



# SPECIALTY TOP CO.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS 76-91 BLAZER PART #553-010

Thank you for purchasing Specialty's Convertible Top for your Blazer. It has been designed for great fit and long wear. Please read and follow, precisely, all installation instructions provided when installing top. Failure to do so may result in a poor fitting top and could place occupants in a potentially hazardous situation.

### TOOLS REQUIRED:

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 3/8" WRENCH     | 7/16" WRENCH            |
| 1/8" DRILL BIT  | 3/32" DRILL BIT         |
| 3/16" DRILL BIT | 1/2" DRILL BIT          |
| ELECTRIC DRILL  | #2 PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER |
| 8' TAPE MEASURE |                         |

### INSTALLATION TIPS

Before you begin installing this top, here are a few tips to make installation easier.

This top should be installed where the temperature is above 72 degrees Fahrenheit. Below this temperature, the top may contract making it difficult to install.

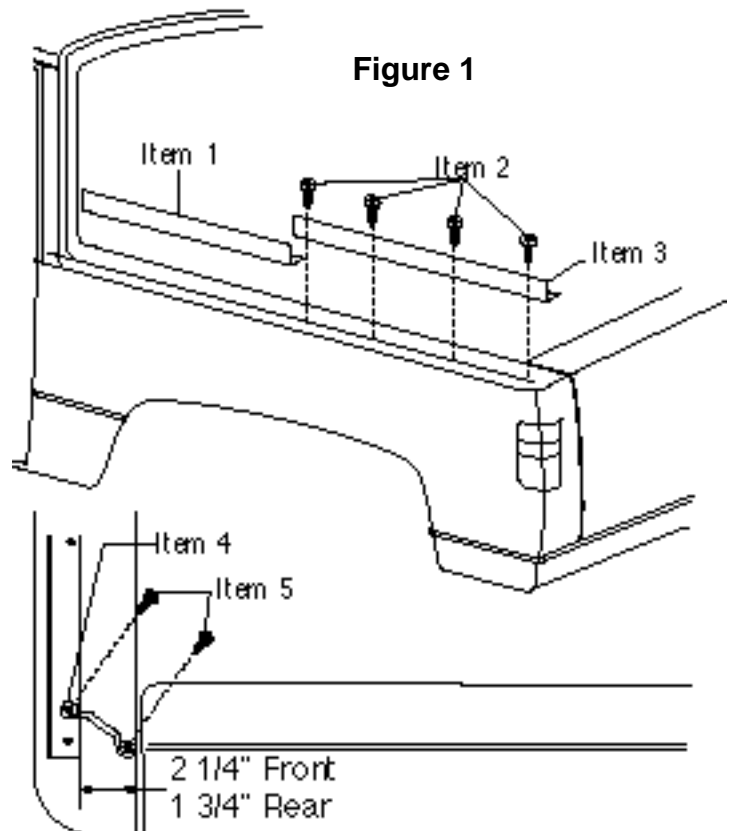
It is normal for a top to contract and wrinkle when stored in the shipping carton. The top will relax and wrinkles will disappear within a few days of installation as fabric adjusts to shape of mounting hardware.

### INSTALLATION PROCEDURES:

On page 4 of this instruction manual there is an assembly drawing. Please refer to it for identification of parts and assembly assistance. Also refer to page 6 to assure that all parts are included in your kit.

