

Instructions: How to Install Your New Cloth or Vinyl Headliner

The headliner that you will receive is custom manufactured in the US. It is designed and engineered from OEM headliner copies to fit the interior of your car perfectly. It is also easy and simple to install. Proceed as follows to install your new headliner like a pro.

1. Remove the accessories, including the sun visors, dome light, and decorative moldings from the quarter glass and windshield.
2. If you're installing the headliner on a Ford 1941-1964 model, you'll need to remove the rear window, prying molding. You can use a brake adjustment tool or a wide-edged screwdriver. It's easy to remove, but you can use the services of a glazier if you're not too sure about your skills.
3. Remove the back seats. Also remove the cardboard cover on package tray. Remove the side panels if you're going to replace the windlace.
4. The old headliner is glued or clamped along front and back of the vehicle. Pull it free at the points where it is attached to the body of the car.
5. Tear the headliner free from retainer strips on each side of car. Headliner hangs from bows that slide through cloth loops sewn to back side of Headliner, the ends of which bows are now exposed.
6. Work from front to back of the vehicle, remove screws that join bows to side of car from ends of bows.
7. After you have removed all the screws and pulled free the old Headliner, remove it from the car.
8. Windlace Replacement: Expose the windlace by removing screws fastening retainer strips to the car's body above the doors. Remove the old windlace by removing the tacks holding it in. Tack in the new windlace. Straighten any bent teeth behind the retainer strips. Remount the retainer strips and screw them firmly into place.
9. Remove bows from old Headliner. Slide the new Headliner into loops in same order that you removed them.
10. One inch (1") of bow should be visible extending from each end of loop.
11. If necessary, readjust clip loop equally on both sides until one inch (1") of bow is seen on both ends.
12. Work from back to front of the vehicle. Fasten the new Headliner with bows so that it fits like the old headliner.
13. Cement or rivet the new Headliner in center-front and center-rear of the vehicle. You can find the Center of the headliner by looking at a chalk line drawn on the backside of the new Headliner.

14. Allowing two inches on each side and trim excess material from the doors.

Stretch the headliner under retainer strips by pushing with a dull putty knife and push small amount of material under retainer strip at center-sides of car.

15. Work alternately from centers toward corners. Continue to push under retainer strips on sides and back or cement at front and back of car, fastening the new Headliner into place at all points.

16. Spray or sprinkle plain warm water to remove any wrinkles left in cloth Headliners.

17. Trim away or cut off back glass and cement or tack Headliner around edges of glass frames.

18. Cut off any excess material extending from the edges.

19. Replace the accessories that you removed, including the sun visors, dome light, garnish moldings and rear seats.

Cheers! It's a job well done!

Important: Headliners shrink into place with age. If your headliner looks good after installation, it will look perfect with age if you leave it alone.