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ARTICLE BEGINNING

TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

CONVERTIBLE TOP -INADEQUATE RETENTION OR DISLODGING OF THE TOP

SIDE RETAINER

CONVERTIBLE TOP - SIDES OF TOP LOOSE OR "BLOWS OUT"

Model LINCOLN-MERCURY: 1991 CAPRI

Group Body

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Symptom Dislodging Convertible Top

ISSUE

The convertible top sides may appear to be loose or "blown out". This is caused by inadequate retention or dislodging of the convertible top side retainer.

ACTION

Modify and adjust the side retainer by using the following service procedure.

SIDE TENSION WIRE ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE

1. Raise the rear of the convertible top, Figure 1. Refer to the Owner's Guide for detailed procedures.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING STEPS APPLY TO BOTH SIDES OF THE VEHICLE AND ENABLE FURTHER TIGHTENING OF THE SIDE TENSION WIRE.

2. Use a knife to cut 5mm of material away from the end of the retainer, immediately behind the cable pivot, Figures 2 and 3.

CAUTION: BE CAREFUL NOT TO CUT THE CONVERTIBLE TOP MATERIAL SEWN TO THE SIDE RETAINER.

- 3. Remove the "B" pillar weatherstrip.
- 4. Remove the lower section of the trim flap from the "B" pillar frame.
- 5. Tighten the side tension wire as necessary by adjusting the nut, Figure 3. By heating the nut with a soldering iron for a few moments, the Loctite will release on the threads of the side tension wire.

CAUTION: WHEN TIGHTENING THE NUT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SIDE TENSION WIRE MAY BREAK. THIS WILL REQUIRE THAT THE NUT (V830126S36C) AND SIDE TENSION WIRE (E9JY-7652806-A) BE REPLACED. THE PIN CAN BE REUSED. SEE PROCEDURE AFTER STEP

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- 6. Secure the trim flap to the "B" pillar frame with adhesive (E8AZ-19552-A).
- 7. Install "B" pillar weatherstrip.
- $8.\ \text{Raise}$ the convertible top according to the procedures detailed in the Owner Guide.

SIDE TENSION WIRE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE - IF REQUIRED

- 1. Install a new side tension wire (E9JY-7652806-A) and nut (V830126S36C).
- 2. Tighten the hex head nut until the threaded end of the wire is 3mm short of being flush with the outer edge of the nut (see Figure 4).
- 3. Install the rear retaining pin (E64651152) using a suitable driver.

PARTS INFORMATION

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PART NUMBER	PART NAME	CLASS
E9JY-7852808-A	Side Tension Wire	С
V830126S236C	Nut (Pkg./4)	С
E848611-S2	Pin (Pkg./10)	С
E8AZ-19552-A	Adhesive	В

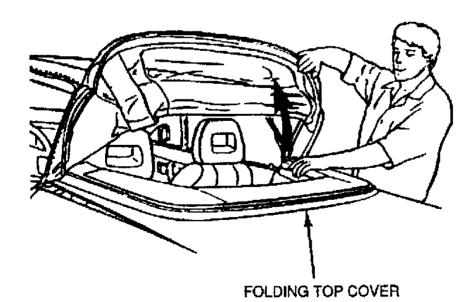


Fig. 1: Raising Rear of Top

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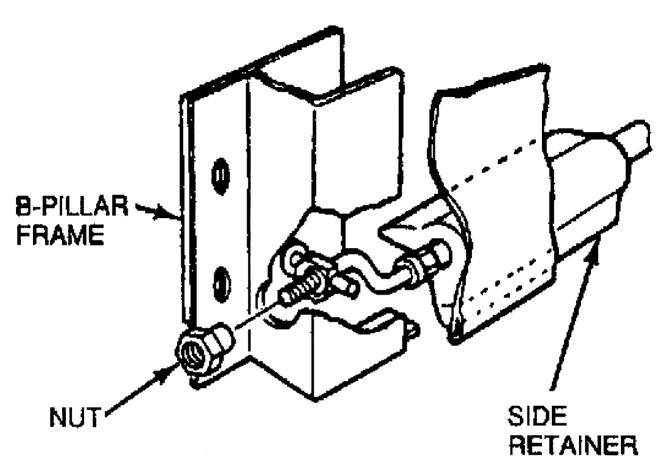
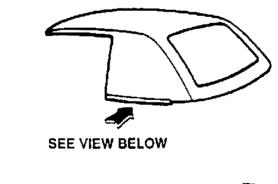


Fig. 2: Side Tension Wire Adjusting Nut



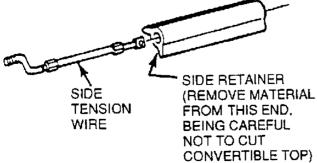


Fig. 3: Side Tension Wire and Retainer

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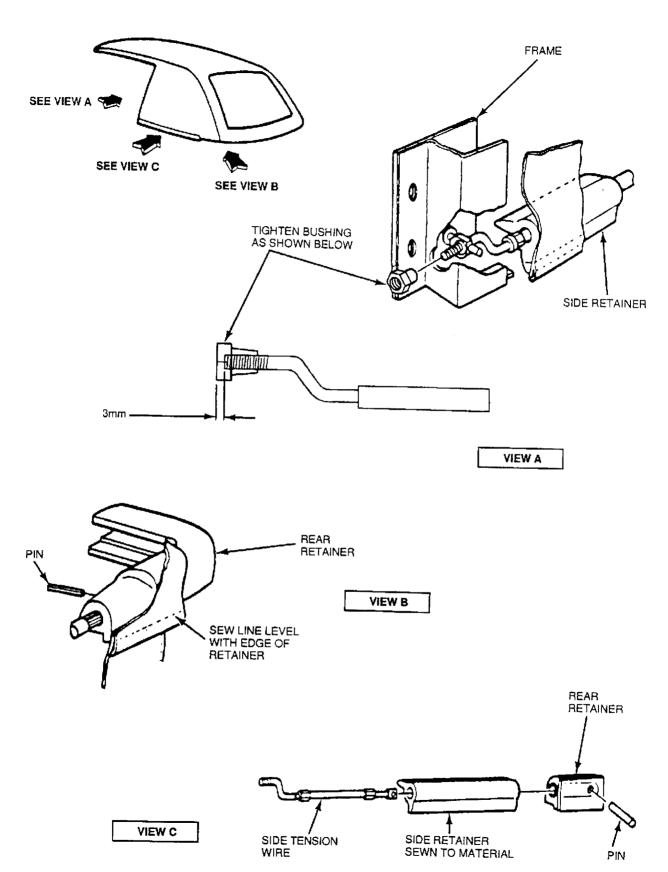


Fig. 4: Side Tension Wire Assembly

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