



Preliminary Information

PIC5605A Folding Top Pulls Loose from Rear Side Rail

Models

Brand:	Model:	Model Years:	VIN:		Engine:	Transmissions:
			from	to		
Chevrolet	Camaro Convertible	2011 - 2015	All	All	All	All

Supersession Statement

PIC5605A supersedes PIC5605 to update model years. Please discard all copies of PIC5605.

The following diagnosis might be helpful if the vehicle exhibits the symptom(s) described in this PI.

Condition / Concern

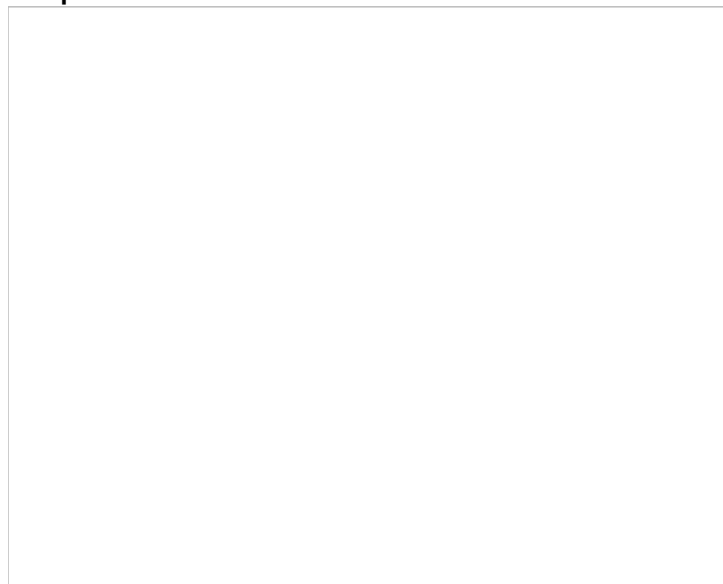
A technician may find that the folding top plastic retainer strip may pull loose from either rear side rail immediately following top repairs which required removal of this retainer from the side rail.

This may come loose the first time, or even more commonly, it may only pull loose after cycling the folding top several times.

This condition is caused by not fully seating the plastic retainer into the side rail or by an improper position of the Side Tension Cable.

Recommendations / Instructions

The plastic retainer has a barb on each side. These barbs will fit into a recessed portion of the side rail channel.

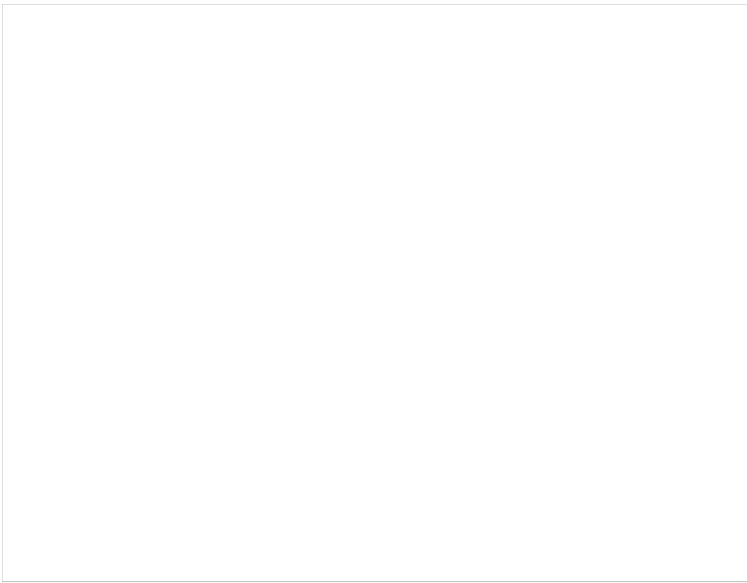


Because of this design, the barbs could create enough resistance to provide the illusion that they are fully seated into the side rail, prior to the barbs actually snapping into the recessed portion of the side rail channel.

