



Bestop

Fastback Top

Installation Instructions and Owner's Manual

MODEL: Suzuki Samurai 1985-1989

PART NUMBER 53361

Congratulations on your purchasing decision. Bestop designed the Convertible Top to give you years of dependability and performance with proper care. If you encounter any problems during the installation of your Convertible Top, or at any later date, please contact our Consumer Response Department, Monday - Friday at (800) 346-3910 or (303) 465-1755 in Colorado.

Note: Please read this manual thoroughly before beginning the installation. After completing installation, keep this manual for further reference.

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. Never operate vehicle in excess of manufacturer's specifications.

Wear seat belts at all times.

Read and follow, precisely, all installation instructions provided when installing this product. Failure to properly install or reinstall this top may cause the top or a component part to come off the vehicle potentially causing an accident and possible injury to the occupants of the vehicle. After installing or reinstalling the top, check to make sure it has been properly installed.

LIMITED WARRANTY

We warrant our product to be free from defects in material and workmanship, for the terms specified below, provided there has been normal use and proper maintenance. This warranty applies to the original purchaser only. All remedies under this warranty are limited to the repair or replacement of any item or items found by the factory to be defective within the time period specified.

If you have a warranty claim, first you must call our factory at the number below for instructions. You must retain proof of purchase and submit a copy with any items returned for warranty work. Upon completion of warranty work, if any, we will return the repaired or replaced item or items to you freight prepaid. Damage to our products caused by accidents, fire, vandalism, negligence, misinstallation, misuse, Acts of God, or by defective parts not manufactured by us, is not covered under this warranty.

THE WARRANTY TIME PERIOD IS AS FOLLOWS: ALL "SOFT GOODS" MANUFACTURED BY OUR COMPANY (USING PRIMARILY VINYL, PLASTICS, AND/OR FOAM): ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF PURCHASE.

ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND/OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE CREATED HEREBY ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE SAME DURATION AND SCOPE AS THE EXPRESS WRITTEN WARRANTY. OUR COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE.

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

For further information or request for warranty work, please contact:

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Before You Install

You may notice some wrinkling in the fabric of your Convertible Top when you first remove it from its shipping container. Also, there may be indentations in the windows. **Don't panic.** It is normal for the tops to do this when stored in the shipping container. The wrinkles and indentations will disappear after 48-72 hours of exposure to sunlight.

Note: You should install your Convertible Top in temperatures of 70°F (21° C) or warmer. The fabric will contract in cooler temperatures, making proper installation difficult.

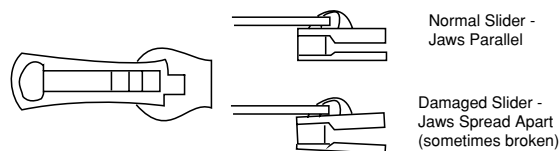
You are now ready to begin the installation process.

Care and Maintenance of your Bestop Top

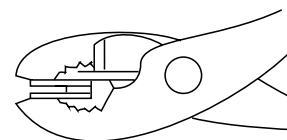
Your top is made of the finest materials available. To keep it looking new and for the maximum possible wear, it will need periodic cleaning and maintenance.

Washing: The top fabric should be washed often using soap, warm water and a soft bristle brush. Rinse with clear water to remove all traces of soap.

Windows: Keep windows clean to avoid scratching. DO NOT use a brush on the windows! Wash with a watersoaked cloth or sponge and a mild dishwashing detergent. NEVER WIPE THE WINDOWS WHEN THEY ARE DRY. Be careful when cleaning snow or frost from the vinyl windows since they are easily scratched and may crack at low temperatures. DO NOT roll the sides or rear curtain in cold weather. The windows become stiff and will crack.



Zippers: Keeping the zipper cleaned and lubricated with a silicone lubricant will help prevent damage and keep the zippers in a smooth working condition. If a zipper opens behind the slider, the slider may have been spread apart. This problem can usually be repaired 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 the zipper. If the zipper continues to remain open squeeze more firmly with the pliers and try the zipper again. Repeat this procedure until the zipper operates correctly.



