

## Eriba Puck Roof Fitting Instructions X Hinge External System

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, Stanley knife, screwdriver/or wide blunt chisel or similar, scissors, mallet or small hammer, helper for lifting roof on and off.

### 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.

The base of the canvas is held around a fibreglass ridge on the caravan roof by a spring-tensioned wire loop hidden in a stitched pocket. From outside the caravan feel through the canvas to find where one end of the spring hooks onto the loop. On this version it is normally at the rear encased in a rubber sleeve, you will need to cut the canvas around it and cut the rubber to reveal the spring - take care when unhooking the spring, it is under tension, you will need to open out the wire to unhook it.

This releases the bottom of the canvas from the caravan roof as the tension goes, gently lever it off the raised lip of the caravan roof.

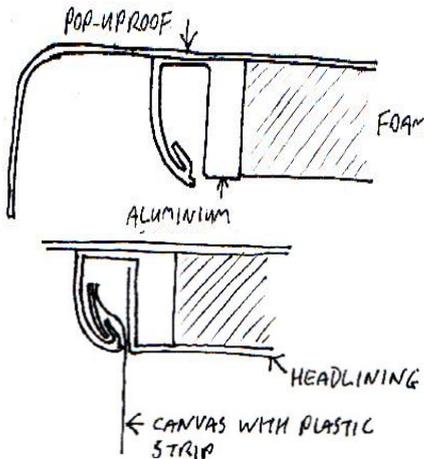
*You will need your helper for the next bit as the fibreglass roof is heavy.*

You can either keep the roof in-situ and work inside the van, or you can undo the two outside X hinges by removing the two self-tapping bolts that screw into a wood block which has been fibreglassed into the caravan body. This enables you to then lift off the roof complete with hinges, laying it upside down and work on the ground, laying something under the roof to stop it getting scratched.

### Stage 2- Dismantling the Pop-Up Roof

Remove the middle and bottom support wires from the canvas by sliding them through, you may need to cut the bottom sewn loop to get the bottom wire out. The centre one is taped together, slide it round until you find the joint.

Measure the taped overlap before you take it apart so you can get it the same length when you put it back in. The canvas is held to the top of the roof by means of an aluminium trim which has been squeezed together to form a compressed clamp. You need to open out this channel fairly wide by using a flat bladed screwdriver or something similar, to enable you to pull the canvas out of the trim.



Be careful not to break the trim or puncture the covering of the roof itself. It is a slow job, there is a rubber seal that is compressed inside the trim (a new one comes with the new roof) sewn to the canvas so there will be some resistance, particularly in the corners.

If your top has a soft material as a liner, this is stitched to the canvas, you will need to carefully cut the stitching to separate the canvas from the roof lining, then glue the edges of the roof lining onto the aluminium trim. If you have a version with a formica-type roof lining the canvas is not fixed to this so you can just remove the canvas.

### Stage 3 – Fitting the New Canvas

Starting at the corners, push the top of the new canvas, into the aluminium trim, one corner at a time, so that the canvas is held in place, TAPPING the trim back

into place, at each corner, SO IT IS HELD, BUT ONLY JUST, AT THIS STAGE, make sure you have the canvas set up so the vents are equal distance from the corners. Once the canvas is held in the corners and laid inside the trim, you can gradually work your way round closing up the trim to grip the canvas, making sure the black strip is hooked right into the channel. (TAP THE RIM TO CLOSE IT UP - DO NOT "HAMMER" IT) slow but sure is best. Once you are happy that the canvas is in, thread the bottom wire and spring through the sewn loop at the bottom of the canvas. There is a gap in the pocket to feed it in through. You can hook up the spring, fit the rubber over it if you wish, and feed it into the roof loop. Due to the much stronger canvas we use it is not essential that the spring is at the back, but you can feed it through if you wish. You cannot move the spring once the roof is on as the tension will be too great. Fit the roof back on the van if you had taken it off, refitting the hinges back on the van so the roof can be raised, then working front to back, push then lever the wire in the loop over the raised fibreglass lip of the van body. You may find it easiest to push the ends over first, then the sides. They are a tightish fit, use something fairly wide to lever the wire in the loop over the rim so it does not tear the canvas or damage the fibreglass lip. Refit the centre wire, do not overtighten, it is only a stabiliser. Tape the ends together and slide it round so the tape is hidden. Phew- finished!

### Looking After Your New 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).

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