. When not in use the strap may be detached and kept in the glove compartment. To use the sun roof, unlock the Windshield Retainer from the windshield and fold the retainer back. Fasten the strap to the double stud in the Top. Locate the small gap in the fabric in the center of the front edge of the Top. Slip the strap through the hole and snap it back on itself (see Figure 6).



**Note:** When folding the Top for storage, fold the plastic clip across the front of the deck only at the breaks and with the cotton side out.