

38 Commander Hard Top Removal

Where are the cabin roof fixing bolts on a 38ft Commander
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Hi, I am totally new to ChrisCraft and in the last month purchased a 38ft Express for a re-power project. I want to take the helm cabin roof off (the fly came off for transportation), I have found the aft set of bolts but where are the bolts above the front windows? Thanks

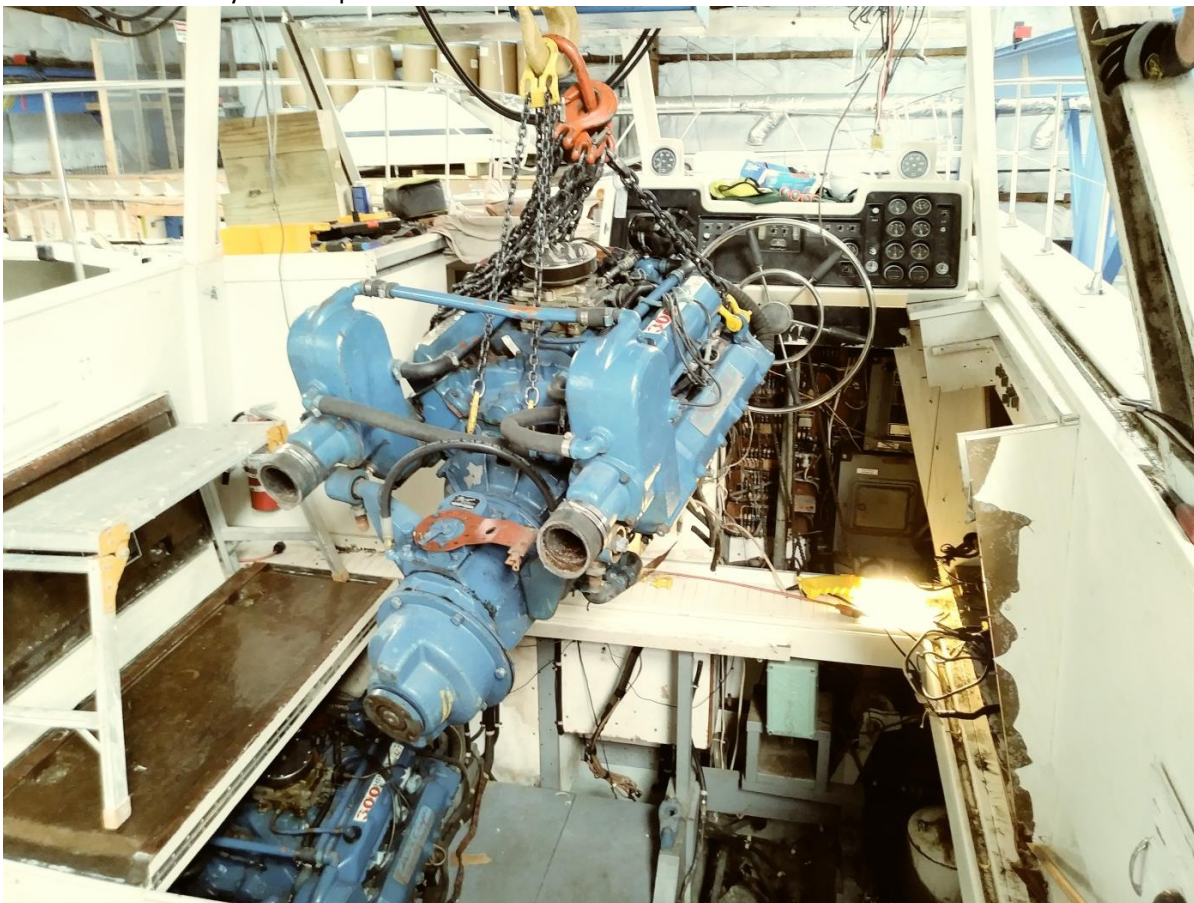
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The key to removing the roof is the removal of the front opening windows. In my case I removed the glass then removed the opening frame and hinge. These boats were built to last, 47 years after construction and it is still all held together. The removal of the window hinge requires the use of a 90 degree bend Philips screw driver, and the careful use of a wide blade chisel between the hinge extrusion and the window frame, applying the chisel in the joint not visible when the window is closed. Once the hinge is out a series of screws are exposed which fasten the outer window frame to a wooden board molded into the roof assembly. The side windows were removed and the runners, the front runner hides a bracket connecting the window frame to the roof, the screws need to be undone. After undoing the obvious bolts that connect the rear supports a chisel is required to separate the adhesive / resin joint and a small battery operated skill saw to cut through a series of screws that are not otherwise accessible. Roof lifted off from the side by forklift truck.





Here is immediately after separation



Here is engine lifted