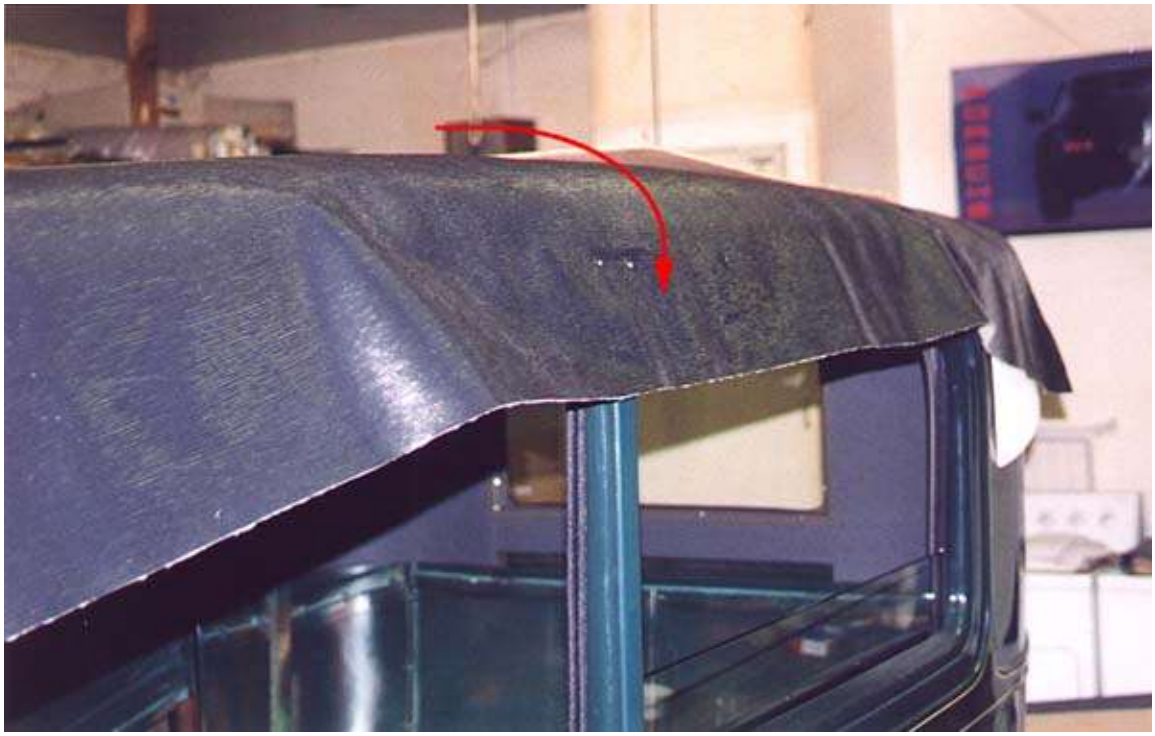
The next step is to work outward towards a front corner. Pull in the direction of the red arrow. Nearly all stretching is done lengthwise slightly diagonal outward from center. As you add tacks outward from center, pull as snug as possible without loosening the tension at the previously placed tacks. Experiment with pulling the cover and you will see what I mean. Stop 4-6" short of the corner. Repeat the process at the rear stopping short of the roof opening or body seam. Now repeat the process on the other side of the roof cover, front and back.

Keep in mind that with pin tacking you can always make corrections by easily removing tacks with diagonal cutters and re-tacking. Also keep in mind that if you pull the covering too tight and want to release it some, there may be some tack holes that won't be hidden.



With the front and rear 90% done, pull each side snug without distorting the grain direction and pin tack each side near center with a couple tacks on each side. It should be nice and smooth across the center.

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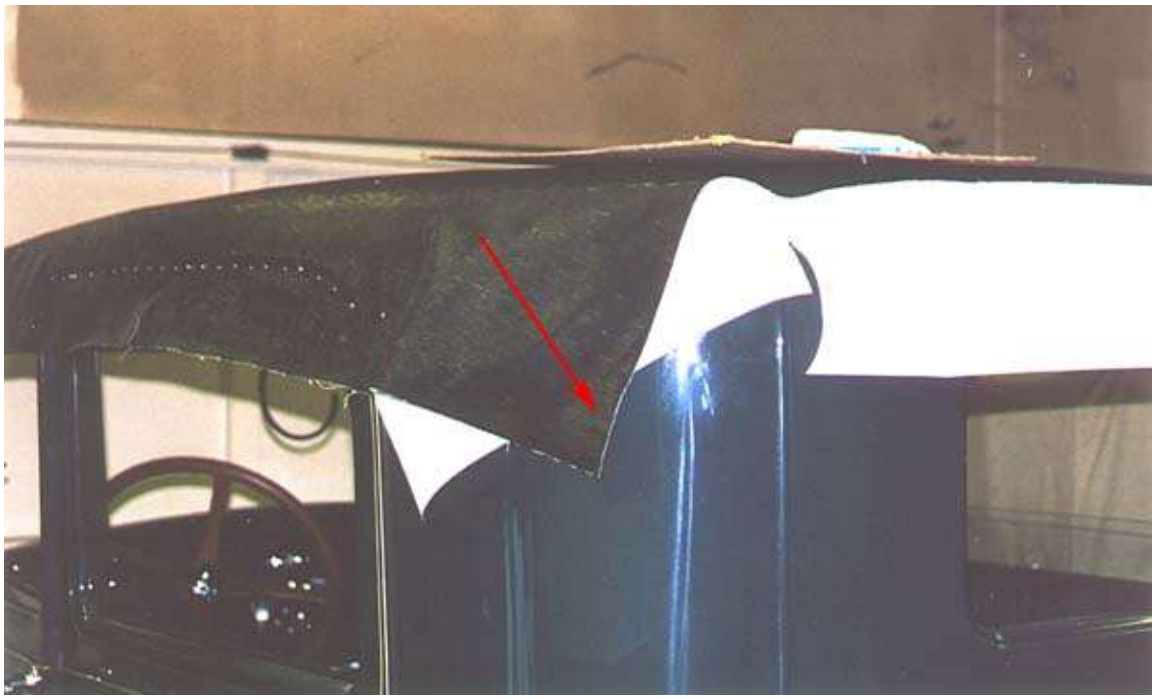
Again, stretch lengthwise and slightly diagonally outward towards the rear until the area to be tacked lays smooth and tack a small segment at a time.

