



TO: ALL TRIUMPH DEALERS - WESTERN ZONE

DEPT: SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: SOFT TOPS - ALL MODELS

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A number of soft tops are being received under warranty claim with the complaint of water leaking from the stitched edges. This takes the form of a stain working up the interior fabric, and is a term we refer to as "wicking".

The soft top manufacturers state that this is caused by washing the soft top with a detergent in the water which destroys a special process which the material undergoes in manufacture to prevent this occurring.

The TR-4A Owners Handbook specifically advises owners "not to use detergents, polish or fuel based cleaners as they may damage the fabric or affect the adhesive used in manufacture."

unfortunately, this has been omitted from the Spitfire and Convertible Handbooks, but future editions will be suitably amended.

In the meantime you are advised to bring this point to the notice of future owners when handing over soft top vehicles, and check that soap and water only is used for these specific vehicles.