

Eriba Puck Roof Fitting Instructions

Please read these instructions through completely before starting work.

Extra tools and materials you will need

Good quality fabric glue (e.g. Evostick Contact Adhesive or similar), long-nose pliers, tape, screwdriver, lever to prise frame from the fibreglass, helper for lifting roof on and off.

Extra tools and materials you may need if the screws won't come out

Angle-grinder, hammer and chisel, replacement stainless steel self-tapping screws and washers to re-attach fibreglass roof to frame

Stage 1 – Removing the Pop-Up Roof from the Caravan

Mark the outside front of the fibreglass pop-up roof so you can tell which way round it goes later.

Open roof and tighten supports, then mark the front of the metal frame.

The base of the canvas is held around a fibreglass ridge on the caravan roof by a spring-tensioned wire loop. From outside the caravan feel through the canvas to find where one end of the spring hooks onto the loop.

Cut the canvas here & unhook the spring from the wire. This releases the bottom of the canvas from the caravan roof.

You will need your helper for the next bit as the fibreglass roof is heavy.

Completely unscrew the two large round knobs which are used to tighten the roof supports. The supports will then separate and you can then lift off the fibreglass pop-up roof, complete with canvas.

Stage 2- Dismantling the Pop-Up Roof

Remove the middle and bottom support wires from the canvas by sliding them through.

The middle wire is overlapped with its ends taped together. Mark each end of the overlap before you take it apart so you can get it the same length when you put it back in.

Remove the screws holding the fibreglass roof to the tubular metal frame.

If the heads have rusted, they may have to be cut off with an angle-grinder. Grind the heads as thin as possible, then chisel off the remainder (this is better than drilling because it is easy to slip with a drill and it will go a long way into the fibreglass causing more damage than slight scuffing with a grinder).

Carefully lever the fibreglass roof off the frame, popping each screw through in turn.

Once the fibreglass roof is off, you will be able to unscrew the remaining stubs of the screws from the tubular frame using pliers (WD-40 first if necessary).

Peel the old canvas off the frame, then clean the frame and repaint if necessary.

Stage 3 – Fitting the New Canvas

Lay the tubular frame flat on a table *the right way up*. The table should not be bigger than the frame as the edges need to overhang.

Starting in the middle of the front, spread contact glue over the frame and the top inch (25mm) of the canvas (with the cuts) a section at a time. The canvas folds over the frame from the inside outwards so the glue needs to be applied to the outside top edge of the canvas. Allow the glue to become tacky then wrap the canvas round the frame section by section. The line marked on the canvas should follow the line of the screw-holes. Pierce the screw-holes through the canvas as you go. If you get it wrong, you can always peel it off and start again.

Stage 4 – Refitting the Fibreglass Roof

Once the glue is dry, lay the fibreglass roof on top of the frame (you know which is the front as you marked them both earlier). The screw-holes should line up.

Using new stainless steel screws and washers, screw the fibreglass roof to the frame.

Feed the middle wire support through the canvas pockets and tape the ends together in their original (marked) positions. Slide the loop round to hide the join in one of the pockets.

Feed the bottom wire loop into the stitched pocket around the bottom of the canvas. There is a gap in the stitching to feed it through. Using the long nose pliers if necessary, grab the end of the wire and hook it back onto the spring. Work the wire loop round so that the spring is to one side of the roof, i.e. not directly at the front or the back.

Stage 5- Refitting the Roof to the Caravan

With your helper, lay the roof onto the top of the caravan ensuring it is the right way round.

Reconnect the two supports by screwing the knobs back in.

From inside the caravan, ease the sprung bottom band over the fibreglass rim.

Finally, make sure the band goes over the bolts holding the supporting uprights to the rim at the front and back.

Looking After Your New Roof

Most of the roof damage is caused by the clamps that clip onto the stays that hold the roof down. The canvas can catch on these as the roof is closed. Always make sure that they are clear of the canvas as you close the roof.

Never fold the roof when it is damp. If this is unavoidable, open it again and allow it to dry at the earliest opportunity.

Clean if necessary using detergent-free cleaner (anything designed for cleaning tents is fine).

These products are made by enthusiasts to keep older Pucks on the road!