

# ABS HEADLINER BOARD INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS AFH21 1974-81 Camaro / Firebird, Solid Roof / "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. **NOTE:** The foam back cloth or vinyl covering Headliner Board may have ripples that occur during shipping. Once the headliner is installed and has been in the car for 2-3 months the ripples will go away.

**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 and fold back the material that can be glued or taped to the back side of the board. This will give each opening a clean appearance.

### **Solid Roof**

#### **I. 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. 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.
- c. Trim panel above rear window – remove six Philips screws and lift out.
- d. Seatbelt anchor covers – gently pry out plastic anchor cover with flat screwdriver to remove. Additional attention to the seat belts and anchors is not needed.
- e. 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.
- f. 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:** Make small "X" cuts in the middle of all cut outs being used and fold back material. You can glue or tape on back side.

- g. Fit headliner into car and line up seatbelt cutouts with seat belts.
- h. Line up sunvisor mount 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. Reconnect wires and install bulb.

### **"T" Top Fitment**

Follow Steps above a. through and including h.

Remove Outer glass window panels and mark the back side of the ABS Plastic Headliner.

Remove headliner and cut out "T" Top openings that were just marked.

Then re-install finished headliner, replace all brackets, moldings and re-use trim molding around "T" Top openings.