

## WHICH T-Top DO I HAVE on my 82-92 Camaro Firebird TA ??



## HELP ARTICLE ONLY

This question comes up frequently and is a bit hard to give a qualified quick answer to for many to get their head around so this may help ongoing.

1982 –92F bodies had TWO brands in used during the design lifespan. The "GM Fisher Body" factory fitted type was built in at assembly line - the "C&C" was dealer aftermarket installed version. Here are some differences to help ID yours a bit better then by chance.





Above: the GM top. NOTE there is no front and rear molding on the opening like what is on the C&C version. Below RHS: GM's top has a center support which sometimes rusts out but can be replaced easily.





GM Tops ALSO importantly - 1982-83 may have HOOK type of latch & 82-92 went over to one of two types of PINS. This shown is the smaller pin type which is the most common. In 1989 GM also used a plastic in place of glass on the one-year release T-top version to help reduce weight, then went back to glass.

C & C Type: Stands for "Cars & Concepts". Fitted all the same in 82-92 series. Good top, easily distinguished by the molding going across the car front and rear... and the inside thin lever handle. The top was installed by jacking up the center and cutting the roof pattern out, riveting in a "H FRAME (image RHS bottom). The C&C has a logo in the glass at the rear OUTER side of each top (as shown center below). the original seal on a C&C has multiple lines on it - although they may be worn down.

Here are more C&C images.









## SEALS and PARTS:

The GM Top by far has the best commercial supply of resto parts for them. Not everything new. But importantly the main seals are made by a couple of companies (one better then another) & headliners are purpose molded too.

**Below:** as very quick way to tell if its GM or C&C - the latch handle, this is the rounded GM type, the C&C type is the 2<sup>nd</sup> image down.



The C&C. Not so much. Once in 90's we could get new C&C Seal sets left over from the C&C company, but they have gone. So, its improvisation time. Tops are available used as are side triangulated handle covers etc. Headliners: you use a coupe headliner and cut out the shape, as they did in the aftermarket install.

Providing you can obtain good used parts if needed & if leaking build up the seals - you will seldom have an issue.

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Above the Tracking latch cover is triangulated on the C&C version but rounded on the GM type.