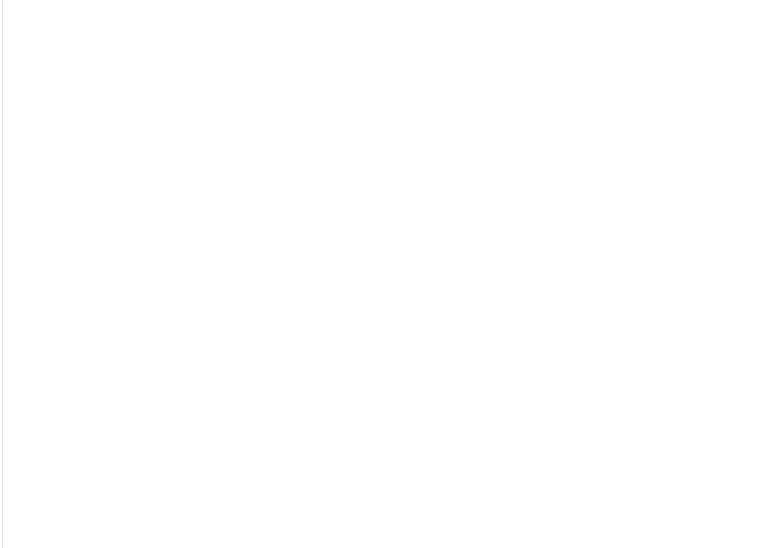
Use the procedure below to ensure the plastic retainer strip is fully seated into the rear rail:

- Position the top in a mid-cycle position to relax the top fabric and aid in installation.
- Prior to inserting the retainer into the side rail channel, note the angle and orientation of the channel to make sure the plastic retainer is inserted straight into the channel.
- Position the Side Tension Cable properly. There is a slit between the shorter upper plastic retainer and the longer, lower retainer. The cable should pass through this slit in the plastic retainer.

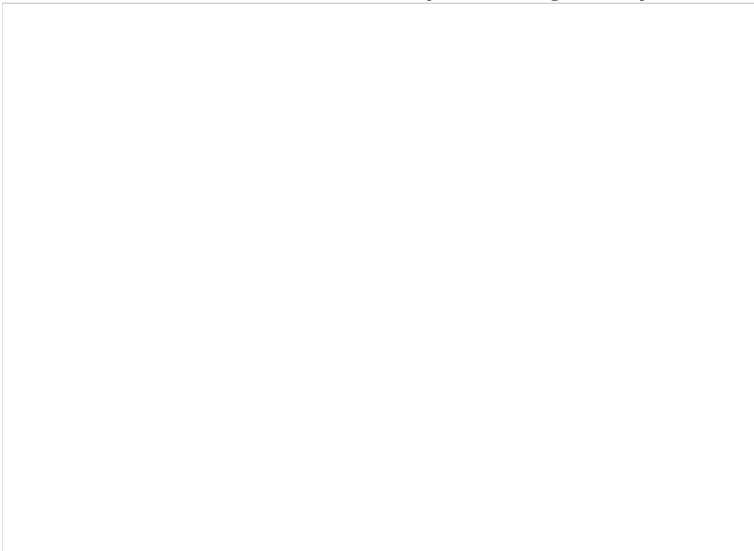
Normal View



Cut Away View - This photo had the folding top cloth cut away for illustrative purposes only.



Insert the retainer into the side rail, positioning the top of the retainer 15mm from the top of the rail.



There may be a silver mark on the rail to indicate the starting point of the retainer. If no mark is present, make one 15mm below the top of the rail.

Important: Do not hammer on the seam as this will damage the plastic retainer and/or rear side rail. Be sure to swing the hammer in the same angle and orientation as the rear side rail channel to ease installation and avoid damaging the plastic retainer. While some force is required, do not use excessive force when hammering.

Using the seam to properly position the trim stick, place the trim stick on the top cloth next to the seam and directly over the plastic retainer.

Starting at the top and working down, hammer the retainer into the channel.

You should use several, repetitious strikes spaced evenly and closely together while you slowly move down the rail.

Hammering in this manner ensures the entire length of the retainer is properly seated in the channel.

Please follow this diagnostic or repair process thoroughly and complete each step. If the condition exhibited is resolved without completing every step, the remaining steps do not need to be performed.

