

Isuzu Amigo (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003) Hard top to soft top conversion

These directions are for taking off the factory hardtop off of a 99-2003 Amigo/Rodeo Sport.



Check out www.car-parts.com for used tops (I bought mine, all parts, for 150 bucks).

Tools needed... 1)12mm socket, ratchet, extension 2)Phillips head screwdriver 3)Panel popper or flat head screwdriver 4)friend to help with the hardtop (I can take it off myself).

First step, remove hard top...

1)two brackets at leading edge of top where it meets vehicle. Remove plastic cover, remove four bolts. Remove two brackets.



2)Remove plastic trim between roll bar and side window. Remove two bolts (one each side).



3) Remove covers above tail lights- four phillips head screws (two each side). Remove two bolts and two nuts (one each on each side)



4)Lift rear of top, unplug third brake light on left side and washer fluid hose (I plug mine with w golf tee) on right side.

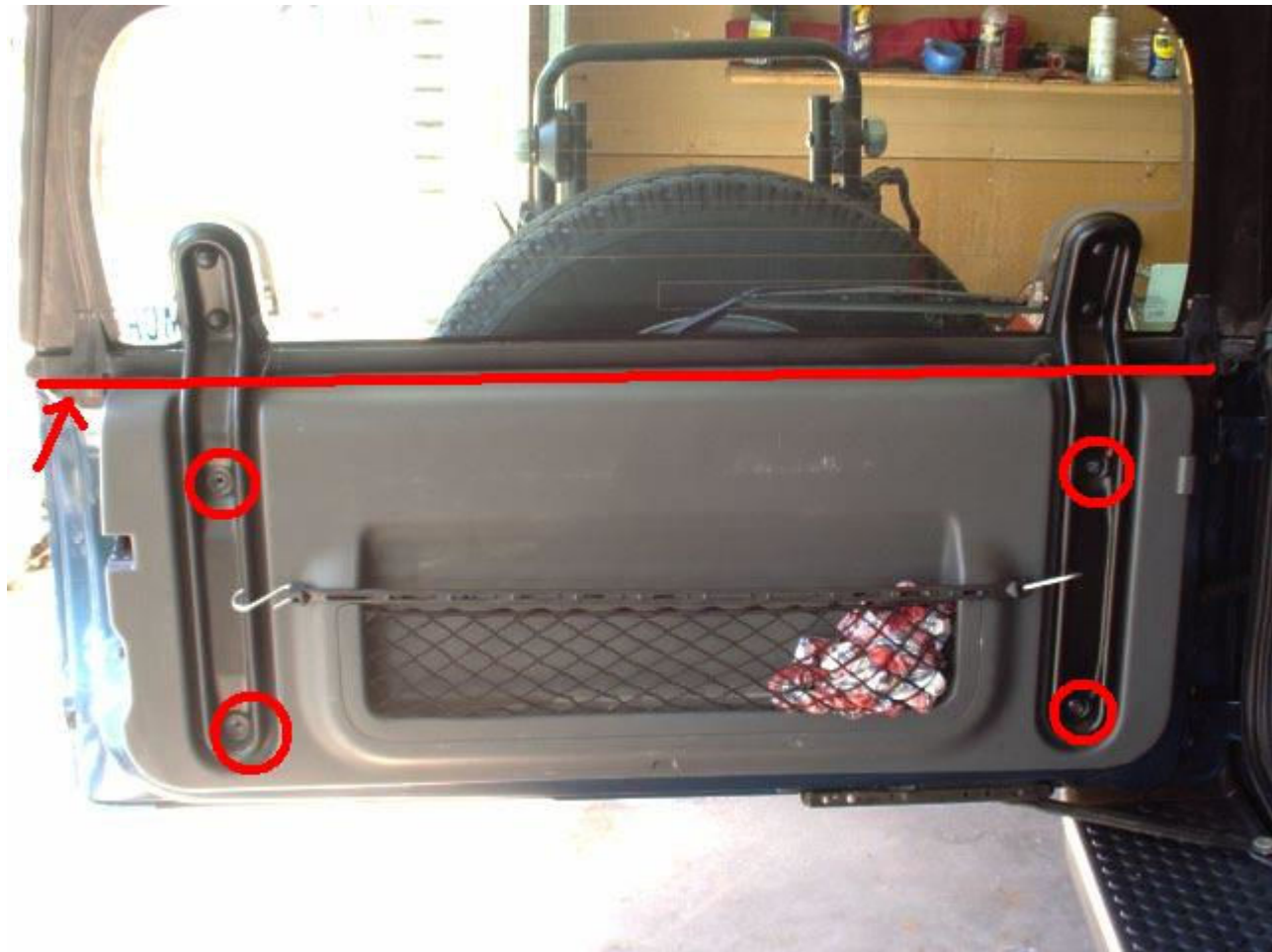


5) Lift top off, store in a safe place.

Second step, remove rear window...

1) Remove rear windshield wiper (I can get the blade off but I can't get the arm off (I bungee the arm to my bike rack), unplug rear defroster.

2) Remove plastic covers from bolt heads for rear window mount brackets. Remove four bolts. Carefully detach weatherstripping from body.



3) Lift Window from body, store in a safe place.

Third step, install tailgate trim...

1) Carefully remove tailgate panel with panel popper or flat head screwdriver (being careful not to scratch paint).

2) Install new weatherstripping/molding.

3) Reinstall rear cover panel. Make sure that the molding overlaps the panel along the top edge of panel.

4)*OPTIONAL* reinstall the mounting bolts and plastic covers so as not to lose them before hard top reinstallation.

5) Once I get to this step I clean all of the hidden surfaces and treat the rubber gaskets with some sealant to keep some soft and durable for years to come.

Fourth step, install softtop...

1)Mount latches to body where leading edge of softtop meets body (same place and mounting hardware as brackets that hold hard top to body).

2)Install plastic trim/side window retainers. There will be two bolts, one nut, and three phillips head screws per side.

3)Put soft top frame into place. Line up two bolt holes per side. Bolt down with four (two each side) 12mm head bolts.

4)Reinstall plastic trim that was between roll bar and rear side windows. This will leave a clean, factory look.

5)Install canvas top if not already installed.

6)Install rear window, zip into place.

6a)Install the metal bar which has a gasket that seals with the tailgate. This metal bar also has a notch for the rear window to slide into.

7)Install side windows by zipping into place. Tuck bottom edge of side windows into place under the plastic trim/window retainers.

8)Lock top into place with latches at front top.

Fifth step, enjoy...

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