

# HOW TO INSTALL ONE-PIECE FORMED HEADLINERS

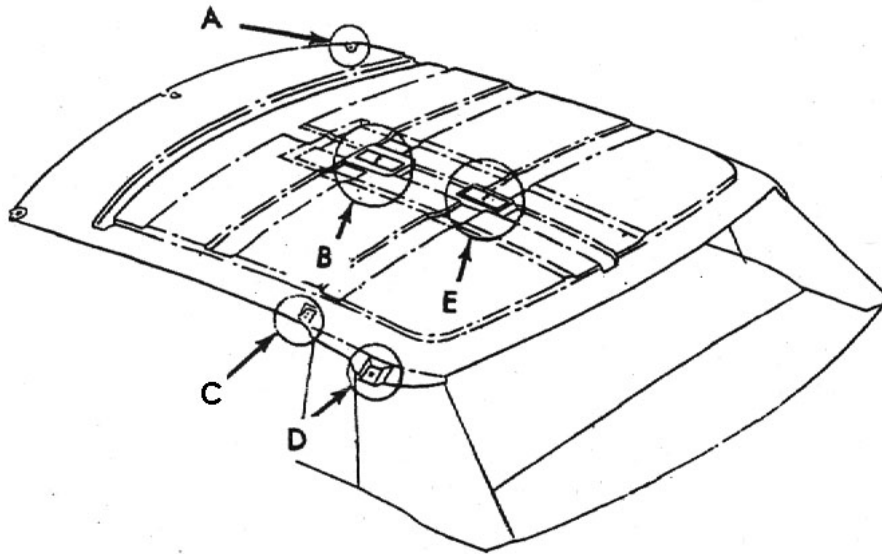
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One piece formed headliners consist of molded ABS plastic covered with fabric. The headliner is held in place by snap fasteners usually located on the longitudinal roof bow (B and E in the illustration) and with screws. Locations of fasteners and screws may vary but should be easy to locate in the car. These headliners are completely integrated and seldom involve more than a single piece.

## REMOVAL OF OLD HEADLINER

The headliner removal is preceded by taking out the following easy to remove items (typically): Courtesy lamps, rear view mirror support, coat hooks, upper quarter trim finishing panels, side roof rail moldings, windshield and back window moldings, shoulder seat belt plates, windshield side moldings and sun visor support brackets.

These accessories should be removed, along with their attaching hardware and stored in labeled bags for reinstalling later.



The illustration shows typical attachment points for a molded headliner. Details may vary from car to car but are easily seen. C is a screw through the coat hook area, D is a headliner retaining screw, A is the sun visor bracket screws, B and E are usually snap in fasteners that grip the headliner to the roof.

The screws in the upper rear corner (shown as D in the illustration) are removed. They are usually covered by trim finishing panels which are first removed. The snap fasteners at B and E are then disengaged. Note: Because of the large size of the headliner it may be useful to employ a helper.

The side windows are opened on both sides of the car, all the way, and the headliner can be removed through the window openings.

## **INSTALLATION OF NEW HEADLINER**

The installation is, essentially, the reverse of the removal process. Again, it is useful to employ a helper because of the size of the headliner.

Load the new headliner into the car through the open side windows and raise one side of the headliner and then the other.

Align the holes at the rear of the headliner with the rear holes and also align the sun visor bracket cutouts.

Install the screws at A and D.

Install all of the previously removed hardware.

Engage the snap fasteners at B and E. This is best accomplished by pressing firmly upward until the snaps engage. Do not use a hammer.