

2002 Ford Mustang GT V8-4.6L SOHC VIN X

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CONVERTIBLE TOP BOOT - POOR FIT

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BODY - CONVERTIBLE TOP BOOT FIT

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2001-2002 MUSTANG

ISSUE

Some Mustang convertible vehicles may exhibit difficulty in securing the convertible top boot (cover), which may result in a poor fit. This may be caused by the snaps not holding the boot securely in place.

ACTION

Alternative fasteners will need to be installed on the boot and interior quarter trim panel. Refer to the following Service Procedure for details.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

To Service The Boot:

Order 2R3Z-76546A34-AA Convertible Top Boot

Fastener Kit to repair.

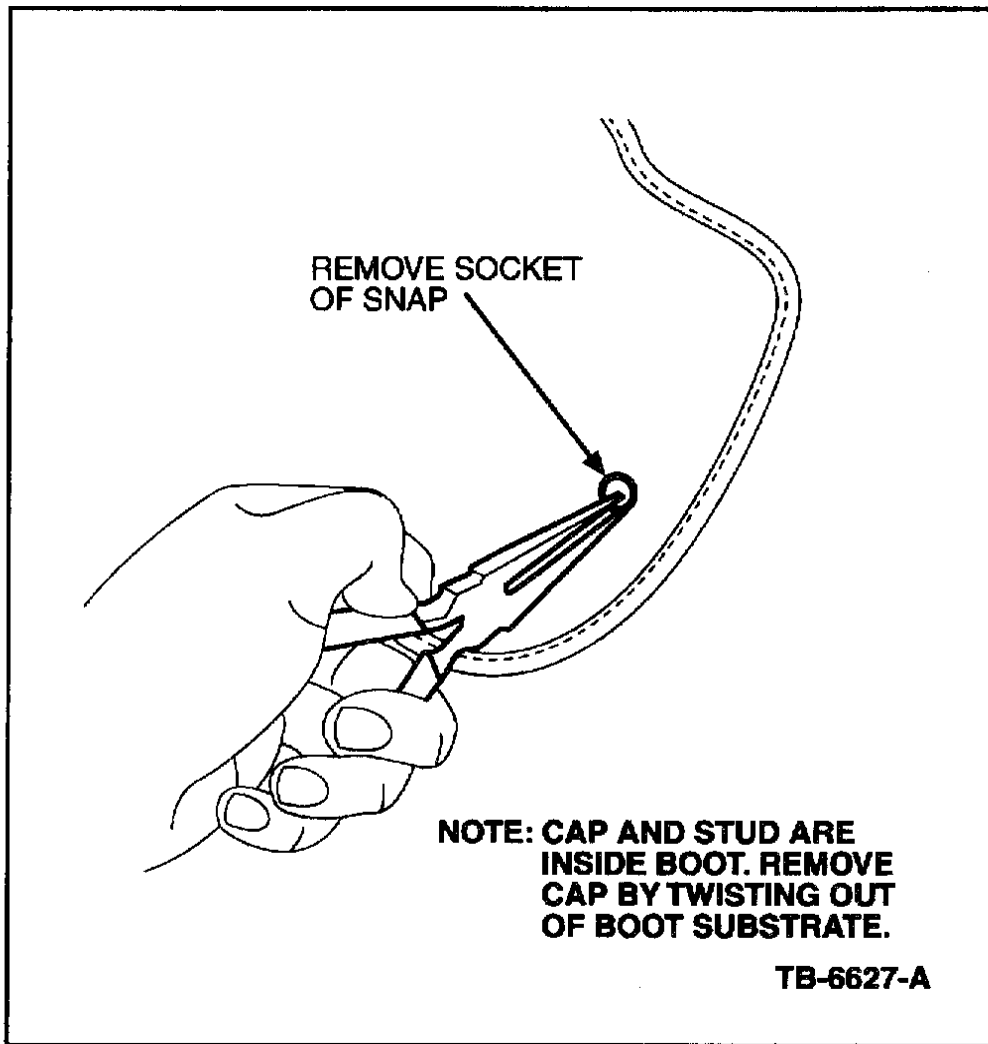


Figure 1

1. Using a pair of pliers, remove the socket of the snap, located on the convertible boot (Figure 1).
2. Remove the remaining portion of the snap, by grabbing the stud with the pliers and pulling it out of the substrate in a twisting motion.

