Rough Country RC85020.35 Installation Instructions

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1997-06 TJ SOFT TOP WITH FULL STEEL DOORS

Congratulations on your purchase of a Rough Country Soft Top. Check the kit hardware against the parts list. Confirm the correct model was ordered and received. A general knowledge is useful and understanding on top removal on the Jeep. Also please review the tools needed list and make sure you have needed tools.

Before you begin installing this top please read through the instructions to get a general knowledge of how the soft tops are installed. **Installers Tip:** It is recommended to install the top when the fabric has been resting in temperatures above 75° F. Colder temperatures will shrink the components. Do not use a knife to open the box and lay the top components out to warm. Allowing the top components to warm will greatly ease the installation process.

Tool List
Safety Glasses
Phillips Screwdriver

Kit Includesð
- 1-Fabric Top
- 1-Driver Quarter Window
- 1-Passenger Quarter Window
- 1-Rear Window



Rough Country Soft Top Installation

1. Allow the vehicle to warm in the sun prior to removal of top. This will ease removal.
2. Park the vehicle on a level surface and apply the e-brake.
3. Unzip and remove the rear window and the two quarter windows.
4. Remove the metal tailgate bar from the bottom of the rear window by sliding it to one side. This bar will be reused on the new Rough Country top.
5. Release the latch that holds the header bar to the windshield and remove the plastic strips from the side retainers above the doors.
6. Next remove the top from each rear corner by pulling down to release the fabric from the corner track retainers.
7. Unsnap the fabric from the rear bow and the center bow of the jeep. Note there are two corner screws to remove on the center bow.
8. Flip over the header and remove the screws so the fabric will pull loose. Note some models have 8 screws and some models have 14 screws to remove. Retain screws for reuse on new top.
9. On 97 models you must pull down on the plastic extruded slot on the door surround to remove the fabric.
10. Make sure the bows are folded down in the rear of the jeep.
11. Lay the fabric on the rear of the jeep with the backing side up. Install the header to the fabric by using the factory screws. Start with the center hole and work to the outside. **See Photo 1.**
12. Raise the header slightly and work the pockets in the fabric over the corners of the header, next install the factory corner screws to secure the fabric to the header corners
13. Raise the rear bow and drape the fabric over the rear bow and snap the fabric to the bow. It should be six snap to connect. **See Photo 2.**





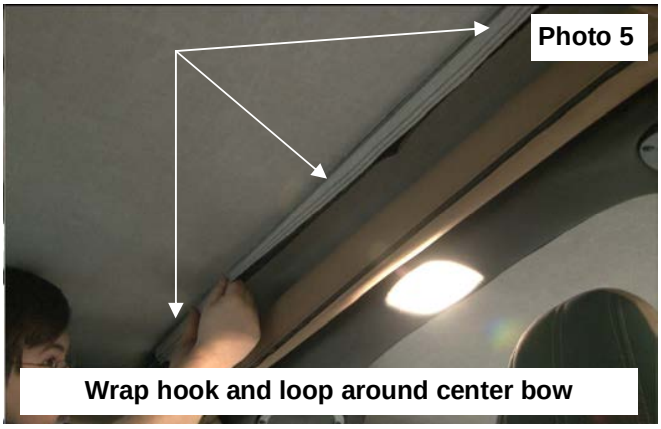
14. Place the header on the windshield frame and secure with the factory header latches. Make sure the latch is hooked in the slot correctly. **See Photo 3.**
15. Next pull down on the rear corner of the fabric and connect to the rear retaining slots. **See Photo 4.**





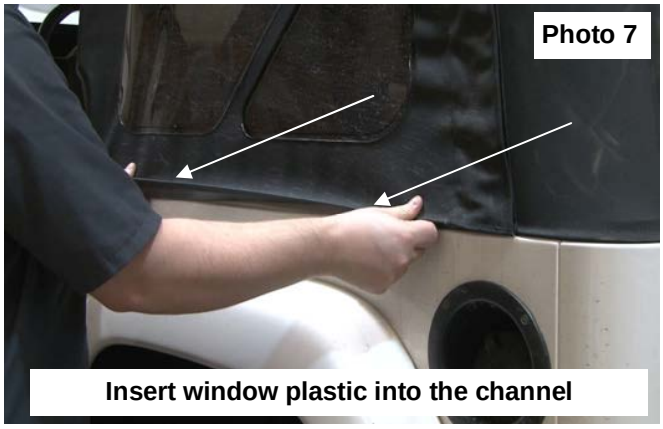
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16. Wrap the hook and loop flap inside the top around the center bow and fasten it to itself. **See Photo 5.**
17. Attach the rear quarter window with the zipper starting at the top. Pull the zipper about half way down the top side only and insert the front quarter panel window plastic into the front door jam retainer. **See Photo 6.**
18. Now finish pulling the zipper all the around the quarter window.





19. Locate the channel above the front doors on the top door jam. Roll the plastic strip that is made into the top fabric into this channel by pulling down and folding in.
20. Pull down on the quarter panel window and fasten the fabric to the retainer channel. **See Photo 7.** Then secure the hook and loop strips along the window panel to the top.
21. Insert the tailgate retaining bar onto the rear window panel. Be sure to install the rear window channel correctly with the round seal down to allow it to seal against the tailgate. Install the tailgate retainer/ top in the factory location. **See Photo 8.**





22. Start the rear window zippers and carefully pull the zipper around the window. Make sure you do not pitch the fabric between the zippers. **See Photo 9.**
23. Pull down on the bottom corners of the rear window and secure the fabric in the factory channels. **See Photo 10.**
24. Notice inside the rear window there are flaps, made sure the flaps are over the zipper and tuck them into place.





Maintenance Tips

Washing: 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.

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 ýrst and test the zipper. If the zipper continues to remain open squeeze more ýrm with the pliers and try the zipper again. Repeat this procedure until the zipper operates correctly.

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.

Thanks for choosing Rough Country for your off road needs!!