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HOW TO MAKE A RACING HARDTOP WEATHER-PROOF

DGM Part Number 50-67-7110 and 50-63-7110, NA/NB Miata Racing Hardtop (1990-2005)

Many of our customers have asked how to weatherproof our NA/NB Racing Hardtop. This is a list of instructions and a parts list on how to complete this task. It is quick, easy and relatively inexpensive.

Parts needed:

- DGM Part Number 50-67-7210 – Window Seals (\$48.00) – order online or by phone.
- 3M VHB (Very High Bond) double-sided tape (1/2 inch) – available at most hardware and automotive supply stores. You will need enough to go around the rear window. Alternatively, you can use silicone sealer.
- Optional: Weather stripping for rear deck.

Instructions: DO ALL OF THIS AFTER YOU HAVE PAINTED YOUR HARD TOP

1. Use a high quality tape primer (we recommend 3M Primer 94,) and thoroughly go over the hard top surfaces around the side windows (Photos below.) Let it dry completely.



2. Remove the red backing from the window seals, and carefully and slowly press the seal onto the hard top surface you just prepped. Note: You will see some slight kinking around the corners, but this is normal and will not affect the quality of the seal (Photos below.) Full bond takes 72 hours.



3. To seal the rear window, remove the window, then repeat step 1, prepping the area on the hard top around the window with tape primer. Allow it to dry.
4. Remove the backing from one side of the 3M VHB tape, and slowly press the tape all the way around the window edge.
5. Replace the window, and using an ice-pick or similar tool, pierce holes in the tape where the fasteners will go. Remove the window again.
6. Remove the backing from the other side of the tape, and replace the window, securing it with the fasteners. Press hard to ensure a good seal. Full bond takes 72 hours.
7. ALTERNATE: Instead of using 3M VHB tape, you can use silicone sealer all the way around. We recommend the tape.

If you would like to seal the small gap between the hard top and the rear deck, (this gap is normal and is designed to prevent damage to the finish of your car,) purchase enough self-stick weather stripping and place it on the hardtop before you install it.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please call us at 760.433.7413 or email us at orders@dgmotorsports.com.