

# TOPSLIDER (Top Mount Slider) SUNROOF IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

There have been FEW brand choices of Topslider sunroof (RAIL MOUNTED), many of which DONMAR has original service parts for. Here's a brief history of Top Mount Sliders which may help you. (sizes reference nominal cutout):

## **SKYTRENDS (ASC Sunsprite)** 2 sizes, small and large

- Easily identified by the wide flexible molded urethane frame, glued to vehicle roof over riveted on tracks. Center handle does not latch, instead requiring 2 swivel "T" latches on each side. NO external deflector. The frame is often painted to match the vehicle. Mid '80's port program on Toyota Celica and zone pgm the Chevy Chevette. NO know parts source.

## **SKYLARK (DONMAR Skyroof® and Skyroof® II)** - 2 sizes, 15x30 and 18x33

Unitary frame design with rails welded to a standard pop-up type main frame. Tracks lined with flocked rubber window channel molding. Glass may be gray solar tinted, black dot matrix printed, or solar tint with a black or white stripe pattern printed on it. Glass should say SKYLARK or SKYROOF. All models had bronze tint acrylic wind deflector screwed to frame. Later models had optional slotted pass-thru end caps.

- **MK1** had a full rail across the front of the sunroof, and is drilled for mounting a notched deflector. 18x33 size was approx. 36" wide across the rails. End of the rail cut at a bevel and riveted to car roof. Covered by flat plastic cap. Rails had an angular appearance
- **MK2** had a rail across the front of the sunroof, and 2 small sections of rail welded the corners and drilled for mounting the deflector. 18x33 size was approx. 36" wide across the rails. End of the rail had plastic end cap inserted. End cap riveted to car roof.

## **CARVALETTE** 3 sizes, 15x30, 15x33 and 18x33.

unusual do-it-yourself frame kit required many rivets to mount to car roof

- Easily identified by stripe pattern printed in glass and a black deflector fitted with 2 adjustable louvers. Both ends of the side rails are fitted with plastic end caps. There was NO rail across the front section. The main seal is glued to the roof. Glass inserted into plastic glides which slid in track.

## **ARROWIN SOLARSLIDE** (a.k.a. Sunseeker, Autoroofs, API & Panarama) Sizes 15x30 and 17x32

Unitary frame design with rails welded to a standard pop-up type main frame. Tracks lined with flocked rubber window channel molding. Glass may be bronze solar tinted, or black dot matrix printed.

- **Level 1** - first generation Solarslides had a translucent BLUE wind deflector mounted to brass color metal tabs at front of side rails. Small C section tab at front center acted as stop for glass. Very boxy rail section.
- **Level 2** - same as level 1, but rail shape was smoothed to a quarter round shape.
- **ShortSlider** - built off level 2 design, with short rails and slotted rear end caps that allowed the glass to pass thru and cantilever over roof. Deflector changed to Bronze
- **Auto-Slide** - shortslider fitted with a twist knob handle for positive latching in multiple positions along the rails

## **CLAIRAUTO** by FARNIER et PENNIN

- **CLAIRAUTO** (original design) Easily identified by black plastic rails and integral deflector that looks like part of the frame. Only one size, 17x32. Bronze tinted glass. Manual version used a ratcheting latching system. Electric had motor mounted in pod inside aperture at rear of frame. Also labeled as Skylite.
- **CLAIRAUTO PLUS (Skyroof® SS)** same mechanism and size as original, but with short metal rails (textured black powdercoat finish). Rail section attached to back of glass.

## **BRITAX SUNLINER (Skyroof® III)** size 17x28

Unitary frame design with rails welded to a standard pop-up type main frame. Cable driven design. Bronze solar tinted glass encapsulated in metal frame. Boxy rail section had end caps on both ends for fixing to vehicle roof.

- **Manual** version had rotary crank handle mounted in headliner in front of aperture deflector was textured black plastic with flip to rear edge.
- **Electric** version had externally mounted motor under glossy black wind deflector

**TOYOTA PREVIA** - large OEM topslider over middle seats in 1991-98 minivan

**PUGEOT 205** - OEM topslider with pneumatic main seal. Long rail design. Not available in USA.

**AUSTRALIAN Topslider** - looks like Pugeot 205 and had a similar pneumatic main seal. Not available in USA.

