

The top is raised in the reverse order of lowering.

Note

When installing a new top, fasten the top securely in the raised position and wet it down with clean water. The top should remain in the closed position for two to three days to allow the canvas to adjust itself to the form of the roof.

Raising

Raise the top carefully watching the plastic window so that no wrinkles which may crease the plastic will form. It is advisable to lower the windows. Make certain that the three fasteners are properly secured before driving the car.

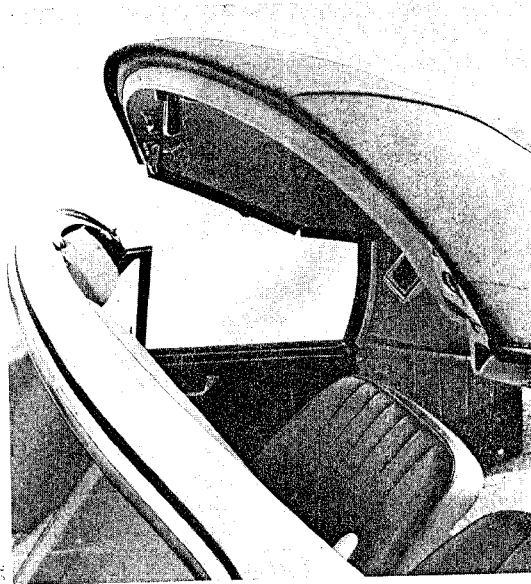


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Note

Never fold down the top when it is wet. In a closed garage it is advisable to open the windows of the car for better ventilation.

To replace the plastic window, it is necessary to remove the canvas portion of the roof so that the new plastic may be sewn to the top with a machine. After replacing the canvas the seam must be waterproofed with rubber cement.

Care of the Cloth Top

The appearance and life of the top depends upon the care it receives. A wet top must always be dried in the stretched position or it will become distorted and cracked.

A dusty top should be cleaned by brushing in line with the grain of the cloth. Dust can cause damage to the canvas through abrasive action and should therefore be removed before folding the top.

To remove oil or other spots, never use cleaning fluid, gasoline or similar fluids. Use only cleaning agents specifically designed for cleaning auto tops.

Wash the top only when absolutely necessary using clear water.

Before wetting the top, brush the canvas clean with a brush. Thoroughly soak the top and apply a special canvas top soap as prescribed by the manufacturer. Work up a lather on the roof and rinse away the dirt with clear water.

After cleaning the top, wash the remainder of the car and dry the surface with a chamtois.