

Sunroof Seals

I have been asked where to buy sunroof seals for MK IV / SS saloons.

The short answer is , you can't. But with a bit of cunning we can make a perfectly good substitute
And this may also apply to Mk Vs.

The original seal was U shaped rubber. Inside it was under the headlining and it wrapped around and sat in the depression in the panel.

You will need a strip of 1/16" neoprene about 5" or 6" wide, a tube of Sikaflex [cold curing rubber / adhesive] and strip of flexible plastic about .040" thick by say 1/2" and of course the new headlining.. and a roll of kitchen cling wrap.

The paint on the sunroof should be good as the adhesion will only be as good as the ability of the paint to hang on.

Invert the sunroof on a blanket. Lay the rubber strip facing forward at the front edge of the inside of the panel, Then the headlining also facing forward, and finally the plastic strip just about 1/2 " back from the front edge. They can now all be stapled into the wood.. or tacked if you are feeling old fashioned.

The headlining can now be pulled back over the plastic strip [which is then hidden] and stapled / tacked to the frame.

The sunroof can now be put in the car.



Clingwrap, rubber and roof in place , ready to go

The rubber is to be retained by the Sikoflex and held until dry by the sunroof being closed.

The Clingwar is vital, as by placing it in the opening fit will stop the Sikoflex sealing your sunroof permanently closed. Use a few layers , just to be sure.

A moderate amount of Sikaflex can be placed as in the pic the rubber pulled up and backwards while a cohort closes the roof.



A nice neat bead of Sikoflex, It needs to come up to the back edge of the rubber when compressed



The roof closed with the excess rubber protruding

You can carefully trim the excess rubber off neatly, using a straight edge to get a professional look. Importantly you can now congratulate yourself, go and have a drink and DON'T touch it for a couple of days.

Then if you've used sufficient clingwrap, the roof will open, and importantly, seal when closed.

We've done a fair number this way, The first 27 years ago, and only removed for the pics when the car was repainted.



The excess rubber trimmed, the cling wrap still there. This is when non-intervention applies. Go away and let it cure for a couple of days

Sunroof seals for MK 7/8/9, of course are available as an extrusion from Worcester Classic Spares.