

# **Installation Instructions**

# Bimini Top, Bimini Top Plus for 1987-1995 Jeep® Wrangler (YJ) Vehicles

Items #141031XX and #143031XX



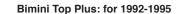
**Parts List:**Bimini Top or Bimini Top Plus - QTY 1

**Required Tools:** Safety Glasses











These products require the use of a separate Windshield Channel for installation. This channel is not included in your Bimini top or Bimini Top Plus package and can be purchased separately. See page 2.

# **AWARNING A**

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.

**ACAUTION A** 

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



# **Important Safety information**

Your MasterTop® Bimini or Bimini Plus 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:

**AWARNING A** 

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.

**ACAUTION A** 

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 or Bimini Plus Top! These high quality tops are designed to enhance your fair weather driving pleasure while providing shade and minimal shelter from light rain. Please note that it is important that you become familiar with the installation process of this top by reading the following instruction sheet and warnings thoroughly. Though we have used only the finest materials in creating this top, any product that is exposed to the elements requires some general maintenance to keep it looking like new. Please see page 5 for these important maintenance tips. 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 & Bimini Top Plus for 87-95 Wrangler (all versions)





# **Windshield Channel Requirement:**

All Bimini Top and Bimini Top Plus models that are covered by this instruction sheet are designed to fit into a required windshield channel. You may already have the correct one. If you do have one, compare yours to photo at left. If it is not the same, please purchase MasterTop part #14700101 from your MasterTop Distributor.



# **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.

**AWARNING A** 

Make sure the Windshield Channel and installation bolts are fully secured and tightened. Failure to fully tighten the screws may cause the channel to come off while driving.



# Installation of Bimini & Bimini Top Plus for 87-95 (all versions)



**Step 1:** (all 87-95 Bimini & Bimini Plus)
Put on safety glasses. Drape Bimini Top/Bimini Top
Plus fabric over the vehicle with the plastic reinforced
windshield mount facing the front of the vehicle.
Loosely attach side straps to the horizontal tubes.
See Fig 1



**Step 2:** (all 87-95 Bimini & Bimini Plus) Attach center strap. This step attaches the center strap around the center hoop sport bar and back to the factory installed footman loop located on the windshield. See Fig 2.

If your YJ Wrangler has an aftermarket Sound Bar, the strap will may cross over the Sound Bar, which mounts in front of the sport bar in this generation.



Step 3a: (all 87-91 Bimini)

Attach Windshield retainer strip into Windshield Channel. For early model 87-91 YJ applications the front retainer strip is wrapped in fabric and is "rolled" into the windshield Channel. Insert the front fabric wrapped plastic windshield retainer into the Windshield Channel front slot. While installing, make sure the top is centered in the channel so that there is an equal distance side to side from the center of the windshield. See Fig 3



**Step 3b:** (all 92-95 YJ Bimini & Bimini Plus)
Attach Windshield retainer strip into Windshield
Channel. Insert the front plastic windshield retainer
strip sewn along the front of the 92-95 YJ Bimini Top &
Bimini Top Plus into the Windshield Channel front slot.
Do not catch any fabric in the channel. While installing,
make sure the top is centered side to side in the channel so that there is an equal distance from the center
of the windshield. See Fig 4

For Bimini Plus, skip ahead to step 5.



**Step 4:** (87-95 Bimini Top, for Bimini Plus skip to 5) Attach two corner straps. Locate the corner straps on the rear of the Bimini top and wrap the strap around the corner of the Sport Bar as shown in Fig 5. Thread the strap through the Buckle and pull tight. Repeat on the opposite side. Make sure all straps are tight & secure.

Your MasterTop Bimini Top for 87-95 YJ Wrangler is now installed!



# Final Installation of Bimini Top Plus for 92-95 YJ Wrangler



**Step 5** (for Bimini Plus for 92-95)
Secure center/side straps. Locate the side strap positioned in the center of the top and wrap the strap around the rear Sport Bar hoop to the rear of the center hoop. Repeat on opposite side. See Fig 6.



Step 6 (for Bimini Plus for 92-95)

Secure rear/side straps. Locate the side strap positioned on the end of the top and wrap the strap around the rear Sport Bar hoop, under the seat belt mount and back up to the buckle. Pull tight. Repeat on opposite side. See Fig 7. Make sure all straps are tight and secure.

Your MasterTop Bimini Top Plus for 92-95 YJ Wrangler is now installed!

**AWARNING A** 

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







# Care and Maintenance of your MasterTop® Bimini or Bimini Plus (all):

Your MasterTop Bimini Top/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.

## For more information on MasterTop:

This and other helpful product information is available on **www.mastertop.com** Please visit our website frequently for product updates and exciting news.





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