



Installation Guidelines for XT Series Convertible Top for BMW Z3 (Part No. 2755B)

NOTICE: Robbins products should be Professionally Installed. Technical Support is offered only for Trim Shops and Distributors, and does not provide step by step installation guidance.

Factory plastic retainers have been omitted from this replacement product (Use contact cement on all flaps, listings and header bow). Robbins XT Series tops are made without relief pockets, which BMW introduced for later Z3 models.

NOTICE: New side tension cables may be required. Information regarding new tension cables is available at www.RobbinsAutoTop.com

Disassemble Old Top From Top Frame:

1. Remove side and quarter rubbers and retainers from top frame.
2. Remove front header bracket.
3. Remove plastic sleeves from listings and mark – 1, 2, 3 (to identify for re-installation)
4. Peel listing material away from top frame bows.
5. Disconnect side tension cables.
6. In rear package area – pull carpet out of rail, exposing rear mounting bracket.
7. Using a ten (10mm) socket, remove bolts from forward rail only – the inner rail stays mounted to car.
8. Now that tack rail bolts are removed – using a pry bar – carefully break seal around inner rail.
9. Lubricate rubber gasket around trunk area of car with silicon spray.
10. With two people, one on each side, gently lift tack rail from inner body and set on padding.
11. Remove all staples to separate top from tack rail

Install New Robbins Top on BMW Z3

1. Install side tension cables into new Robbins top.
2. Find center of new top and mark top and tack rail. Starting on edge of tack rail (each side) attach each corner of new top evenly with guide line on rail, staple center mark, pull each corner to guide mark and fasten. Staple remainder of top to rail.
Note: There is no excess material. Align rear edge of top to bottom edge of channel on rail.
3. Reattach rear rail back into car, using a 1/4 inch bead of butyl tape to seal against water penetration. (We recommend 3M Ribbon Sealer Window-Weld #08610).
4. Attach side tension cables.
5. Find the glue guide mark at front of new Robbins Z3 top.
6. Apply contact cement following glue mark on top and corresponding area of header bow, and front side flaps.
7. Following the guide mark, affix the top to the header bow.
8. Latch frame – top should be very snug and wrinkle free.
9. Glue quarter panels (inner and outer flaps).
10. Glue listings to bows (and install plastic sleeves)
11. Reassemble retainers and rubber moldings.

When first operating the new top, proceed slowly and with caution. If anything appears or sounds incorrect, Stop Immediately and address the problem before continuing.



Most Vehicles Manufactured up to 12/1996 Require **short** (12 ¾" OAL) tension cables. Robbins part # CBL2750S

Most Vehicles Manufactured 1/1997-2002 Require **long** (17 ¾" OAL) tension cables. Robbins part # CBL2750L

CAUTION Regarding Z3 Cables: We have found that BMW's documented change period (12/1996) from SHORT cables to LONG cables is not consistent. Therefore the way to determine which cables are needed, with certainty, is to measure the existing cables and match them to the OAL (Overall Length) listed above.

****The BMW dealer's Serial Number based product selection Does Not insure correct cable identification****