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## MG MidgetII / AH Sprite III Installation Instructions

You have just purchased the finest Hardtop available on the market today. Skilled craftsmen using highest quality materials and modern technology have manufactured this product. By following these simple instructions you will have many years of enjoyment and the Hardtop 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: These automobiles were mass-produced over 30 years ago and built within certain tolerances. Sometimes these tolerances were quite large. No two are alike. Since then many of these cars have been disassembled and reassembled many times. 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 and requires patience.

Note: The hardtop is molded with a high degree of inward camber in order to provide a tighter fit at the critical points of the rear deck (when completely tightened down). As such, the top will not appear to fit correctly when first placed on the car. However, as it is tightened down the rear flange will begin to fit properly. The fiberglass will tend to conform to the shape of the car after the first fitting but will still retain some of the spring to assure a good seal. Subsequent installations will be much easier than the initial fitting.

**DO NOT PAINT** until after initial installation. After this initial installation procedure on/off will be as easy as placing the convertible top up/down position.

A: Prior to placing the Hardtop on the car

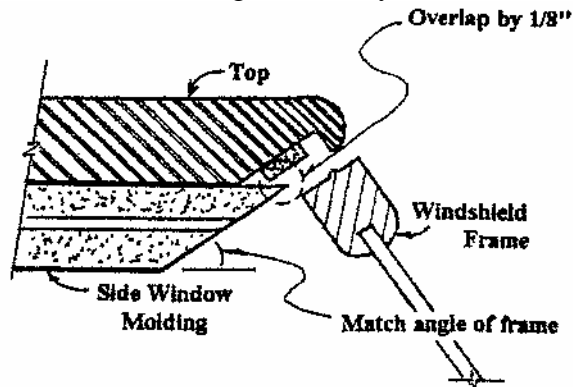
1. Fold top cloth into the normal down position.
2. Clean top of windshield frame and rear deck area.
3. Lubricate the bottom of the deck rubber of the Hardtop with silicone lubricant or other suitable lubricant
4. For the rear fasteners, locate and drill a 5/16” hole approximately 3/4” down from the top of the convertible top frame holder. Repeat on other side.

B: Place Hardtop on car:

1. Using heavy scissors, trim the side molding windows where they meet the windshield. Cut the moldings at an angle which matches the top of the

window frame and over lapping the seal on the leading edge of the top by 1/8 inch (see fig. 1). If in doubt cut long and then trim to fit.

2. Hook the rear turnbuckles into the previously drilled holes on the sides of the mountings for the convertible top.
3. Tighten snugly by hand until the top seats on the rear deck. While tightening the rear, pull out the sides of the top. Also, push down and forward on the rear flange of the top (below the rear window). Work each side alternatively, a little at a time to assure that the sides are tightened down evenly.
4. Latch the front fasteners. Hand tighten while pushing down on the Hardtop. Do not over tighten.
5. Trim the side window moldings where they meet the doors.



#### C. Painting:

1. Mask off the rear window with cellophane tape or a non-porous material to prevent thinner fumes from attacking the Plexiglas.
2. Mask all rubber. Top is primed with a urethane primer that is compatible with all top coats. No sealer is necessary. Use normal body shop painting procedures.

#### D. Maintenance of the top:

1. Side window molding may be lubricated with silicone base wax for easy winding of the windows. Similar lubrication may be use 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 the top with sealer.
3. The rear window is Plexiglas and caution should be exercised to prevent scratching. Clean with mild soap and a sponge or soft cloth. Dry with a chamois skin (keep dirty rags away from the rear window). A plastic wax such as "Mirror Glaze" Can be used to wax the window.
4. Rubber should be treated periodically with a rubber conditioner.

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**is Urethane, no sealer is necessary, and is compatible with all topcoats.**

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