



# Installation Instructions

## Bimini Plus Top for 2018- Current Jeep® JLU Wrangler Vehicles

Item #14300635, #14300624



### Part List:

Fabric Bimini Top Plus - QTY 1  
Front Buckle Straps - QTY 4  
Foam Pack - QTY 1  
D-Ring Tabs - QTY 3  
T25 Torx Tool - QTY 1

### Required Tools:

Safety Glasses

#### **⚠ WARNING ⚠**

Loss of vehicle control involves risk of death or serious injury, particularly to parts of your body not restrained within vehicle. This product is intended for weather protection only and should not be relied upon to contain occupants in the event of an accident or to protect from either ground contact or falling objects. To reduce risk of accident or injury:

- ALWAYS WEAR SEATBELTS
- Always keep head, arms & body parts within vehicle.
- Fully secure or stow the soft top before driving according to instructions. Never try to latch or fold soft top while driving. Do not use if damaged or worn.
- Read and follow all instructions & warnings accompanying this product, in your vehicle owner's manual and Off Road Driving Supplement.

#### **⚠ CAUTION ⚠**

RISK OF EYE INJURY. Safety glasses should be worn at all times while installing or maintaining this product.



### Important Safety information

Your MasterTop® Bimini Top is intended to be used with other MasterTop Products to increase the fair weather enjoyment of your off-road capable vehicle. Before installation, please take a moment to review the following safety information and installation instructions. Important safety information is generally preceded by one of three signal words indicating the relative risk of injury. The signal words mean:

#### **⚠ WARNING ⚠**

A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. You CAN be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow instructions.

#### **⚠ CAUTION ⚠**

A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. You CAN be moderately HURT and also may suffer property damage if you don't follow instructions.

#### **NOTICE**

Careful attention is required to this instruction or operation but does generally not relate to personal injury. Damage to your MasterTop product or other property may result if you don't follow instructions.

### Before you begin Installation:

We are excited that you have chosen the MasterTop Bimini Top Plus! This high-quality Summer Soft Top is designed to enhance your fair-weather driving pleasure while providing some interior protection. Please note that it is important that you become familiar with the installation process of this cover by reading the following instruction sheet and warnings thoroughly. Please also note that it is normal for fabric to contract and wrinkle when stored in the shipping carton. In a few days the fabric will relax and wrinkles will disappear.

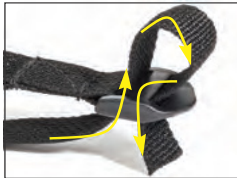
#### **NOTICE**

For a smooth fit and ease of installation, this top should be installed at temperatures above 72 degrees. Below this temperature, the fabric may contract an inch or more making it difficult to install. We highly recommend taking the top out of the package and letting it sit inside a warm place or direct sunlight for 1-2 hours before you install the top. When warm, this top will install quickly.

When unpacking, check to make sure all parts are included.

If any part is missing or broken, please call MasterTop customer service at 720-575-5440.

### Pre-Installation of Bimini Top Plus:



#### Threading Straps through Buckles:

Throughout the installation, you will need to thread webbing straps through buckles several times. Please review the picture for correct strap routing through the buckles. As a rule of thumb, run the strap below and through the sewn side of the buckle first and then back down through the end of the buckle. Tighten the strap by simply pulling the exposed webbing after threading the strap through the buckle.



#### Windshield Seal Information:

Your MasterTop Bimini Plus has a reinforced rubber seal that is sewn into the front edge of the top to help block water and debris from entering the cab.

This seal must be tucked into the gap between the windshield and the roll bar as shown above to help prevent water from entering the cab. This seal does not make this top water tight!

See the notice below:

#### **NOTICE**

Though this top is made of waterproof materials, it is not waterproof. Water can enter the cab in-between the doors and the roll bar as well as possible leakage around the front rubber seal near the windshield. This top must be removed when putting your soft or hard top back on your vehicle.



## Installation of Bimini Plus Top:



### Step 1: Drape Fabric and Install Front Side Straps

Put on safety glasses. After removing your hard top or soft top from your vehicle, Drape the Bimini Top Plus fabric over the top of the vehicle with the front rubber seal facing forward. The top should rest on the roll bar structure. With the front doors open, locate the three straps on each side shown in FIG1.

