**Opening top (automatic mode)****Press top button!**

- | | |
|----|----------------------------------|
| 1 | top closed |
| 2 | lower roll bar and side windows |
| 3 | unlock cloth holding brace |
| 4 | push up cloth holding brace |
| 5 | unlock top compartment cover |
| 6 | open top compartment cover |
| 7 | unlock top |
| 8 | open top |
| 9 | close top compartment cover |
| 10 | lock top compartment cover |
| 11 | put up roll bar and side windows |

Closing top (automatic mode)**Actuate top button!**

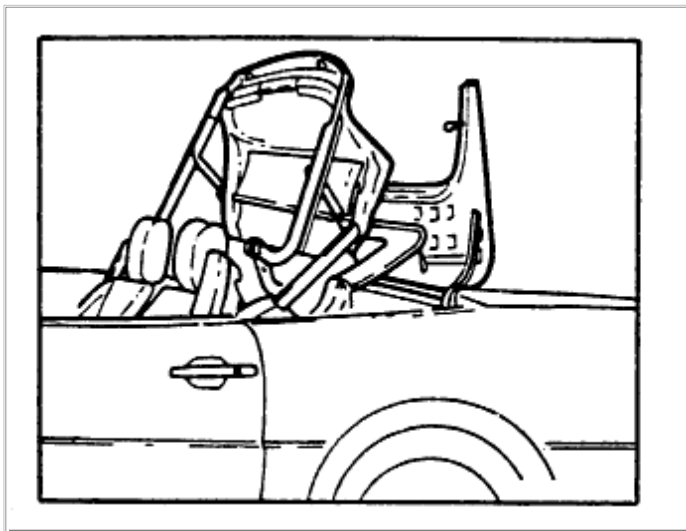
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|----|----------------------------------|
| 12 | top open |
| 13 | lower roll bar and side windows |
| 14 | unlock top compartment cover |
| 15 | open top compartment cover |
| 16 | close top |
| 17 | lock top |
| 18 | close top compartment cover |
| 19 | lock top compartment cover |
| 20 | pull down cloth holding brace |
| 21 | lock cloth holding brace |
| 22 | put up roll bar and side windows |

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Roadster top, coupe roof

Roadster top

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The standard equipment for model 129 includes a hydraulically actuated roadster top and a coupe roof. The switch for opening and closing the top is located on the center console. The top can be opened within approx. **30 seconds** and stored in the top compartment by pressing the switch toward the rear and holding in this position or removed from the top compartment and closed by pressing the switch toward the front and holding in this position (when closing it may be necessary to "help" slightly by manually guiding the front top [frame](#) into the initial catch on the front top locks). For this purpose roll down side windows and put down [roll bar](#) and return to initial position afterward. The top moves only as long as the switch is actuated. The motion can be interrupted at any desired point and then continued or reversed. During an interruption the top is locked hydraulically so that it cannot fall down. The lock is released when the ignition is switched off and the top can be moved freely. Five opening/closing operations are possible immediately one after another. More than five operations are not possible due to the thermic load on the pump and solenoid valves. Monitoring is accomplished by counting the switch-on time for the pump and solenoid valves.

Prerequisites for actuating top

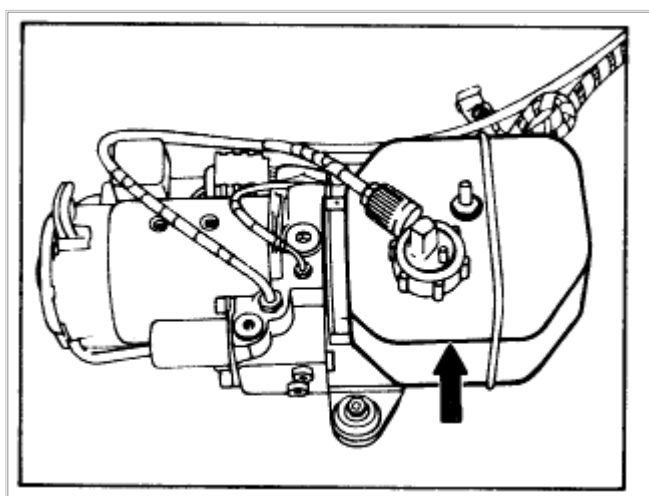
- ignition switched on
- vehicle standing still
- battery voltage > **10 V**
- [roll bar](#) control unit must release top actuation
- no malfunctions prohibiting top actuation stored in malfunction memory
- limit switch signals from control unit recognized as logical
- the maximum operating time must not be exceeded
- removal of the coupe roof is possible only when the time after switching on the ignition is < **10 seconds**

NOTE: Do not touch top linkage, upper part of windshield or top compartment

while top is being locked or unlocked (Injury hazard).

When the top is completely opened or closed or when the coupe roof is attached and locked it is possible to lock the catches -even while driving- in order to lock the front catches at the windshield [frame](#) when the mechanical safety catches have opened without interrupting the trip. The indicator light in the top switch flashes when the vehicle is being driven and the catches are not properly locked. In addition an acoustic warning signal sounds. If the vehicle is moved during actuation the top motion is stopped, simultaneously the acoustic warning signal sounds and the indicator light in the top switch flashes.

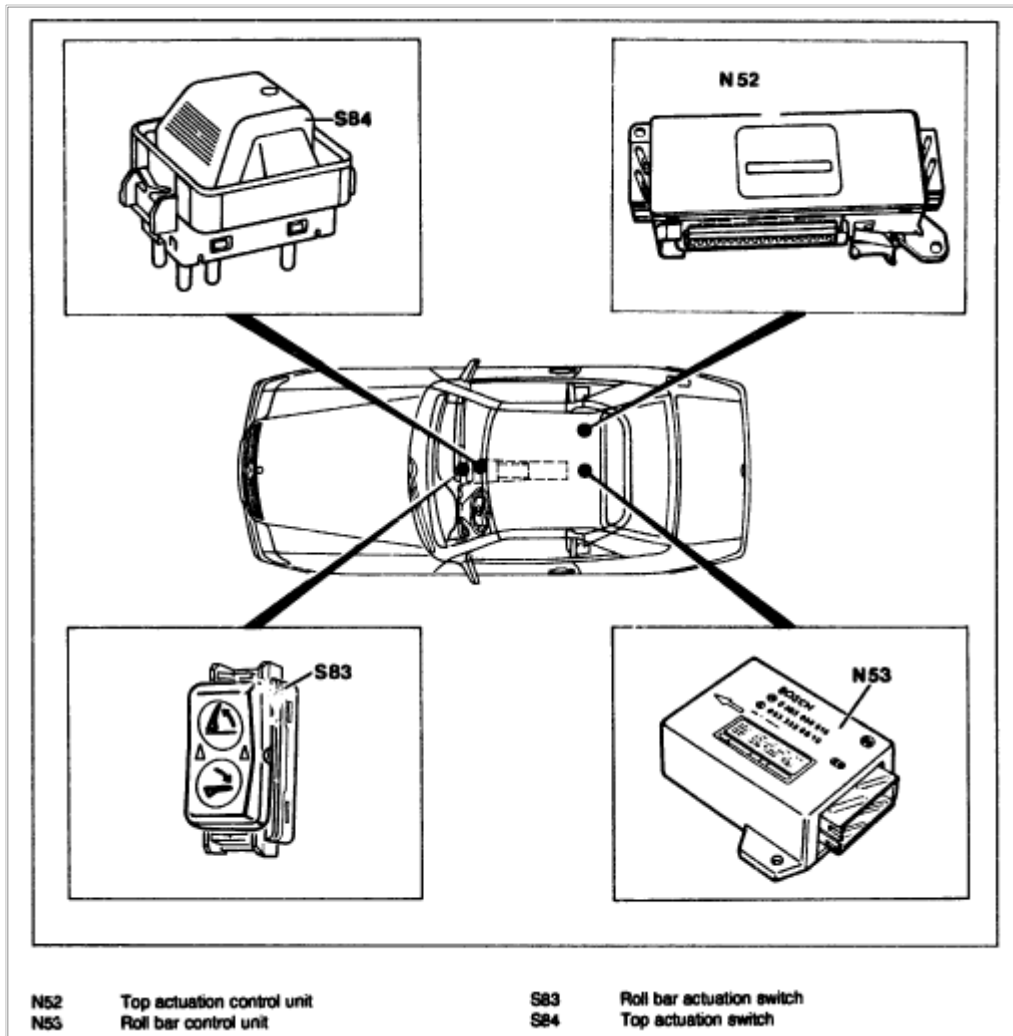
Coupe roof

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The coupe roof has two catches at the front and two catches at the rear as well as two fastening points in the center area. The roof can be locked electrohydraulically in the same manner as the roadster top using the same switch on the center console.

