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How to remove the sleeping compartment from a Mazda Bongo.

Small rips in the netting or canvas can be repaired with 'tenacious tape', 'spinnaker tape' or tent seam sealer. Repair patches and good 'how to' instructions can be found on the mcnett website:
<http://www.mcnett.com/gearaid/blog/tent-hole-repairs>

The sleeping compartment can be removed to undertake larger repairs.

Tools required for removal of roof tent: Phillips screwdrivers P3 for upper screws, P2 for lower screws. You may need a drill, 3/8 ratchet, a right-angled screwdriver, araldite glue or pop rivets. If screws are difficult to access, try using a ratchet or a right-angled screwdriver. Damaged screws can be either glued into place with araldite, or replaced with pop rivets. Removal time: 2 hours or less. Recommended: Don't lose the screws. Two or more people to assist with final removal of roof tent.



1. Raise the roof 3/4 way up.
The fabric is attached to a metal frame.
The bottom of the frame is fixed to the vehicle body with black plastic screws. These may also be glued in.
2. Working from back to front, unscrew the bottom screws.



3. The top of the frame is attached to the hard roof by metal screws. They are tight.
Working from back to front, unscrew them.



The fabric is slotted into metal runners which make up the top and bottom of the framework.



4. Pull the fabric left & right in the direction of the arrows, to slide the fabric out of the frame. This can be tight, silicone lubricant may help with removal.

5. There are two springs at the rear of the compartment, attached top and bottom, from the hard roof to fabric straps. Unclip the springs from the fabric straps, leaving the springs dangling from the roof.



6. The metal framework with fabric will now drop down from the hard top and is ready to remove. It's not heavy but it's difficult to keep steady. To avoid damage, get help to lift it.

7. The bottom frame is pop riveted at the corners. You may need to drill rivets out and replace when reassembled. Once removed from the frame, the fabric is a manageable, lightweight piece and can be machined or hand sewn for repairs to the netting, vinyl and zips.

8. To replace the roof compartment, reverse the above procedure. If the screws will no longer grip, they can be secured in place with 'Araldite' or similar glue. Any removed pop rivets will need to be replaced.