

# Tonneau Cover Installation Instructions

## Snap Style or Velcro Style

Before installing please read the instructions carefully. Note this Tonneau Cover isn't designed to work with an over-the-rail bedliner.

Outside temperature should be above 65 F. Pull Tonneau Cover tightly over the truck bed to determine the placement of the hook and loop adhesive strip or snaps.

### **Velcro Style Attachment**

#### **Step 1.**

Clean the inside and outside top edges of the pickup truck bed sidewall. Clean around the edges of the tailgate area; this is where the ends of the hook material will tape down after being trimmed. Clean the front of the pickup truck bed in each top corner 6 " down on the inside and outside of truck bed. Use a cleaning solution that will remove all contaminants that will stop the adhesive back tape from sticking and wipe clean with a dry towel. Now, clean off the degreaser with alcohol and wipe dry again with another clean, dry towel.

#### **Step 2.**

Remove backing material from one end of the hook tape strip. Position the top edge of the hook strip flush with the top outside edge of the sidewall. Leave an extra 2-3" extending forward of the truck bed. Press hook tape strip into place along the top edge of the sidewall. This strip won't be visible when the Tonneau Cover is installed. The application of the hook tape strip is very important so, you may want the help of another person. Try to put the tape strip down only once because it's difficult to remove and once it's been put into place taking it off will only reduce the adhesion of the tape strip when re-applied. Line up the tape strip with the top edge of the sidewall only.

#### **Step 3.**

When you get to the rear of the truck bed, continue to wrap the tape strip along the top edge of the sidewall and tailgate so, be sure and stretch the tape strip as you turn each corner. When you turn each corner there will be a small ripple in the hook tape strip. This will need to be trimmed off later; not now. Continue installing tape strip all around vehicle to the front corner leaving another 2-3" of extra tape strip at the front of the truck bed. Use a razor knife to trim off excess tape and to cut off ripples in rear corners.

For best results let hook tape strip sit on vehicle for 24 hours before fastening Tonneau Cover to truck bed.

#### **Step 4. Installation of aluminum awning channel.**

Attach aluminum awning rail on top of front truck bed edge with the channel side toward the front of the bed, so the awning rail is covered when the installation is complete. Then, slide the front edge of the Tonneau Cover through the channel opening on the awning rail.

## **Snap Style Attachment**

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### **Step 2. Installation of bows.**

It is recommended that 2 bows be installed on short bed trucks and 3 bows on long bed trucks. However, bows are optional and aren't required for the installation of the Tonneau Cover. Nevertheless, it is recommended that bows be used because, like ribs in a convertible top, they give shape and support to the cover preventing sagging, which is often caused by exposure to the elements. Also, the bows lessen tension on the Tonneau Cover at the snap locations. Please note that each bow is divided at the center to provide a better fit and to allow for easier storage.

### **Step 3. Assembly of bows.**

Assemble each bow by sliding the center ends together. Special brackets are provided for the bow ends. These brackets are to be installed inside truck bed, on molding, if any, and should be spaced equally on the bed length.

Please note that the bows are too wide for the truck bed. Each bow set must be cut taking care not to cut the small end down but, make the necessary cut on the larger diameter side of the bow that slips over the smaller end on the opposite bow. Each bow must be cut to the length that will provide a satisfactory arch to the bow. CAUTION: Usually it is not necessary to cut too much from the bow. Please carefully calculate and measure the amount to be cut.

If the established arch is too low for any reason, simply install a screw (not included) at a point on the underside of the bow that will create a gap and higher arch.

### **Step 4. Installation of Tonneau Cover.**

Locate and mark with a grease pencil, crayon or chalk, the exact center of the Tonneau Cover at the front and rear to get an even fit.

Find the exact center of the tailgate, pull the cover tight and match center line on Tonneau Cover and mark the first hole placement. Install the center 5/8" stud provided on the tailgate by using a center punch and a 1/8" drill bit.

With the optional bows laid across the truck bed or even without the optional bows, place the Tonneau Cover over the truck bed and snap on to the previously installed center rear stud.

Continue installing the remaining studs making sure the Tonneau Cover is fitting snugly by drawing tightly and installing the studs alternately working from the rear center stud, side to side, toward the front of the truck bed.