

# Softtop Creaser Repair



In order to avoid expensive repairs or an exchange of the softtop it is advisable to check the so called creasers on both sides of the softtop on a regular basis. These creasers prevent the softtop fabric from getting jammed when opening the softtop and bring it into the proper position.

Due to the fact that inferior material was used on the ferrule clamps during the production years 2000 and 2001 the ferrule clamps often tore. Over the course of the production of the Z8 new and improved ferrule clamps were introduced.

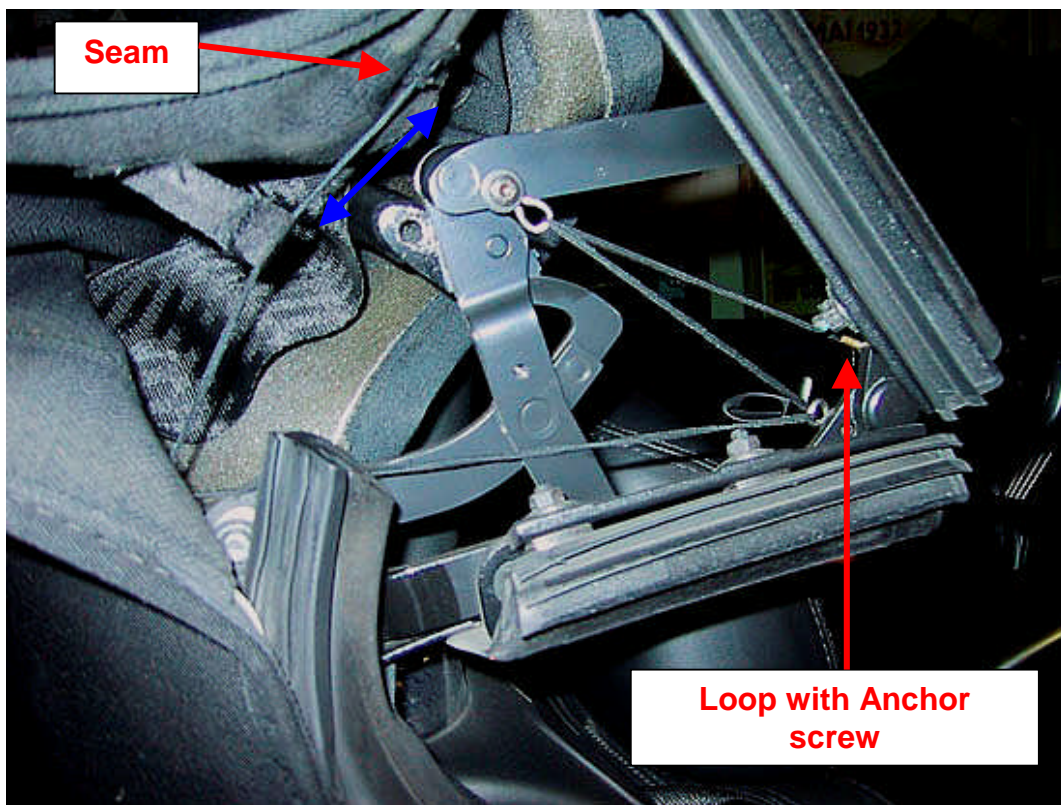
**BMW Spare Part-Nr.: 54 34 7 072 808**

**Price in Europe (04/2006) EUR 46.18 incl. sales tax.**

One repair kit contains all the necessary parts for both sides of the softtop. The string is marked to indicate where the ferrule clamp has to be attached.