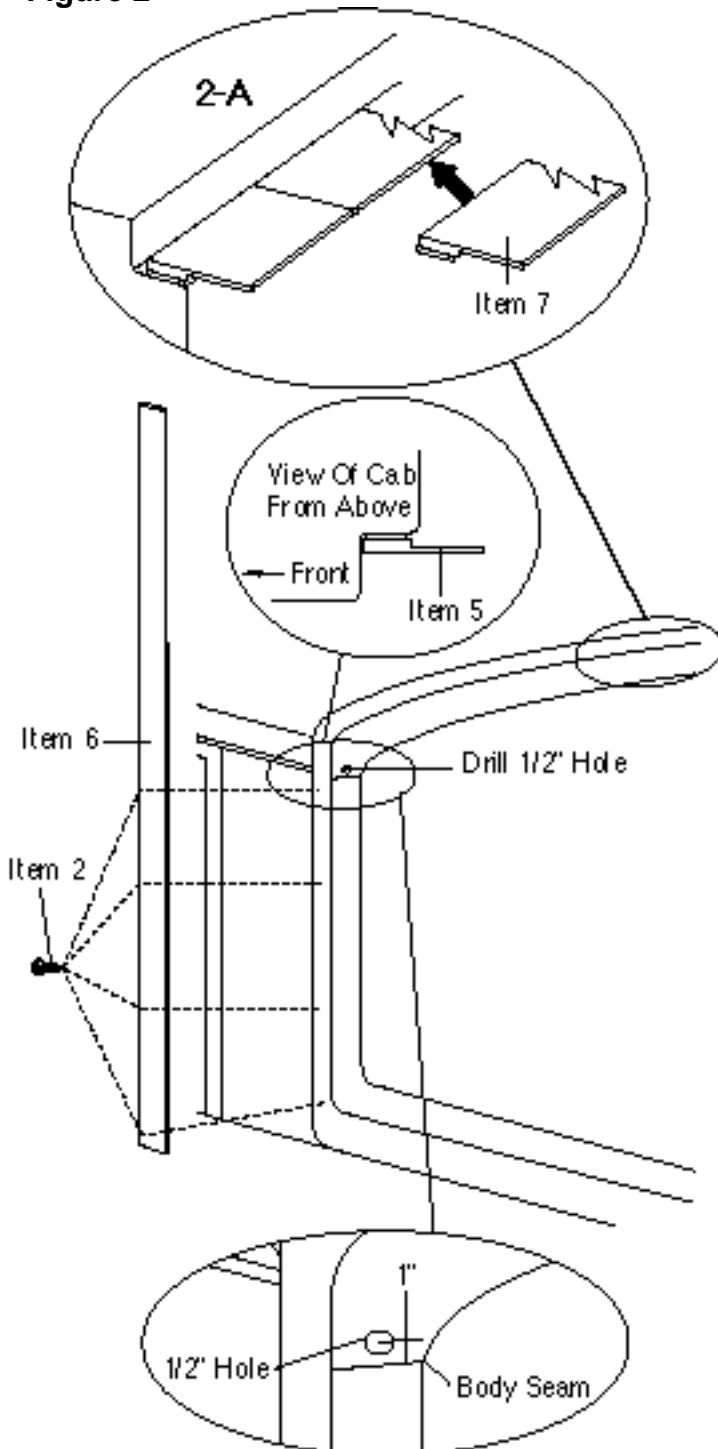
**Step 1. Body Aluminum.** Mount front body aluminum (Item 1) to the top edge of body. Locate body aluminum against the front of cab. Measure 2 1/4" from inside of body to inside front of body aluminum. Butt rear body aluminum (Item 3) to front body aluminum. Measure 1 3/4" from inside of body to inside rear of rear body aluminum. Front and rear body aluminum should be in line with each other. Using body aluminum as a template, mark and drill 1/8" holes. Secure to body with #10 x 1/2" sheet metal screws (Item 2).

**Step 2. Footman loops.** Place footman loop (Item 4) on top of body at rear corner of vehicle. See figure 1. Mark and drill 1/8" holes using footman loop as a template. Footman loop should be approximately at a 45 degree angle to the inside edge of body. Secure to body with #8 x 1/2" oval head sheet metal screws (Item 5) See figure 1.



**Step 3. Cab Aluminum.** Measure up 1" from top of body at rear of cab on the drivers side. This will be the starting fling point for mounting the cab aluminum. Place end of left cab aluminum (Item 6) at this point Mark and drill 1/8" holes using cab aluminum as a template starting at the bottom and working your way to top center of cab. Install one #10 x 1/2" sheet metal screw (Item 2) at a time keeping front of cab aluminum as far forward as possible and bending to follow contour of vehicle. See figure 2. Buff end of right cab aluminum (Item 7 - With White Dot) to cab aluminum just installed and secure to cab using same procedure as above. See figure 2-A.

