

#19-49T or #55-54 Rear Deck Lid Spring Tool wit Bolt and nut.

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refer to Chevrolet Shop Manual on installation and removal of hinge and spring.

You can remove full hinge and install spring on a bench Or install on car. – Shop Manual Gives instruction on removal and installation.

>The Shop Manual details one method of using a vise and chain hoist to expand the spring

Or in a 2008 NCRS Restorer Article – the Jack Method pictured below was detailed.

Use which ever method you choose.

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To take out old springs: **Change only one spring at a time.**

Either remove entire hinge and work on bench (Refer to shop manual for full instructions)

or- if working on the car -

1. Put the soft top up.
2. With lid closed, install tool on spring leaving 2 loops above and 2 loops below tool.
3. Open lid to stretch spring and remove spring top fist, bottom last. If bottom is difficult to remove, take out bottom hinge bolt (or remove complete hinge)
4. When you have removed the spring or you have enough clearance, install the bolt through tool and fasten nut.

Installing new spring:

– follow directions in shop manual (vise/ hoist method) or use the method as described in the NCRS Article. :

Using a floor jack with fixed top plate. (not removable top plate !)

Jack up the jack slowly to stretch the spring, just enough to slip in the tool. -as shown in photo.

Insert tool with 2 loops above and 2 loops below tool. BE VERY CAREFUL SPRING IS NOW UNDER TENSION. Insert bolt and nut through tool inside spring. You will need to remove the bolt before installing in car.

To install in car –

- remove bolt from center of tool- (you will not be able to remove once spring is installed in hinge.

1. open deck lid and insert spring, bottom first
2. install TOP of spring.
3. Close lid slowly to release spring tool.

Repeat on other side.



floor jack must have **FIXED TOP PLATE (NOT REMOVABLE)**

