



Winter Care Guide: Convertible Soft Tops

Thanks for choosing our auto upholstery shop to install your new convertible top. Below are some tips from The Haartz Corporation, the world's leading manufacturer of convertible topping, on how to care for your new top throughout the winter season.

Removing snow and ice

1. Start the ignition, turn the heat on and leave the car running for a while. Alternatively, move the car into a warm garage. The goal is to soften the hard bristled snow and ice on the convertible top before you start.
2. After the snow and ice has softened, begin removing it from the convertible top using your hands — not a shovel or broom, which could damage the vinyl or cloth fabric.

Cleaning the convertible top

1. Once the top is dry, vacuum the fabric with a brush attachment to remove salt, dirt and other loose particles.
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 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 and then scrub the top gently using the RaggTopp Premium Convertible Top Brush.
5. Rinse thoroughly with lukewarm water until no remaining soap foam is observed.
6. Allow the top to air dry.

Although Haartz recommends hand washing, most automatic car washes will not harm your 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 be gentler on your top.

Protect Your Top from the Elements

1. Spray Raggtopp™ Protectant evenly over the entire convertible top. This will shield the vinyl or cloth from water and UV rays, as well as repel salt, dirt and mildew.
2. Wipe dry with a clean cotton cloth.

Operation and Storage

1. Never operate a convertible top in extreme cold temperatures. Vinyl tops are especially vulnerable to damage in temperatures below 0°F.
2. Do not store convertible cars with the top wet or in the down position. Doing so will cause irreparable damage.

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