

TOP INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Caution: Be sure that tires are up equally, and that base of windshield post bolts are tight.

(1) Cover bows-long plastic on front bow- cloth on other bows. Install bow covers lengthwise of bows to  $\frac{1}{4}$  over metal socket on each side- on 26 & 27 years, cover CURVE of bows with short plastic covers, stretching and pulling hard to prevent any wrinkles in plastic on underneath side of curve. Join fabrics for tacking on side or edge of bow which will be hidden by the top deck. After installing cloth covers, dampen with clean water-do not rub tho while wet. (2) Install windbreaker on TOP of front bow with lip of windbreaker hanging in front of windshield, tacking windbreaker to upper  $\frac{1}{2}$  of front bow-trim off excess closely to tacks. (3) Find and mark center of front & rear bows, then make mark 12" on each side of center on both bows. (4) On 12" marks, fasten over the bow straps to front & rear bows with one #8 tack only, with a firm stretch, now tack 3 more #8 tacks thru webbing on front bows so that webbing can be trimmed off above center of front bow. Remove tack in webbing on rear bow, stretch hard and tack 4 #8 tacks thru webbing on rear bow so that webbing can be trimmed off above middle of rear bow. (5) Set rear bow so that it is about 21" above rear rail at center of bow, then find and mark center of rear of body trim line, then make marks 21" on each side of center, on rear bow make marks 23" on each side of center. place one end of rear tie down strap on 23" mark on rear bow & tack one #8 tack in center of end of strap on bow, swing lower end of tie-down strap to 21" mark on body trim line & tack one #8 tack. Now tack top end of strap to rear bow with 5 or 6 # 8 tacks. Remove the tack in lower end of strap & pull strap down and over mark HARD & tack with several #8 tacks being careful that top of rear bow is level when second of tie down straps is installed. (6) Remove webbing & padding from bow pads, laying bow pad cover with narrow end to front bow- over the bow curves with open side of cover up so that tacked in place cover will be over curved part of bows, stretch and tack to front & rear bows. This cover on front bow will have to be over the side edge of the front bow curve. (7) Lay one piece of bow pad webbing in opened bow pad cover so that edge and webbing is firmed against the sewn edge (inside when done) of cover. Stretch webbing firmly & tack to bows. Do same with second piece of webbing. (8) Using one strip of cotton padding in the bow pads, lay it in bow-pad cover & carefully tear it so that a piece will lay BETWEEN each bow, now lay the other cotton pad full length on top of other cotton pad. (9) Stretch-lap top edges of bow pad cover carefully removing any lumps in pads. With the upper half of cover on top, stretch and tack shut to front and rear bows. (10) Using long thread & making long stitches- sew upper half of bow pad cover to lower half enclosing all webbing and padding inside of bow pad cover. (11) Using center mark on rear bow and rear of body, lay up center marks on back curtain to them & lightly tack using # 4 tacks. Stretch right and left and tack several places, fitting the sides of the rear curtain to the contour of the body. DO NOT CUT EDGE OF GYPSY WING WHERE IT MEETS SLANT BOW UNTIL you are SURE YOU HAVE BOTH SIDES fitted perfectly. (12) On edge of gypsy wing, make marks at point of contact with fastener in slanting bow. (13) Install fasteners in gypsy wing. (14) Again using center marks on front and rear bows, lay center marks of top cover to center marks on the bows & tack lightly ( trim excess off top of rear curtain JUST UNDER front edge of rear bow so it will not show inside of the car). Then working left and right stretching hard as you go, tack top cover to front & rear bows, top cover should about meet gypsy wing on slanting rear bow. (15) Cut off all excess on rear bow & body line, and ALL BUT FRONT CORNER (6-7") of front bow. (16) At side & front of each curve of front bow, it will be necessary to cut out a long V of the front end & edge of the top quarter. Do not cut farther back than the slot in metal socket. Before doing any cutting, make a chalk mark around front bow curve on the quarter panel where the Trim will be when the top is finished. Use this line to do the cutting & fitting, CUTTING  $\frac{1}{4}$  wider than the mark, so that top cover edge of cut will lay over cut in sewed edge for tacking and carefully tuck the very front sewed end UNDER the top cover on the front bow about where the bracket bolt is on each side. (17) Using Hidem Welt which opens for insertion of tack, trim front & rear bows & body trim line, using metal tips & nails to cover the cut end of the welt. For best results, this top should be installed in a warm room.