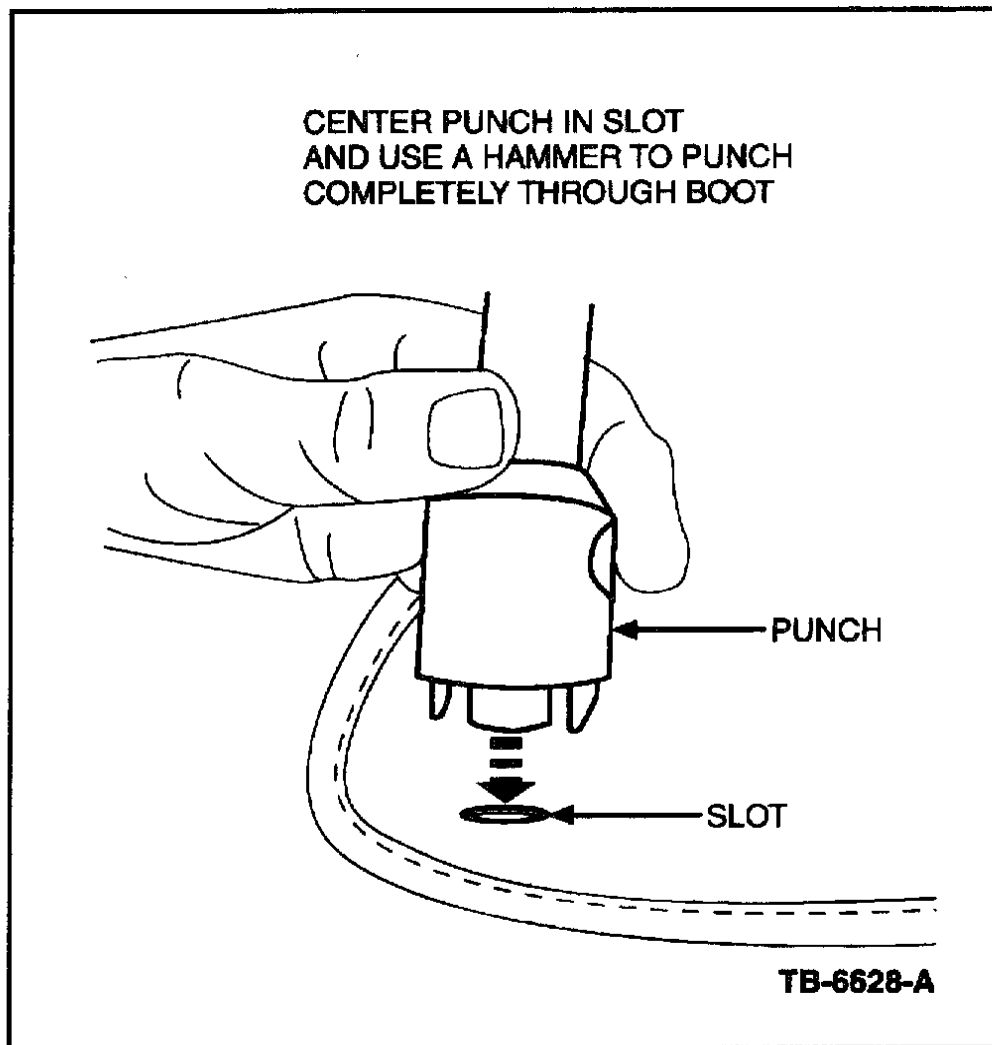


Figure 2

3. Locate the punch into the remaining slot (Figure 2) in the boot. Center the oval inside of the punch with the center of the slot. Lay the slot of the boot over a softer surface (ie. wood) and strike the punch with a hammer.
4. Verify that the punch has gone completely through the boot material.

