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NEW VIDEO ON INSTALLING CONVERTIBLE TOPS

~ REVIEWED BY BILL SIURU ~

How to Install a Convertible Top (Basics) Antiques and Classics, by Vince Iacouzze. Available from Concours d'Elegance Upholstery, 1607 Pine Ridge, Bushkill, PA 18324. Phone (888) ELEG-UPH, (570) 588-0969. \$39.95 plus \$5.95 shipping and handling.

Convertibles are the most cherished and, usually, the most valuable collector cars. Unfortunately, replacing a convertible top is one of the most challenging restoration projects. And even with the greatest TLC, most convertible tops eventually need replacing. The latest video from master upholsterer and owner of Concours d'Elegance Upholstery, Vince Iacouzze, provides good basic information on this often daunting project. Since the installation of tops is pretty much vehicle specific and this is only a 90-minute long tape, Iacouzze only promises to cover the basics of convertible tops for 1900 to 1975 soft top models. He delivers good information and detailed instructions on topics from body alignment and repairing wooden bows to installing glass and plastic windows. Other subjects include setting up bows, installing padding, the best way to center a top, and which wrinkles you can remove and which ones you cannot. Like his previous videos, Iacouzze interjects hints and suggestions from his years of experience such as "what your old top can tell you." Don't tackle a top replacement without first viewing this tape.

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