54000/1A: 1958-1960 CONVERTIBLE TOP LIFT PADS

Congratulations on purchasing the best convertible top main lift arm pads available anywhere.

The 1958-1963 Thunderbird convertible top main lift arm pads were originally made of a sponge type rubber molded over a steel piece of metal. This proved to be not very durable, so, in 1964, Ford Motor Co. began using a solid type rubber instead of the sponge type rubber. To insure a quality lasting product we have manufactured all of our convertible top main lift arm pads with a solid type molded rubber.

Please be sure that your convertible top retracts completely into the down position. If necessary, the top down limit switch should be adjusted before installation to ensure proper clearance between the pads and the deck lid. This will prevent the pads from being damaged by the deck lid.

Use caution in removing the old screws from the lift arms. They may be rusted and break off very easily. Tap the screws using moderate force with a screwdriver and a hammer. I would also recommend using a penetrating oil such as WD-40 or Liquid Wrench to help loosen the rusted screws. If some of the screws do break off, then you may want to use a center punch, a drill and a tap to restore the threaded hole so that a new screw may be used.