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Installation Instructions

Alfa Romeo 1750 & 2000 Spider

You have just purchased the finest Hardtop available on the market today. Skilled craftsmen using the highest quality materials and modern technology have manufactured this product. 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 placing the convertible top up/down position.

The hardtop is molded with a high degree of inward camber in order to provide a tighter fit at the critical points on 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 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.

A. Prior to placing the top on the car:

1. Fold top cloth 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.

B. Place hardtop on the car:

1. Position the hardtop rear metal tabs above the two screw holes located in the rear deck of the car. (Note: For 1984 and earlier cars the enclosed stainless steel machine screws, which are longer than the factory screws and easier to start, should be used for the hardtop installation). Place the screw through the hole in the metal tab and start to thread – be careful not to cross thread. When properly aligned, the screw is canted towards the outside of the car. For easier installation of the screw in the second rear tab, a screwdriver may be used to align the tab hole with the deck fixture hole . Be very careful that the screwdriver does not jump out of the grooves and scratch the paint. Tighten down both of the rear deck screws. If the screws do not remain tight after driving the car, remove the screws, apply blue lock tite thread locking compound on the threads and retighten the screws.
2. Before securing the front fasteners cut the side window moldings where they meet the windshield frame using a pair of heavy scissors. Cut the moldings to match the angle of the windshield with the upper part of the molding overlapping the leading edge moldings by 1/8”-1/4”. If unsure of the proper length. Let the molding run long initially and then trim again to fit.
3. Secure the front fasteners.
4. Attach the side mounting attachment hardware to the convertible top frame by placing the lower hook under the frame bow. Tighten by hand . As it is tightened, check the deck molding to ensure that it is seating properly.
5. Cut the lower end of the side window molding to match the door.
6. The windshield angle of the Alfa 2000 may vary with different year models. One side may be off which results in difficulty fitting the top. If you have a problem with the fit, secure all fasteners except the rear deck screws – assuring a proper fit at the windshield and windows. Check the rear deck tabs for alignment with the rear deck fitting holes. If the holes are nor aligned, slot the tab holes with a grinding burr or round file so that the tab holes line up with the deck holes. You do not need to enlarge the holes for an exact fit as there is sufficient play in the windshiels frame to allow minor adjustments in the tab locations. If the misalignment is small, you may be able to line up the holes by pulling the tab to the side(use pliers with the jaws taped to prevent damage to the tabs.) If slotting is necessary, the slotted hole may be covered with a 1” O.D. chrome washer(for the 1985 and newer models use the

crown washer that was supplied with the factory rear deck screws. Earlier model owners may obtain these washers through your Alfa dealer).

7. Alignment of the front latching hardware – the front latching hardware should align with the windshield latching tabs if the top is fitted properly. In some cases we have found that the latching tabs do not line up perfectly which causes the latching tabs to be canted slightly. In order for the hardware hook to make solid contact with the latch tab it may be necessary to slot the hardware hook to make solid contact with the latch tab. It may be necessary to slot the hardware retainer hole in the hardtop.

C. Maintenance of the top:

1. Side window rubber molding may be lubricated with a silicone base wax of 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 Plexiglass and caution should be exercised to prevent scratching. 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 to be painted : Mask off rear window with cellophane or a non-porous material to prevent thinner fumes from attacking the Plexiglass.

The factory primed surface must be top coated before being exposed to the weather. Failure to topcoat over the prime coat can cause blisters or delamination and will void the warranty

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WARNING

This product is designed to enhance the appearance of the vehicle and to shield the occupants from ordinary weather conditions. Do not rely in any way on the components of this product to contain occupants within the vehicle, or to protect against injury or death in the event of an accident. This product will not protect the occupants from falling objects.

WEAR SEAT BELTS AT ALL TIMES.