

Westfalia Poptop Seal Kit Installation Guide for 68-73 VW Bus Type 2 Campers

Kit Includes:

- Large "Flat" Top Seal
- Poptop Seal (3-sides)
- Luggage Rack Seal
- Loctite Weatherstrip Adhesive
- LUGGAGE RACK REMOVAL: Pop up the camper roof. Unzip the rear canvas flap and screen. Remove the nuts and washers at the front edge of rack. Remove the remaining screws on the inside of the luggage rack. Put fasteners in a safe place to be re-installed later. Remove the luggage rack by lifting straight up off the bolts and roof brackets. Clean rack with soap and water.
- 2. **POPTOP SEAL REMOVAL**: Pull off top flat seal, side, and rear seals while the top is in the "up" position. After removing old seals, clean edge with soap and water. Remove any rust stains with a mild abrasive such as Comet, Ajax, or Soft Scrub.
- 3. **FLAT TOP SEAL INSTALLATION:** Place poptop in "down" position but **do not latch.** Prop up the rear edge approximately 6"—10" with a box or block of wood. Protect the canvas from possible adhesive drips with a cloth or newspaper. Clean new flat seal with common household rubbing alcohol to remove and powder or residue (especially from slotted grooves). Dry-fit the seal to the front edge of the top (square edge to front, long flap to rear) to make sure that there is equal overhang on both sides of the top (approx. ½" to be trimmed later). When this is completed, mark the seal along the top, front edge with a pencil, then remove the seal. Next, mask off about 2" to the front of the pencil line with masking tape or suitable protection so adhesive with be easy to clean up without getting on top. Apply a thin layer of Loctite Adhesive (included) to top and underside of the poptop rear edge and allow to dry. Next, apply a bead of adhesive to the front slot (square edge) of the seal. Bond immediately. Starting at the right or left side, install the seal by pushing it onto the poptop edge. Be sure not to stretch the seal as you go along. Flatten the "U"-shaped channel as you install the seal to the poptop edge. Allow to dry 15 minutes before moving to Step 3.
- 4. POPTOP SEAL INSTALLATION: Fully pop the camper top again. Trim the end of the seal with scissors or snips to create a clean, straight end. Starting on the right side, push the "U"-shaped channel onto the lower poptop edge with the "bubble" seal toward the inside of the top. Use a rubber mallet (or hammer with a block of wood) to tap the seal into place. Work the seal around the front corners with your thumbs and tap into place with mallet. On the opposite side, mark the seal with a pencil and trim seal to fit tight to the flat seal. Use Loctite adhesive on right and left ends of side seal to ensure a permanent fit. Trim overhang of flat seal with a razor or knife so that it is flush with the bottom of side seal "U" channel. Remove tape from top. Clean any adhesive ooze with acetone or suitable thinner.
- 5. **LUGGAGE RACK INSTALLATION**: Place the rack upside down on cardboard or pad so as not to scratch the paint. Starting at front centerline, install trim seal with "hook" or "tooth" inside the "U" channel to the inside of rack. Use a rubber mallet to tap seal into place. Continue around rack to meet seal at front centerline of the rack, then trim to meet seal edge flush and tight. Re-install luggage rack to top of vehicle in reverse order of Step 1. Leave the poptop in "up" position to allow the seal adhesive to fully cure, approximately 2 hours. You're done!