



Westfalia Poptop Seal Kit Installation Guide

1974-91 VW Bus & Vanagon Campers

1. Luggage Rack Removal: Pop up the camper roof. Remove the plastic nut covers. Loosen the nuts as much as possible **without removing them**. On some Buses you will find that the bolts holding down the rear edge are reversed – they may also have a smooth top and the nuts may be on the inside. If this is the case, you will need to remove the screws that hold the rear edge of the headliner. You can now carefully pull down the rear edge of the headliner and access the nuts with a long 10mm wrench. Again, loosen the nuts but **do not remove them**. Remove the 4 screws holding the side and front of the luggage rack. Be careful to keep track of the rubber isolators on the 2 side brackets (note: the front brackets do not have isolators). Next, prop up the front edge of the luggage rack about 6" with a block of wood or small cardboard box. Mark the rack at the rear edge of the seal for reference when installing the new seal. Remove the old seal and clean rack with soap and water. Remove rust stains with a mild abrasive such as Ajax.

2. Luggage Rack Installation: Starting at one side of your pencil mark, install seal – the sealing bulb on the side of the U-channel must be facing toward inside of luggage rack. Use a rubber mallet or hammer and a block of wood to tap seal into place. Trim seal at the end so that it is flush with your other pencil mark. Reinstall luggage rack by reversing directions in **Step 1**.

3. Poptop Seal Removal: Pull off top flat seal and side/rear seals while the top is in the "up" position. After removing the old seal, clean the top edge of the poptop with soap and water. Remove rust stains with a mold abrasive such as Ajax or Soft Scrub.

4. Flat Top Seal Installation: Place poptop in "down" position without latching. Prop up the front edge approximately 6"—12" with a block of wood or cardboard box. Protect the canvas from possible adhesive drips with a cloth or newspapers. Clean the flat seal with common household rubbing alcohol to remove powder/residue – pay special attention to the round grooves. "Dry-fit" the seal to the front edge of the top (**NOTE: you will notice that the seal has one square profile groove and one round profile groove – the round groove slides onto the top**) to ensure that there is equal overhang on both sides of the top (approximately ½" to be trimmed later). When this is complete, mark the top along the rear edge of the seal with a pencil, then remove the seal. Apply a thin film of the included adhesive to the top and underside of poptop front edge and allow it to dry. Next, apply a bead of adhesive to the rear slot (round groove) of the seal. Bond immediately, starting at either the right or left side. Install the seal by pushing it firmly onto the poptop edge. Be sure not to stretch the seal as you go along. Allow it to dry 15 minutes before moving to the next step.

5. Poptop Seal Installation: Raise camper roof completely. Trim the seal with snips to create a clean straight edge. Starting on the right side, push the "U"-shaped channel onto the lower poptop edge with the bubble part of the seal facing toward the inside of the top and the end flush with the flat seal. Tap seal into place with mallet. Be careful not to pound the seal too hard. Work the seal around the corners with your thumbs and tap into place with mallet. Trim the other end so that it fits flush with the flat seal. Use adhesive on right and left ends to ensure a permanent fit. Trim overhang of flat seal with snips to be flush with the bottom of side seals.

6. Finishing: Leave poptop in "up" position and allow it to fully cure approximately 2 hours.