**Picture shows the creaser in an intact state (driver side)**



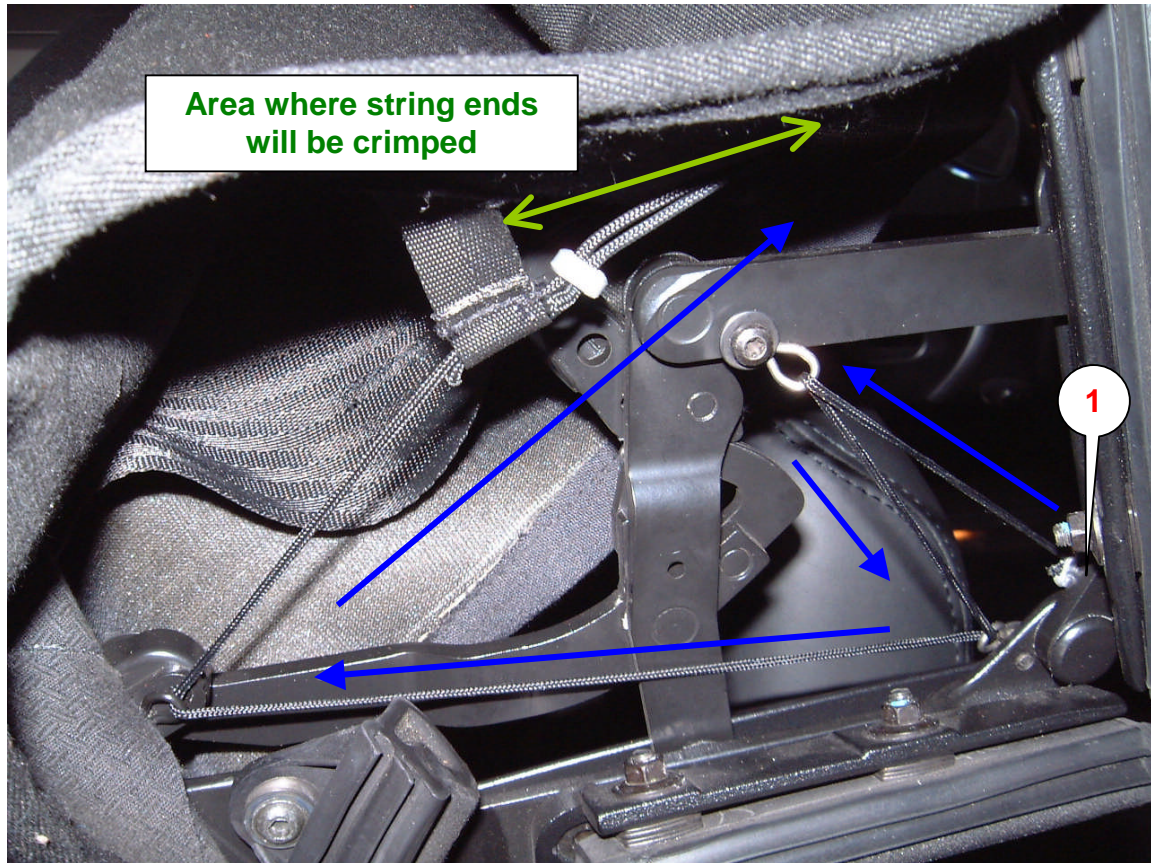
During repair the front part of the softtop should be in a vertical position in order to provide the correct tension (not too tight) to the creaser. This position of the softtop changes automatically, it keeps falling backwards and constantly needs to be manually readjusted. The creasers maximum tension is reached when the front part of the softtop is in a vertical position.

The front part of the creaser (the actual string) is sewn onto the softtop fabric during the vehicle assembly at the plant (see picture). Please be aware that the new ferrule clamp needs to be placed between the sewn on string of the creaser and the loop of the already existing flap of the softtop fabric, **on the mark at the end of the string (area marked green)**, because the entire

creaser moves within the various eyes of the softtop mechanism when opening and closing the top.

You could try and leave as much as possible of the old string that is sewn onto the fabric attached, in order to re-use it at a later date when the creaser needs to be replaced again. This will enable you to repeat the procedure without having to re-attach the string end.

### Diagram of creaser repair (passenger side)



### Creaser repair instructions (text was taken from the BMW repair instructions)

1. remove the screw (1) from the inside and also remove the remaining torn string
2. this is where you should attach the loop of the new creaser with the new screw and new anchor nut
3. thread the new string through the eyes and the loop (from the inside to the outside)
4. thread the new and the old creaser string through the ferrule clamp and crimp both ends together (use smooth pliers, area marked green)
5. shorten each end of the remaining string and briefly burn each end to seal it.

