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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS '47 – '55 CHEVROLET TRUCK HEADLINER (THE EUREKA HEADLINER)

TOOLS REQUIRED: (NOT INCLUDED)

Utility Knife
ABS Pipe Glue
Tape Measure
1 Can Spray Adhesive
Sanding Block (80 grit)

LAY OUT ALL PIECES: (INCLUDED)

1 Headliner

This ABS headliner was reproduced for the year and model of the vehicle you specified in your order. However, we have found that OEM's may have made some variation between models in any given year of manufacture. Compare the new headliner to your original two-piece unit or with the help of a friend, hold it up in place and check the fit.

NOTE: You may need to trim an edge here or there for exact fit. See below.

If you find that your headliner does not fit your truck, do not alter it in any way. Contact us immediately and we will resolve the problem. No refund or credit will be give for a headliner that has been modified. The headliner must be returned in "like new" condition within 30 days to receive a full refund.

Ready for installation?

Make sure that your metal retaining strips and windshield moldings are clean and ready for installation (Painted!).

Heat shield insulation

We have included a piece of Heat Shield insulating material with this headliner kit and suggest that you install it between the headliner and the cab of the truck. It will greatly reduce the amount of heat and noise in the upper cab area. Making sure the inner surface of the truck cab is clean and free of rust, dirt and oils. Install the insulation with the aluminum side against the metal (facing the sun). Use RodDoors Spray Glue Cheese or 3M Super 90 high temp adhesive spray glue and follow the permanent mounting instructions on the can.

HELPFUL HINTS:

Drilling:

Holes can be easily drilled with an electric hand drill using metal drill bits. Use a utility knife for large holes. After you have determined the exact location of the holes to be drilled, place the backside of headliner against a block of wood with the textured surface facing up on your workbench. Slowly drill your holes and clean the edges with a small X-Acto knife or piece of rolled sand paper.

Upholstering:

What fabric works the best?

The key to the ease of upholstering is in the stiffness of the fabric itself, the thinner the backing, the more flexible the fabric will be, therefore easier to use.

Now What?

Overlap your fabric, leaving approximately 2 inches of extra material on all sides of the panel. This will assure you plentiful working space and will leave enough material to be pulled over the sides and glued to the back of the panel. Spray glue to both the front of the panel and the back of the fabric, letting dry for 15 minutes before contact. Fold fabric back halfway and

work your way down the panel two feet at a time, pressing, pulling and smoothing, a high temp contact spray adhesive purchased from RodDoors will best suit your needs.

Painting:

Your new ABS headliner can be painted to match or contrast your truck's interior color scheme. We suggest using SEM Vinyl Coating, which should be available through your local automotive paint supplier or upholstery shop. It is best to paint the headliner when it is out of the vehicle. Follow the instructions on the can.

HINT: Wipe down the textured surface of the headliner with acrylic lacquer thinner (NOT TURPENTINE) and let dry.

Shake can well. Best results will be obtained when the surface temperature of the headliner is at least 70 degrees. Wear a mask and paint in a well-ventilated area.

Care Instructions:

ABS materials need little or no care. Simply wipe down with a damp cloth and let dry.

Identify the differences between cabs!

Because of the greater availability and remarkably similar style between the '47-'48 and the '49-'53 Chevy truck cabs, there has been some confusion with obtaining the proper parts. Consequentially this has brought much frustration to our friend the rodder after their long awaited products have arrived in the mail. If there are any doubts you may have in the variations of your new headliner, compare the new panel to your original and check the fit.

NOTE: If you find that the headliner does not fit your truck, do not alter or throw away. Contact us immediately! No refund will be given for a headliner that has been modified. The headliner must be returned in "like new" condition within 30 days in order to receive a refund.

EARLY STYLE:

- ◆ '47 – '48 Cab – This headliner is pre-cut for installation in these early style truck door opening where the windlace is held in place by a metal retainer strip and screws. On early style doors, you will have to use the retaining strips to mark the holes. Remove the headliner from the cab and drill the holes. Reinstall with screws. Retaining strips should be placed on both the front and backside of the headliner for maximum strength.

