

## Folding the soft top

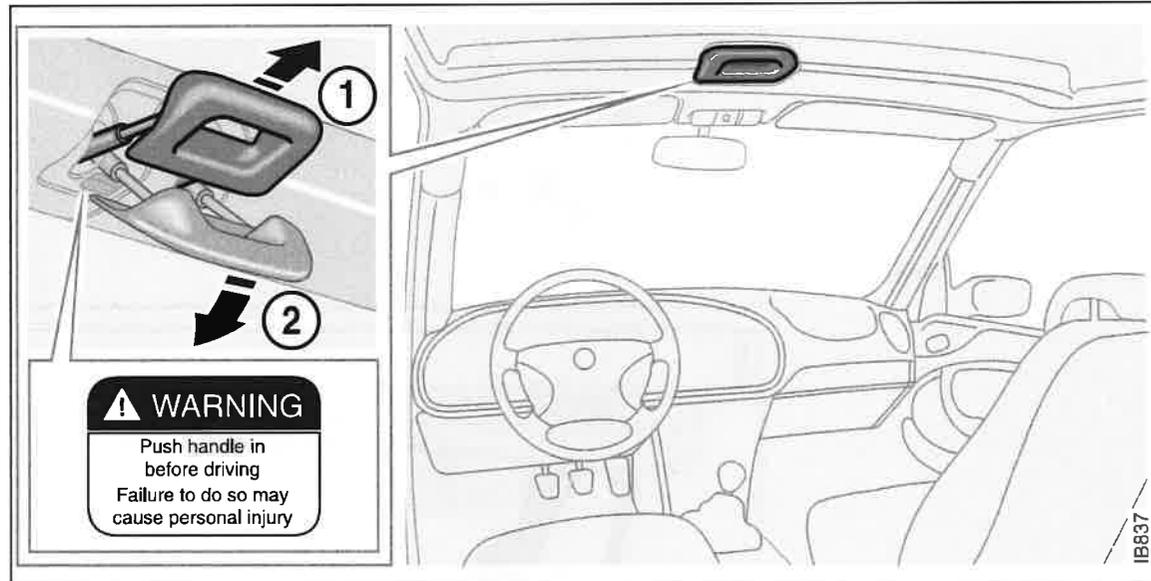
Before operating the soft top, read through the section "General safety instructions" on page 42.

### WARNING

- Do not touch the hinges or struts of the soft top during folding, because of the pinch hazard.
- Do not operate the soft top with passengers in the rear seat or bystanders right next to the car, because of the risk of head injuries.
- After lowering the top, make sure the soft top cover has locked properly.

### NOTE

If you drive away while the soft top is being raised or lowered it will stop when the car exceeds 6 mph (10 km/h). The motion of the car and the resulting wind can seriously damage the components of the soft top system and may cause personal injury.



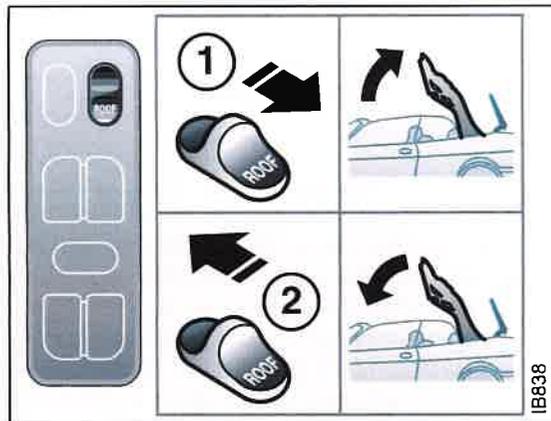
### Locking handle

- 1 Pull the handle out
- 2 Unfasten the hooks

- 1 Start the engine and let it idle.
- 2 Release the locking handle to free the two hooks.

- Pull the handle straight backwards.
- Pull the handle down, releasing the hooks.
- Raise the handle up.

