

Volkswagen Cabriolet DIY Guide

Rear Window & Frame Replacement

This how-to was originally posted on VWvortex.com by "meinit": <http://forums.vwvortex.com/zerothread?id=2623538> .

Tools needed:

- Flathead screwdrivers
- 10mm wrench
- Staple gun, preferably an air stapler (rent one if you don't own one); electric stapler is second-best; hand stapler should really only be used if the previous two can't
- Silicone spray (preferred) or dishwashing soap
- Strong string
- Friend(s)

Step 1



From inside the car with the roof closed, push out the rear window pushing from one corner on the glass; have another person outside to catch it.

Step 2



Rear window removed.

Step 3



Now we have to remove the frame from the roof/top. Get a small screwdriver/knife and very carefully pull out the staples, there are a few. Be careful not to rip the top material.

Step 4



Once all the staples are out of the canvas, you can see the frame.

Step 5



Undo the four 10mm bolts from the inside that hold the frame to the hinge.

Step 6



Lift up the roof half way. This will allow you to get to the straps that retain the top of the frame.

Step 7



Push the strap through the gap and pull out plastic pin. The frame is now out.

Step 8



Get your new frame. You're now going to staple the new frame back in place. Starting at the top of the frame with the roof closed, you must match up where the old frame sat. Have some friends help you stretch the top material and staple it. The staple gun I used only pushed the staples in half way, so I just used a drift and hammer to knock them in all the way; some bent some went all the way in. Staple all the way around getting your helper(s) to pull the top material tight as you staple.

Step 9



Stand back and look to see if there are any baggy bits in your canvas; if there are, take the staples out and re-staple.

Step 10



You are now ready to fit the window glass/rubber. Get some dishwashing soap or silicone spray and smear it around the rubber seal (outside edge) with the glass in place inside the rubber seal. Place strong string all the way around the inside lip of the seal. Place the glass next to the frame, choose a start corner and push rubber seal into the corner of the frame. Now go inside the car and pull the rubber seal over the frame, either with a screwdriver or using your fingers. Pull the string from where you have just put the seal over the frame and this will pull the whole seal in place all the way around. I had a helper push the outside of the window just to make sure it was going in okay. If any of the seal does not cover the frame then just get a screwdriver and carefully "help" it in place as you go along.

Step 11



Job done! 🎉

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