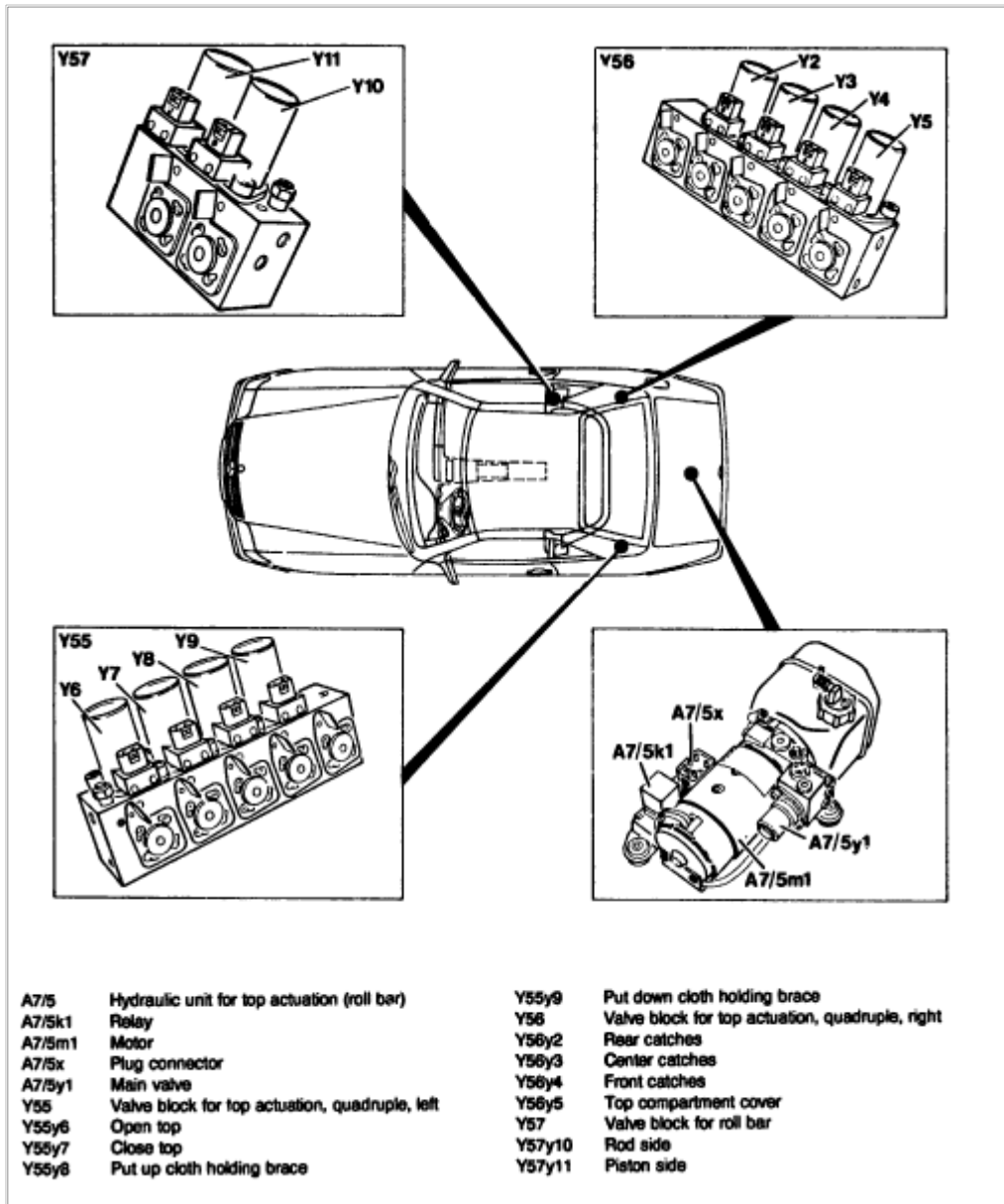
The entire electrohydraulic system consists of fifteen hydraulic cylinders, eleven solenoid valves, five distribution and connection pieces and 45 lines. In the off state the hydraulic system is not under pressure and all latches are locked mechanically. A total of 17 limit switches signal the present position of the top to the control unit in order to assure that the opening and closing operations are completed properly.

