



1st. Generation K5 Blazer (1969 to 1972)

Tools needed:

30 drill bit.
Tape measure
Pencil
Drill
Wrenches
Screwdrivers



Contents:

2 - Bedrails (2 pieces each)
2 - Folding frame uprights
1 - Header Bar
3 - Cross-bows. (color-coded to mate up with uprights) 2 are crowned and 1 (rear) is straight
2 sets - front door surround components (color-coded)
6 - Screw in snap studs, Only 5 are used
72" sticky back weather bulb seal
2- Angled windshield header brackets with mounting bolts, wing-bolts, washers and wing-nuts
2 - Black plastic parts and screws for rear window panel crossbar
1 - 53" long 7/8" crossbar
2 - 12" long 3/4" bars
2 - adjustable webbing straps to tension center crossbar
3 - pieces of velcro
1- Softopper canopy
1 - Bottle of seam sealer

Step 1

Connect front and rear portions of bedrails (square tubes). Remove the white protective tape from the weather stripping. Install on vehicle using supplied 2" bolts through the pre-drilled holes.

Note: A "Drivers side front" sticker is applied to indicate the proper placement. Attach the black plastic parts to the predrilled holes at the rear inside face of each of the bedrails. These may be adjusted later.

Note: There are 2 holes in the front part of the bedrail approximately 1/2" apart. Some model years will use the front hole and some will use the rear.

Step 2

Attach webbing straps to the rear cross bar (the bar with snaps). Slide the smaller closed loop ends over the rear bar. Best placement when the canopy is installed is between 2nd and 3rd snap on each side. The open/adjustable end will attach to the forward bar of the folding frame once assembled.

Assemble the folding frame arms and the 2 rear crossbars using color codes to assure the push buttons lock in place. The one with snaps is the rear bar (see picture).



Step 3

Attach the completed rear frame assembly to the pivot points on the bedrails. Remove the circlips and compress the frame a little to fit the pivot pins into the holes at the bottom of the folding frame. Re-install circlips. Lay the frame rearward and loosely attach the 3/4" webbing strap hooks to the black plastic parts that were installed on the ends of the bedrails.

Step 4

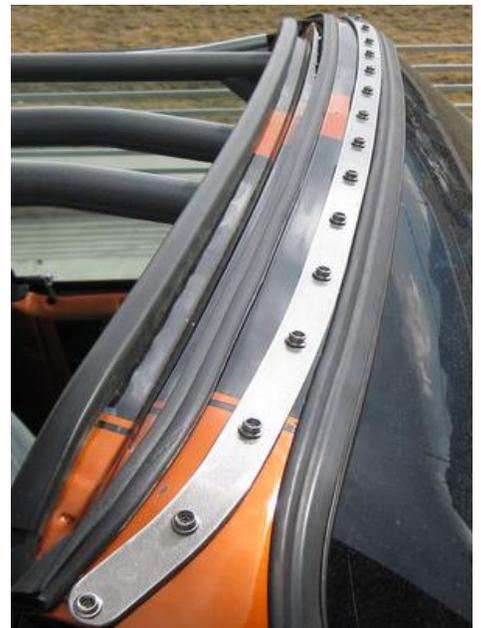
Install the 2 'L-shaped' brackets to the windshield header as shown, using the supplied bolts.

Join the horizontal components of the door surrounds and the forward crossbar. Insert the shorter vertical bars into the ends of the front bow using color codes. Attach the adjustable bar (with the slight bend forward) and the sliding/adjustable portion to the rear. Wing-bolts, washers and wing-nuts are used to connect the bars to windshield header. Attach the lower vertical bars to the deck hinges on the front of the bedrails (see picture).



Step 5 **READ THIS TWICE** before proceeding with the installation of the windshield header bar.

NOTE: Measure as many times as it takes from side to side to find the dead center of the windshield header on your vehicle. Starting with the center hole on your header bar, drill the self-drilling snapstud through the header bar and into the vehicle header. Be careful not to strip metal in vehicle header. *Note:* the leading edge of the header bar in the center should be 1/8" from the rubber windshield seal (as shown in photo at right). Install the next two (closest to center) snapstuds in the same manner maintaining the same 1/8" distance from the rubber windshield seal. Now install the two outer-most snapstuds. A slight bit of force and bending may be required to get the last two studs into the proper location.



