



Installation Instructions

SkyMaster™ Fastback Fabric Only Replacement Soft Top for 1997-2006 Jeep® Wrangler TJ & LJ

Item # 15701XXX



Parts List:

A) Top Deck	QTY 1
B) Drivers Side Quarter Window	QTY 1
C) Passenger Side Quarter Window	QTY 1
D) Rear Window	QTY 1

Required Tools:

Safety Glasses
Phillips Head Screwdriver
T30 Torx Head and Driver

NOTICE

This Complete Soft Top kit is designed to fit on your Factory soft top installed TJ/LJ Jeep® Wrangler when the original soft top rear bow has been completely removed. Before beginning your installation of this product, you will need to remove your existing soft top fabric and factory rear bow. All pictures shown in this instruction sheet depict a TJ Wrangler, however the Steps and installation for an LJ Wrangler will be the same.

⚠ 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® Fabric Only Replacement 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 SkyMaster Fabric Replacement Top Kit. This high-quality soft top is designed to provide protection from the elements and a stylish look on your Jeep®. 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. When unpacking, carefully check to make sure all parts are included. If any part is missing or broken, please call MasterTop customer service at 720-575-5440.

Preparation for Installing Fabric Only Replacement Top:



Factory Hardware Requirement:

This product is designed to fit over your original factory soft top hardware and factory soft upper metal door frames (if applicable). Please see HARDWARE at left to make sure you have the correct hardware for this top.



Step 1: Remove Existing Soft Top Fabric

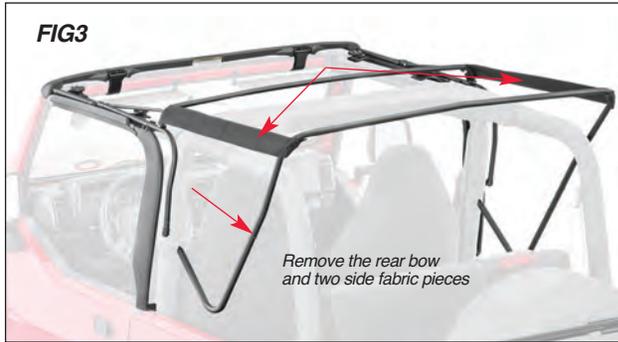
Put on safety glasses. After verifying that you have the correct hardware, remove the existing soft top from the vehicle. This will include removing the existing soft top fabric from the front windshield header. This will require the use of a Phillips head screw driver.

To remove the fabric from the front header, fold the top completely down to the rear of the vehicle (see FIG1). With the tailgate open, unscrew all header screws (8 or 14 screws depending on model year) and two corner screws (see FIG2). Save these screws!

Once the soft top is removed, inspect the hardware to make sure no parts are bent or missing. Once it is determined that the hardware is correct and not damaged, proceed to step two.



Preparation for Installing Fabric Only Replacement Top:



Step 2: Remove The Factory Rear Bow

After removing the soft top fabric from your existing hardware, raise the front header up and close the front windshield latches to keep the header from falling back.

The hardware system should now look like the picture in Fig 3.

Using a Phillips head screw driver, remove the fabric mounted to the rear bow and to the center bow. Repeat on the other side (Fig 4).



Using a T-30 Torx head and driver, remove the rear bow from the bottom bow bracket mounted on the roll bar (Fig 5). Repeat this on the other side of the vehicle.

Your rear bow should now be removed.

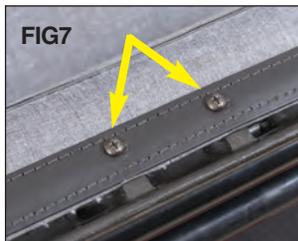
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Step 3: Install Top Fabric on the Front Windshield Channel

With the Front header all the way folded down towards the rear of the vehicle and the rear tailgate open, lay the soft top fabric inside the vehicle, backing side up, with the header plastic strip facing up on top of the windshield header. See FIG6.

