



**Bestop**

## Replace - A - Top

### Installation Instructions and Owner's Manual

**MODEL: Jeep® CJ7, 1976 - 1986**

**PART NUMBER 53118**

Congratulations on your purchasing decision. Bestop designed the Replace - A - Top to give you years of dependability and performance with proper care. If you encounter any problems during the installation of your Replace - A - Top, or at any later date, please contact your authorized Bestop dealer or call 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 do so may result in a poor fit and could place occupants of the vehicle in a potentially dangerous situation.**

#### **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:

Bestop Inc.  
Customer Service  
(800)346-3910  
(303)465-1755

## Before You Install

You may notice some wrinkling in the fabric of your Replace - A - 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 Replace - A - Top in temperatures of 70°F (21 ° C) or warmer. The fabric will contract in cooler temperatures, making proper installation difficult.*

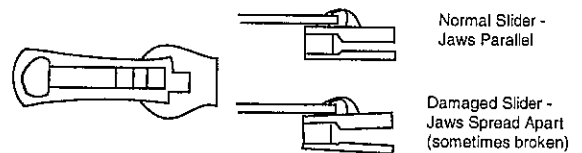
You are now ready to begin the installation process.

### Care and Maintenance of your Bestop Top

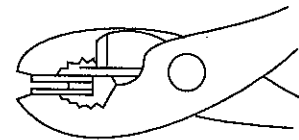
Your top is made of the finest materials available. To keep it looking new and for the maximum possible wear, it will need periodic cleaning and maintenance.

**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 water-soaked 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 Replace - A - Top will require two people for proper installation.

This section will familiarize you with the parts included with your Replace - A - Top and will get you through the "pre-installation" steps.

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### What You'll Need

- Scissors
- A razor knife

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

Door - Right, Qty - 1   
Door - Left, Qty - 1

5/8" x 2" Adhesive Hook Strip, Qty - 4

Because of generic packaging, extra parts may be included.

## Installing the Doors

**Warning:** The doors in this product are designed only for protection against the elements. Do not rely on the doors to contain occupants within the vehicle or to protect against injury during an accident. Door handles are only designed to aid in door closure. Door and handle will not support a person's weight.

### Step One

To install the new fabric covers on the original door frames, first you must remove the old doors from your Jeep® and take the door handles off.

*Note:* Be careful in dismantling the handles, there is a spring inside each of the handles and they must be put back together just as they came apart.

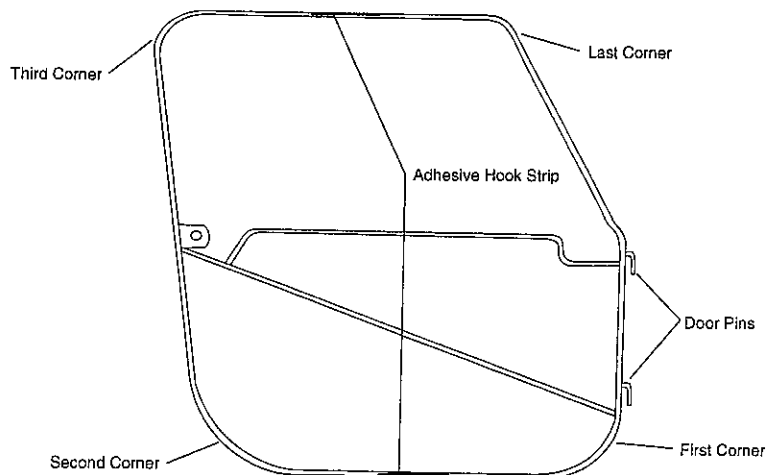
### Step Two

With a razor knife, cut the stitching on the old door covers and remove them from the frames.

### Step Three

Start with the front of the door cover and locate the cut outs in the fabric for the door pins. Insert the door pins through the cut outs in the fabric and place the "First" corner into the pocket sewn into the fabric. Work around the door, slipping each corner into each corner of the elastic band. It may be necessary to unzip the upper window before sliding the elastic over the last corner.

Figure 1



### Step Four

After the fabric door covers are on the frames, install the adhesive hook on the door frame to match up with the loop strip sewn into the fabric cover. Use a pair of scissors to cut a hole in each door for the handle and reinstall the handle. Make sure that you replace it the way it came off.