Location of electric components



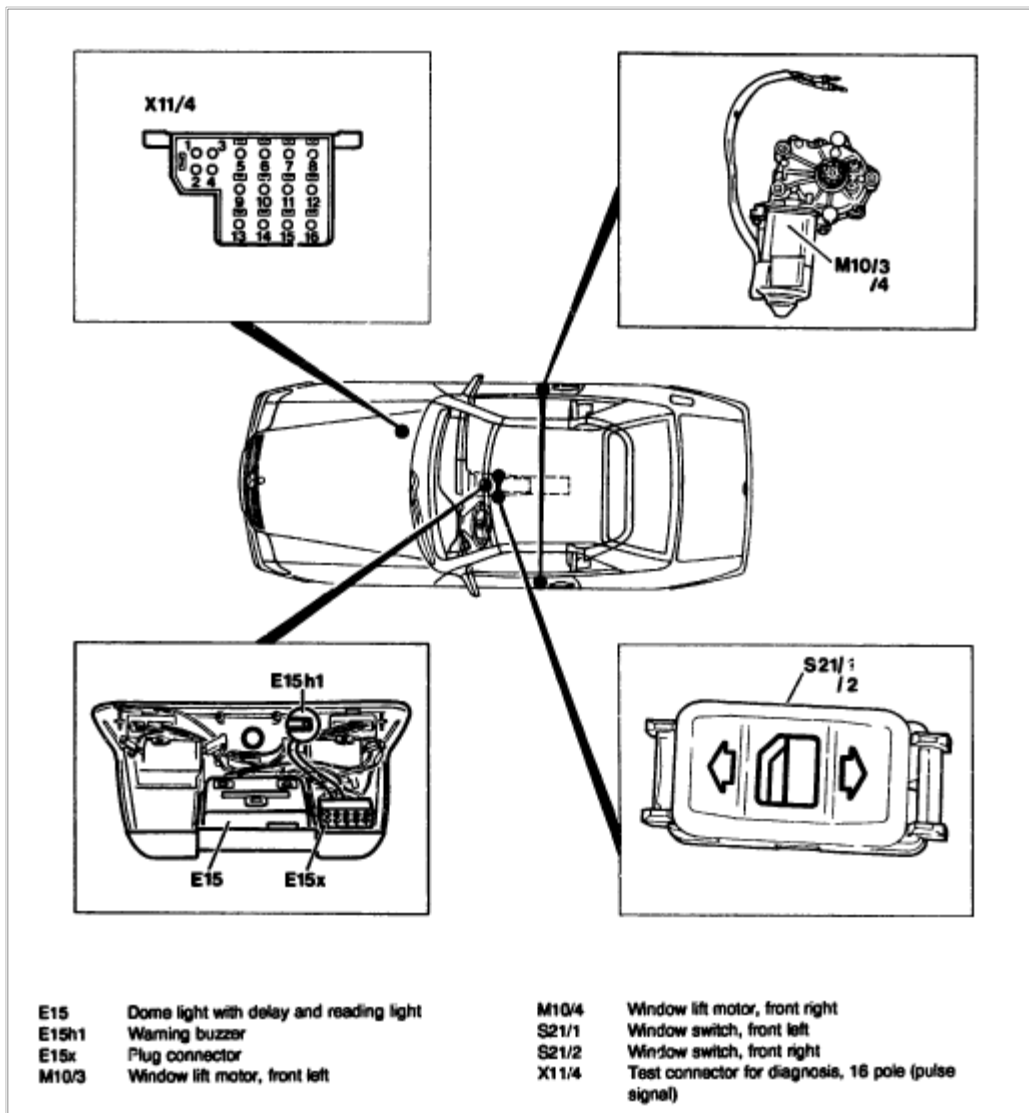
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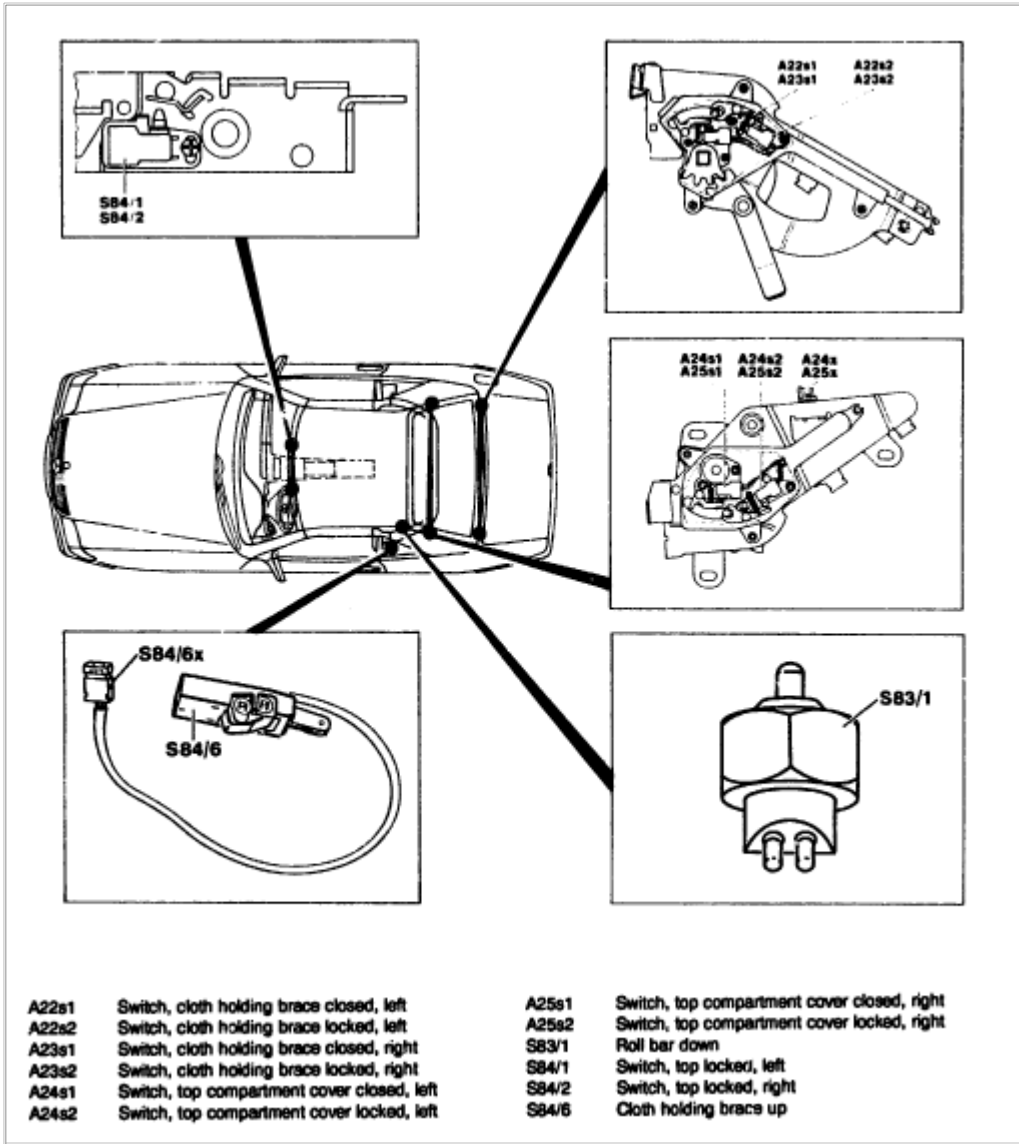
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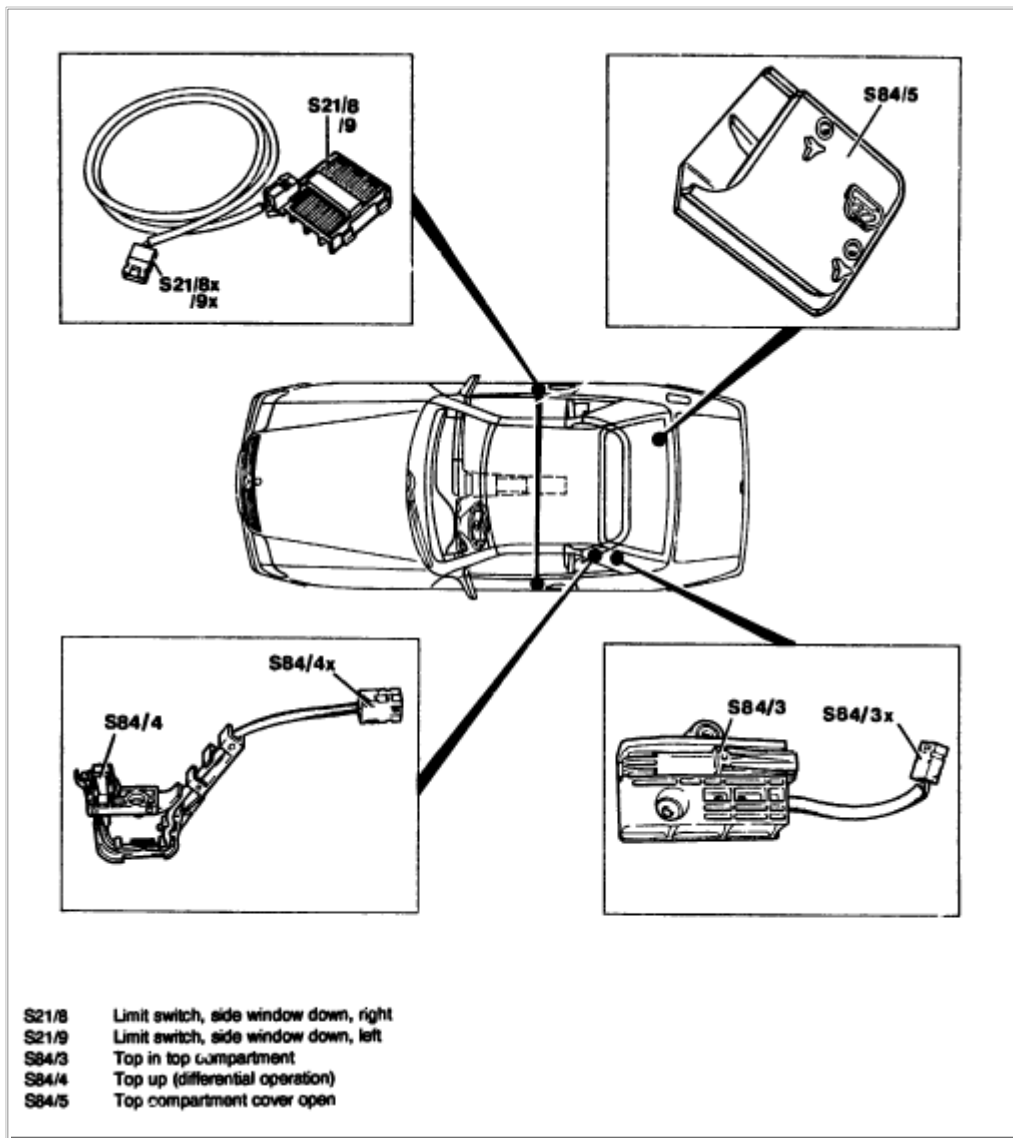
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Location of limit switches



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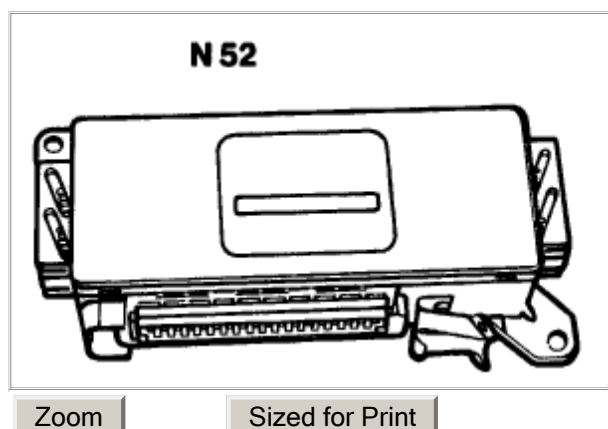
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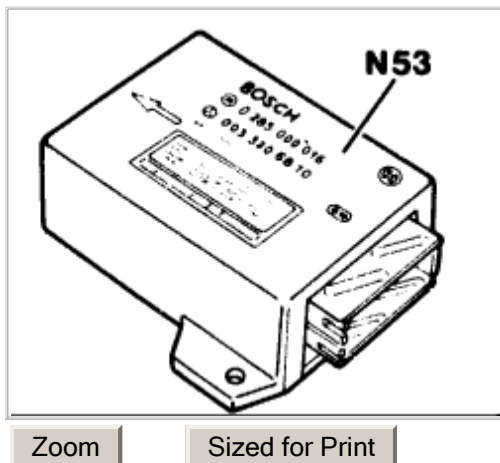
A Control unit for top actuation (N52)



The top control unit located under the right side of the baggage shelf or right occasional seat controls the following functions:

- Opening and closing the top (including lowering side windows and [roll bar](#)) after actuation of the top switch
- Locking and unlocking the coupe roof after actuating the top switch. Automatic switchover to coupe roof/top operation after attaching or removing the coupe roof
- Monitoring of safety-relevant information (speedometer function, speed signals, [roll bar](#) control unit, function of operating switches, locked state for top locks)
- Convenience operation (moving up/down) for [roll bar](#) after actuating roll bar switch.
- Lowering/raising side windows after actuating window lift switch
- Momentary contact function for automatically lowering the side windows after corresponding actuation of window lift switch
- Convenience closing of side windows via lock on driver's door
- Convenience operation for side windows (operation with door open, in spite of ignition being switched off).
- Diagnostic system with pulse display for malfunction recognition.

B Control unit for [roll bar](#) (N53)



The [roll bar](#) control unit located below the baggage shelf (center), is responsible for "crash actuation"; the top control unit for "convenience actuation" of the roll bar. Both control units are connected with one another via 2 lines. The following information is transferred to the top control unit

- Roll bar control unit okay
- [Roll bar](#) control unit defective
- Acceleration (of vehicle) greater than **0.4 g**
- Crash actuation

C Limit switches directly related to top

The total opening/closing function for the top consists of 3 subfunctions:

- Open top (deposit in top compartment) or close top (move toward windshield [frame](#))
- Open/close cloth holding brace
- Open/close top compartment cover

Each of these subfunctions have 3 positions signalled by limit switches:

- "Open", i.e. completely opened
- "Closed", i.e. locking pins inserted into locks. The locking operation can start.
- "Locked", i.e. the associated lock is locked mechanically.

