

Soft Top + Door Skins, TJ, 1997 - 2006

NOTICE

Ensure windows are kept clean to avoid scratching. **DO NOT** wash windows with brush. Wash with clean, watered-down cloth or sponge and mild detergent. **DO NOT** clean windows while dry. Use caution while cleaning in low temperatures as windows become more susceptible to scratching and cracking. **DO NOT** roll up windows in low temperatures as this causes windows to stiffen and crack. Windows should be clean when rolled up.

1. Remove tailgate bar from rear window and set aside for later use. Remove side and rear windows by releasing plastic window strips that retain top above front doors.



2. Release windshield latches on front header. **DO NOT** lower top at this point. Pull down and out on corners to release top from belt rail. Repeat for opposite side.



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3. Unfasten hook and loop flap around middle bow.



4. Release soft top snaps from rear bow and allow bow to drop on tailgate.



5. Lower soft top onto tailgate. Remove screws that fasten soft top fabric to corners of windshield header and set aside for later use.



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6. Flip top fabric into rear of vehicle so fabric lays bottom side up. Remove screws that fasten soft top fabric to windshield header and set aside for later use. Remove soft top fabric.

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For 1997 models with slip-on plastic extrusion on door surround, remove extrusion before installing soft top.



7. Lay new soft top fabric in rear of vehicle with bottom side up. Ensure plastic strip on fabric is facing up and aligned with front edge of windshield header. Locate round hole that marks center of plastic strip and install first screw to ensure fabric is centered on header. Install remaining screws removed in step 6.



8. Wrap fabric over header and drape it over tailgate. Raise header slightly and work pockets in fabric over corners of header. Install screws removed in step 5 in corners of header.



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9. Raise soft top assembly and snap fabric to rear bow.



10. Ensure center bow is centered in hook and loop flap but DO NOT fasten at this time. Pull down and insert rear corners of soft top into belt rail. Secure header to windshield frame at this point.



11. Wrap and fasten hook and loop strips around center bow.



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12. Locate side windows and orient them with zipper slider 10" to 12" along top.



13. Roll plastic lip of window into front door surround. Repeat for opposite side.



14. Locate plastic strips on each side of top and insert into door surrounds above door opening.



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15. Fully close zipper on side windows to lower rear corner of panel.



16. Start at rear of vehicle and roll plastic lip along belt rail. Fasten hook and loop strips that connect rear of side window to soft top.



17. Install tailgate bar in receiver on each side of tailgate opening and insert rear window into "C" channel of tailgate bar.



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18. Start zipper of rear window. Hold up window and finish zipping rear window to top. Ensure tailgate bar is centered and securely fastened. Tuck flaps on rear window under soft top fabric.

NOTICE

Allow top to remain closed for several days with temperatures above 72 degrees Fahrenheit to allow top to stretch and set to frame.



19. Remove fabric upper doors from vehicle. Using razor blade, cut stitching on old door covers and remove from frame.



20. Unzip windows and separate hook and loop fasteners on new door skins. Lay door skin on flat surface with outside facing down. Start by working lower rear corner of door frame into pocket in lower rear corner of door skin. Proceed to lower and top front. Ensure top front corner of frame is between hook and loop flap of door skin.



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21. Use tab sewn into door skin to work top rear corner of frame into door skin between hook and loop flap. Ensure top of door skin is straight and fasten hook and loop strips tightly around frame. Once door skin is installed on frame, tab may be removed from skin using scissors.



22. Reinstall upper doors. Insert pins into grommets in lower doors.