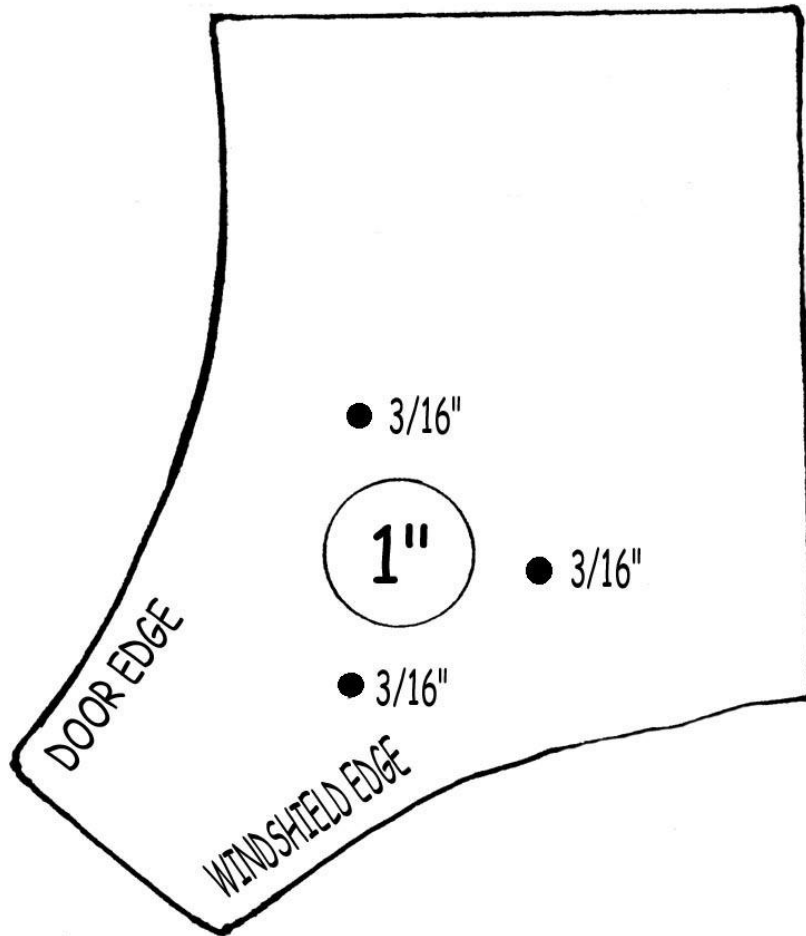
What to look for?

- ◆ Large 4' vertical brace in the center of the rear cab section, below the belt line.
- ◆ Steel panels in the rear corners with a large hole in the center.
- ◆ Screwed in rubber windlace.
- ◆ Screwed in headliner brace.

LATE STYLES:

- ◆ '49 – '53 Cab – This headliner is pre-cut for installation in these later styles trucks that are distinguished by a rubber door seal held in place by a steel channel spot welded to the inner edge of the door.
- ◆ '54 – '55 Cab – The only difference in the installation between this headliner and the one made to fit the '49 – '53 cab are the compensations made for the round window. These additional adjustments include two ABS windshield trim strips provided by RodDoors.
- ◆ The installation can be done as follows:
 - 1) Start by installing the windshield trim strips under the windshield rubber and retainer.
 - 2) Install the front lip of the headliner under the windshield rubber flange.
 - 3) Begin by installing the rear lip of the headliner under the retainer strip and install screws.
 - 4) The side of the headliner can now be "popped" into place easily behind the rubber door seal-restraining strip.
 - 5) Reinstall rubber door seals.

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SUNVISOR TEMPLATE

1947-53 CHEVY/GMC TRUCKS

SUNVISOR INSTALLATION

- ❖ AFTER YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THE HEADLINER FITS, LOCATE AND MARK THE LARGE HOLE FOR THE SUN VISOR MOUNTING BRACKETS USING THE TEMPLATE SUPPLIED. **HINT:** COVER THE LEATHER-GRAINED SURFACE OF THE HEADLINER WITH MASKING TAPE WHERE THE SUNVISOR BRACKETS WILL BE LOCATED. THIS WILL PROTECT THE SURFACE FROM SCRATCHES AND MAKE MARKING THE HOLES EASIER.
- ❖ WITH THE HEADLINER OUT OF THE CAB, POSITION THE TEMPLATE ON THE FRONT CORNER OF THE HEADLINER WITH THE SIDE MARKED **DOOR EDGE** ALONG THE DOOR TRIM LINE EDGE. THE SIDE MARKED **WINDSHIELD EDGE** SHOULD BE POSITIONED AGAINST THE WINDSHIELD EDGE OF THE HEADLINER. MARK AND DRILL HOLES. TURN THE TEMPLATE OVER TO MARK AND DRILL PASSENGER SIDE SUNVISOR. REINSTALL THE HEADLINER AND SUNVISORS.