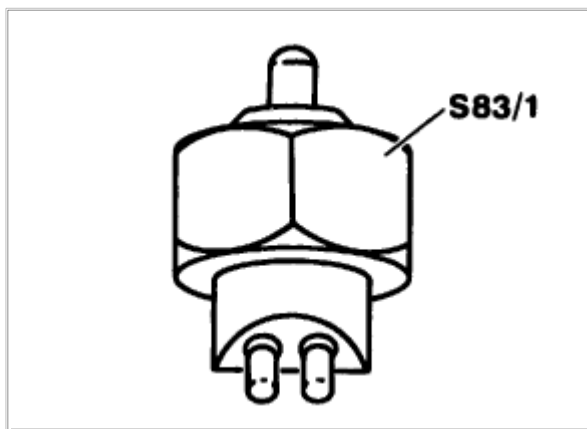
The following limit switches are required for these subfunctions:

- Cloth holding brace open/closed/locked
- Top compartment cover open/closed/locked
- Top open/locked

A limit switch for "top closed" is not required because the front locks are designed differently than the center and rear locks.

The "top up" limit switch is a special feature. After reaching this limit switch the hydraulic cylinders for the top drive are switched over to differential operation (e.g. pressure in cylinder is reduced by approx. 50 %) during the operation "close top".

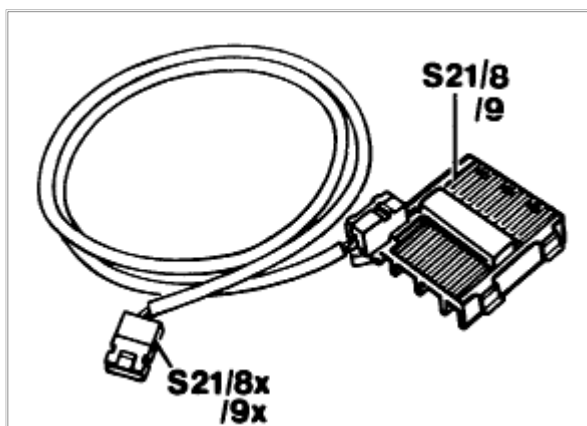
D Limit switch, [roll bar](#) down (S83/1)

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This limit switch indicates when the [roll bar](#) is completely down and is required for:

- Top operation blocked because top would collide with [roll bar](#) when up
- when [roll bar](#) sensor is defective. Warning light in roll bar switch flashes as long as limit switch is switched on.
- After crash actuation a special program is activated in the top control unit. This special function is cancelled when the limit switch has switched (again).

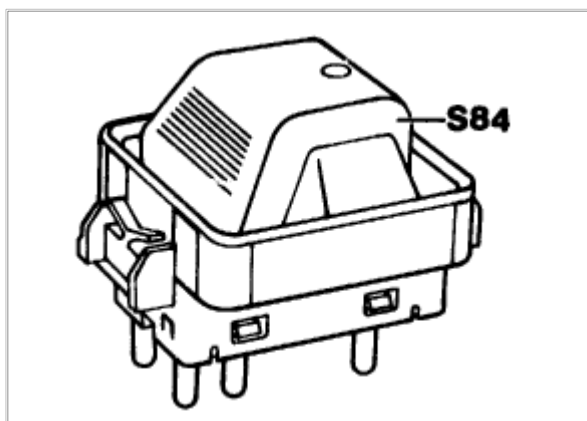
E Limit switches, side windows down (S21/8, S21/9)

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These limit switches indicate when the side windows are all the way down and are required for:

- Top operation blocked, because top would collide with side windows when up
- Momentary contact function for stopping function

F Top actuation switch (S84)



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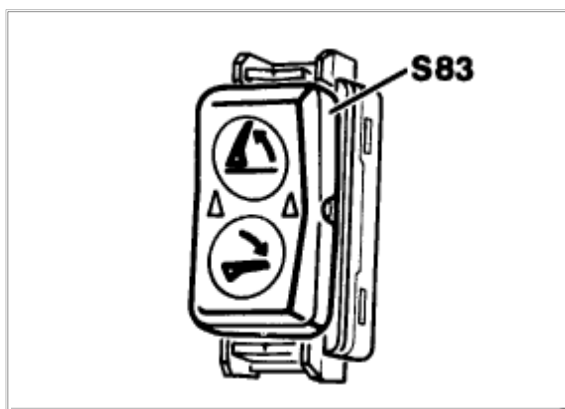
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The top actuation switch represents a small top. Pushing the switch toward the front means: close top or lock coupe roof

Pushing switch toward rear means: open top or remove coupe roof.

A function control light in the top actuation switch illuminates as soon as the top is actuated and extinguishes only when all of the locks are locked properly.

G [Roll bar](#) actuation switch (S83)



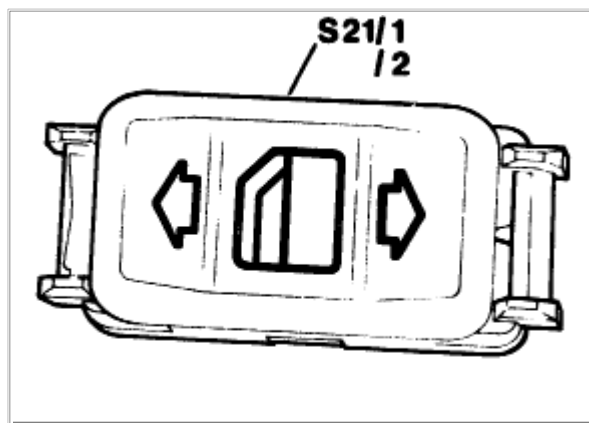
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The [roll bar](#) can be moved up and down with the roll bar actuation switch. After crash

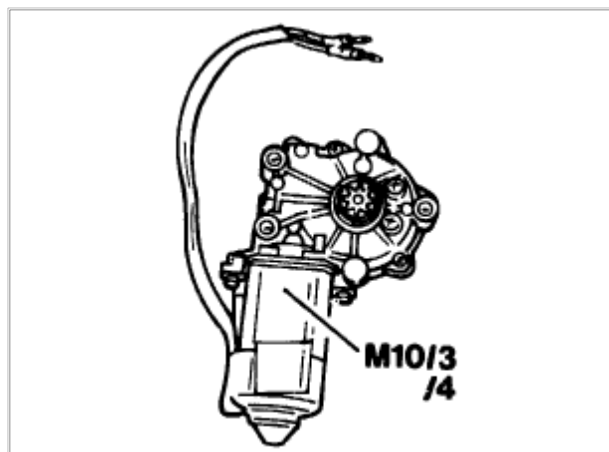
actuation the roll bar can be moved down with the control switch. To do this the control switch must first be pressed in the direction "up" (approx. **6 - 10 s**), until a soft click is heard. Then the roll bar can be moved down by actuating the switch.

H Window lift switches (S21/1, S21/2)

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The window lift switches have 2 different functions: rolling the side window up and down as previously. Completely lowering the side windows by overpressing the switch while lowering.

J Window lift motors (M10/3, M10/4)

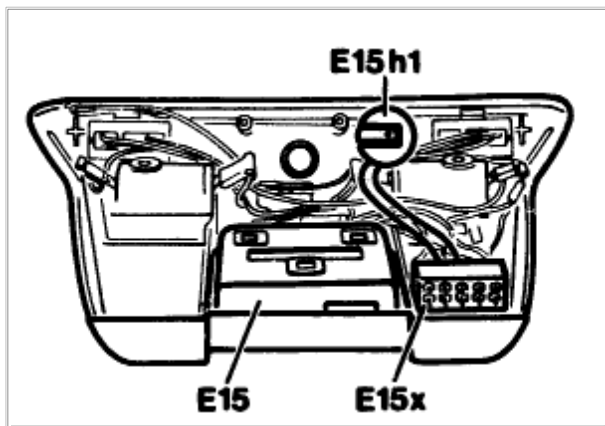
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The window lift motors are controlled via the top control unit.

K Speed signals

The top control unit requires input signals to establish whether the vehicle is standing still. For safety reasons 2 speed signals are input: electric speedometer, wheel speed sensor front left.

L Acoustic warning (E15h1)



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A high frequency gong sounds when the vehicle is driven without the top/coupe roof being locked properly. This gong is located in the dome light.