Loosely wrap these straps on the side horizontal tubes, thread the straps through the buckle and loosely tighten. Repeat on the other side FIGS 2 & 3. This will help hold up the front portion of the top while you thread the front straps through the Windshield and roll bar in step two. You will tighten these straps later in the install.

### Step 2: Thread Front Corner Straps

Standing on the threshold of your Jeep, locate the front corner strap on the driver's side and thread the strap between the windshield and the front roll bar sliding it slightly from left to right until it works its way through the gap. See FIGS 4, 5 & 6.

Note that before you thread the strap, run your fingers over the front of the strap so it curls downward. This will make it easier to thread.

The strap will come through in front of your windshield as circled in FIG 7.

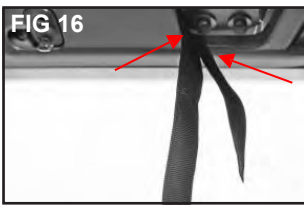
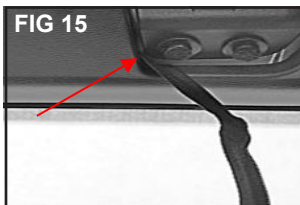
### Step 3: Attach Front Corner Straps

Once threaded through the windshield and roll bar, locate the front buckle (FIG 8) and loosely secure the front strap to the buckle as shown in FIGS 9 & 10.

Repeat Steps 2 and 3 on the passenger side.



## Installation of Bimini Plus Top:



Loop all 4 buckle Straps onto the Freedom panel locator brackets- two on each bracket. See FIG's 18A & 18B



**Thread the Four Front Center Straps** As you did in step 2, stand on the threshold of your Jeep, locate the four center straps and thread the strap between the windshield and the front roll bar sliding it slightly from left to right until it works its way through the gap (Figs 11 & 12).

**Note:** before you thread the strap, run your fingers over the end of the strap so it curls downward. This will make it easier to thread.

The Four center straps will come through in front of your windshield as circled in Fig 13.

### Thread the Straps through the Front Trim

Once the front straps are threaded through the windshield, you will need to also thread them behind and through the front trim piece as shown in Figs 14 & 15. If you gently pull down on the back of the trim piece with one hand while threading the straps with the other it will make threading easier. Once threaded through, you now have all four straps coming through from behind the trim (FIG 16).

### Attach the Front Center Straps

Locate the four center front straps.

On the front of the windshield there are two Freedom panel locator brackets, one on each side of the rear-view mirror (FIG 17).

Loop the non-buckled ends of the center front straps around this locator bracket (FIG 18) and thread the center strap through the buckles securing the center straps to the locator brackets. Repeat this process with the second set of straps so you have two buckles attached to each locator bracket (FIG's 18A & 18B)

Tighten all front straps buckled in steps 2 through 5 pulling the top tight across and forward. **It is VERY important to get the front portion of the top as tight as possible from left to right and on the front center straps before proceeding to the next step!**

### Attach the Two Front B-Pillar Straps

With the back of the top resting on the rear roll bar, locate the B-Pillar straps located just behind the front door (FIG's 19 & 20).

With the rear door open, wrap the strap down and around the inside of the B-Pillar and attach the strap to the buckle as shown in FIG 20 & 21.

Repeat on the other side of the vehicle.

Tighten these straps and the straps you installed in Step 1.

## Installation of Bimini Plus Top:



**Step 7: Attach the Two Rear Side Straps**  
Locate the two rear side straps as shown in FIG 22.

Wrap the straps around the rear roll bar and thread/buckle the straps.



Repeat on the other side.  
See FIGs 23 & 24.



**Step 8: Attach the Rear Corner Straps**  
Locate the rear straps and buckles shown in FIG 25.

Wrap the rear strap off the back of the top down and around the seat belt post (FIG 26) and back up to the buckle on the outside of the roll bar (FIG 27).

Secure the strap in the buckle.