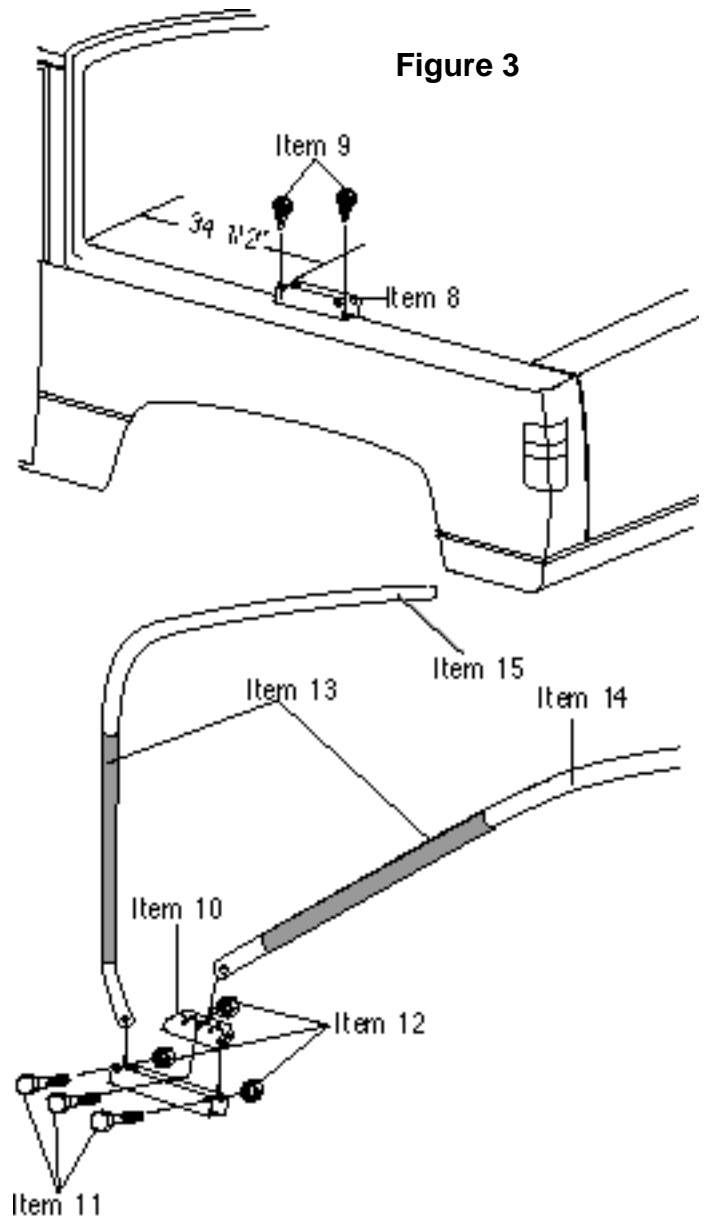
**Figure 2**



**Step 4. Bow Mount.** Measure 34 1/2" from rear of cab and mark for position of bow mount (Item 8). Place bow mount in notch in body aluminum at this point Using bow mount as a template, mark and drill two 5/32" holes, one at the front outside of bracket and one at the rear outside of bracket Secure with #14 x 1/2" hex head sheet metal screws (Item 9). Repeat for the other side. See figure 3.

