



M-13 Tonneau Cover *By Bob V.*

MIDGET Motors OFFERED FEW ACCESSORIES. Maybe too few. Stowing the M3 top is difficult. Keeping it stowed while traveling with a trailer is precarious. Keeping it from rattling—just about hopeless. Many of us have addressed such problems with a tonneau cover.

KMW friend Gert Gehlhaar has an excellent upholstery man; Joe Belluz. I took my King Midget to Joe and told him what I wanted. He asked a few questions and kept the car for a week or two. The results far exceeded expectations and the price was reasonable.

I wanted the bottom “boxed” to match the top, color coordinated with my upholstery and trimmed with white beading. You can see the result above and right. The rest I left to Joe.

He used twist fasteners on the front, mounted to the top of the pan, making it easy to open the storage bin for a jacket, cap and your copy of *Shop Notes*. Don't leave home without it and your tool kit!

To fasten the back, Joe put Velcro strips between the hinges, allowing it to be snubbed tight and neat.

Gert had a couple of these built and they came out as good as mine. I asked Joe about making them available to the Club, but he said he needs to custom fit each one. That's understandable. You might take this article to your upholstery shop and see what they can work out.

If I were making another, I'd have Joe use those slick twist fasteners to replace the snaps Midget Motors used. □