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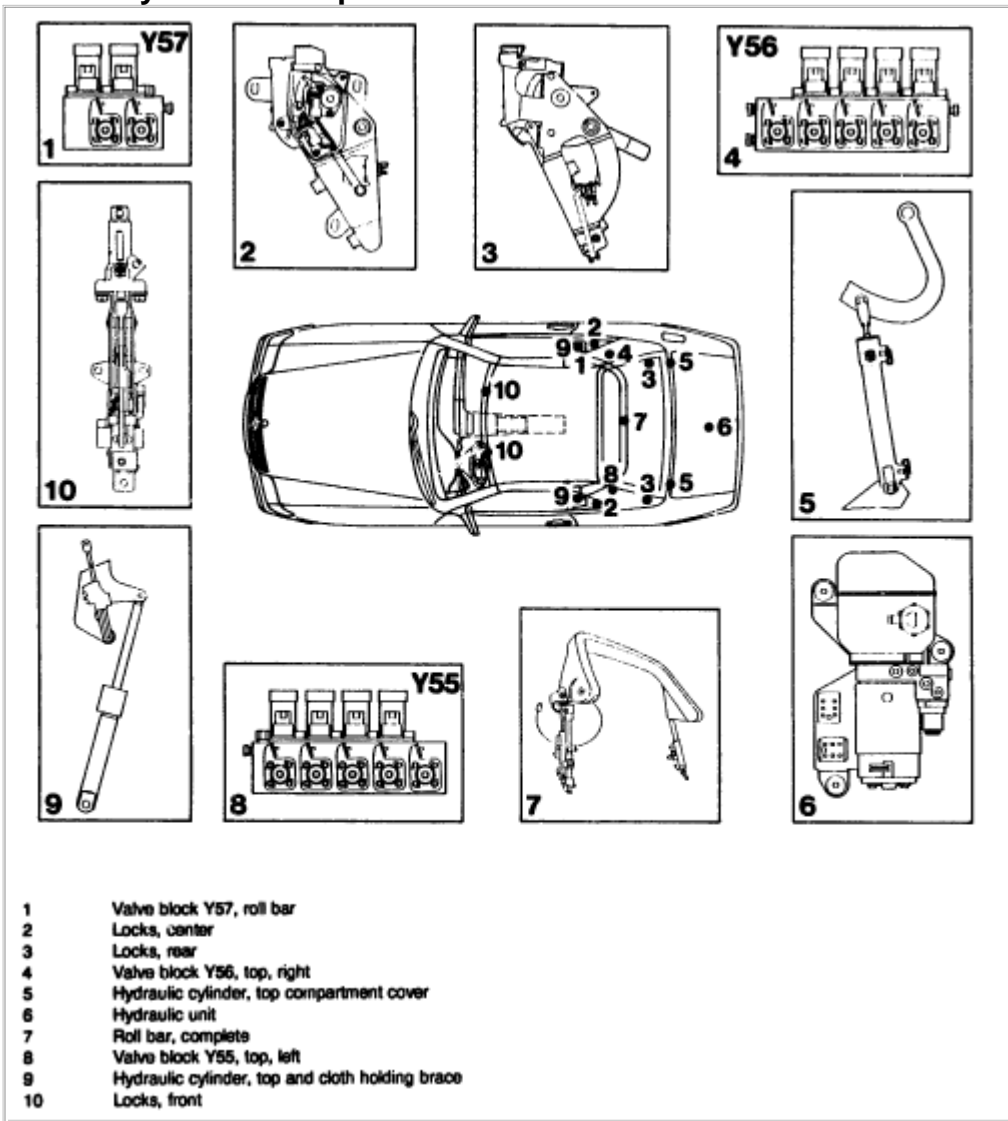
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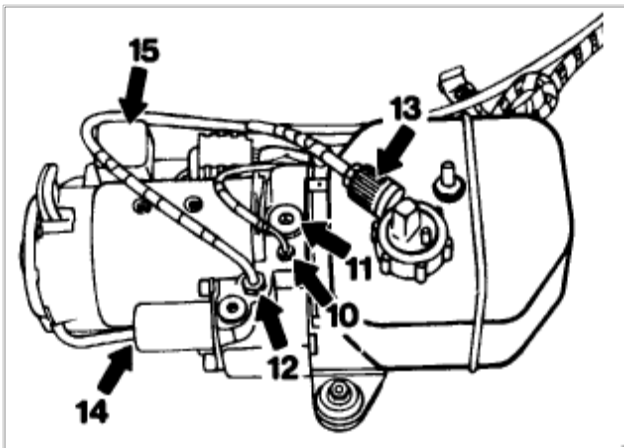
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Location of hydraulic components



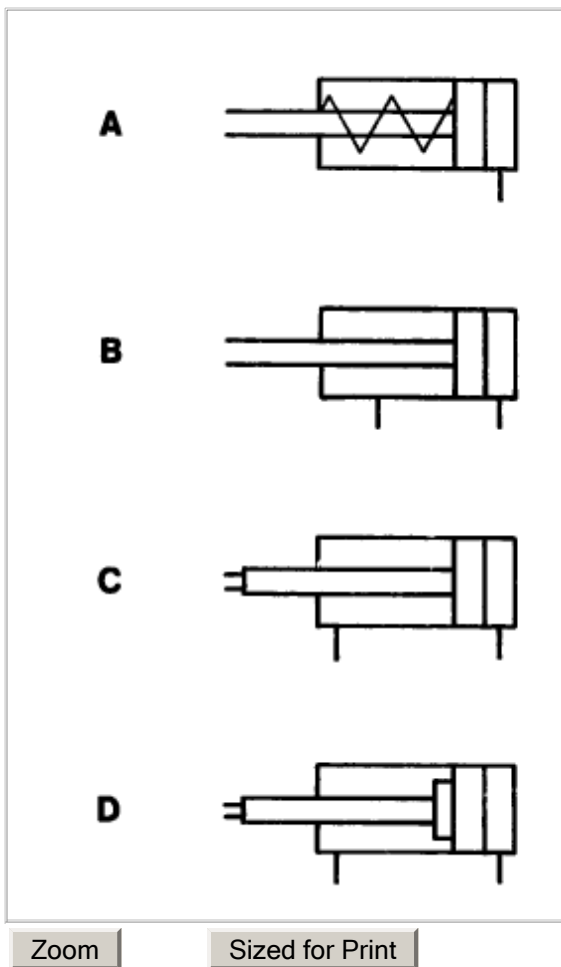
- 1 Valve block Y57, roll bar
- 2 Locks, center
- 3 Locks, rear
- 4 Valve block Y56, top, right
- 5 Hydraulic cylinder, top compartment cover
- 6 Hydraulic unit
- 7 Roll bar, complete
- 8 Valve block Y55, top, left
- 9 Hydraulic cylinder, top and cloth holding brace
- 10 Locks, front

A Hydraulic unit

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A **12 V** hydraulic pump is used to supply pressure to the entire system. The system pressure is limited to max. **180 + 10 bars** by a pressure limitation valve (DBV). The hydraulic unit has 4 connections (No. 10 [roll bar](#) drive, No. 11 test connection, No. 12 top drive, No. 13 return). The hydraulic unit is located in the spare tire recess.

B Hydraulic cylinders



Circuit symbols, cylinder

13 double-acting cylinders and 2 single acting cylinders are used for actuation of the entire system.

Single-acting circuit (A) for the locking pawls on the [roll bar](#) with spring return.

Normal cylinder circuit (B) for the functions: top and cloth holding brace.

Differential circuit (C) for the functions: top compartment cover, [roll bar](#) and locks. With the cloth top, switch-over from normal to differential operation is accomplished during the closing operation.

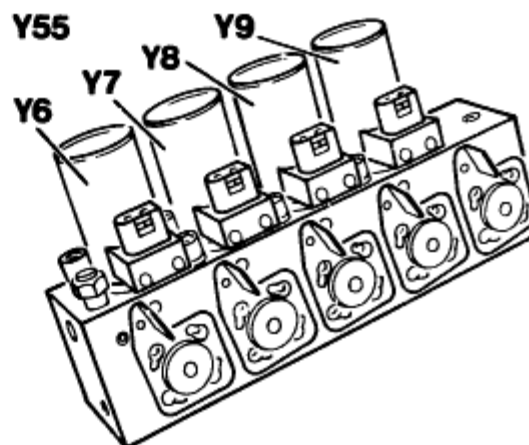
A peculiarity of the cover cylinder is that it is equipped with a single, non-adjustable end position damping unit (D) for extension in order to prevent the cover from "fluttering" against the stop when opening.

C Valve blocks

integrated into the valve blocks. In some cases these are consolidated to form one assembly. The allocation of the solenoid valves and the connections is indicated with numbers on the retaining plates.

Y55 Valve block, left

- y6 Solenoid valve, cover open**
- y7 Solenoid valve, cover closed**
- y8 Solenoid valve, cloth holding brace open**
- y9 Solenoid valve, cloth holding brace closed**

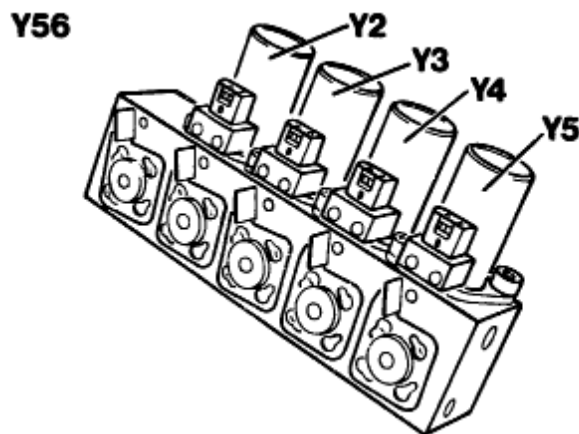


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Y56 Valve block, right

- y2 Solenoid valve, rear locks**
- y3 Solenoid valve, center locks**
- y4 Solenoid valve, front locks**
- y5 Solenoid valve, cover open**

