



## Replace - A - Door Installation Instructions

*For: 1997 Model Year Jeep® Wrangler/TJ*

**Part Number 53121**

*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 doors, or at any later date, please contact your authorized Bestop dealer or call our Consumer Response Department, Monday - Friday, 8AM - 4:30PM (MST) at 1-800-346-3910 or (303) 465-1755 in Colorado.*

### **WARNING**

This product is designed primarily 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 top 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 top. Failure to do so may result in a poor fitting top and could place occupants of the vehicle in a potentially dangerous situation.

### **Installation Tips**

*Before you begin installing this door assembly, read all instructions thoroughly. Below are a few tips to make this installation easier.*

#### **For a smooth fit:**

For ease in installation, the door fabric should be installed at temperatures above 72° F. Below this temperature, the fabric may contract an inch or more, making it difficult to fit to the vehicle.

It is normal for the doors to contract and wrinkle when stored in the shipping carton. Within a few days after the installation, the doors will relax and the wrinkles will disappear.

**Note:** For the best results and to minimize scratches on the windows, remove all jewelry before installing the door covers.

## Installing the New Door Covers

**Note:** This door cover is designed to fit very tight on the door frame. We recommend using a shoe horn to help work the corners of the cover over the frame without tearing the fabric.

### WARNING

Do not pull on the weatherstrip to assist in getting the door cover on the door frame. This will tear the weatherstrip and the door will not seal properly.

### Step One

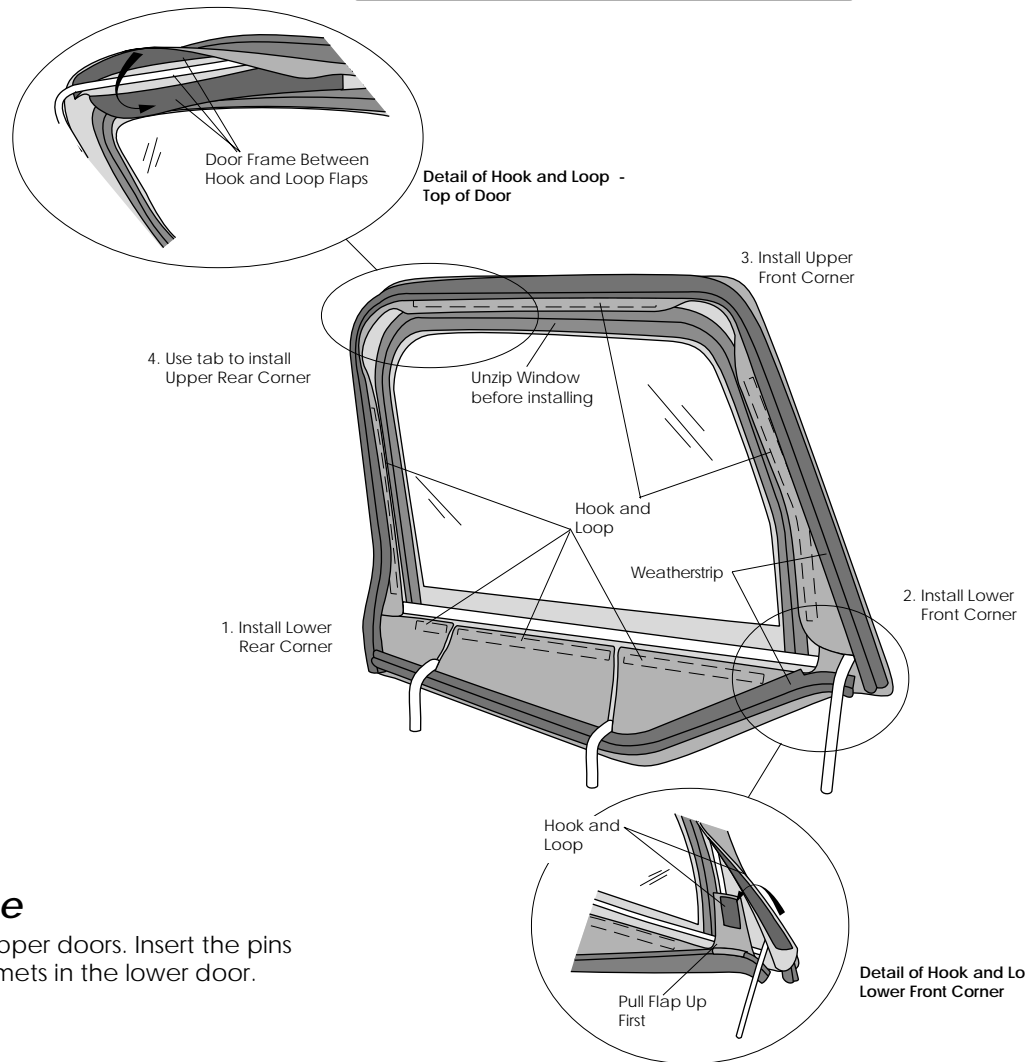
Remove the fabric upper doors from the vehicle. Use a razor knife to cut the stitches on the old door covers and take them off of the door frames.

### Step Two

Unzip the windows and separate the hook and loop fasteners on the door covers. Lay the door cover on a flat smooth surface with the outside facing down.

Start by working the lower rear corner of the door frame into the pocket in the lower rear corner of the cover. Then work the lower front corner of the frame into the cover. Work the top front corner of the frame into the corner of the cover, between the hook and loop flaps (not between the zipper and the flap). Finally, use the tab sewn into the cover to work the last corner of the frame into the corner of the door cover, again between the hook and loop flaps.

Make sure that the top edge of the door cover is straight along the top of the door frame. Work around the door fastening the hook and loop strips tightly around the door frame. Once the door cover is on the frame, the tab in the top rear corner of the cover may be cut off with a pair of scissors if desired.



### Step Three

Reinstall the upper doors. Insert the pins into the grommets in the lower door.



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## Care and Maintenance of your Bestop Product

Your Bestop product 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.

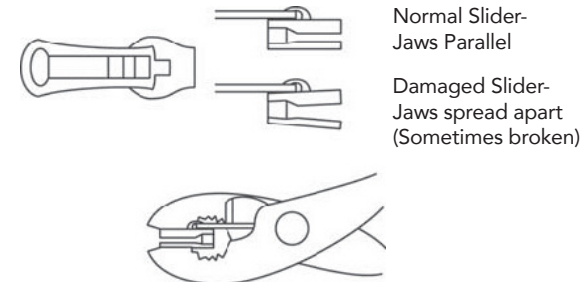
**Fabric:** The fabric should be washed often using soap, warm water and a soft bristle brush. Rinse with clear water to remove all traces of soap. Bestop recommends using Bestop Cleaner (part no. 11201-00) and Bestop Protectant (part no. 11202-00) for Vinyl fabric and Bestop Twill Protectant (part no. 11207-00) for Twill fabric. Bestop Cleaner and Bestop protectant are specially formulated to provide a total cleaning and protection system. Bestop Cleaner safely removes the toughest stains, will not harm vehicle finishes, is biodegradable and environmentally friendly. Bestop Protectant protects against UV-fading, cracking and hardening, and repels dust, grease, dirt and mildew.

**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. Bestop recommends Bestop Vinyl Window Cleaner (part no. 11203-00), which safely cleans and protects vinyl windows and helps prevent UV damage. 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 window in cold weather. The windows become stiff and will crack. Cracks caused by misuse in cold temperatures are not covered under warranty.

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

**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.

**Zippers:** Keeping zippers cleaned and lubricated with Bestop's Zipper Cleaner (part no. 11206-00) will help prevent damage and keep the zippers in 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.



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