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## 1955-57 Ford T-Bird Hardtop 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 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.

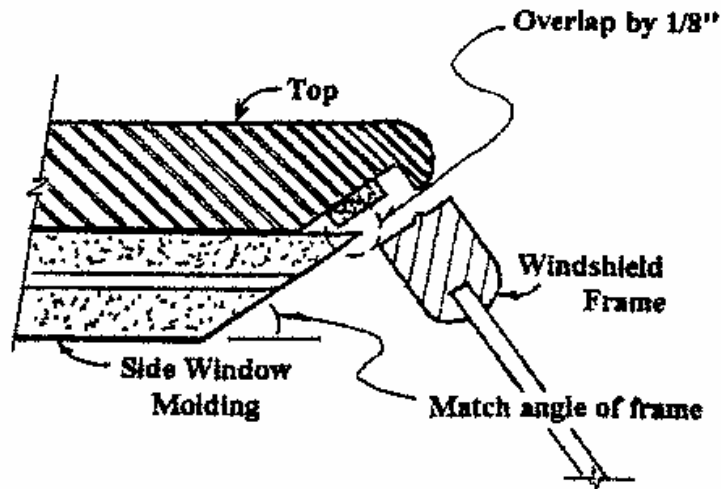
A point to remember, automobiles are mass-produced and built with certain tolerance. Sometimes these tolerances are quite large. No two are alike. A body man is a skilled tradesman; a skill that is not learned overnight. A "well fitting" automobile is a series of adjustments and compromises.

### **A: Prior to placing the top on the car**

1. Fold the convertible top into the normal down position. Make sure that the folds are tucked in so they will not chafe on the Hardtop.
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

### **B Place hardtop on car:**

1. Attach the front "J" hooks to the windshield frame.
2. Hook the rear turnbuckles under the plate located on the car rear deck trim molding (located just below the rear turnbuckle assembly when the top is in place).
3. Place the rear fastener studs on the hardtop into the receptors in the rear deck panel. Rotate one quarter turn to engage and tighten nut.
4. Tighten all fasteners by hand. Shift Hardtop where necessary to ensure a proper fit.
5. Trim rubber window seal with heavy scissors (see fig.1 next page)



### C. Painting:

1. Mask off the rear window with cellophane tape or a non-porous material to prevent thinner fumes from attaching 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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**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.**