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Convertible Top Care

Thanks to Electron Top

Important: We advise leaving your top up for at least one week after installation. Because top material starts out flat on a roll, it is necessary to give the material time to conform to the shape of your top frame. For longer-term storage, raise your top prior parking the vehicle. This will help prevent the material from deforming and producing stubborn wrinkles. In addition, it is advisable not to change the position of the top (up or down) when temperatures are much lower than 50 degrees.

Vinyl: Rear windows need special care. We use the highest quality 40 gauge vinyl in our tops, but they are still susceptible to scratching and becoming rigid in cold weather. When cleaning, rinse thoroughly with water prior to applying any cloth or detergent. Only soft cotton cloths should be used in wiping; paper towels are made from wood and may cause fine scratches. When folding your top down, lay a cotton towel between the folds of the vinyl rear window to help keep the surface from rubbing against one another. The main cause of breakage of the rear window is rough treatment during cool weather when the vinyl is rigid.

Washing Your Top: Just like washing your car, it is important to rinse the surface thoroughly, removing as much dirt as possible. Dirt particles left on the surface of the top will act like abrasives once you start to brush or rub the material. We recommend frequent cleaning with mild soap and a soft brush. Stubborn stains may need a second washing. Vinyl top material has a top coating, which is a protective layer. If this top coating is destroyed (which some petroleum based products can do) the ability to keep the material clean is reduced. Some of these products may also create a sticky film that attracts dirt, requiring more frequent cleaning. Check the label carefully of any product before using on your top.

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