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Switch for operating the soft top

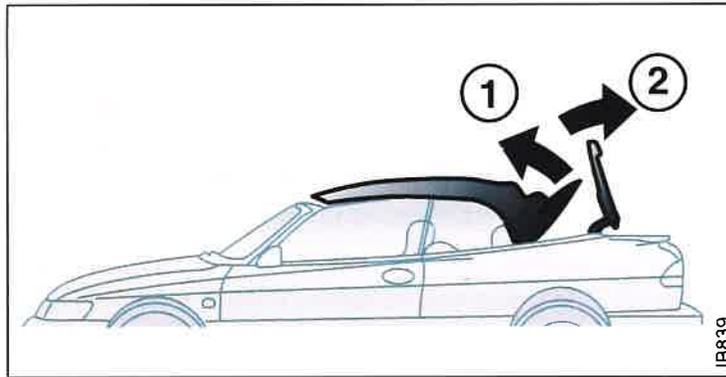
- 1 Lowering
- 2 Raising

3 Slide the ROOF button backwards until the soft top is completely folded away, the tonneau cover is closed **and the SID has given an OK signal** (beep). Slide the ROOF button backwards a second time to lower the windows.

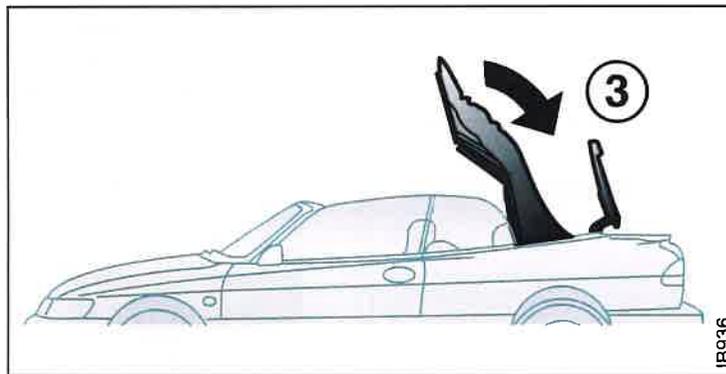
4 Check that there are no fault messages on the SID; see page 48.

### NOTE

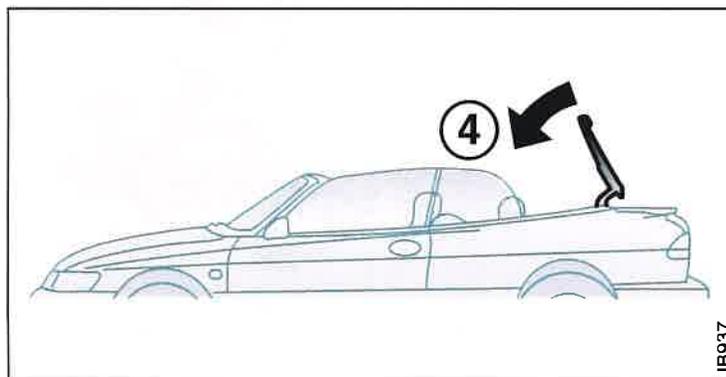
After folding the top down you should check that the front of the tonneau cover is locked at the front on both sides before driving away.



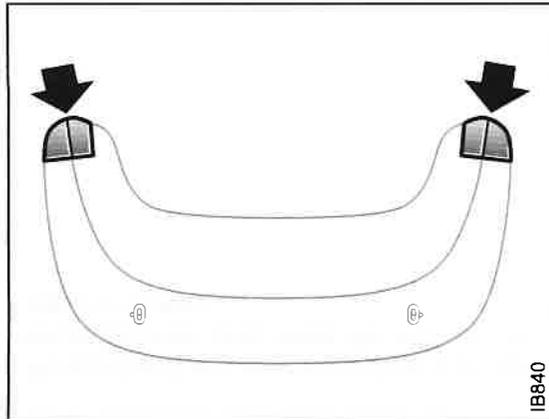
- 1 The rear window is raised.
- 2 The tonneau cover is opened.



