

# **Installation Instructions**

# Tonneau Cargo Cover for 1987-2006 Jeep® YJ & TJ Wrangler Vehicles

Items #14502115, #145031XX, #145042XX and #14505235



Parts List: Fabric Tonneau Cargo Cover - QTY 1

Parts List: (03-06 TJ Wrangler only) Adjustable Seat Hold Strap - QTY 1

**Required Tools:** Safety Glasses



Tonneau Cover: For 97-06 (TJ)



Tonneau Cover: For 92-95 (Later YJ)



Tonneau Cover: for 87-91 (Early YJ)

# **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® Tonneau Cover 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 Tonneau Cargo Cover! This high quality cargo cover is designed to enhance your fair weather driving pleasure while providing some cargo 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. Though we have used only the finest materials in creating this cover, any product that is exposed to the elements requires some general maintenance to keep it looking like new. Please see page 6 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 product 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 Tonneau Cover 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 Tonneau Cover: (all versions)**



#### **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.



# **MasterTop Tonneau / Wind Stopper / Bimini Combo Concept:**

The Tonneau Cargo Cover is a great way to cover your Wrangler rear seat/cargo area while driving without your soft top. This is ideally designed to be used in combination with our Bimini Top/Bimini Top Plus and the MasterTop Wind Stopper curtain to create the ultimate summer cab top combo.



Please note that this product combination is **NOT** designed as a weather resistant substitute for a soft top.



#### NOTICE

The Factory Tailgate Bar is a Required Part needed for installation. The MasterTop Tonneau Cargo Covers covered in this instruction sheet are designed to be installed on vehicles equipped with a factory tailgate bar found on all soft top models. If you do not have this tailgate bar please contact your MasterTop Distributor where you will be able to easily purchase the necessary Tailgate Bar.

#### NOTICE

This product is designed to be used in conjunction with an optional MasterTop Wind Stopper rear wind shade. Each Tonneau cover has a built-in zipper on the front edge where this Wind Stopper can be attached. If you choose not to use the Wind Stopper, the zipper portion will not be required and will remain attached to the front edge of your Tonneau.

# Pre-Installation of Tonneau Cover: (for TJ Wrangler) Step 1 for 87-95 YJ, see page 4



#### Step 1: 97-06 TJ Soft Top Fold Process

Put on Safety Glasses. Un-zip and remove your rear quarter windows and your rear window. Carefully and slowly fold down your Soft hardware with the soft top fabric still attached to the bows.



The fabric should be layered to make as small a package as possible with the plastic strips tucked inside the bows. Locate the rear tailgate bar and set it aside for future use to install your Tonneau Cover. See Figs 1 & 2



# Step 1a: only for 2003-2006 TJ Wrangler

Open vehicle tailgate and locate the rear seat. Thread the enclosed Seat Strap though the floor mounted factory D-rings and back up to the seat mounted footman



loop closest to the driver's side. See FIG 3.

Fold the seat down and thread the web strap through the bar on the seat back. Thread the end of the strap through the buckle and pull tight lowering the seat below the top of the body line.

For Step 1 for 1987-1995 YJ Wrangler Vehicles, see page 4



# **Pre-Installation of Tonneau Cover: 87-95 YJ Wrangler Vehicles**

# **NOTICE**

On 1987-1995 Wranglers this product is designed to fit on the vehicle with all soft top fabric and windows removed. This Tonneau will not fit over folded soft top hardware that has fabric still attached to it.





# Step 1: only for 87-95 YJ - Hardware Stack

Put on Safety Glasses. Un-zip and remove your rear quarter window, rear window and remove all soft top fabric from your bows. Carefully store your soft top.

When finished removing the soft top fabric, your Soft Top hardware should rest on the top of the body tub as shown in Figs 4 & 5. Locate the rear tailgate bar and set it aside for future use to install your Tonneau Cover.



### Step 2: Optional: For use with MasterTop Wind Stopper Curtain

Secure the MasterTop Tonneau Cover to the MasterTop Wind Stopper. If you are not using the Wind Stopper, Skip to step 3.

If you are using the already installed MasterTop Wind Stopper with your Tonneau cover, simply line up the zipper on the Wind Stopper flap with the Tonneau cover zipper and zip closed. The two products should now be attached. See Fig 6

NOTICE

Only MasterTop Brand Tonneau Covers and Wind Stoppers can be attached with the installed zippers. Other brands either do not use zipper attachments or use different styles of zippers.

# Installation of Tonneau Cover: for all 1987-2006 Wrangler Vehicles

NOTICE

The remaining Installation procedure is shown on a TJ Wrangler, however the installation process is the same on YJ and TJ generation Wrangler vehicles.



#### **Step 3: Secure Front Sport Bar Straps**

Wrap the straps on the front edge of the Tonneau Cover around the center roll bar.

On each side of the vehicle loosely thread the ends through the buckles, but do not tighten at this time. See Fig 7



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# **Step 4: Secure Plastic Belt Rail Strips**

Secure Plastic belt rail strips to side of vehicle. Roll the Plastic strip on each side of the Tonneau cover into the belt rail retainer channel on the vehicle.

Repeat this on both sides of the Tonneau. See Figs 8 & 9.



FIG 10

### Step 5: Install Factory Tailgate Bar

Open the rear tailgate. From the rear of the vehicle hold the Tonneau Cover with the backing side lifted towards you. Slide the installed tubing on the Tonneau cover into the channel on the tailgate retainer and install the tailgate retainer with a rolling motion into the tailgate mounts on each side of your tailgate See Figs 10 & 11.





#### **Step 6: Secure the Rear Corners**

Roll the plastic strips on the rear corners of the Tonneau cover into the belt rail retainer channel on the vehicle. After installation, adjust the corners by sliding them left or right until they are centered on the corner of the vehicle. See FIG 12.



There are loops installed on your Tonneau cover to help adjust the Tonneau and to aid in removing it from the vehicle. See Fig 13.



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#### Step 7: Wrap the Rear Collars

Wrap the two collars around the sport bar and fasten the hook and loop strips to each other. See Fig 14.

This should complete the installation of your new MasterTop Tonneau Cargo Cover!

NOTICE

The MasterTop Tonneau Cover is designed to protect the inside of your vehicle against light showers and to keep wandering eyes from your cargo. It is not a waterproof cover.

Water may leak inside your vehicle through the sport bar collars and exposed seams during heavy down pours. If water pools on your Tonneau cover, be sure to push the water off before you drive the vehicle. Failure to do so could cause the water to flow forward into the cab of the vehicle when you come to a stop.

#### **Care and Maintenance of your MasterTop Tonneau Cover:**

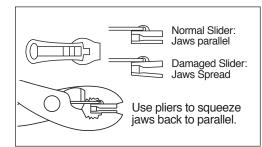
Your MasterTop Tonneau Cover is made of the finest materials available but to keep it looking new and for the maximum possible wear, it will need periodic cleaning and basic maintenance. The main threat to your Tonneau is pollutants, dirt and grime. By keeping your soft top clean you will prolong the life of your top. We recommend the following to keep your cover like new:

### Washing:

The curtain 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. Air Dry. Do not put in dryer.

#### 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.



#### Zippers:

Keeping the zipper cleaned and lubricated with a silicone lubricant (available online) will help prevent damage and keep the zippers in a smooth working condition. If zipper opens behind the slider, the slider may have been spread apart. This problem can usually be fixed 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 zipper. If the zipper continues to remain open squeeze more firmly with pliers and try the zipper again. Repeat procedure until your zipper operates correctly.

#### 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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