

# ABS HEADLINER BOARD INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS AFH12

## 1982-92 CAMARO / FIREBIRD WITH "T" Top

### **PLEASE READ THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING JOB**

Tools required are Philips screwdriver, thin blade screwdriver, pliers and safety knife.

Replacement headliner is vacuum formed in ABS plastic & can be "painted to match" but is usually covered with headlining fabric as was original.

If headliner was purchased pre-covered and new sail panels or sun visors were not purchased with it, this may result in color variation when comparing the new product to the existing vehicle components.

**Note:** All ABS Headliner boards come with pre-cut holes in the board for dome lights, visor bracket openings, etc. Fabric will cover the entire board. Once you choose which openings you need, using a razor knife, cut an "X" in the center of each opening. Make the "X" cut half the size of the cut out in the plastic board. This will give each opening a clean appearance and allow some room and space for adjustment.

**Note 1:** If your car has a console or dual map lights please read cutout instructions.

**Note 2: IMPORTANT** – Many "T" Tops leak at least slightly. In some cases this is what caused the factory headliner to fail. The factory composite headliner board was attached to the car in the "T" Top area for stability. This replacement headliner does not attach to the car in the "T" Top area. The removal and replacement of the headliner does not require removal or in any way tampering with the plate in the center of the "T" Top area. Leaving this area intact prevents the chance of creating new or larger leaks. The factory headliner being composite board would absorb small leaks. Therefore it is recommended that prior to installing the headliner a thin layer of headlining fabric or sponge like material (material from old headliner could be used) should be glued in the trough side of the headliner to help absorb any pre-existing leaks.

**EXTRA CUTOUTS** – Our parts are pre-cut to accommodate the most common of the cars interior equipment. However, some models are equipped with additional overhead console and/or map lights, etc. If your vehicle has these additional options please contact us and we will send you the instruction sheet.

### **ACTUAL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION: Removing old headliner:**

- a. Sunvisors – remove using Philips screwdriver (if new sunvisors have been purchased with headliner save the mounting brackets from the old sunvisors, as they do not come with the new sunvisors).
- b. Sail panels (quarter panels below headliner) - remove both coat hanger hooks using Philips screwdriver then lift sail panels up and out to remove them.
- c. Moldings over doors - remove the screws at the bottom of these moldings then with pliers gently rock the moldings to release the Christmas tree shaped clips that hold them in place. These clips should be reusable.
- d. Trim panel above rear window – remove six Philips screws and lift out.
- e. Seat belt anchor covers – gently pry out on plastic anchor cover with flat screwdriver to remove. Additional attention to the seat belts and anchors is not needed.
- f. Dome light – caution bulb may be hot – carefully squeeze lens to remove and expose housing. Then remove bulb. The two washer like clips are removed with pliers to release the dome light assembly. Then disconnect the wires.
- g. Headliner is now secured by three plastic clips near the windshield. Shift headliner toward passenger side to release these clips.  
Note: New headliner being rigid does not require these front support clips.

### **Installing new headliner:**

- h. Fit headliner into car and line up seatbelt cutouts with seat belts. Then thread seat belts through cutouts in headliner. Note: some room exists for fore and aft adjustments.
- i. Line up sunvisor cutouts and replace sunvisor mounting brackets. Do not completely tighten screws.

**Note:** At this point the headliner should appear symmetrical. If not a small amount of shifting could be needed for final fit.

- i. Replace panel above rear window and tighten sunvisor brackets.
- j. Replace remaining trim.
- k. Thread wires for overhead electrical through cutouts & re-attach plastic assemblies. Re-connect wires and install bulb.