C4 Corvette Convertible Installing a Factory 89-96 Hardtop Option on a 87 Convertible By J. Kent Higgins 12-16-2011



Figure 1 - Internet picture of 86 Convertible to be replaced with my 87 Red Convertible with white top



Figure 2 – Stock 84 – 88 B-pillar bracket on my 87 convertible

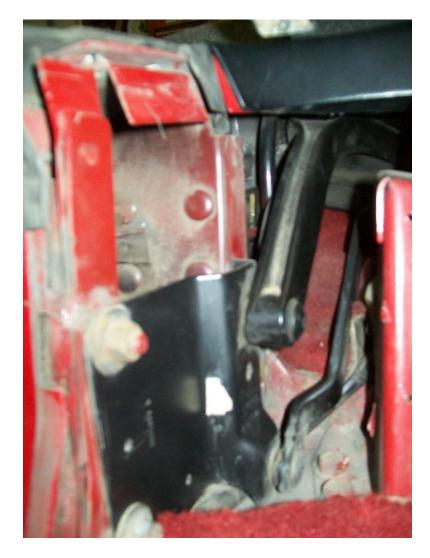


Figure 3 - Stock 84 – 88 B-pillar bracket on my 87 convertible



Figure 4 - Factory Hardtop bracket for attaching Hardtop to B pillar



Figure 5 - Backside of Factory Hardtop bracket for attaching Hardtop to B pillar



Figure 6 - Stock 84 – 88 B-pillar bracket on my 87 convertible does not allow for bolt-up of hardtop bracket



Figure 7 -Stock 84 – 88 B-pillar bracket on my 87 convertible does not allow for bolt-up of hardtop bracket

