



**MANUFACTURERS OF HOODS, TONNEAU COVERS,
SIDE SCREENS TO THE TRADE**



WHY CHOOSE A CHT HOOD?

Coventry Hood and Tonneau have been producing classic car soft tops since 1998, with three of the staff having worked at the original equipment ('OE') supplier company Coventry Hood & Seating since the mid 1970s. These tops are the closest to the OE product available and are built in exactly the same way that they always were.

For our purposes here we will use the MGB soft top for reference, but rest assured all of our products are built using the same methods that were originally used.

The original black PVC hooding was known as V879D. This was a double coated PVC, meaning it was PVC on both sides, finished with the classic ICI grain embossed onto the face of the fabric. The fabric being used by Coventry Hood & Tonneau is made in exactly the same factory, in exactly the same way, using the exact same embossing roller, the only difference being that it is no longer coated on the inside with PVC; instead it now has a cotton drill backing cloth, of course in black.

We use thirty thousandths of an inch thick Vybak window material on all of our soft tops. Originally this would have been forty thou', press cut to size, with red coloured cleaning instructions stamped in the corner of each window; this of course is no longer available. The windows are of the same size as original and heat welded to the PVC in exactly the same way. All of the roof seams are heat welded as original, but now we have to sew a welding tape into the seam; this is because the PVC is no longer double coated. It is also worth noting that the width of the welded seam is 10mm, again exactly as it should be.

If we look at the 'False Bottom' on an MGB soft top (the part that fastens to the rear cockpit), we use ten components just to make this small part of the top, but it is done the way it should be. There are three components, plus soft top securing straps, on each side to make the draught strips - again with all the necessary darts required, as original. **Every one of these products goes onto a working trim buck, to make sure all of the fasteners are in their correct positions.**



We always use the original single fell binding to finish the soft tops, the top stitching being exactly as it should be. We back stitch on any visible stitching and we always tie off to finish.

Our MGB soft tops are available with the very popular option of a factory fitted header rail, as per the specification of the OE soft tops, minimising required time and effort for installation on the car. This is also the case for our range of soft tops for other models, as appropriate.

The finished products show off all of the individual skills required to manufacture them. Of course these soft tops are labour intensive to produce, but this is how they were originally built, and this is why we remain the manufacturer making soft tops closest to the original OE product.

PVC hooding fabric is made in the original factory, employing the same methods and using the same embossing roller to create the classic ICI fabric grain texture - the only difference to original is a change on the inside from PVC to a black cotton drill backing cloth.

10 components make up the rear cockpit 'false bottom' to exact original specification.

30 thou' thick Vybak window material on all of our soft tops.

All roof seams are heat welded, as originally, with a 10mm wide welded seam - exactly as they should be.

Popular option of factory fitted header rail, as per OE specification, minimising required time and effort to fit soft top to car.

Original single fell binding, top stitched exactly correctly, back stitched where visible and always tied off to finish.

Built on production trim bucks as originals, ensuring correctly positioned fasteners and correct fit, shape and appearance for every top leaving the factory.

Original sized windows, heat welded to the soft top in the exact original way.

3 components on each side, darted as originally, plus soft top securing straps, make up the draught strips.

We supply a variety of colours

- Black
- Red
- Navy
- Beige
- Grey
- White

Materials available depending on application

- V818 Vinyl (formerly V879D)
- WS73 Vinyl
- Mohair
- Stayfast



IMPORTANT – Do not lower the hood for 3 weeks as it needs time to shrink and settle.



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