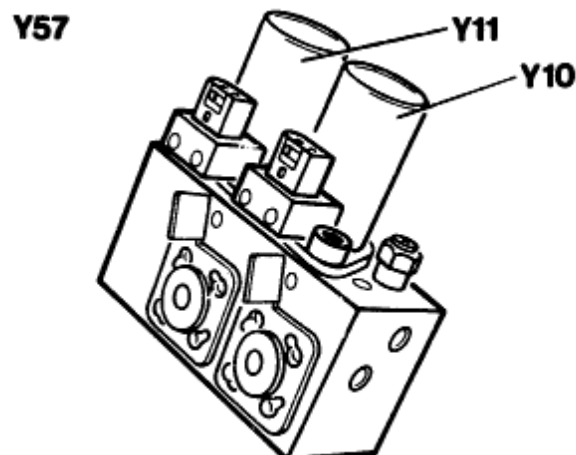


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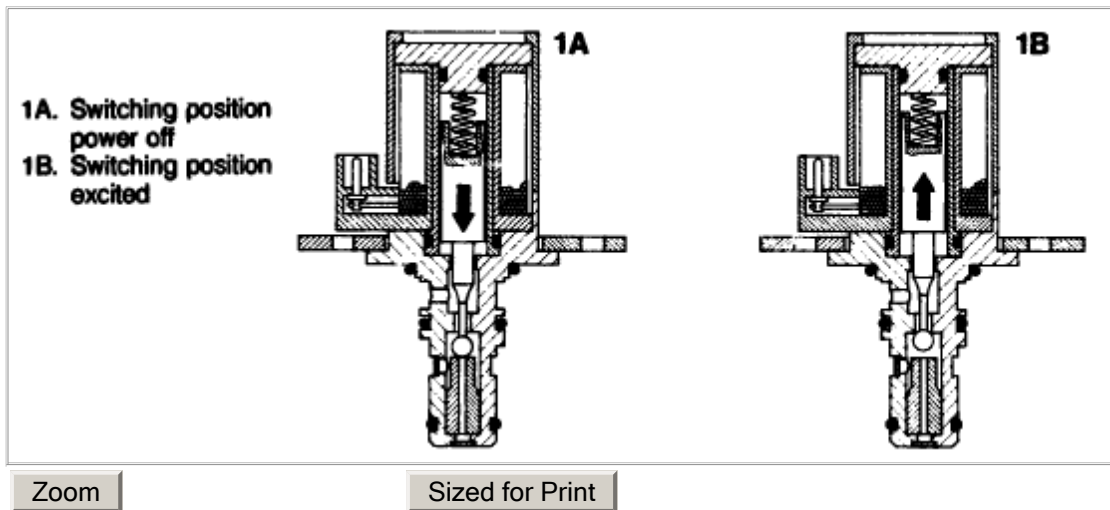
Y57 Valve block, [roll bar](#)

- y10 Solenoid valve, lower roll bar**
- y11 Solenoid valve, raise roll bar**



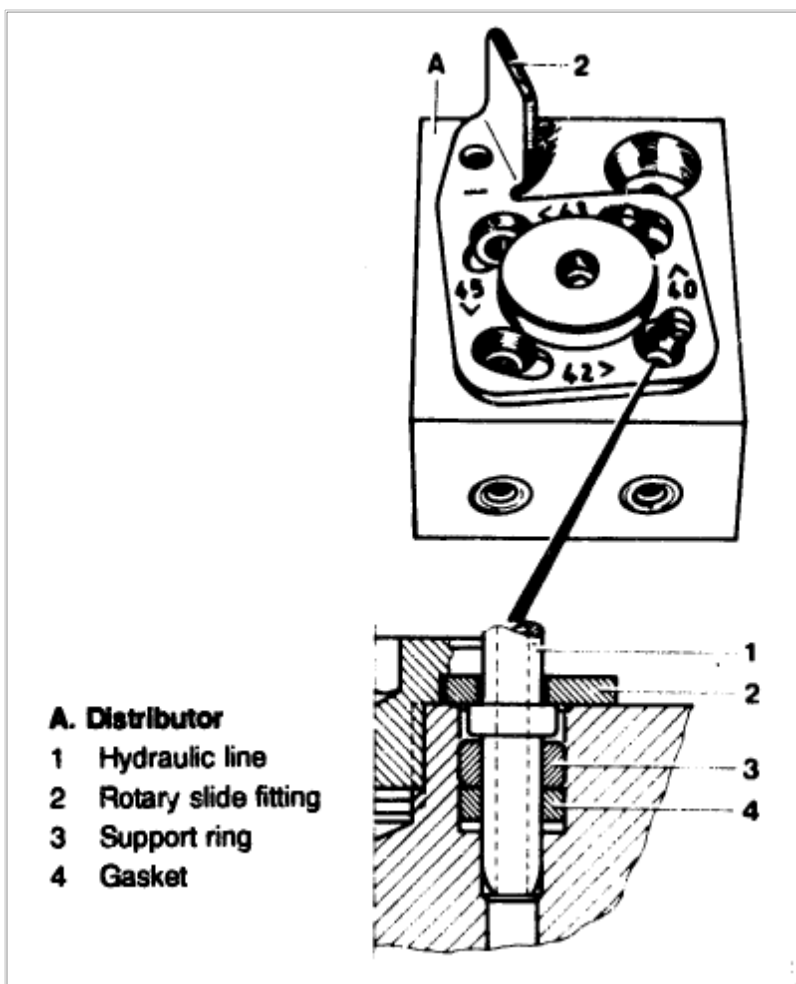
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D Solenoid valves



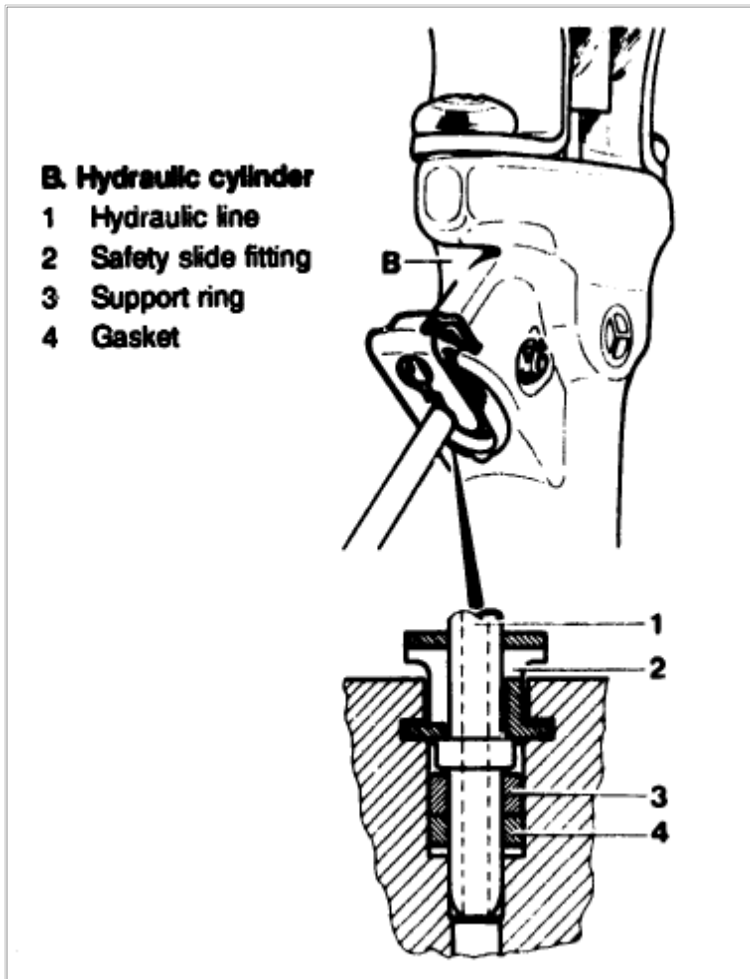
The solenoid valves consist of 3/2 way solenoid valves designed as insert cartridges.

E Hydraulic line connection fittings



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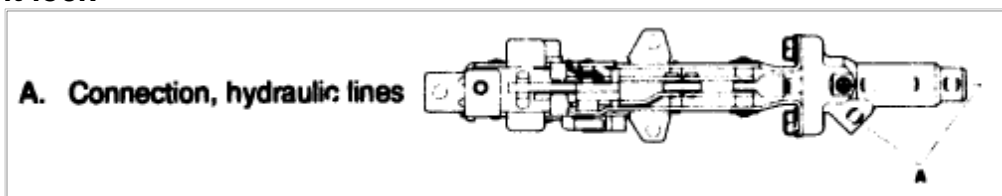
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The hydraulic lines are connected to the valve blocks and distributors with rotary slide fittings and to the cylinders with safety slide fittings. The supply lines from the pumps to the valve blocks are fastened with threaded fittings.

F Locks

The locks are designed so that they are locked mechanically in the closed state. The hydraulic system is used only for actuation.