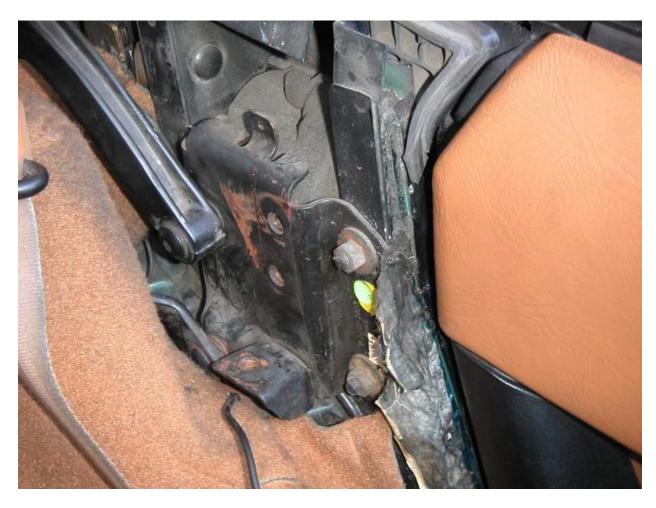


Figure 8 - Picture from Internet of 89-96 B Pillar bracket for attaching hardtop



Figure 9 - Swapped out 89-96 B Pillar bracket for attaching hardtop

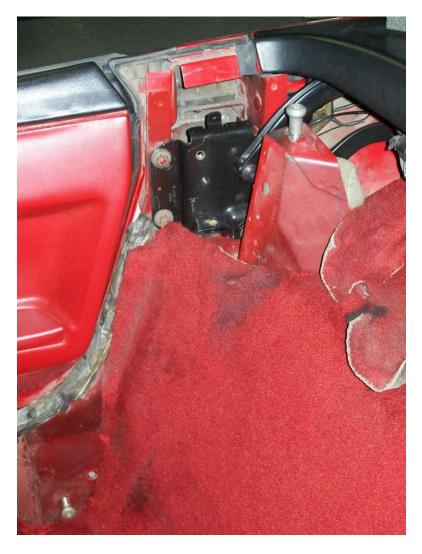


Figure 10 - Swapped out 89-96 B Pillar bracket for attaching hardtop

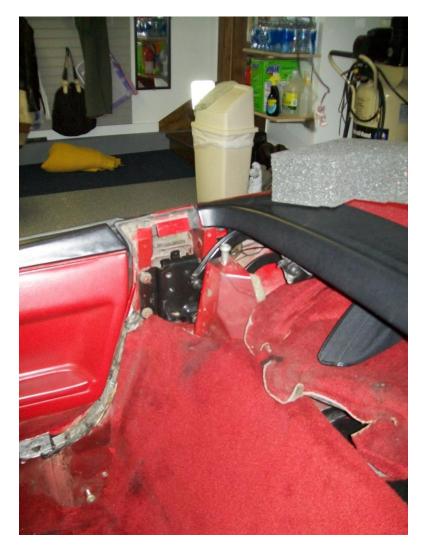


Figure 11 - Swapped out 89-96 B Pillar bracket for attaching hardtop

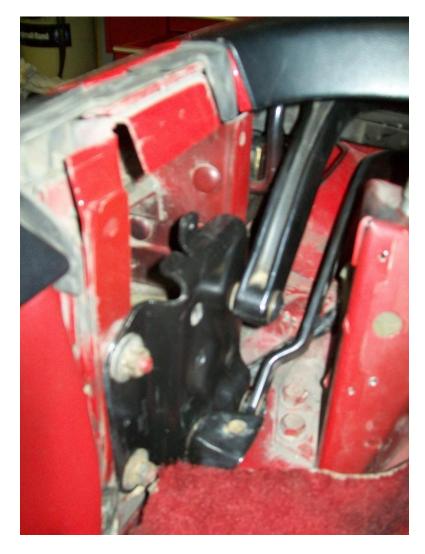


Figure 12 - Swapped out 89-96 B Pillar bracket for attaching hardtop

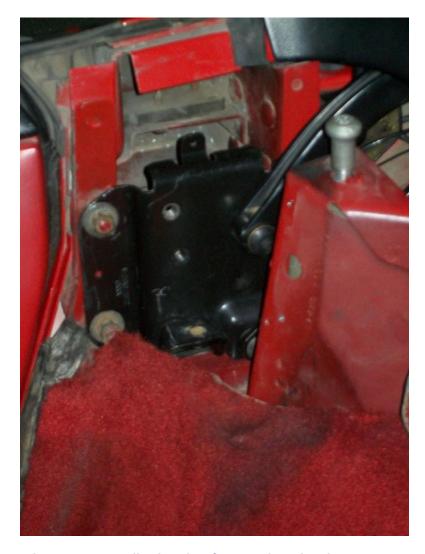


Figure 13 - Swapped out 89-96 B Pillar bracket for attaching hardtop



Figure 14 – Change out windshield header brackets for attaching hardtop. 89-96 bracket is attached and holding original 87 bracket for comparison.

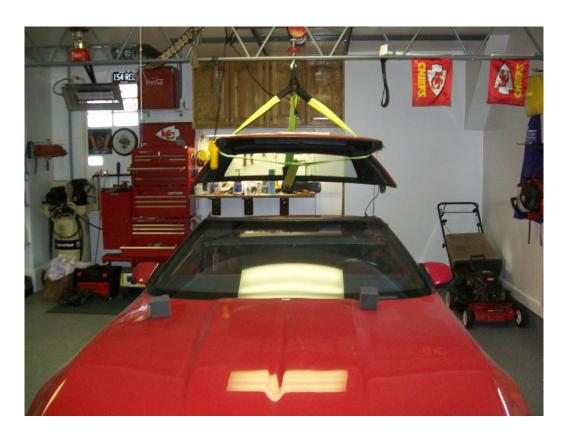


Figure 15 - Preparing to lower hardtop onto car



Figure 16 - Preparing to lower hardtop onto car



Figure 17 - Preparing to lower hardtop onto car



Figure 18 - Preparing to lower hardtop onto car



Figure 19 - Preparing to lower hardtop onto car

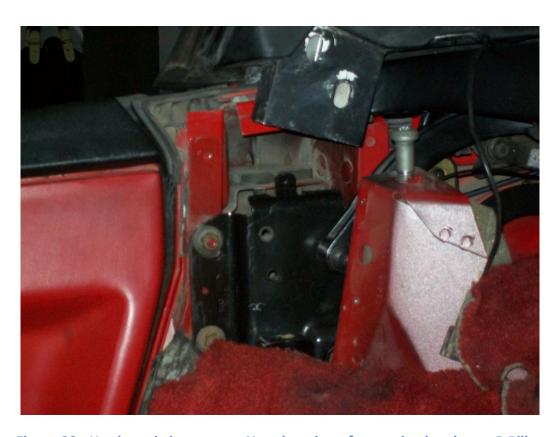


Figure 20 - Hardtop sitting on car. Note location of mounting bracket at B Pillar



Figure 21 - Hardtop sitting on car. Note location of mounting bracket at B Pillar

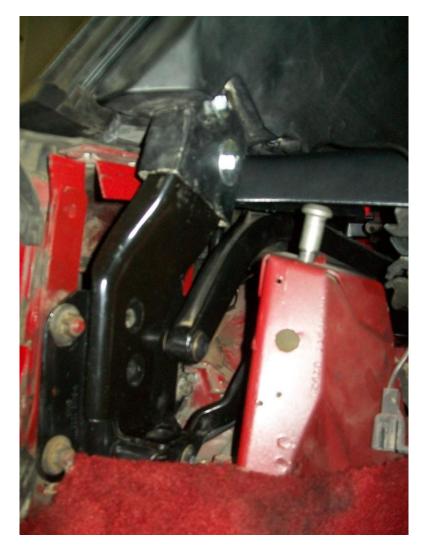


Figure 22 - Hardtop mounting bracket installed for connection to B Pillar pivot arm bracket



Figure 23 - Hardtop installed!



Figure 24 - Hardtop installed!



Figure 25 - Ready to roll with Factory Hardtop installed with all correct factory parts used to attach hardtop