



## Care Guide: Vinyl Convertible Top

Thanks for choosing our auto upholstery shop to install your new vinyl convertible top. Below are some tips from The Haartz Corporation, the world's leading manufacturer of convertible topping, on how to keep your soft top looking great.

### Clean Your Top Regularly

Regular hand washing will enhance the beauty and life of your vinyl top, and make successive cleanings easier. Here's how to do it:

1. Vacuum the vinyl top with a brush attachment to remove bird and tree droppings, as well as other loose particle matter.
2. Rinse the top thoroughly with lukewarm water to ensure no particles remain.
3. After rinsing, apply RAGGTOPP™ Cleaner evenly over the entire top. Mixing non-detergent soap (i.e. Ivory or Lux) with lukewarm water also works, but it's not as effective.
4. Allow the cleaner to remain on the surface of the top for 10 to 20 minutes (preferably in shade or on an overcast day where evaporation is slower) and then scrub the top gently with a soft nylon brush or terry cloth rag.
5. Rinse thoroughly with lukewarm water until no remaining soap foam is observed. Repeat this process for very soiled tops.
6. Allow the top to air dry.

Although Haartz recommends hand washing, most automatic car washes will not harm your vinyl top. However, it's better to patronize washes that use water jets and hanging clothes over those equipped with heavy barrel brushes. The former will provide a more gentle cleaning action.

### Protect Your Top from the Elements

To protect and preserve the beauty of your new vinyl soft top, follow the cleaning process with an application of Raggtopp™ Vinyl Protectant. This will shield your top from harmful UV rays and repel dust, grease, airborne pollutants and mildew. It will also help keep plastic windows from turning yellow and brittle. Here's how to do it:

1. Spray the protectant evenly over the entire top.
2. Wipe dry with a clean cotton cloth.
3. Reapply after each cleaning or as needed.

Do not use top cleaners or conditioners containing silicones, organic solvents, petroleum distillates or plasticizers, as these may permanently harm the top's vinyl coating.

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