Repeat on the other side of the vehicle and tighten the straps (FIG 28)

**⚠ WARNING ⚠**

Make sure the rear tension straps DO NOT interfere with rear seatbelt operation.



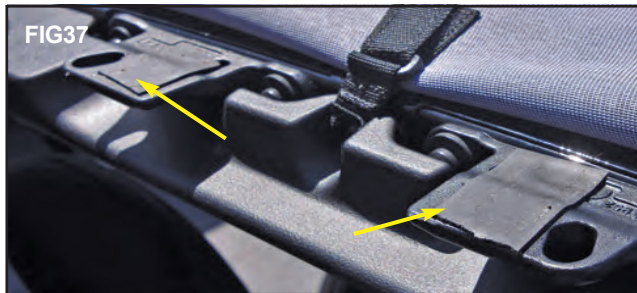
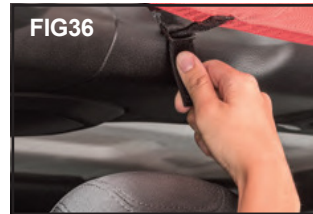
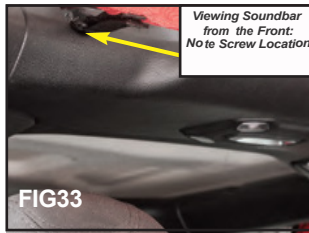
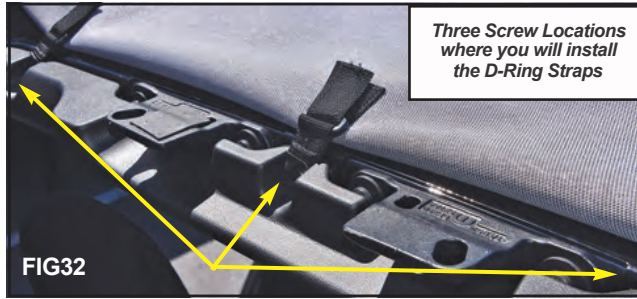
**Step 9: Attach the Rear Center Straps**  
Locate the two rear straps below the two buckles shown in FIG 29.

Locate the two center cutouts on the rear of the Roll bar and wrap the rear straps around the rear roll bar threading the buckles as shown in FIG 30.

Tighten the rear straps pulling the top back towards the rear of the vehicle (Fig 31)



## Installation of Bimini Plus Top:



### Step 10: Attach the Inside Center Straps to the Sound Bar

Using the included T25 Torx Tool, remove the three screws on the sound bar header (FIGs 32 & 33) and re-install the screw with the screw going through the webbing D-ring strap hole. (Figs 34 & 35).

Repeat on all three locations. Thread the Hook and loop straps sewn onto the top through the rectangle loop and tighten (FIG 36).

Secure all straps while making sure the top is centered.

When centered properly, the top will have very few if any wrinkles in it.

**Your JLU Bimini Plus is now installed**

### Using your Bimini Plus Top:

Your Bimini Top Plus is designed to fit tight but due to wind currents at several different speeds, you may experience a "slapping sound". The best way to eliminate that sound is to make sure the top is tight and by using the included adhesive backed foam on those spots that are the most susceptible to the flapping:

#### For Hard Top Owners:

On the flat Freedom panel mounts Located behind the front seats on the Sound bar (FIG37)

#### For Hard and Soft Top Owners:

On the top edge of the Sound bar (All JLU Wranglers) (FIG38)



## Care and Maintenance of your MasterTop® Bimini Plus:

Your MasterTop Bimini Top Plus is made of the finest materials available but to keep it looking new and for the maximum possible wear, it will need periodic cleaning and basic maintenance. The main threat to your soft top is pollutants, dirt and grime. By keeping your soft top clean you will prolong the life of your top.

We recommend the following to keep your top like new:

### Washing:

The soft top fabric should be washed often using a mild soap, warm water and a soft bristle brush. You can also use special soft top cleaners available on our Distributors websites. Make sure that after cleaning you rinse with clear water to remove all traces of soap to avoid residue.

### Water/Fabric:

In the event of seeping through the seams, 3M Scotchgard® may be applied on the inside of the seams to stop the seeping. 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.

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