Step 6

Clean the uppermost flat portion of the windshield from dirt and debris with an appropriate cleaner and install the weather bulb seal, as shown in picture on page 3. We have supplied a 72-inch piece but less will be used.

Step 7

Unfold the canopy and place it on the tailgate in a way where you can attach the rear bar to the snap flap on the upper rear portion of the canopy. Remember to place the webbing straps between the second and third snaps on each end. Pull the canopy up and over the 1st and 2nd bows and attach the front canopy snaps to the header snaps. Attach the snaps to the sides starting at the front and moving rearward. New canopies can be quite tight, especially in colder weather. Pull down on the rear portion of the frame to help with the rear snaps if necessary. Now attach the velcro wraps to their respective bars around the door surround.

Step 8

Check diagram and canopy front corner snaps and install the last two snap studs on each end of the header. If necessary pull the corners forward and outward slightly and mark location under the snaps with a pencil. They should be very similar to the diagram locations.



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Warranty

We warrant our 4Runner, Jeep Wrangler, Blazer and Jimmy Softoppers to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year, with the exception of vinyl windows and zippers, provided there has been normal use and proper maintenance.

Vinyl Windows are warranted for a period of 3 months from the date of purchase.

Zippers are guaranteed to be in perfect working condition when leaving the factory. Due to atmospheric conditions, dirt, sand, road grime, dust, and abrasive cleaners, etc., zippers are warranted for a period of 6 months from the date of purchase.

Toyota 4 Runner, Jeep Wrangler, Blazer and Jimmy side curtain windows are warranted for 45 days from the date of purchase.

Important: Retracting or closing the top when the temperature is below 40 degrees is asking for trouble. This will void the warranty on the windows, as clear vinyl plastic can crack very easily at these temperatures. This top is meant to be a warm-weather topper. It is not intended to be used during cold temperatures or winter months.

Returns must be pre-approved and have Softoppers issued RGA number attached. Any defective items must be returned with proof of purchase to Softopper 4843 Pearl St. Unit B Boulder CO 80301, **freight pre-paid**. Items returned must be carefully packed, in clean condition, with plastic windows protected from scratching and creasing. This warranty does not cover damage resulting from abuse, misuse, alteration, accident or damage in transit. Softoppers obligations under this warranty are limited to the aforementioned **repair** or **replacement** of warranty defects for which return authorization has been received during the warranty period, and Softopper SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING FROM BREACH OF THIS OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY. This warranty applies to the original purchaser only. All remedies under this warranty are limited to repair or replacement of any item or items found to be defective by the factory within the time period specified.

For further information or request for repair work, please contact:
Softopper LLC, customer service
(800) 810-7227 or (303) 304-0533



Softopper Care and Maintenance

Your top is made of the finest materials available. To keep it looking new and for product longevity and durability, it will need periodic cleaning and maintenance.

Washing: The fabric should be washed from time to time using a mild soap and warm water. Be sure to rinse all soap off the top when washing is complete.

Vinyl Windows: Windows should be kept clean to avoid scratching. Wash with a water-soaked sponge or cloth and a mild dishwashing detergent. **Do not use a coarse brush on the windows and never wipe the windows when they are dry.**

Cold weather: As with all automotive and marine clear vinyls, extreme care must be taken when rolling up or folding in cold temperatures. This point cannot be stressed enough! **Clear vinyl becomes stiff in cold temperatures and may crack. Retracting the Softopper in cold temperatures is not recommended.** When opening the rear of the Softopper in cold weather, be sure to raise the zippers as high as possible so that any folding will occur to the topper fabric and not to the clear vinyl window.

Zippers: Keeping the zippers clean and lubricated with a silicone lubricant will help prevent damage and keep the zippers in smooth working condition.

Leakage: As with any sewn automotive top there is always a slight risk of leakage. **Right out of the box the Softopper will not be waterproof.** Water seeping through at the seams may be stopped by applying **Seam Sure** (supplied), on the inside of the affected seams. Shake **Seam Sure** well and apply liberally to the inside seams concentrating on areas where needle and thread penetrated the fabric.

Snaps: Keep snaps clean and lubricated with a silicone lubricant 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 damage to the snap or top fabric. If any snaps need to be replaced due to sticking or damage please call **Softopper** and we can send out a small do-it-yourself repair kit.

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