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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS 1956 THRU 1962 CORVETTE

You have just purchased the finest Hardtop available on the market today. By following these simple instructions you will have many years of enjoyment and the top will last as long as your car.

The following tips will be helpful if you are qualified to do it yourself. If not, we recommend that your Hardtop be installed and finished by a professional body shop.

A point to remember, automobiles are mass-produced and built with certain tolerance.

Sometimes these tolerances are quite large. No two are alike. A body man is a skilled tradesman; a skill that is not learned overnight. A "well fitting" automobile is a series of adjustments and compromises.

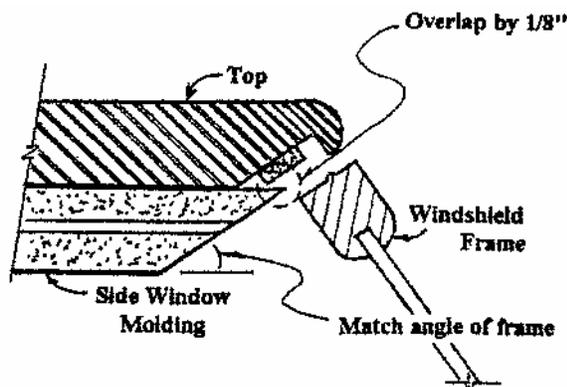
DO NOT paint until after initial installation. After this initial installation procedure on/off will be as easy as convertible up/down.

A. Prior to placing the Hardtop on the car:

1. Fold the convertible top into the normal top down position
2. Clean top of windshield frame and rear deck area.
3. Lubricate the bottom of the deck rubber of the Hardtop with a silicone lubricant or Vaseline. (Keep lubricant from surface to be painted)
4. Lubricate the side window rubber of the Hardtop
5. Familiarize yourself with the working of the front and rear fastener assemblies. The front hooks through the windshield frame. The rear hooks under the main arm of the convertible top frame close to the frame pivot point. The 1961/62 models have a hole in this arm which may be used to secure the rear hooks.

B. Place Hardtop on the car:

1. Make sure that the Hardtop top is properly positioned, centered on the car and pushed all the way forward.
2. Insert the J- Hook front fasteners through the windshield frame and lightly tighten the black knobs.
3. Roll up windows and close doors to assure the space between the windows and rubber molding is the same on both sides.
4. While pushing down on the front of the Hardtop, tighten both front fastener assemblies.
5. To attach the rear fasteners loosen both the upper knobs and lower nuts on the rear fastener hooks. Hook the "J" under the main arm of the convertible top frame close to the frame pivot point.
6. Tighten each rear knob equally. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN.**
–**Note:** The lower nut on the "J" hook should be unscrewed and kept away from stainless steel "L" bracket during the tightening procedure.
7. The Hardtop can be shifted slightly to assure proper fit at the side windows.
8. Screw lower nut up against "L" bracket. Tighten knob. Repeat on other side.
10. When top is properly positioned and black knobs are tight, trim excess window rubber from (front and rear) with scissors or knife. (See Fig. 1)



11. Periodically check the tightness of all the fasteners.

C. Maintenance of the top:

1. Side window rubber molding may be lubricated with a silicone base wax or Vaseline for easy winding of the windows. Similar lubrication may be used on the deck rubber seal if squeaking occurs.
2. If painted, keep surface waxed to preserve the gloss finish. On vinyl tops, clean periodically with a vinyl cleaner and coat with a vinyl top sealer.
3. The rear window is Plexiglas; caution should be exercised to prevent scratching. Do not clean with a dry cloth. Clean with mild soap and sponge or soft cloth. Dry with a chamois skin-keep dirty rags away from the window. A Plastic wax such as "Mirror Glaze" can be used to wax the window.

IF THE TOP IS PAINTED- THE HARDTOP IS EQUIPPED WITH A PLEXIGLAS REAR WINDOW: Mask off rear window with cellophane or a non-porous material to prevent thinner fumes from attacking the Plexiglas window. Use normal body shop procedures for prepping and sanding surface to be painted. The factory prime coat is Urethane, no sealer is necessary, and is compatible with all topcoats.

Warranty: All Smooth Line Hardtops are warranted to be free from defects in material or workmanship and are warranted for one (1) year from date of purchase. Smooth Line will, at its discretion, repair or replace at its factory, without cost, any part that fails in service, upon our inspection, within the warranty period. The warranty does not cover freight, labor, failure of related components or failure resulting from alteration, misuse, accident damage, faulty installation, color coating, or faulty repair. For warranty service for a Hardtop purchased from a distributor you must make all arrangements through that distributor. If purchased directly from Smooth Line contact Smooth Line sales department. Warranty for all components must be supported by the proper registration documentation including the original shipping invoice. At no time are Smooth Line Hardtops returnable for credit or refund for any reason.

Returned Goods: Written authorization must be obtained from Smooth Line and the distributor before merchandise may be returned for warranty service. All merchandise must be properly packaged in non damaged condition. An itemized packing slip, showing invoice number and date, with full explanation of reason for return must be included. All returns must be sent freight prepaid. All costs relative to a return are not reimbursable.

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WARNING

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WEAR SEAT BELTS AT ALL TIMES.