Locate the center hole or two center holes on the plastic strip and secure the center of plastic header using the screw(s) that were removed in step one. See Fig 7. Proceed to install the remaining seven or thirteen header screws (depending on model year) along the plastic header lining them up with the holes on the front header itself.



Lift up the header and wrap the corner pockets around the ends of the front Header lining up the corner screws with the corner holes in the header. Install the two corner screws (see Fig 8).

Installation of Fabric Only Replacement Top:



Step 4: Installing the Top Deck to the Jeep®

With the fabric installed on the header, fold the top and header forward so it rests on the windshield (Fig 9)

Un-clip the sun visors and pull the top down to engage the header clamps on each side of the windshield and secure the Header to the windshield (FIGs 10, 11 & 12).

Once the front header is secured, go to the rear corner of the Top deck and locate the rear corner straps. Thread the straps down and under the seat belt mount as shown in FIGs 13 & 14 and thread the strap through the buckle (FIG15).

Repeat this on the other side of the vehicle and while pulling towards the rear of the vehicle, tighten one strap and then the other side strap tightening up the top deck.

Do not tighten completely (FIG16).

IMPORTANT: The top deck MUST be centered on the rear of the vehicle for the windows to fit properly.

When tightening the rear straps notice the location of the rear bar sewn into the pocket on the top deck. It needs to be centered on the rear roll bar legs.

Once the rear straps are secured (but not tightened all the way), go inside the Jeep and locate the long center bow flap.

Wrap this bow flap tightly around the center bow and secure it with the hook and loop fastener (FIGs 17 & 18).

Step 5A: Installing the Quarter and Rear Windows to the Top Deck

To ensure the top is centered on the vehicle you will be installing the two quarter windows and the rear window to the top deck and to each other before securing it to the vehicle body.

Pro-Install TIP: To make this as easy as possible, you may have to release the front windshield header (release but not un-hook) and loosen the rear corner straps installed in step 4. This will allow you to line up all window zippers and attachments. The rear corner straps and header will need to be re-tightened/clamped before using the top. Locate the drivers rear quarter window. Line up and slide the rear quarter window into the "C" Channel as shown in FIGs 19, 20, 21 & 22.

Repeat this on the passenger side of the vehicle.

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Step 5B: Installing the Rear Window to the Top Deck

Locate the rear window and line up and slide the rear window into the "C" Channel located at the top of the rear portion of the top deck (FIGs 23, 24 & 25).

Once both quarter windows are secured to the top deck, line up the driver's side rear zipper on the quarter window and on the rear window and zip it down a few inches (FIG 26). Repeat this on the passenger side of the rear window.

You may have to lift the quarter window up to secure this second zipper. Once both side zippers are secure, zip the rear window zippers down about half way (Fig 27). You will close these zippers completely at the end of step 8.

NOTICE

When removing the quarter and rear windows from the Top deck be sure to slide them out completely before pulling down. Dis-engage the side hook and loop before sliding the windows out. DO NOT "Peel" the windows out! Failure to completely disengage the windows from the "C" Channel will damage the Top and quarter window!



Each Time you remove the windows:

Completely pull the windows out of the "C" Channel before pulling the windows down!

Do not "Peel" the windows out.

NOTICE

There may be times when the "P" extrusion may come out of the "C" Channel ends due to extreme downward pressure. This is normal. If this occurs, slide the "P" extrusion out of the C channel and re-install securing the window back into the "C" Channel.



Installation of Fabric Only Replacement Top:



Step 6: Installing the Top to the Jeep® Body

Starting at the driver's side front, right behind the front seat, attach the front vertical belt rail into the door surround slot by "rolling the plastic into the slot" (FIGs 28 & 29).

Once secure move to the rear driver's side corner and "roll" the plastic into the Jeep body corner belt rail as shown in FIGs 30 & 31. Repeat this procedure on the passenger side.



Once both corners are secured, "roll" the plastic on the bottom of the quarter windows into the body belt rail as shown in FIGs 32 & 33.

