

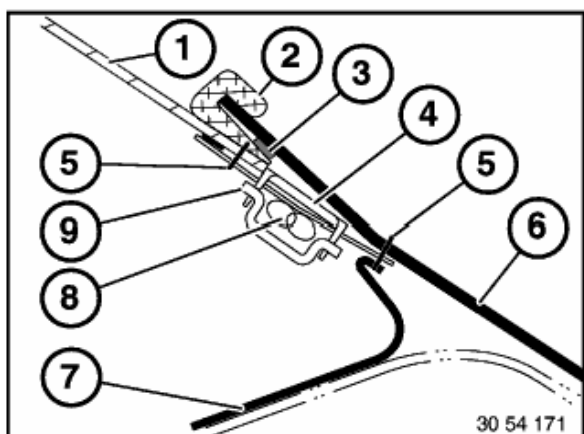
This Service Information bulletin supersedes S.I. 54 01 93 (3754) **dated March 1993**, which should be removed from your S.I. binder and discarded.

SUBJECT: Soft Top Material Pulls Away From Rear Window Trim

MODELS: E30 and E36 Convertibles

Situation: Convertible tops, both original equipment and replacement parts, with a zip-in rear window may have the top material pull out of the plastic channel of the rear window trim, especially at the fold points. Once the material has pulled away, the adhesive strip around the rear window loses its stickiness, and the material will not stay in place.

Tops and replacement rear windows made after 7/94 have a wider plastic channel (Item number 2 in illustration) that covers more of the top material, which prevents this problem.



- (1) Rear Window
- (2) Plastic Channel
- (3) Adhesive Strip
- (4) Locking Clip
- (5) Seam
- (6) Top Fabric
- (7) Cloth Mounting Strip
- (8) Zipper
- (9) Cover Plate

The material that the channel is made out of was also improved so that it is more flexible.

Correction: **In case of customer complaint**, an attempt to repair the window currently in the top should be made.

- Unlatch the top to release the tension on the top material.
- Carefully clean the inside of the top material and the adhesive strip in the area where the material is loose with mineral spirits, and allow to dry.
- Brush an even coat of convertible top adhesive (BMW part number 81 22 9 407 524 or 3M number 1357) inside the top material and on the adhesive strip. Allow the adhesive to dry for about 10 minutes, and then press the top material back in place, inserting the edge of the material into the plastic channel. Put pressure on the inside of the soft top and rub vigorously on the outside to set the adhesive.

If for some reason the above repair does not last, the rear window should be replaced.

Carefully clean off all old adhesive inside the top material before installing the new window.

Warranty Status:

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Car or Spare Parts Warranty as applicable.

Defect Code: 54 31 03 48 00

Labor Operation: 00 51 503 Re-gluing rear window

Labor Allowance: 3 FRU

Defect Code: 54 31 03 48 00

Labor Operation: 54 31 013 Replacing rear window

Labor Allowance: 10 FRU (E30)
11 FRU (E36)