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MGA Side Curtain Set (AKH 511-2) Fitting Instructions

MGA Side curtains have been carefully designed and tested to ensure accurate fit and years of trouble-free reliability.

In designing these curtains we realised that all types of factory original side curtains incorporated no provision for trimming of seals or adjustable fixing brackets. After careful study, we also chose to follow these same design considerations as adjustable fixing brackets inherently weaken the assembly and should not be necessary if other elements in this area are fitted correctly.

Wide, trimmable weather stripping has distinct drawbacks and is only marginally helpful when used with poor fitting tops. All correctly fitted original tops do fit precisely with these side curtains.

The lower rubber trim strip must be trimmed to fit your car. This is important as the front edge will foul the door jamb. (Refer to the drawing below and carefully mark the strip in pencil prior to cutting with sharp scissors). The intent is for the trim strip to nearly touch the painted surface of the door but not be trimmed so far as to expose the upholstered door top rail when viewed from outside. The front edge that rests over the rear of the front wings should be trimmed very short so that it does not rub on the paint. In some cases it may be necessary to file the aluminium strip that this seal attaches to.

These side curtains are jig manufactured to ensure absolute consistency in spacing of fixing brackets etc. Most fit problems can be traced to incorrect location of the triangular side curtain fixing brackets or rear side curtain sockets. The windscreen can also be adjusted slightly by loosening the fixing screws and repositioning.

The fixing brackets are die stamped to provide the correct inward lean against the windscreen and top on an original car. Any further adjustment, if needed, should be made with the brackets removed and in conjunction with a bench vice. Do not attempt to bend the brackets with the side curtains installed as damage to the door or aluminium frame will occur. These side curtain frames are protected with a clear anodised finish. Use only non-abrasive cleaners and wax. Autoglym Rubber Dressing or Tyre Dressing is an effective rubber protectant which should be used often for best results.

