

T-3876-PE TOP SADDLE PADS / STRAPS INSTALLATION

Due to several variations in early T top saddles, leather finish, and body style, we supply these kits in a semi-finished form.

Decide if you are going to leave the straps in their natural finish or die them black. If you desire to die them, it is easier to die them before installing. Black shoe die is normally readily available at hardware or grocery stores.

Slide the strap down inside your top saddle and mark the holes in the leather for mounting it with the enclosed copper rivets and washers. It is best to have a leather punch for this operation. Punch the holes necessary for mounting the strap to the top saddle.

Now that your strap has the necessary mounting holes, you can attach the strap to the saddle with the enclosed copper rivets and washers. The rivet comes through from the inside per the drawing below. Once you have the rivet pushed through, slide a socket or round piece of steel pipe inside the top saddle to hold the leather and the rivet head in place. With a piece of steel tubing or a small 1/4" drive socket, tap the copper washer down on the end of the rivet to hold the leather tightly to the top saddle. Now take a small hammer and peen the end of the rivet tightly against the flat washer. Repeat this step for the other side of the top saddle.

The final step is to put the holes in the strap for holding the top down. This hole location should be centered in the strap from side to side. Where on the strap depends on your top irons. We suggest you put the top down and determine where the hole needs to be.

All done!

