



INSTRUCTIONS

ALUMINUM TONNEAU COVER KIT

(all Ford and Chev stepside models)

Thank you for purchasing this Pro's Pick product. This Tonneau Cover has been constructed with the highest quality materials and will give you many years of trouble-free service. The Tonneau Cover has been designed to install without damaging the existing paint on your box. **PLEASE READ OVER THE INSTRUCTIONS A COUPLE OF TIMES BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE INSTALLATION.**

KIT CONTENTS

Front Top Cap	Nutsert Tool
Aluminum Cover/Sub-frame	Pair of Hinges
Aluminum Front Drip Tray	Pair of Rain Gutters
Weather-strip Kit (2x80")	Adhesive Kit
Power Switch	Actuator Brackets & Hardware Kit
Pair of Electric Actuators	

TOOLS REQUIRED

Drill bits (1/4, 25/64)
Hammer, Fine tip marker
Hack Saw, Masking Tape
Clear Sealant, Center Punch
Hand Drill, a friendly helper!

BEFORE YOU BEGIN: If you have the following year/model please read this before you start the instructions (Ford 1973-86 & Chev 1930-87). A U channel cover is provided to be used as follows: place the U-shaped channel over the front bed panel using the adhesive tape provided. You may also weld this channel in place if you desire.

1. Apply masking tape to the bedsides; from the inside of the tailgate 3" forward and, from the top of the bedside 3" downward. Apply masking tape to both bedsides covering a 6" square area at the front of the bed on both sides.
2. Hinges – If the mounting surfaces of the hinges are too wide you will have to remove the appropriate amount of material from the drip tray. This will allow the hinges to move inward.
3. Remove the drip tray from front hinge. Cut 4 pcs of wood to set the cover on, so it clears the tailgate by 1/8"; be sure the cover is approximately 1/4" from the front bed panel. Swing the hinge into place and trace the hinge. Remove the cover. Set the hinge on the trace mark, and check where to drill the holes so that the nutsert will be hid by the stake (pocket). Also mark the holes for the drain. Drill out the hinge and set the hinge on the traced line. Drill and install the nutsert. Put the hinge back on drip tray.
4. Install the hinges to the bedsides using four of the 1/4" x 3/4" button head bolts provided.
5. Take the cover and install by standing it straight up and setting it in the notches on the hinge; swing down slowly to make sure it clears the front panel; set rear end of the cover back onto the pieces of wood used in #4. (The holes in the hinges may be enlarged to adjust the rear of the cover to fit squarely between the bedsides).
6. Take one of the rain gutters and install the weather stripping on top edge of the rain gutter. Set the rain gutter up under the cover (capped end to rear) and place it tight to the top of the cover in the desired location (so when the cover is closed it is sealed tight with the weather stripping). Mark on the tape at

the front and rear, where the bottom of the rain gutter will be. Take rain gutter down and put the cover back up.

7. The rain gutter will need to be cut to proper length; cut so the front of the rain gutter hangs ¼” over the front drip tray (make sure the rear clears the tailgate). Having satisfied yourself that the gutter height is correct and notched so that it rests on the drip tray, drill a 1/4” hole at the rear of the gutter for the mounting bolt. Be sure that this bolt will be hidden by the stake pocket on the outside of the bed. Remove gutter; enlarge hole in gutter to ¼”, enlarge hole in bedside to 25/64” to accept nutsert. Duplicate the process on the other side.
8. Temporarily install the gutters using the ¼”x3/4” button head bolts provided. Mark the bedside for the rear drain holes. Remove gutters and drill 25/64” drain holes. Any water flowing forward will now drain into the drip pan and out through the bedside; any water flowing rearward will drain out through the stake pockets at the rear.
9. Remove all pieces to prepare for paint. To ensure good adhesion, all aluminum parts must be cleaned with Metal Prep, coated with a self etching primer (such as Vinyl Wash), then prime with an epoxy primer. Tape off hinge pins as the increased thickness of paint will make them too tight.
10. Once everything is painted it can be put together for the last time. Remove any masking tape that may still be on the bed. Mark the bottom of the side angle with tape; you will need this to install the rain gutter. Using a clear sealer such as body seam sealer or clear tub & tile caulk; apply a light coat of sealer to the mounting surfaces of the hinges and on the area of the front drip tray where it meets the front panel. Mount the hinges and wipe off any excess sealer immediately. Apply two-sided tape to the mounting surface of the rain gutters. Cut out the hole for the rear mounting bolts. Carefully, so as not to let the tape touch the bedside; set the front of the rain gutter an inch away from the bedside on top of the front drip tray; start the mounting bolt into the nutsert. Lift the front of the rain gutter to line up with marking on bedside; push against bedside starting from the front and tighten rear bolt. There are certain areas on the rain gutters that may require small amounts of seam sealer to make them water tight. The tape takes 72 hrs to cure. Leave the unit sitting with the cover in the open position during the cure cycle so as not to create stress on the gutters during the cure.
11. In your hdwr bag you will find 8 sst brackets, by putting two dissimilar pieces together you will see that they form a two-legged bracket with which to attach the actuators. The piece with the square mounting holes is designed to sit on top of the piece with slotted holes. If you look on the sub frame you will find two pre-drilled holes on each side. You will need to enlarge to 3/8 to accept ¼ nutsert; use 1/4x3/4 button head bolts supplied to attach the 2 short actuator brackets to sub-frame. Using the supplied clevis pin attach the actuators to the upper mounts with the wiring facing the cab. Attach the bottom actuator brackets to the actuators with the clevis pins supplied. Close the cover. You will have to crawl into the bed, take a trouble light and the magic marker. The actuators should be vertically in line with the upper brackets so as not to cause binding. Move the bottom of the actuator towards the rear of the vehicle until the bottom mounting bracket is just touching the floor. Mark the two square holes onto the floor on each side. Lift the cover and drill the marked holes with a ¼” drill. Attach the lower mounting brackets to the floor with the ¼” x 1 ½” carriage bolts supplied. Also drill a ¼” hole to allow the actuators wires to go through the bed floor.
12. When installing the weatherstrips to the rain gutters, measure the length required and cut. Be careful not to pull on them as you install them; they may stretch. We do not normally glue these pieces in place. The tailgate weather strip is primarily designed to keep the paint from damaging. You will have to decide if it is possible to adjust your tailgate position down a little to allow for the thickness of the weather strip, or whether to position the weather strip slightly forward on the top of the tailgate roll in order to leave a 3/16” gap between the gate and the cover. Cut the weather strip to length and attach.

13. Mount the power window switch in a suitable position in the cab. The switch has five wires; red is power (batt +), the two whites are ground, the other two wires go to the actuator wires. **IF YOU INTEND TO USE A REMOTE CONTROL WITH THIS UNIT PLEASE CONTACT US.**

We hope this has been a pleasurable experience for you. Please let us know how we can improve these instructions; we'd love the input. If you have any other questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact us. 1-800-865-7366, info@pros-pick.com, www.pros-pick.com, 330 Smith Street, PO Box 70, Arthur ON, N0G 1A0.

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