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## Westy Headliner

Westfalia Headliner Replacement  
1980-1991 Vanagon with Pop-Top System

Finally, a headliner that won't peel or sag! Our ABS headliners are made to fit any year of Westfalia camper/weekender vans without any modification. A rugged, textured side provides a lifetime of durability while the opposite side features a smooth finish – perfect for glueing on some custom fabric for a more personalized look.

### Tools Needed

- Eye Protection
- Philips Head Screwdriver
- Flat Head Screwdriver
- Drill
- 1/8" Drill Bit
- Utility Knife
- 90° Philips Head
- Electrical Tape



**DISCLAIMER:** This kit has been designed for easy installation. However, it is possible to damage your headliner in the process of removing it. **The installation of this kit is not within everyone's ability.** Read through these instructions carefully and decide if installing it is for you. If not, please take your vehicle to a qualified automotive specialist.

### REMOVE THE HEADLINER:

1. Equip proper eye protection in case of falling insulation or debris.
2. Disconnect the negative terminal on your battery to prevent accidentally grounding the headliner lights.
3. Turn the interior rear-view mirror to face forward and position it as far towards the front of the van as possible.
4. Unclip the sun visors and move them towards the front of the van
5. Unclip the driver light and insulate the **RED**, positive wire using electrical tape.
6. Remove the screws on the storage shelf end plate as shown:





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7. Remove the curtain rail support bracket.



8. Remove the remaining screws from the headliner
9. Use a pencil to mark the center of the headliner trim in line with the pop top latch. Remove the trim around the rear of the headliner. Running a pick down the seam of the trim can be helpful in breaking the factory adhesive.
10. Gently pull down the center of the headliner, making a bend in the center and slide the edges out of the retention rails. It may help to slide the headliner toward the front of the van slightly before pulling the center down.



For additional headliner removal instructions refer to Bentley section 75.7

### INSTALLING THE NEW HEADLINER

*Note: Our ABS headliner requires a headliner support, which came from the factory with late model vans. We sell this support separately on our website. Please make sure the support is fully installed before continuing.*

1. Before reinstalling your headliner, we recommend inspecting the locations where bolts come through the roof for the luggage rack. These areas can be prone to rust or leaks that will quickly degrade your interior. Applying rust converter and new silicone sealer is good to do "while you're in there".



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2. Cut out the light openings for the driver light and for any additional lights you would like to install.
3. Lay the original headliner on top of the ABS headliner and line up the outside edges. Use a marker to mark all the screw holes from the old headliner onto the new headliner.

*Note: If you do not have your original headliner, recommended screw locations are etched on the ABS headliner. Please note these headliners were installed by hand, so the most accurate method is to use your old headliner. These markers are only meant as a starting point for people without access to an old headliner.*

4. Drill out all the screw holes with a 1/8" drill bit.
5. Slide the rear of the headliner behind the spice rack on the driver's side, and the behind the curtain rail on the passenger side.
6. Install one side of the headliner into the retention rail, then bend the headliner down slightly in the center (pictured above) and slide the other side into the retention rail. ABS is a forgiving material so do not be afraid to bend it as needed.

Loosely install a few screws in the front of the van starting in the center and working outwards. Do the same with the rear. Make sure the headliner is flat against the center support and install the 3 center support screws.

7. Tighten down the center support screws working from the center outward. Do the same with the rest of the headliner screws. **\*Note:** It might be necessary to sequentially loosen and tighten screws to smooth out any waves in the headliner. Simply work any extra material from the center outwards.
8. Replace the rubber trim along the rear of the headliner. Use the previously made marks to center the seal.
9. Install the curtain rail support bracket.
10. Replace the end plate for the curtain rail end cap and the spice rack end cap.
11. Install the driver side light (and any other lights you might have purchased from GoWesty.com)
12. Reposition the rear-view mirror and the sun visors and reconnect the battery

**You're Done!**