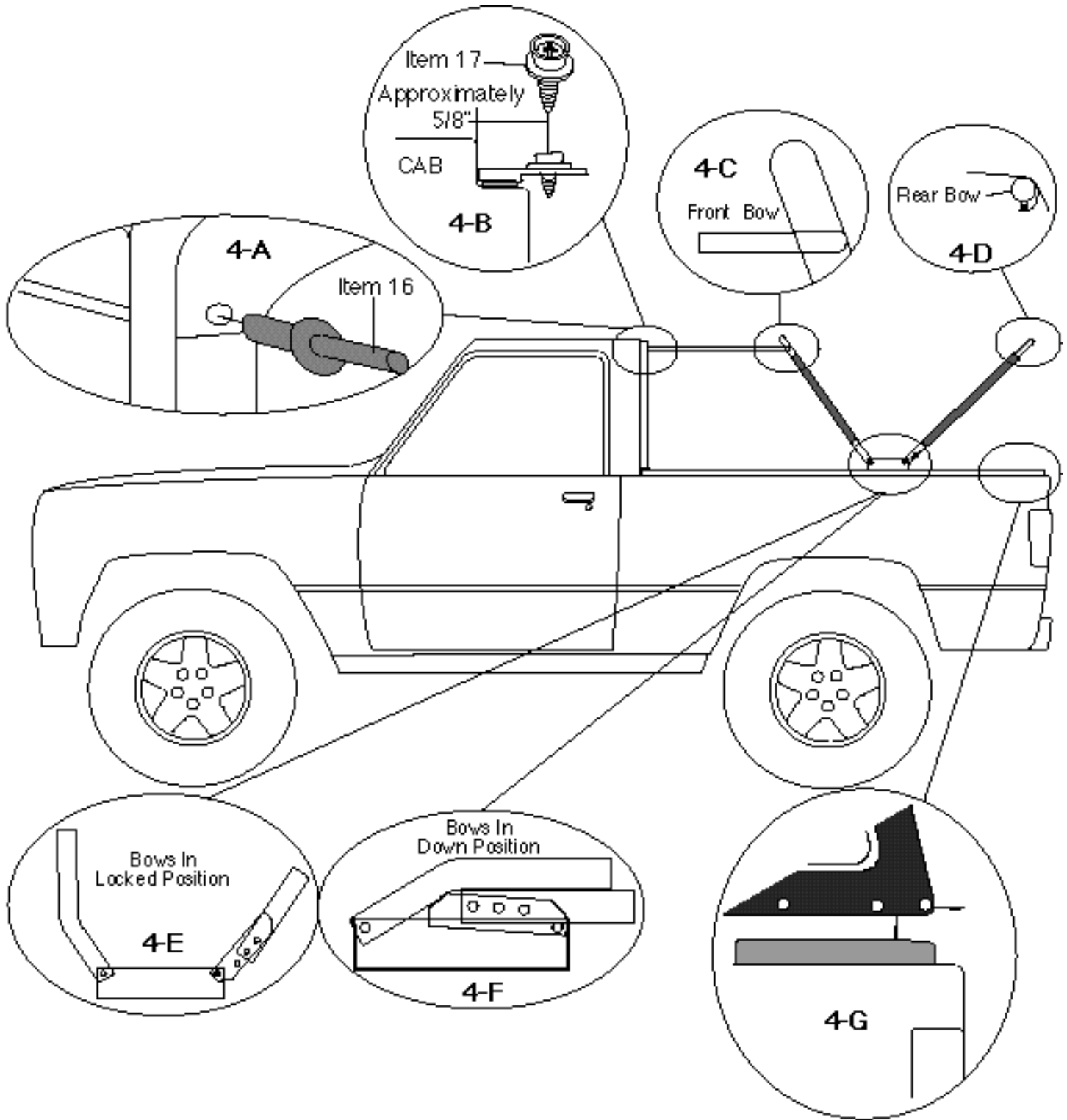
**Step 5. Bows.** Secure bow release bracket (Item 10) to bow mount by placing 1/4-20 x 11/2" hex head bolt (Item 11) through one side of bow mount, the bow release bracket and the other side of bow mount Secure with 1/4-20 lock nut (Item 12). These items must pivot so do not over tighten. Repeat for other side. Place bow sleeves (Item 13) over rear bows (Item 14). Slide rear bow halves together. Mount rear bow into center set of holes in bow release bracket by placing 1/4-20 x 11/2" hex head bolt (Item 11) through one side of release bracket rear bow and then through the other side of release bracket Secure with 1/4-20 lock nut (Item 12). Again these items must pivot so