Water: Seeping through at the seams may be stopped by applying 3-M Scotchgard® on the inside of the seams. 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.

Snaps: Keep snaps cleaned and lubricated with silicone to help prevent snaps from sticking to the studs. If a snap does become stuck to a stud, use a screwdriver and GENTLY pry apart to prevent permanent damage to the snap or the top fabric.

Installation: Getting Started

Your Replacement Top will require two people for proper installation.

This section will familiarize you with the parts included with your Replacement Top and will get you through the "pre-installation" steps. The total installation time should run from about an hour and a half to two hours.

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What You'll Need

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 50/50 Alcohol/Water Solution | <input type="checkbox"/> A soft cloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A tape measure | <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phillips Screwdriver | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety glasses |

That's it. With these tools, you're ready to go.

Unpacking: What You Have

Remove parts carefully from the shipping container in order to avoid scratching windows. **Check each part included against the following Parts List.**

Parts List

Check off each item

Fabric Top, Qty - 1
Adhesive Hook Strip, Qty - 55" x 1"

CAUTION: Safety glasses should be worn at all times while installing this product.

Installing the Top

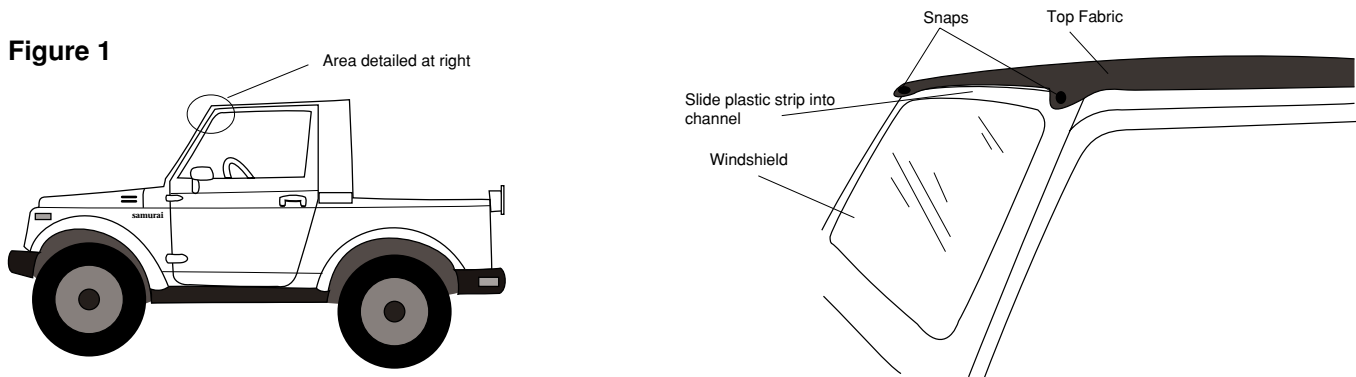
Step One

Remove the bow and bow mount assembly by pushing the bow all the way forward. Lift the bow cover and unscrew the four screws. Remove the bow and bow mount assembly from the vehicle.

Step Two

Fold the rear seat down. Drape the Top over the vehicle and push the plastic strip sewn to the front of the top snugly into the channel along the top of the windshield (see Figure 1). Center the top on the vehicle and snap the front corners of the top to the windshield.

