

### 3.6 Cleaning & Protecting Soft Tops (Mohair)



Mohair soft tops are inherently sensitive but this doesn't prevent chemical fallout raining down on them or birds from depositing their business – it just makes cleaning them a little more delicate. Dust collects in the weave and over time can start to weaken the fabric so it's important to ensure this is removed periodically. The easiest way to do this is with a vacuum cleaner but care should be taken with classic vehicles where the mohair is 'fluffier' – vacuuming may not be advisable as it may pull too strongly at the weave.

A protectant can take the form of a trigger spray, aerosol or a paint-on product. Spray on products are faster to use but there is the question of overspray particularly if you're applying it outside and it's a bit breezy! Paint-on products give you more control over application but take longer to apply.

**Equipment:**

- Cabriolet soft top cleaner in bottle with a trigger spray head
- Vacuum cleaner (optional)
- Soft bristle brush (2 if you're brushing the dust off rather than vacuuming)
- Hosepipe connected to running water
- Cabriolet fabric protectant

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**Method:**

- Step 1 – Remove dust build up either by vacuuming the roof or by using a soft bristled brush
- Step 2 – Dampen roof completely
- Step 3 – Apply product all over the roof
- Step 4 – Using a soft bristle brush work product into the fabric taking care to concentrate on any problem areas of staining or mildew
- Step 5 – Rinse thoroughly taking care to ensure that all remnants of suds are completely removed – staining can occur if this stage is not completed properly
- Step 6 – Allow to dry thoroughly (see section 3.2. Drying Your Cabriolet Soft Top)
- Step 7 – Apply the protectant as per the manufacturer's instructions and allow to cure