

ABS HEADLINER BOARD

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS AFH22, AFH22A, AFH24 & AFH38

1978-88 Monte Carlo, Regal, Cutlass, Grand Prix and 78-82 Malibu

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: 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.

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). NOTE: Your new part has three pre-drilled holes for the sunvisor bracket screws however, these holes may not match your hole location and re-drilling may be required.
- 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 re-usable.
- 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. Note: Some models have offset dome lights and may require the opening to be enlarged toward the rear to reach the screw in the roof of the car. A round file is suggested. See note below regarding installing the new headliner.
- f. Three plastic clips near the windshield now secure headliner. Shift headliner toward passenger side to release these clips. Note: New headliner being rigid does not require these front support clips.

INSTALLING NEW HEADLINER:

Note: At this point the headliner should appear symmetrical. If not a small amount of shifting could be needed for final fit. Some Malibu roof lengths are 1 inch shorter than others. Using your old headliner as a template, lay it on top of the new headliner making front edges flush and mark back end where it needs to be cut. Tin snips are recommended to make the cut.

Note: Dome Lights vary in the Malibu, Monte Carlo, Regal, etc. Our part has a cut out for the most popular model however, please note the Malibu dome light location is 1" further back towards the rear of the headliner board. The dome light opening is an odd shaped rectangle with round nipple like shapes on the front and rear of the rectangle. The rear nipple is the only area the ½" round file needs to be used. The nutsert in the roof of the car is approximately 1" further back than the cut out already in the headliner. It is further recommended not to cut the fabric until the opening has been located and modified to fit your car. A small cut in the center of the fabric is necessary to allow the file to go through but, if you over-cut the headliner board you will have problems covering the dome light opening with the dome light bezel. This will require you to take a ½" diameter round file and file back far enough so you can attach the screw into the roof of the vehicle. The dome light bezel is 4" in diameter. If the dome light is trimmed correctly as instructed you will have approximately 3/16" to ¼" of plastic headliner board all around the dome light for the dome light housing to adequately cover the opening. The high end Regal's and Monte Carlo's may have a dome light with the map light option. If this is the case a completely new dome light opening will have to be cut approximately 26" back from the center of the front edge of the new headliner board. Use a drill bit to start the hole and a small saw blade to cut the hole. Use your old headliner as a template to locate and mark the hole size before cutting.

- 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.
- I. Replace panel above rear window and tighten sunvisor brackets.
- J. Replace remaining trim.
- K. Thread wires for overhead electrical through cut outs & re-attach plastic assemblies. Reconnect wires and install bulb.
Re-install dome light housing.