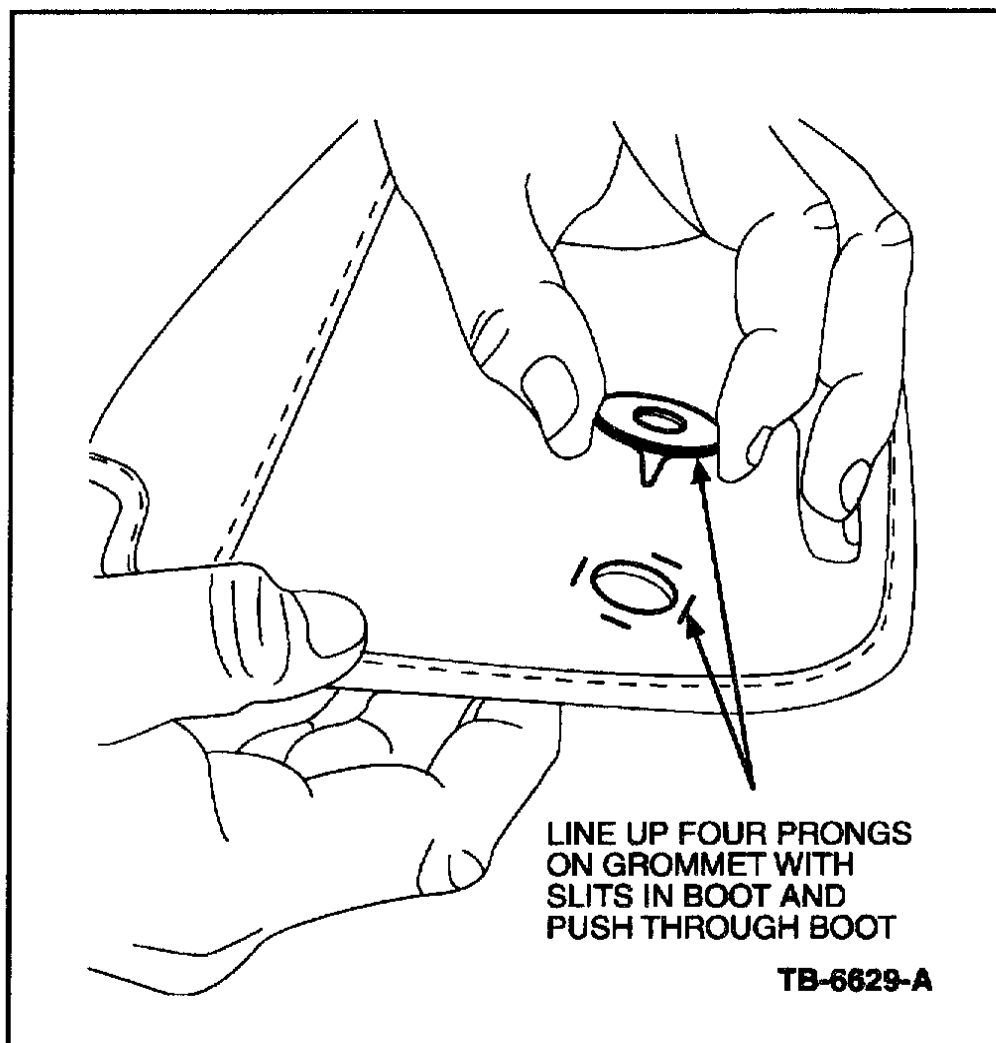


Figure 3

5. Line up the prongs on the grommet with the marks left by the punch teeth (Figure 3). Insert the grommet into the hole from the top side of the boot.
6. Verify that all four (4) prongs are protruding through the backside of the boot. Place the oval washer inside the prongs of the grommet.
7. Using your fingers or pliers, push the prongs of the grommet over the washer. Tap the washer with a hammer to fully seat the prongs.

NOTE

HITTING THE WASHER TOO HARD MAY DISTORT THE EYELET.

8. Repeat these steps for the other end of the boot.

To Service The 1/4 Trim:

1. Raise the convertible top to half mast.

CAUTION

THE CONVERTIBLE TOP LIFT CYLINDERS MAY LOWER DURING THE REPAIR.

2. On the interior trim, remove the snap's center screw and nut. Remove the snap from the trim panel.
3. Enlarge the hole in the trim panel using an 11/64" drill bit.
4. Insert the new 1/4 turn fastener into the panel (it may be necessary to screw it in).
5. Install the new washer and nut onto the stud from the underside of the panel. Tighten this nut to 4.1 +/- 0.7 N.m (36 +/- 6 Lb-in). While tightening, make sure that the fastener will line up with the boot grommet.
6. Repeat these steps for the other side of the vehicle.
7. Completely lower convertible top.
8. Install convertible boot per Owners Manual with the exception of the snap.
9. Place the grommet part of the boot over the New 1/4 trim fastener.
10. Turn the fastener to keep the boot in place.
11. Repeat these steps for the other side of the vehicle.
12. Verify that the new fasteners are holding the boot securely in place.
13. Remove the convertible top boot.
14. Close the convertible top.

PART NUMBER	PART NAME
2R3Z-76546A34-AA	Kit - Convertible Top Boot Fastener

Parts Block

OTHER APPLICABLE ARTICLES: NONE

WARRANTY STATUS: Eligible Under The Provisions Of Bumper To Bumper Warranty Coverage

OPERATION DESCRIPTION TIME 020908A Install Alternate Fasteners 0.7 Hr. On The Boot And interior Quarter Trim Panels DEALER CODING CONDITION BASIC PART NO. CODE 7654400 07

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