



## MX-5 2006-2014 HARD TOP INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The carbon fiber hard top can be installed without further finishing. The fiberglass hard top comes with a black gel-coat finish and *will need to be prepped and painted before installation.*

1. Put the soft top down – you do not need to remove it.
2. Find the hardware kit and make sure you have all of the brackets matched up with the appropriate bolts. The photograph below illustrates the configuration.



Front Brackets & Hardware

Rear Brackets & Hardware

Side Brackets & Hardware

3. Using the provided torx wrench, remove the 4 bolts (2 per side) from the factory soft top front latches – put them somewhere safe for when you want to use your soft top. Put the 4 bolts aside, as you will be using these.
4. Using the same 4 bolts you just removed, mount the front brackets to your car, making sure they fit under the plastic. Tighten them using the torx wrench.
5. Remove the 4 bolts from the chrome plates on the rear deck. You do not need to remove these plates, just the bolts. Save these bolts for when you use your soft top.
6. Now you will be mounting the rear brackets to the hard top. First, line up the small holes of the rear brackets with the holes on the rear of the hard top. Make sure they sit as flat as possible. Use the 2 small stainless bolts and lock washers. It is best to hand-tighten the bolts first, then use the provided hex key to securely bolt them down. There is no need to over-tighten these, just enough to flatten the washers.
7. FOR FIBERGLASS STREET TOPS ONLY: Install the side window seals and rear deck seals.
8. **VERY CAREFULLY** place the hard top on the car, making sure to line up the rear brackets with the holes on the chrome covers on the rear deck, and the front brackets with the pre-drilled holes in the hard top.

9. Once you are satisfied with the alignment of the top, you can bolt down both the front and rear brackets. You will need a 13mm socket or open end wrench for the front and side brackets. A hex key is provided for the rear bolts. The rear bracket should sit flush with the car.
10. The side brackets are installed last. Slip the curved edge of the bracket underneath the inside of your car, making sure the two holes line up with the pre-drilled holes in the hard top. Press down on the top while you tighten the remaining 4 bolts. The photo below shows the alignment of the side brackets on the hard top.



11. For street tops, remove the protective plastic film from the rear window. For racing tops, use the provided stainless hardware to bolt the window in place.  
NOTE: The fiberglass street top comes with the adhesive pre-installed but you will have to adhere the window AFTER your top is painted.
12. Enjoy your hard top!

\*\*\*A note regarding the seals and noise-reduction\*\*\*

These hard tops are NOT factory hard tops. The seals are not molded, factory seals but are effective at keeping out the weather. These hardtops were originally designed for racing, and were adapted to be used for everyday, street use. Since they weigh less than half that of a factory top, they will not keep out the road noise to the same extent as a heavy top with a glass window. You will probably experience about the same amount of noise as you do with your soft top.

#### **CARE OF THE REAR WINDOW:**

For proper cleaning, wash with a mild soap or detergent and lukewarm water. Never use abrasive cleaners, household cleaners, glass cleaner, gritty cloths, paper towels or strong

solvents such as alcohol, ammonia, acetone, carbon tetrachloride etc. Also, products such as Rain-X or Armor All should not be used as these will break down the plastic causing spider cracking called "crazing."

Slipstreamer Cleaner/Polish ([www.slipstreamer.com](http://www.slipstreamer.com)) can keep the window looking like new. Slipstreamer Remover can remove small scratches or scuffs.

If you want to tint the rear window, use a 3M vented decal.