

## How to fold your MGA top (without destroying the rear window)

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1) Start with undoing all the fasteners and unhooking the steel bar at the back, but leave the top frame in the upright position. Pull all the foldable frame bows together in one tight bundle, but while you are doing that, pull the fabric up and out from in between the frame bows so that the fabric doesn't get pinched in the mechanism. Then take the big loose fold of fabric and lay it down over the front of the frame.

(Picture #1) Note: The rear window is still hanging behind the frame.



1) The Drop-fold

2) The second move is to flip the tail, with the windows over the top, so that it also is in the front. This is where it comes in very handy that you installed those two top screws to hold the fabric to the rear bow.

(Picture #2)



(2 The Flip-fold)

3) The Third move is to fold the wings in with the two small rear windows. Be careful to make the fold inside of the line of the plastic window in the area of the fabric between the rear windows so that you are not folding the plastic window but keeping it as straight as possible. And while you're at it, if the fabric cuff at the side sticks out beyond the metal frame, just roll it in toward the centre of the car; like rolling up the cuff on a shirt sleeve.

(Picture #3)



(3 The Wing-fold)

4) The fourth move is to raise the window bag out of the way and fold the steel frame and drop the entire assembly in under the steel tonneau behind the seats. Push on the metal elbows at the sides to push it back as far as possible under the tonneau. It will then be sitting with the steel framework arched over the top of the spare tire and all of the fabric hanging down in front of the spare tire and with the plastic window mostly covered by other fabric.

(Picture #4) Note that the top frame does not go back here as far as it once did as the spare tire is usually a size larger than original, preventing full rearward motion of the top frame.



(4 The Drop-fold)

5) Fifth move is to drop the window bag down in front of the stowed rag top and put the side curtains in it. Put the side curtains upside down in the bag with the hook brackets pointing to the rear. Also angle the side curtains with the front end up and the back ends down a bit so the hook brackets extend back over the top of the other window. That way the hook brackets fit mostly back underneath the rear cockpit trim rail.

(Picture #5)



(5 The Bag-fold)

6) And I like to top it all off with my tonneau cover, partly to keep everything under there snug and covered, and partly to keep the tonneau cover handy for use on a moment's notice.

(Picture #6)



(6 The cover fold)

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