**Figure 3**



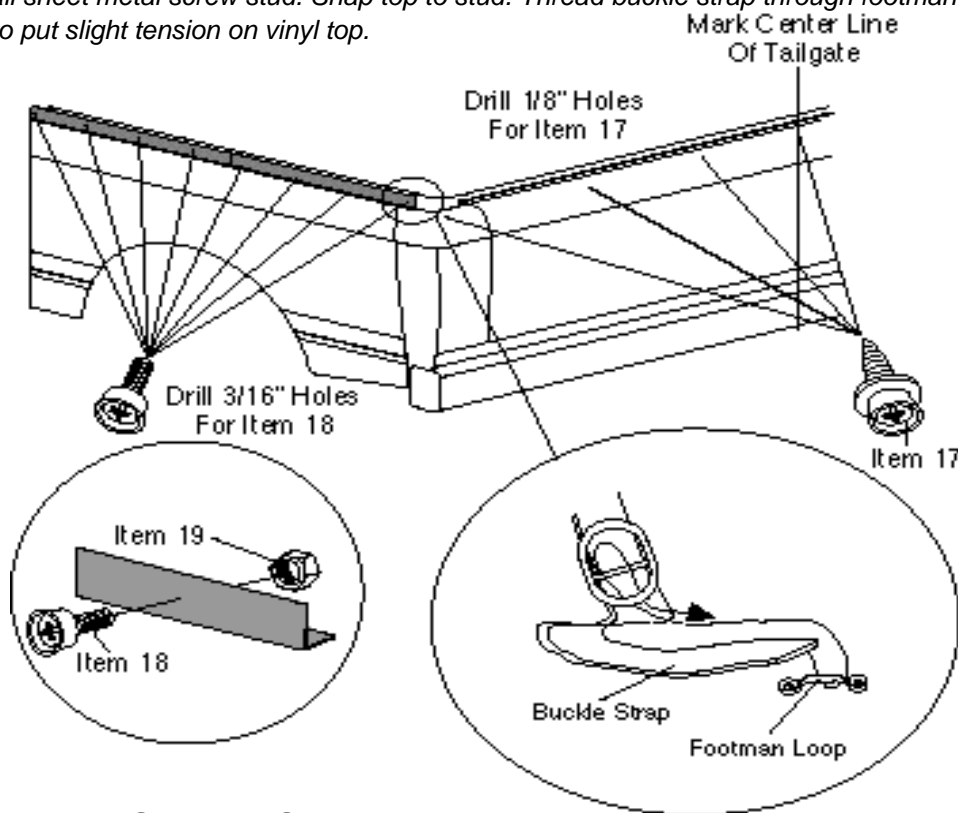
do not over tighten. Repeat for the other side. Slide bow sleeves (Item 13) over front bow halves (Item 15). Place front bow into front of bow mount so that the large holes in bow are facing towards the front of vehicle. Place 1/4-20 x 1 1/2" hex head bolt through one side of bow mount, front bow and through other side of bow mount. Secure with 1/4-20 lock nut. Once again these items must pivot so do not over tighten Repeat for the other side. See figure 3.

**Step 6. Horizontal Rods.** Mark and drill a 1/2" hole 1" above body seam at upper rear corner of cab centered from side to side. Pull front bow forward and insert small end of horizontal rod into hole in front bow. Insert the other end into 1/2" hole just drilled. See figure 4-A and 4-C.



**Installing Vinyl Top.** Find and mark center line on top of cab aluminum. Mark and drill 1/8" hole at this point 5/8" from front of cab aluminum. Install 3/8" sheet metal screw stud (Item 17). Snap front center snap to stud just installed. Front of vinyl top should be against rear of cab. Continue installing sheet metal screw studs in cab aluminum, alternating from left to right of center line. To avoid wrinkles, gently pull top to the side, mark and drill cab aluminum using position of snaps on vinyl top as a guide. Continue this process across the top and down each side of cab snapping each snap to each stud as you go. Snap rear bow flap on vinyl top to rear bow. See figure 4-D. Measure and mark a center line on tailgate. With rear bow in the locked position pull center snap on rear curtain down to center line and mark for snap stud. Drill a 1/8" hole at this point center from side to side on tailgate. Place sheet metal screw stud (Item 17) at this point Snap rear curtain to stud just installed. Continue installing sheet metal screw studs, alternating from left to right of center using snaps on rear curtain as a guide. Pull down and to the side on rear curtain when locating studs. Snap top to each stud before installing next stud.

Install machine screw studs (Item 18) in body aluminum starting at the rear. Close zippers on rear curtain. Pull side panel to the rear and down to find location of stud. See figure 4-0. Mark and drill 3/16" hole, install machine screw stud (Item 18) and secure with #10-32 hex nut (Item 19). Repeat for the other side. Install remaining studs on body aluminum using snaps on side panel as a guide. The bottom of the side panel should touch the top edge of vehicle. One sheet metal screw stud will need to be installed at the rear corners of vehicle for the last snap on the side panel. Mark and drill 1/8" hole and install sheet metal screw stud. Snap top to stud. Thread buckle strap through footman loop and buckle. Tighten only enough to put slight tension on vinyl top.