Figure 1

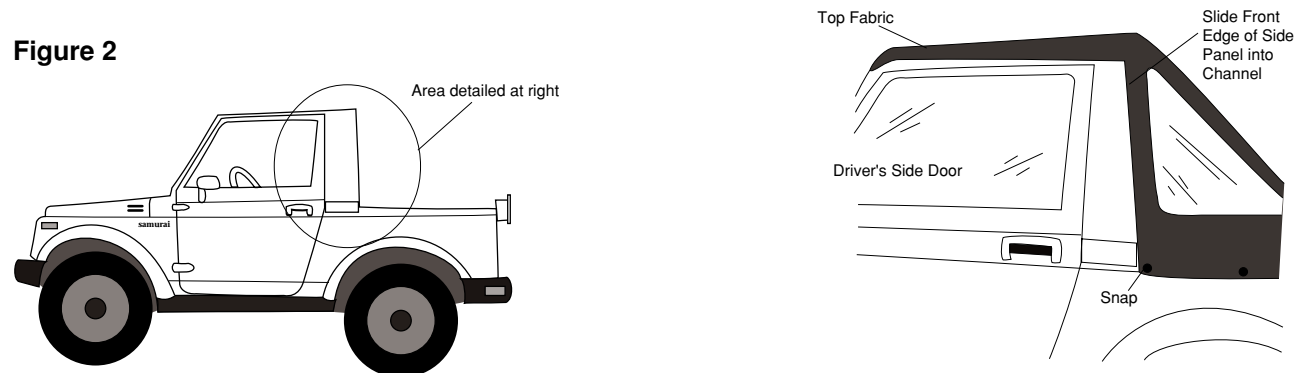


Step Three

Slide the front edge of each side panel into the vertical channel behind the door (see Figure 2).

Note: It may be helpful to rub the edge of the top that will slide into the channel with talc so that it will slide more easily.

Figure 2



Step Four

Locate the snap at the bottom, front of each side panel (see Figure 2). Snap the corners into place. Snap the rest of the snaps one side at a time and then the "Lift-a-Dots" at the rear.

Step Five

The adhesive Hook Strip attaches to the Loop portion sewn into the rear of the top and provides a quick and secure fastener.

Use a 50/50 solution of alcohol and water to clean the locations for the adhesive Hook Strip (see Figures 3 and 4). Be sure to remove all dirt, silicone sealants, wax, and any other substances which might prevent the adhesive from sticking to the paint.

Note: Do not attempt to apply the adhesive hook in temperatures of less than 60° F. The adhesive backing will fully set within 72 hours of application. You may install the Replacement Top after about one hour, but you should avoid unnecessary fastening and unfastening of the cover for 72 hours.

Step Six

Cut the adhesive hook into:

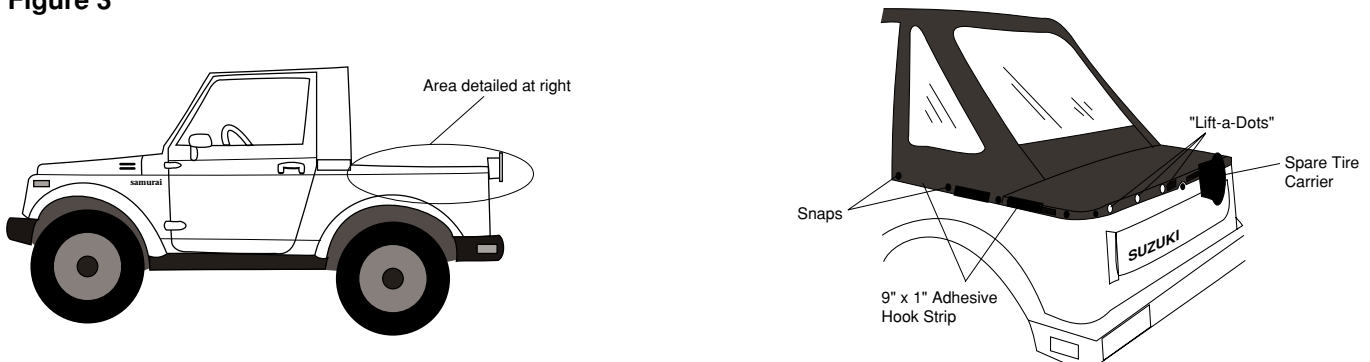
- 4 pieces - 9 inches long
- 2 pieces - 8 inches long
- 1 piece - 3 inches long

Do not remove the plastic backing until you are ready to install the hook.

Step Seven

Use the loop strip sewn to the top as a guide to place two 9 inch pieces of adhesive hook along each side of the vehicle (see Figure 3). Remove the plastic backing and install the strips. Use firm, direct pressure to insure maximum adhesion.

