

WINDSHIELD INSTALLATION

According to the local glass shop when they first saw us coming with a Healey windshield, "Oh no, these are known breakers, here sign this waiver." So we now are doing our own installations and here are the tips based on what we've learned (the hard way).

1. Remove the windshield post along with the windshield frame when fitting new glass. Make sure you keep track of how the frame was shimmed.
2. Check and make sure your frame is nice and straight. Even slight deformity will cause the glass to break. This is particularly true if the frame has been rechromed.
3. New frame brackets and screw sets are available if you need them.
4. When fitting the glass, do not over tighten the frame. It is better to allow the glass to "float" in the frame than to put stress on it.
5. When installing the new windshield to body gasket, be sure the track is smooth. The screws can be a real problem and very irritating when you are stuck half way through the job. Liberal use of dish detergent and another pair of hands will be very helpful. Have one person feed the gasket into the track while the other one pull it through. Do not use brute force as you'll weaken the gasket and it will crack shortly. Trim carefully or you'll be back on the phone ordering another one.