

# Roadster Top

## General

The top is attached in the front to the window frame and in the rear to the body. The main hinge is located just behind the door post on the side wall. The top is supported by two forward bows and one over the rear window besides the front and rear fastening frames.

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## Removing and Installing Convertible Top

### Removal

1. Roll down windows or open both doors.
2. Release the two hold down latches at the windshield.
3. Remove the hold down brackets in the rear.

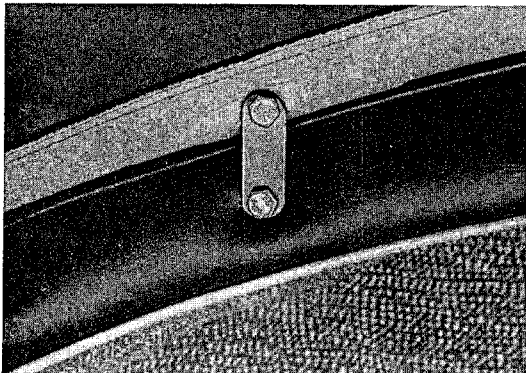


Fig. 144

4. Remove the hinge cover by removing the philips screw in its center.

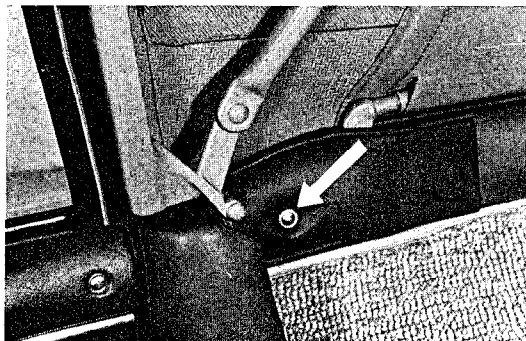


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5. Remove the two mounting bolts from the side brackets.

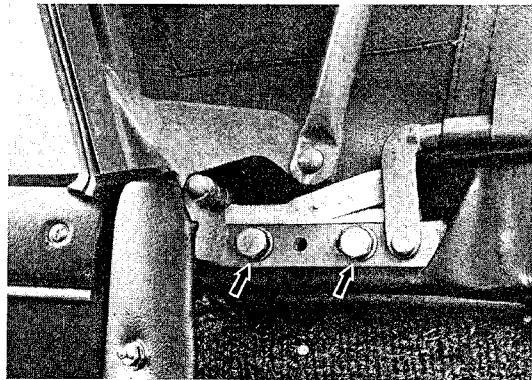


Fig. 146

6. Lift off top.

### Installation

The installation is accomplished in the reverse order of removal, observing the following points:

1. Carefully adjust the hinge so that the guide pins in the front frame fit into the sockets on the windshield frame.

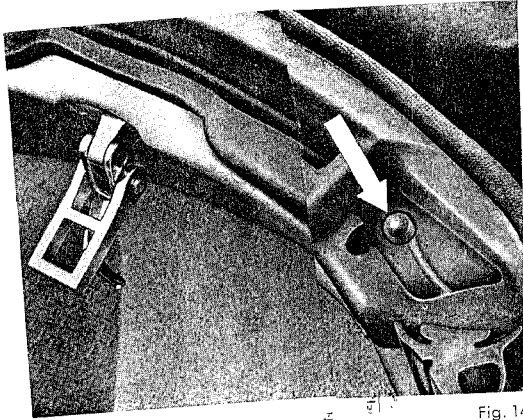


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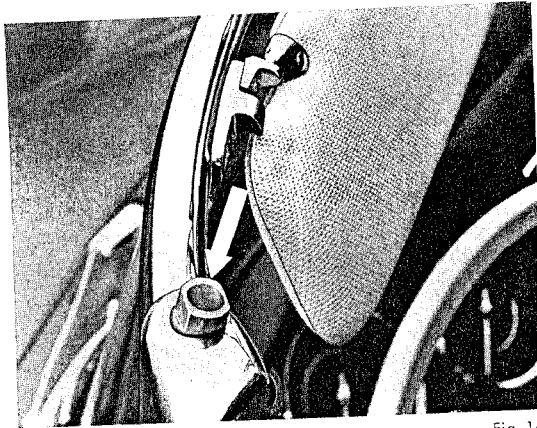


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2. The top must seal against the windshield frame and door windows.

## aising and Lowering Convertible Top

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### Lowering

1. Roll down windows or open d.
2. Release front hold down latch

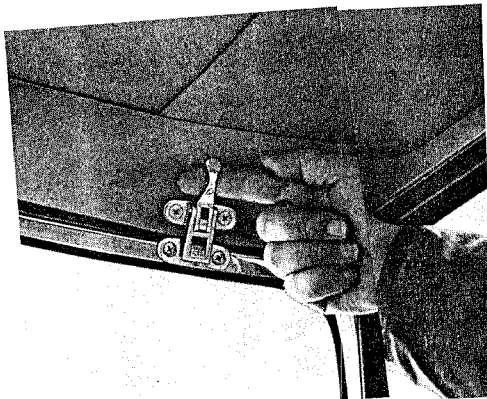


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3. Raise front portion of top and bo fold the top back.

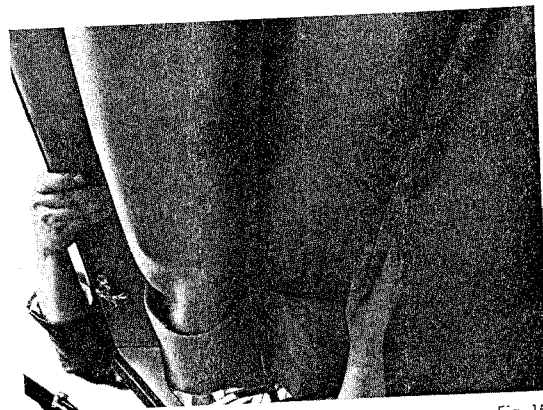


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4. Raise the canvas between the first and second bow so that the two can come together. The canvas should hang smoothly between the front frame and first bow.