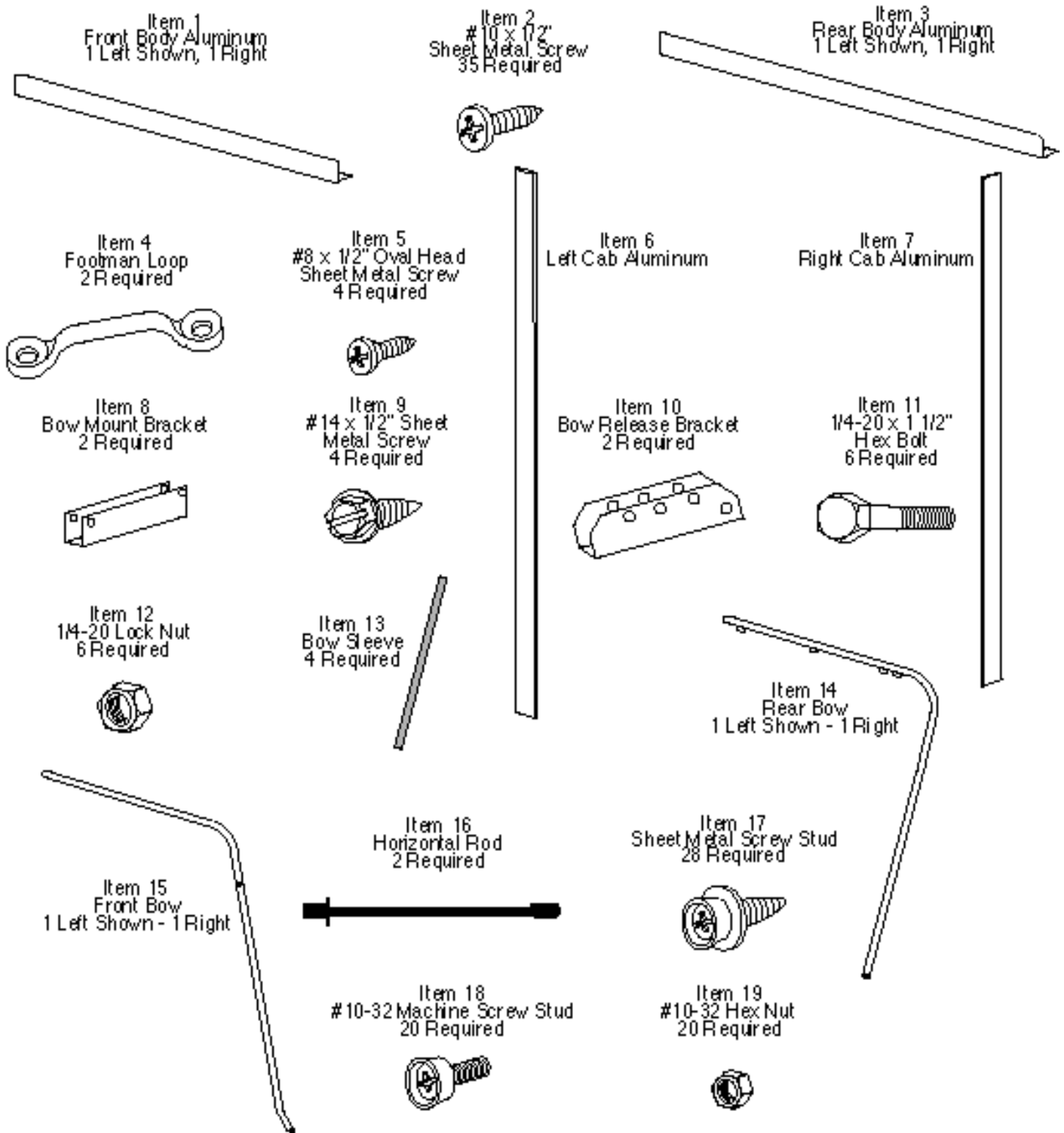
## WARRANTY INFORMATION:

Specialty Top Co. manufacturing warrants to the original purchaser of any product it manufactures, that the product will be free of defects in material or workmanship for a period of 90 days from date of purchase. Such obligations under this warranty shall be limited to the **repair or replacement**, at Specialty's discretion, of any assembly or parts which upon examination by Specialty Top Co. proves to be defective. All defective items must be returned with proof of purchase to Specialty Top Co. Manufacturing, 200 East 64th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80221, freight prepaid. This warranty does not cover damage resulting from abuse, misuse, alteration, accident or damage in transit. Specialty's obligations under this warranty are limited to the aforementioned repair or replacement of warranty defects for which the return authorization has been received during the warranty period, and **SPECIALTY TOP CO. SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING FROM BREACH OF THIS OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY.**