Figure 3

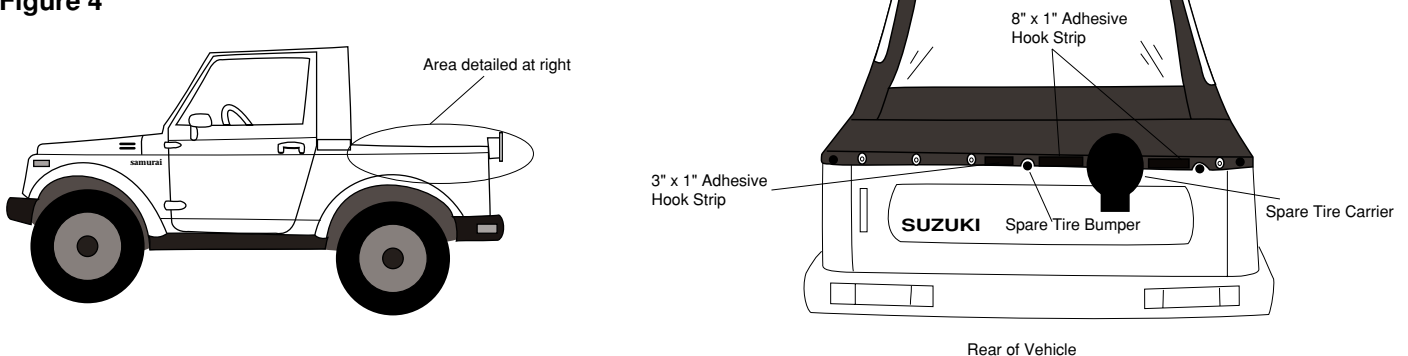


Step Eight

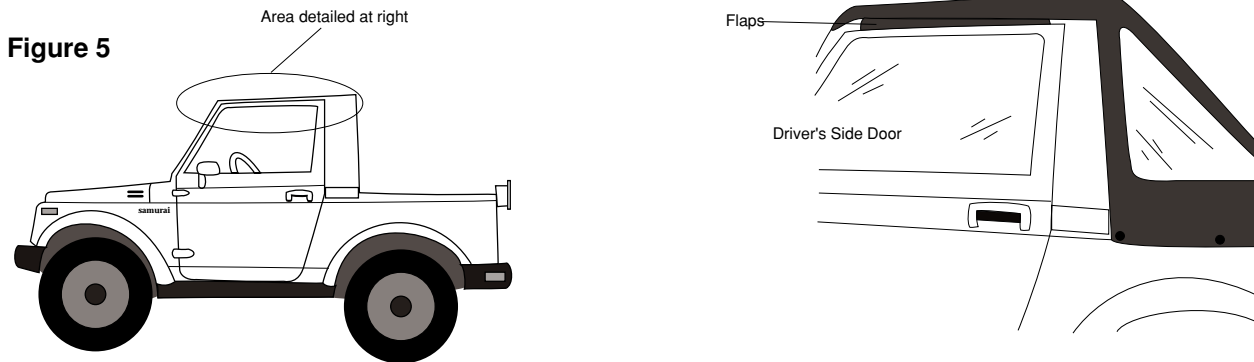
Use the loop strip sewn to the top as a guide to place the two 8 inch pieces and the one 3 inch piece of adhesive hook strip along the rear of the vehicle (see Figure 4). The 8 inch pieces will be placed on each side of the Spare Tire Carrier and the 3 inch piece will be placed to the outside of the spare tire bumper on the driver's side. Remove the plastic backing and install the strips. Use firm, direct pressure to insure maximum adhesion.

Step Nine

Figure 4



Locate the flaps sewn to the top above the doors (see Figure 5). Wrap the flaps around the door frame and fasten the hook strip to the loop strip. Do this on both sides of the vehicle.



Rolling the Rear Curtain

To roll the rear curtain, start at the top and roll down to the inside. Secure with the curtain straps.

Folding the Top Down

Unsnap the rear and side panels. Unfasten the top from the windshield and fold the front of the top over the rear curtain. Then roll the top with the glass to the inside.

Storing the Top

Place sheets of paper over each window before storing. This will protect against scratches. Store the top by removing it from the vehicle, folding it in half and then rolling it. Keep the top stored in its original shipping container in a cool, dry place.