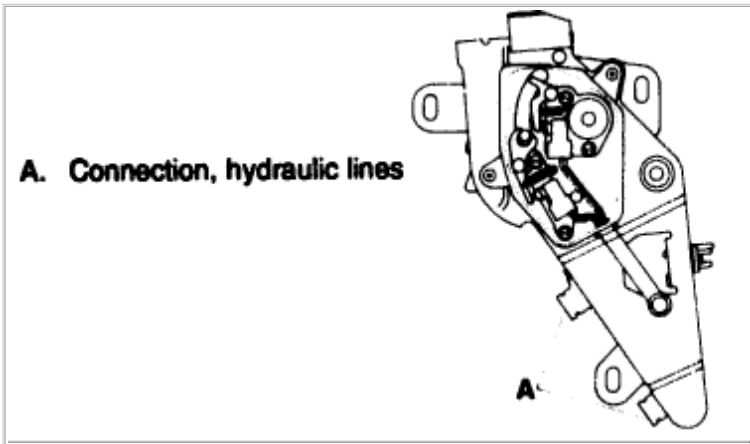
Front lock



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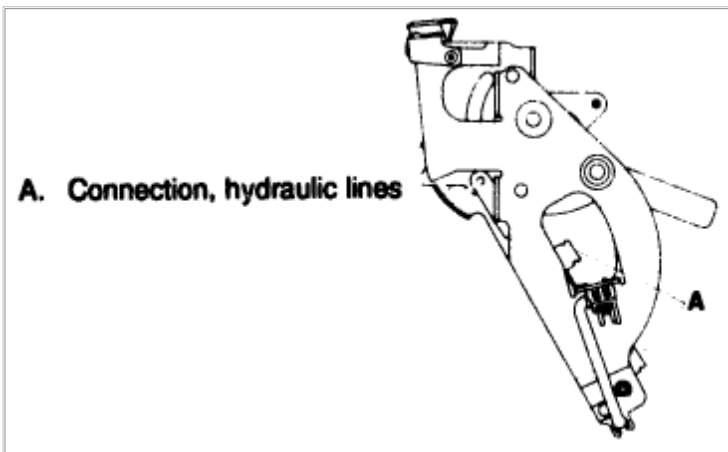
Center lock



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Rear lock



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Hydraulic circuits

A

The total system is separated into two main circuits by valve 1 (main valve) in the pump. This allows the [roll bar](#) to be actuated without putting the top control system under pressure. The system for supplying the roll bar is supplied with pressure directly from the pump when the button for convenience actuation is pressed. The pump control system is also supplied with pressure when the main valve is opened via the top control. The total system is not under pressure in the "idle position".

Total system

B

4 solenoid valves are installed for the top and cloth retaining brace. These are located in the left valve block. Drive is accomplished by a normal cylinder circuit. During the top closing operation the system is switched over to "differential operation". The valves are switched alternately to move the cloth holding brace.

Cloth holding braces and top

C

To save one solenoid valve the rod side of the cover (closed) is connected to the control line (open) for the cover lock, because the cover can be closed only when the lock is open.

Top compartment cover

D

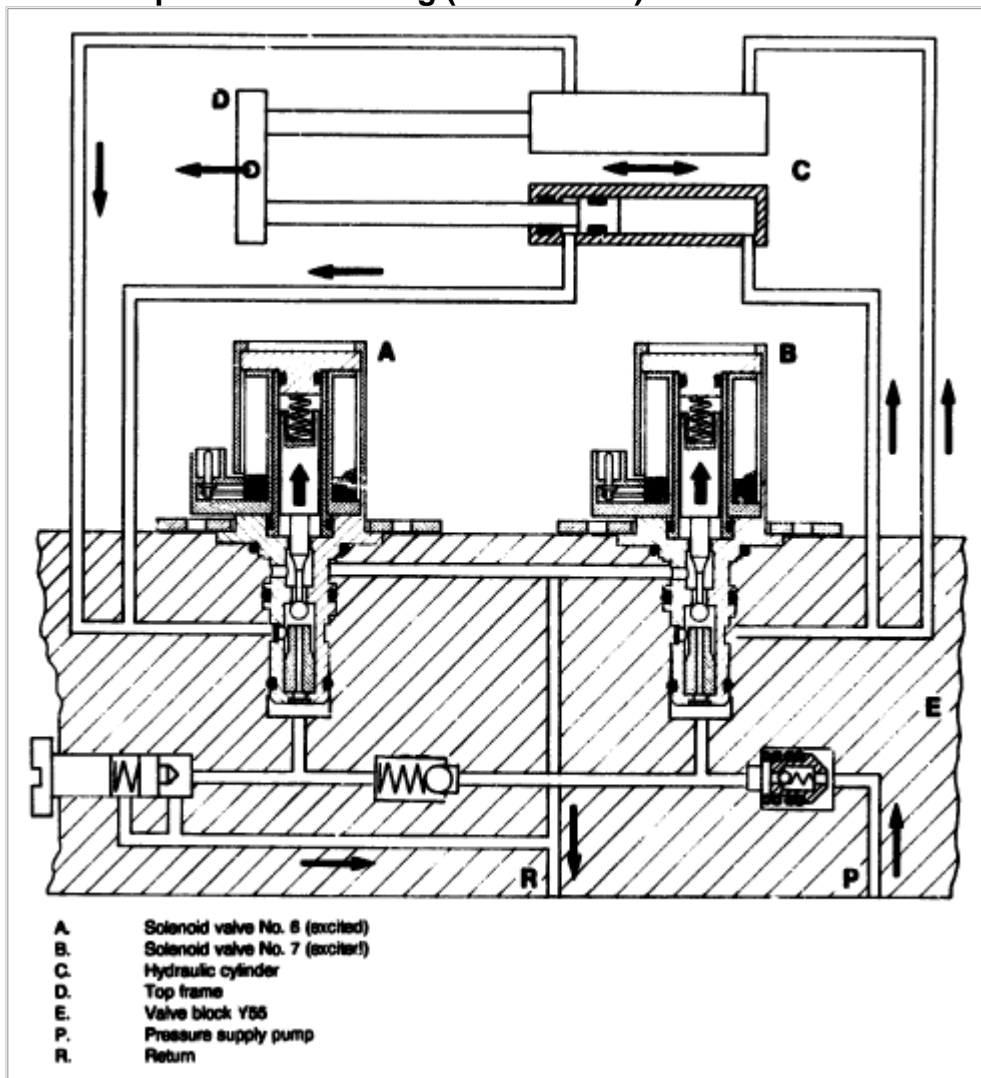
When the main valve is opened the primary circuit is supplied with pressure. All locks on the rod side are moved in the direction closed without solenoid valves present in between. This also allows the locks to be locked while driving. None of the other functions are possible while driving.

Locks

To open the valves (in right valve block) are switched as required (differential circuit). When the coupe roof is removed the roof is lifted by the hydraulic cylinders and positioned on a locked pawl of the lock. After removal the control automatically switches over to cloth top operation.

Circuit diagram, drive, top

"Differential operation" - closing (switch-over)

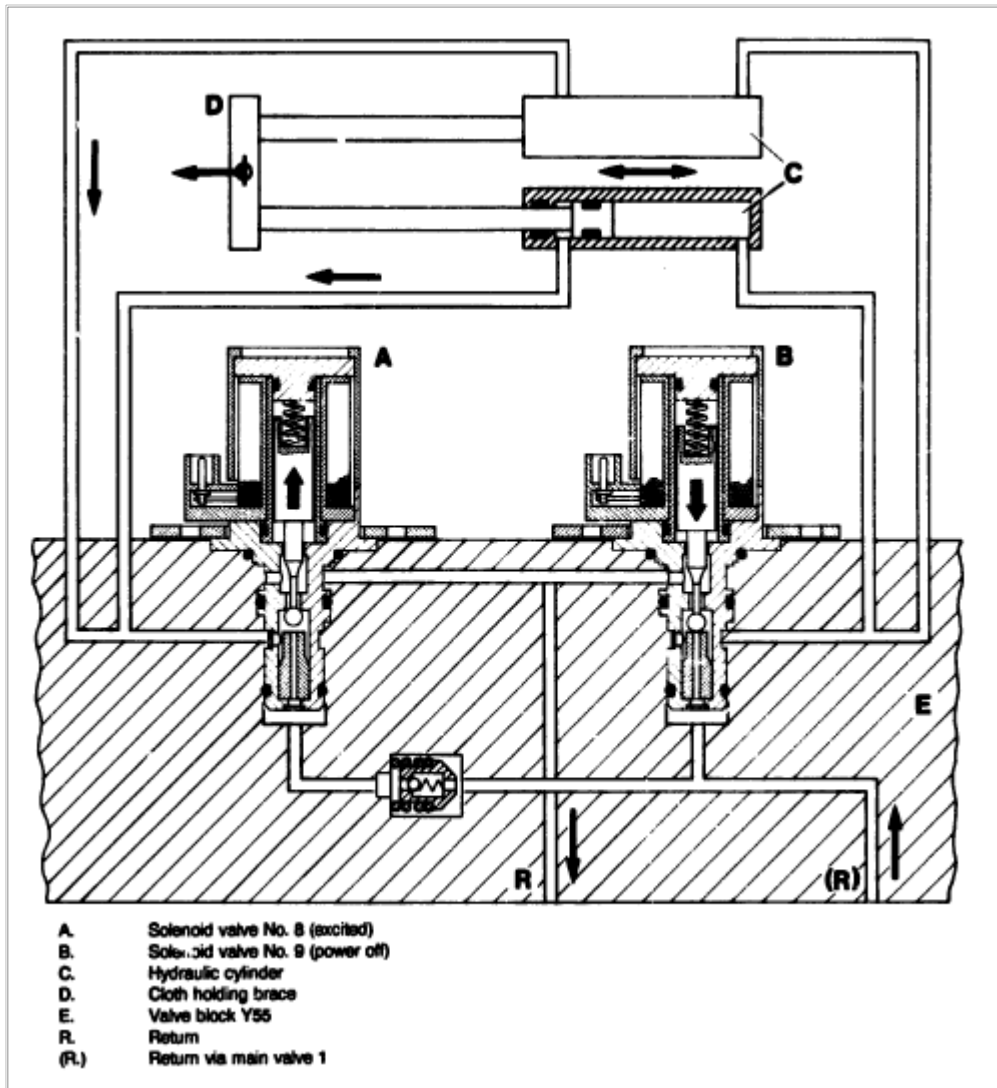


- A. Solenoid valve No. 8 (excited)
- B. Solenoid valve No. 7 (excited)
- C. Hydraulic cylinder
- D. Top frame
- E. Valve block Y85
- P. Pressure supply pump
- R. Return