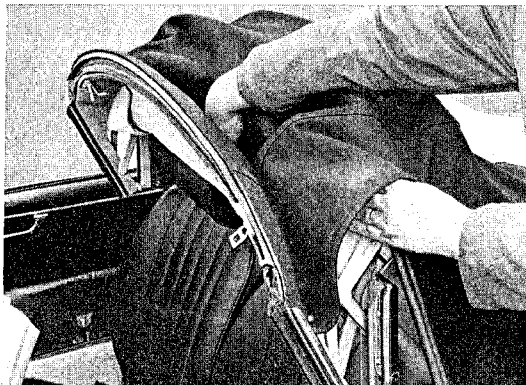


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5. Push first two bows close together, moving front frame rearward.

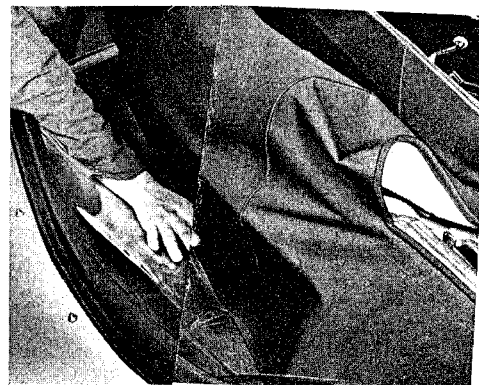


Fig. 154

7. Push the folded top down into the rear compartment.



Fig. 152

6. Press the rear section and window inward, smoothing wrinkles which tend to form.



Fig. 155

8. Cover the top with the top boot, fastening it tightly the ball snaps furnished for this purpose.

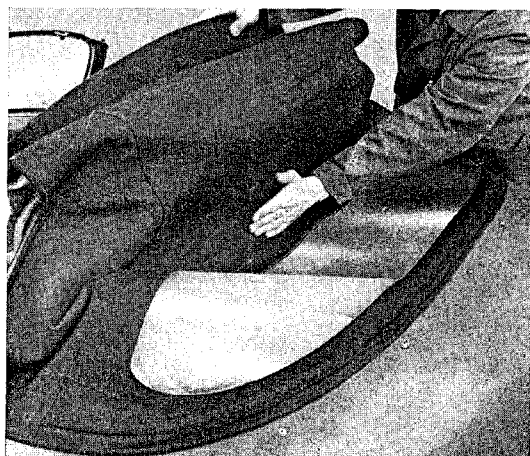


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**Note:**

Before lowering the convertible top, it should be cleaned with a stiff brush. The plastic window should be cleaned with a soft wet rag or sponge. A convertible which is lowered in a dirty condition will soon be scratched. The top should never be lowered when wet. When the car is in a closed garage with a wet top the windows should be opened to allow better ventilation.

### Raising Convertible Top

The top is raised in the reverse order of lowering, observing the following points:

1. Raise the front frame section until the cloth begins to become tight. Move the third bow back toward the rear window until it is between the seam and the window.

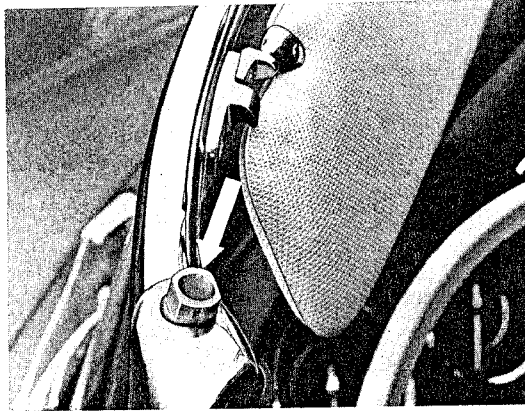


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2. Close the top so that the guide pins fit into the sockets on the windshield frame.

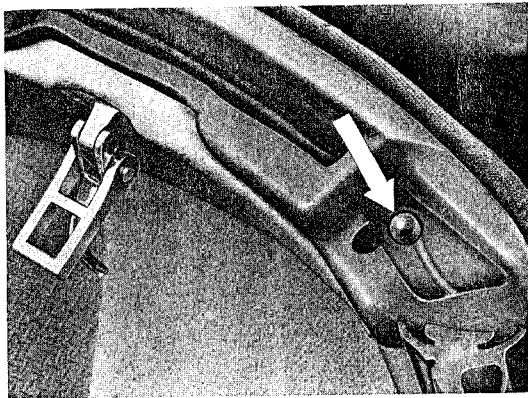


Fig. 156

3. Push down on the front frame and fasten the hold down latch.

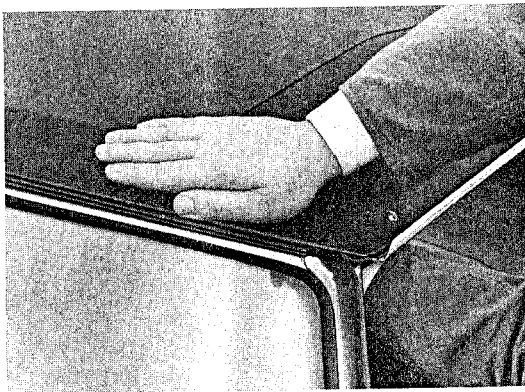


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