

VW GOLF MK.I

2 DOOR SALOON

HEADLINING FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

TOOLS REQUIRED- Philips & flat ended screwdriver-17mm socket spanner-sharp knife-small hammer- pair of scissors-pair of pliers-spray adhesive and a tube of chemical adhesive.

REMOVAL OF OLD HEADLINING

There are certain items that need to be removed before you can take out the headlining canopy.

- 1) Front windscreen and rear quarter light windows
- 2) The sunvisors are held in place by Philips screws.
- 3) The rear view mirror – take hold of the stalk and pull sharply outwards.
- 4) Interior light on passenger side. Use the flat screwdriver and gently lever from the roof.
- 5) Pull straps on the top of the “B” post pillars. Lever off the black plastic cover and then remove the two screws.
- 6) Some cars had a seat belt retainer below the rear windows-held with screws.
- 7) Remove the rear seat belts if fitted on the rear “C” post area.
- 8) At the base of the “C” post panel remove the screws holding the plastic moulding onto which the rear parcel shelf sits.
- 9) Remove the black hardboard panels on either side of the body by the tailgate. These are held in place with plastic push in retainers.
- 10) Remove the rear quarter panels – these are held in place by plastic clips on the inner side. Insert the flat screwdriver between the body and the panel and pull towards you.
- 11) Remove the black seal that goes round the lip of the door opening and also the rear tailgate seal.
- 12) To remove the sunroof – wind the panel backwards, at the front there is a black panel, remove all the screws. Now wind the panel forwards so that you then have enough space to insert your fingers to gradually lift the panel out of the aperture.
- 13) The winder inside the car can now be removed.

Once you have removed these items, you will be able to see that the edges of the headlining are turned and then glued around the lips of the doors, windows and tailgate. Using your flat screwdriver slide its edge under the material to release it from these edges. Whilst doing this note how the material is adhered to the various apertures.

Once all edges are free and hanging you will be able to see how the headlining stays are located in the roof. You will note that the ends of the stays are held in place by a pronged clip that fits over a lip in the roof panel. Using your flat

screwdriver, push the clips upwards which will then release each stay. Once you have the headlining out, lay it beside the new canopy and mark the centre of the lining at the front and back. This will help you align the lining once in the car. It may be a good idea at this stage to make temporary marks on the new lining where the sunvisor screws, the interior mirror and the interior light are situated. You will need to transfer the stays from the old canopy-make sure to transfer them exactly as some may be a different length.

INSTALLING NEW HEADLINING CANOPY.

We would suggest that you replace the pronged clips in the roof on one side only. Into these clips insert each rail so that one whole side is attached to the car. On the other side, place each clip in turn over the end of the rail and then together try and insert the clip back into the body. You may well have to bend the rail a small amount to allow for the clip to go over the lip in the roof. Using the hammer or the end of the pliers, knock the clip all the way over the lip.

You need to centralise the lining from side to side using the lines you made earlier. We have enclosed with the kit a length of chrome strip. Cut this into 1" lengths. This will help you attach the lining around the lips on the body where you have to attach the lining and eventually glue it in place. Starting at the front, centralise the lining to the centre of the windscreen, turn a small amount of the lining over the lip and clip it in place with the chrome pieces. Move the to the rear tailgate lip, pull the lining gently towards you to tension the lining and place more clips over the lip. Do not over tighten at this stage. Now move to the doors and do the same thing with the clips on the door aperture. Then clip the lining above the rear windows. You will now be able to see how the lining is situated in the roof and be able to see where you will have to tension certain areas for a good fit.

You will have to apply the adhesive now to the edges of the lining and also to both sides of the metal lips. When applying the adhesive, do not apply too much. You will have to judge exactly where to apply the adhesive to the material, bearing in mind that you will be stretching the material to get rid of any creases. Once you have applied the adhesive to all surfaces, allow to dry and go tacky then turn the material over the lips. If necessary you can use the chrome clips again to keep an area in place. Gradually work your way around the all the lips and adjust the material as necessary.

You can now fit the "C" post liners. You will remember that they are glued to the bodywork. Apply an even amount of spray adhesive to both the lining and the body, position then press into place. When the main surface is covered, you can turn the edges over the various lips.

You can now apply the "A" and "B" post material in the same way as the "C" post material.

Once you are happy with the finish on all these items, you can start refitting all the items you took out originally.