

Removing the doors

1. Front doors

- a. Before you start, make sure you know where you are going to place the doors and ensure you have something on the ground to protect the painted steel
 - i. HARDTOP DROP sells manufactured hinge brackets that can be fastened to your garage wall and will make storage much easier without damaging your doors.
- b. Opening the windows will make it easier but it not mandatory
- c. Here are two bolts per door, each on the underside of the hinge that must be removed, you will require a T50 Torx bit to remove these
- d. Be careful you do not strip these bolts, always remember to clean them and check to ensure the threads are clear of debris before trying to screw back in after removal
- e. Once the bolts are removed open the door and locate the strap which prevents the door from swinging open (nylon strap below bottom hinge) and the wiring connector
- f. WARNING, before proceeding find a way to ensure that the wind does not grab the door and swing it open when removing the straps as it will damage your vehicle, this can be done by a friend holding the door or simply you keep one hand on the door at all times
- g. Follow the wiring from the door to up and underneath the dash where it connects to the vehicle, you will see a red tab on the front of the connector
- h. With your finger slide that red tab out (not fully, it will just go to the side), there should be a small flat spot on the tab that will make this easier, that tab should be moving farther away from the connector
- i. Once the tab is set to the side, locate the small flat spot on the bottom center of the connector, press this in with your thumb and pull down to remove
- j. Next, remove the nylon safety strap by sliding it upwards and over the hook it rests on
- k. Now the door will be fully free so be careful the wind doesn't grab it and swing it open
- l. If you have never taken the doors off before the first time the hinges can be stiff and it will be difficult to remove the door so with your hands on either side of the door get your knee underneath the bottom of the door and use it as leverage to left the door off its hinges
- m. This process may require some force, but be careful not to use too much so that one removed it moves up to high or hits the side of the vehicle etc.
- n. Carry the door directly to where you plan to store it and lower it onto the ground softly
- o. I recommend using a lubricant on both the vehicle and door hinges immediately to prevent any corrosion and to allow for easier installation and future removal, I like to do this every time I take the doors off to ensure the life of the hinges (I recommend using Fluid Film which is a lubricant you can purchase at Canadian tire in an aerosol can for about \$8-12 CDN, I have found this to be safe on the paint and very affective – HARDTOP DROP will not take responsibility for any damages that may result from this product, this is just our opinion)

2. Rear doors

- a. The rear doors are removed the same way as the front, the only difference is that the strap and electrical connectors are hidden behind a plastic interior panel that is located on the pillar between the front and rear doors
- b. That panel can be popped off very easy with either your finger or a flat head screwdriver and can be placed back on after you disconnect both the strap and electrical connector