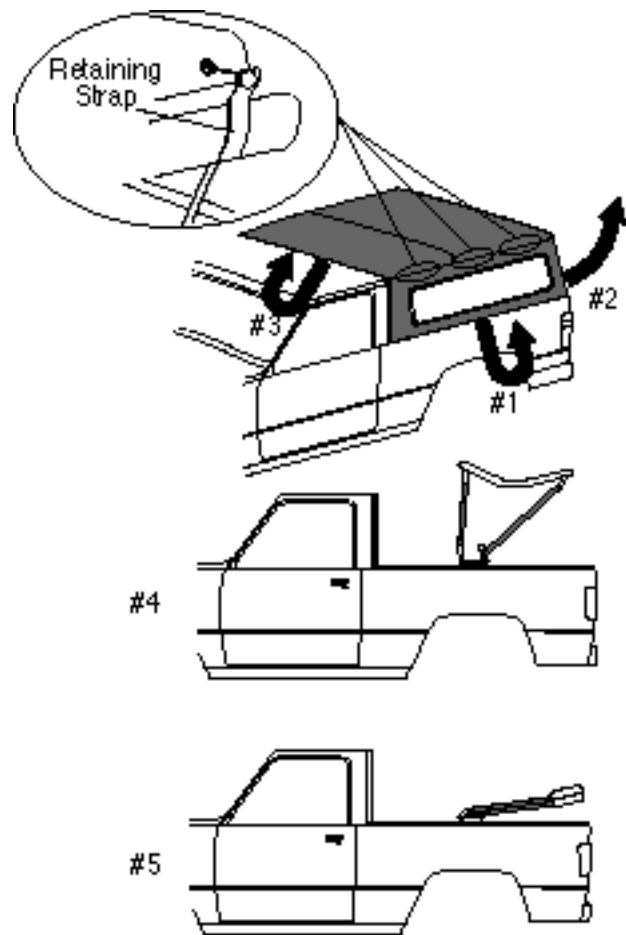
Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which may vary from state to state.

If you need assistance or further information, you may contact Specialty Top Co. at 1-866-487-9944 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, Mountain Standard Time.

# PARTS IDENTIFICATION



**Rolling up side curtains.** Before rolling up panels, clean windows with a mild non-detergent soap and water. If windows are not clean, dirt will scratch them reducing top life. **It is also advisable to place a soft cloth on your windows prior to rolling them up to prevent scratching and marring from retaining straps.** To roll up the side panels, you must unzip rear curtain and unlock the rear bow. Unfasten snaps, back to front and roll up side panels. Secure with retaining straps. Lock the rear bow and tighten hold down straps. To roll up the rear curtain unlock rear bow, unfasten snaps and roll up rear curtain. Lock rear bow and secure with retaining straps.



## FOLDING INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Unlock rear bow and unfasten snaps. Lift side panel up and fold them on top of bows.]

Step 2. Lift rear curtain up and fold on top of bows.

Step 3. Remove horizontal rods. Fold front of top to the rear, over bows. Continue to fold top to the rear of vehicle as bows come to rest on tailgate.

## CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Convertible tops and accessories require special care if you want to get the maximum usage and enjoyment from them. The following recommendations, if followed carefully, can extend the life of your top or accessory.

1. Hand wash using a mild non-detergent soap such as Ivory. Use a nonabrasive cloth or sponge. Rinse thoroughly.
2. **DO NOT** wash in direct sunlight and avoid automatic car washes.
3. When your top is clean, we recommend using "303 Protectant" on both the vinyl top and windows. This product contains a sunscreen that helps protect from the sun's damaging rays. Stay away from products containing alcohol as it will cause the fabric and windows to lose their elasticity, thus reducing the life of your top or accessory. If you are unable to locate "303 Protectant", please call 1-800-223-4303 for a distributor near you.
4. Direct sunlight and heat are the biggest enemies of the windows. Park in the shade whenever possible. If you must park in the sunlight, rotate the direction that you park every few days so all windows get even exposure.
5. Our tops are designed so that you may roll up and/or store the rear curtain and side curtains. To prevent scratching of the windows, be sure that windows are completely clean and free of dust particles. Even a little dirt will badly scratch the windows. You may want to use a soft cloth when rolling up or storing your windows. Heat may build up on rolled up windows, so be sure to unroll them frequently. If you roll up the windows at the beginning of summer and leave them, they may be ruined by fall.
6. **DO NOT** open or roll up windows at temperatures below 45 degrees F. This could cause them to crack or break.
7. **NEVER** use ice scrapers or snow brushes on vinyl windows.