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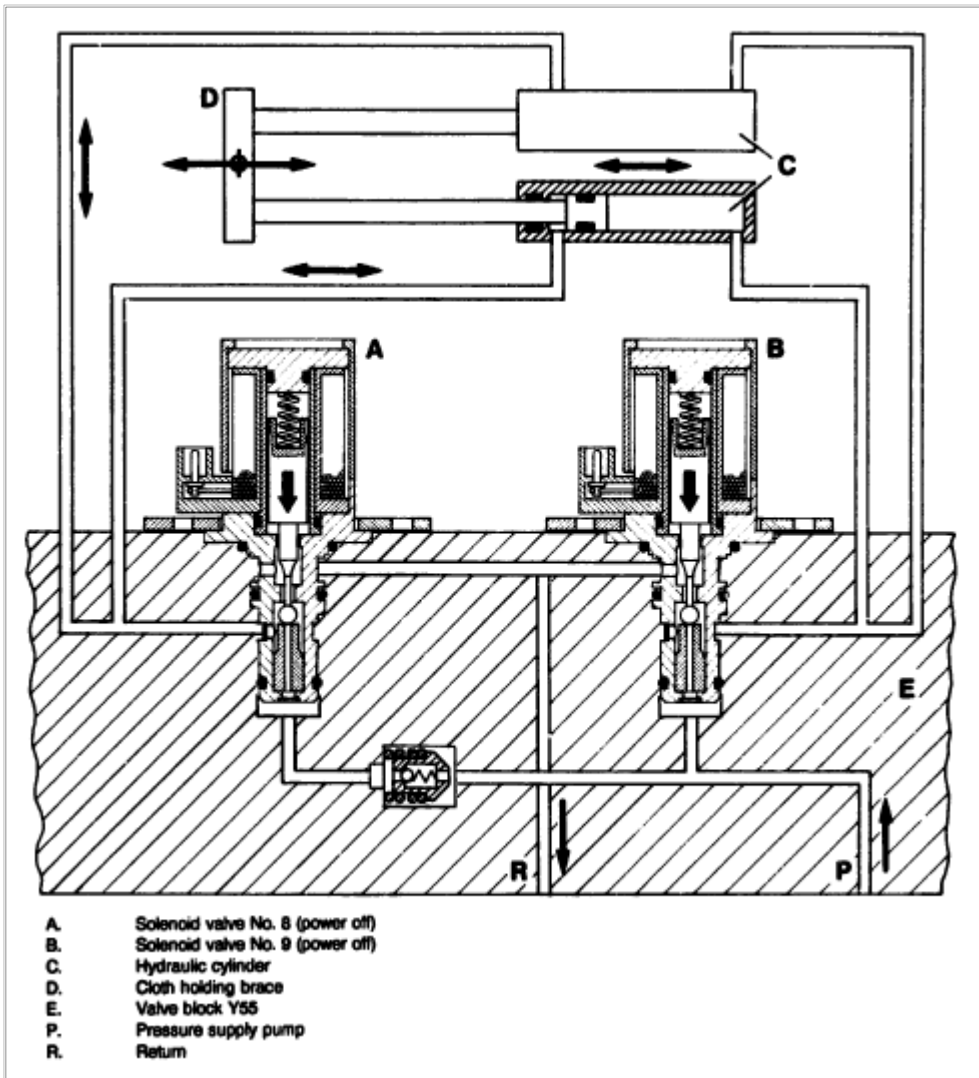
**Circuit diagram, drive, cloth holding brace
"Stop function"**



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Circuit diagram, drive, cloth holding brace



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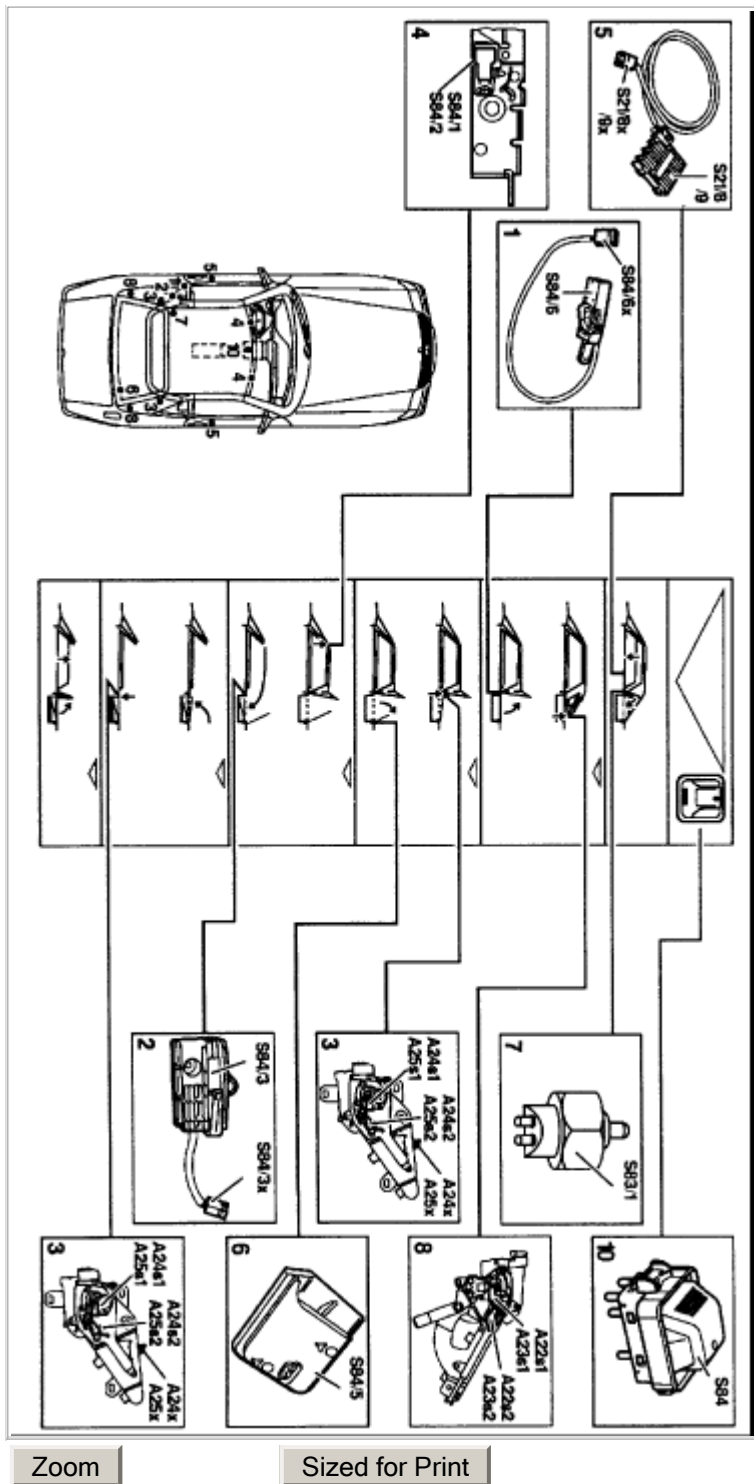
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Roadster Soft Top Opening Sequence

Initial stage: Roadster Soft Top closed.

Each [frame](#) (1-8,10) in Figure 1 shows each opening sequence step (1-8) along with each component, with actuation of hydraulic actuators and window motors, that must be completed first before the next sequence step can be accomplished.

Figure 1



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- A22s1 Bow "closed" switch (8)
- A22s2 Bow "locked" switch (8)
- A23s1 Bow "closed" switch (8)
- A23s2 Bow "locked" switch (8)

- A24s1 Cover "closed" switch (3)
- A24s2 Cover "locked" switch (3)
- A25s1 Cover "closed" switch (3)
- A25s2 Cover "locked" switch (3)
- S21/8 Right front door "window down" limit switch (5)
- S21/9 Left front door "window down" limit switch (5)
- S83/1 RB "retracted" switch (7)
- S84 Power soft top switch (10)
- S84/1 Left front soft top "locked" switch (4)
- S84/2 Right front soft top "locked" switch (4)
- S84/3 Soft top "open" switch (soft top in storage compartment) (2)
- S84/5 Soft top compartment "open" switch (6)
- S84/6 Soft top fabric bow "raised" switch (1)

Roadster Soft Top Closing Sequence

Each [frame](#) (1,3,4-8,10) in Figure 2 shows each closing sequence step (1-10) along with each component, with actuation of hydraulic actuators and window motors, that must be completed first before the next sequence step can be accomplished.

Figure 2