NOTE: as shown in FIGs 34 & 35 there is a web loop installed on the side of the quarter window.

This is to be used for unhooking the quarter window only and is not designed to be pulled down on for installation!



Repeat the quarter window install on the passenger side of the vehicle. You may have to pull the corners around towards the front or back of the vehicle to center the top on the vehicle. Once all body belt rail attachments are secure and the top is centered, you can now reach through the rear zipper on each side and tighten the corner straps.



Alternate tightening to keep the top centered. Seal hook and loop around windows.



Step 7: Secure the Over Door Attachments

Locate the two plastic strips sewn to the sides of the top above each door (FIG36).

Starting with the front strips, slip the strips into the channel in the door surround above the door opening (FIGs 37 & 38).



Secure the strips on each side of the vehicle. When complete each side should look like FIG39.

NOTICE

Please see separate attached sheet for complete care and maintenance suggestions to prolong the life of your MasterTop Fabric only replacement soft top.



Installation of Fabric Only Replacement Top:



Step 8: Install the Tailgate Bar and Rear Window to the Body of the Jeep®

Slide the "C" shaped channel onto the tube sewn into the rear window with the round seal down. See FIG40 for correct alignment.

Slide the tailgate bar all the way across the rear curtain. Open the rear tailgate. As shown in FIG41, insert/roll the tailgate bar into the mounts on each side of the tailgate with the vinyl side of the rear curtain facing the rear of the vehicle.

Once the Tailgate bar is secure, lower zippers on both sides of the rear curtain (FIG42) and then secure the rear zipper cover flap as shown in FIG43.

Using your SkyMaster Fastback Soft Top



Folding Back the Front Section of your Top

Your SkyMaster Replacement top is designed to be used with your factory fold back "sunroof" feature if it is a part of your original soft top hardware.

To fold back your SkyMaster Soft Top:

If driving, stop the vehicle and put in park.



Unlatch your over door Attachments from the door Surrounds. (FIG45)

Unlatch the front header from the windshield (FIG46)



Pushing up from the middle, fold back the top. (FIG47)

Make sure the center bow is secured through the sewn inside webbing strap. (FIG48)



Make sure the hook and loop is completely attached to the center bow (FIGs 49 & 50)

⚠ WARNING ⚠

Make sure the hook and loop fastener are tightly secured to the center bow after the front sun roof is folded back. Make sure that each side webbed loop is secured around the center bow. Both rear corner straps must also be secure when the top is folded back. These safety measures are designed to secure the top deck to the vehicle and if not adhered to can cause injury, death and a serious accident. Always wear your seat belts when using this product!



Care & Maintenance

Care and Maintenance of your MasterTop® Product:

Your MasterTop Replacement Top 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 top clean you will prolong the life of your top.

We recommend the following to keep your top like new:

Washing:

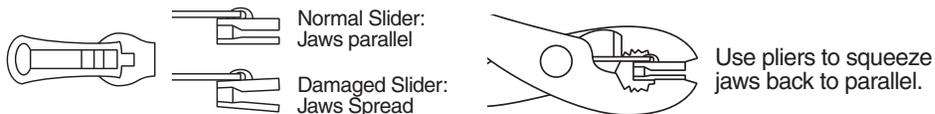
The soft top fabric should be washed often using a mild soap, warm water and a soft bristle brush. You can also use special soft top cleaners available on our Distributors websites. Make sure that after cleaning you rinse with clear water to remove all traces of soap to avoid residue.

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.

Windows:

It is very important that you keep your Soft Top windows clean! Use a mild soap and water solution to gently clean your windows. NEVER wipe your windows clean with a dry cloth! Dust and dirt on a dry cloth can scratch your windows causing "fogging" and permanent damage. When removing your windows, store them with a towel. If frost or ice forms on the outside of your windows during the winter, DO NOT use an ice scraper to remove this frost. Over time you will see small micro scratches in your windows which are natural wear and tear. These Micro scratches can be "polished" out using the window polish available at your MasterTop Distributor.



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.

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