Stretch and tack some more!.



For the rear corner, stretch again as shown and work down from the top with tacks.

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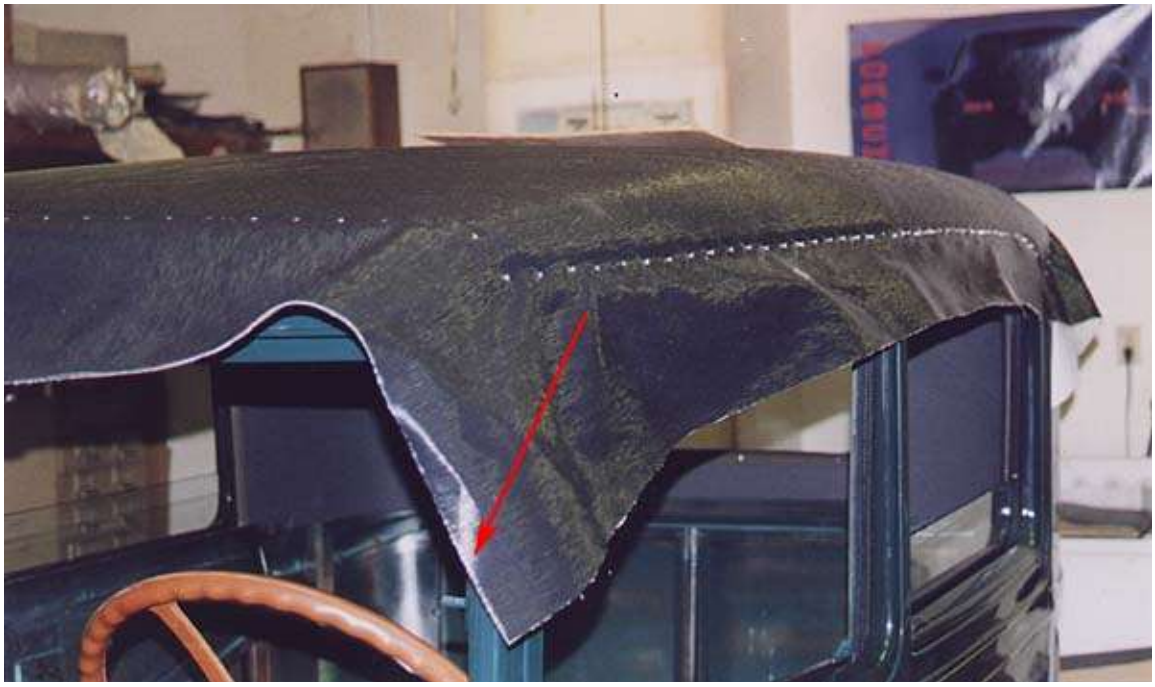
This view shows the rear corner near completion.

More tacking as we move forward from center along the side. Again we are stretching lengthwise and slightly diagonally outward to smooth the cover as we tack.



The side tacking has finally reached the front. The front corner has also been completed at this stage. The opposite side must be completed in the same manner.

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With the roof cover pin tacked all around, the tacks can now be "set" or driven home. Finally trimming of the excess topping can begin. Trim close to the tacks but carefully following the line. The goal is to be sure the raw cut edge will be covered by the moulding or hidem, which ever is used.

If a moulding will be used across the front leave the cover long as shown. If hidem is to be used then trim the front just like the sides and rear.

This view shows the bases of the two piece mouldings carefully positioned and nailed in place. This is the stage where the front excess material is trimmed with the two piece moulding. With the fold down aluminum front moulding the material is trimmed after installation. In both cases the excess is trimmed with a fresh razor blade or sharp razor knife as close as possible.

The rear corner is completed except for the moulding caps.

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The original mouldings were typically beat up over the years. They required more than a bit of straightening as well as a few hours of "pick and filing" to bring them back to near original condition.

Not too much different on the other side!

Another view of the roof. Lingering in the background is Larry Ryder who was responsible for the beautiful restoration. To the right of Larry is the proud owner Kathy McDonald. Kathy is the second owner after purchasing the car from her grandfather years ago to use as transportation through college.

A Tudor sedan just isn't complete until the visor is mounted!

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