

FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

MINI LATE HEADLINING KIT 1970 onwards

TOOLS REQUIRED

Phillips & flat screwdrivers, Scissors, sharp knife, contact adhesive, hammer, small Bulldog clips or washing line pegs.

We would suggest you read these instructions before starting work on fitting this kit. It will be necessary for you to remove the windscreen, rear window, rear quarter lights, interior light, inside mirror and the draught excluder around the top of the door apertures. This operation should be carried out in a warm atmosphere.

Having removed the above parts, you will see that the ends of the headlining are turned over the body lips and glued in place. Remove the two "C" post trim panels between the rear quarter lights and rear window. Gradually peel away the material from the edges all round the roof cavity. You will then see that the headlining is held in the roof by six hoops with plastic caps on each end, which insert in the holes above the cant rails. Once the headlining is free, you will be able to spring these hoops away from the body. Note that each hoop has a differently coloured plastic cap on the end. Make sure when refitting the hoops in the new lining that they are in the same sequence.

At this point, make a note how the ends of each loop (from where the metal hoop emerges) of the headlining is cut away. This is done so that when you tension the material across the car, the lining curves slightly away from the metal hoop when it is stuck to the lip.

To achieve the correct position of these cut outs, fold the old lining in half at each loop position to identify the centre of the lining. Then measure the distance from the middle mark to the top trimmed edge of the loop. Transfer corresponding marks to the new headlining and trim the ends of each loop as follows. When you have marked all the loops, cut away the material as shown from the edge of the lining to your mark. Do not cut into the stitch line, otherwise the stitches will run.

FITTING THE NEW LINING

Firstly, you need to insert the hoops into the lining. If necessary, polish the hoops with either "T" Cut or sandpaper so that they slip through the pockets more easily. Centralise all the hoops in the lining. Starting in the centre of the car, insert the ends of the hoops in the cant rail

Pull the front of the headlining towards the windscreen, tension and then clip to the metal lip of the aperture.

Now go to the rear window and do the same operation. You should now have reasonable tension from front to back. Now clip the sides between the stitch lines to the body. Gradually increase the tension all the way round until you are satisfied.

Apply adhesive (not too thickly) to the underside of the material and the lip of the body. We would suggest you do small areas at a time (12"-18"). Allow the glue to go tacky, pull the material and press firmly into place. Keep going round the roof, tensioning as you go, pulling out any wrinkles at the same time. Carefully trim off any excess material. Should you have any wrinkles that are stubborn to pull out, use a gentle heat from a hairdryer, which will soften the material slightly and allow a little more stretch.

Finally, adhere the loose piece of headlining material to the bottom of the rear window and then fit the "C" posts. Refitting of the various windows and accessories will finish the job off.

Happy motoring.