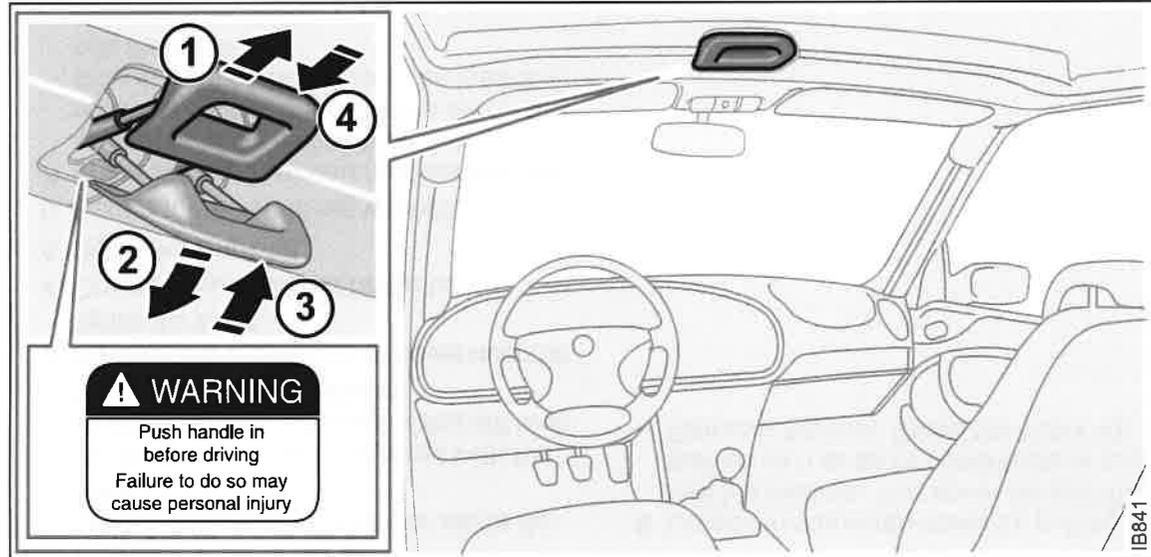
- 3 Roof and rear window are folded down.



- 4 Tonneau cover is closed.



The front-edge locking of the tonneau cover



## Raising the soft top

### **WARNING**

- Do not touch the hinges or struts of the soft top during raising the top, because of the danger of being injured.
- Do not operate the soft top with passengers in the rear seat or bystanders right next to the car, because of the risk of head injuries.

### Locking handle

- 1 Pull the handle out and lift it
- 2 Push the handle in

- 1 Start the engine and let it idle.
- 2 Slide the ROOF button forward until the 5th bow is locked in the tonneau cover **and the SID has given an OK signal** (beep). The top must be locked within 20 seconds. If this is not done the soft top will lift an inch or two (a few centimetres). In this case, slide the ROOF button forward again until the SID gives an OK signal. Lock the soft top with the locking handle.

Note that all side windows will be automatically lowered an inch or two (a few centimetres) so as to protect the seal

strips when the soft top is raised. The window operation is bypassed throughout the raising cycle to prevent the windows being raised.

- 3 Pull the front end of the soft top down with the aid of the closing handle and lock the soft top by rotating the locking handle up.
  - Pull the handle down.
  - Rotate the handle upwards, the soft top will be locked.
  - **Push the handle in.**

Check that the hooks have locked the soft top.

- 4 Raise the side windows by sliding the ROOF button forward a second time. Alternatively, use the central operating switch for the side windows.
- 5 Check that there are no fault messages on the SID; see page 48.

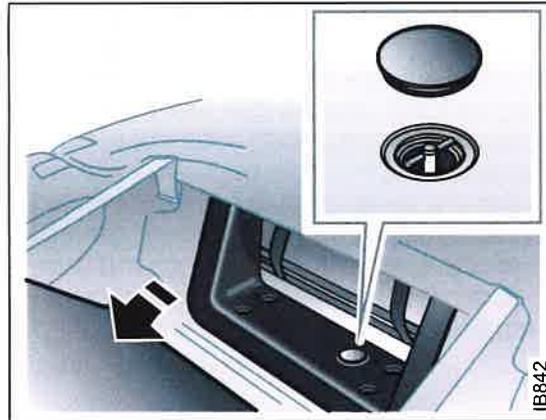
## Manual raising of the soft top

**! WARNING**

Manual operation of the soft top must be resorted to only **to raise** it in an emergency (e.g. in case of an electrical or hydraulic fault).

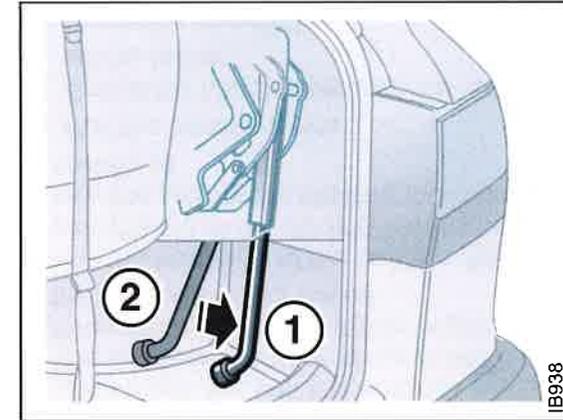
After manual raising the soft top must on no account be folded down manually, since this could cause damage to the soft top mechanism.

Points 6 to 8 are only valid if the soft top is operated manually when the soft top tonneau is locked.



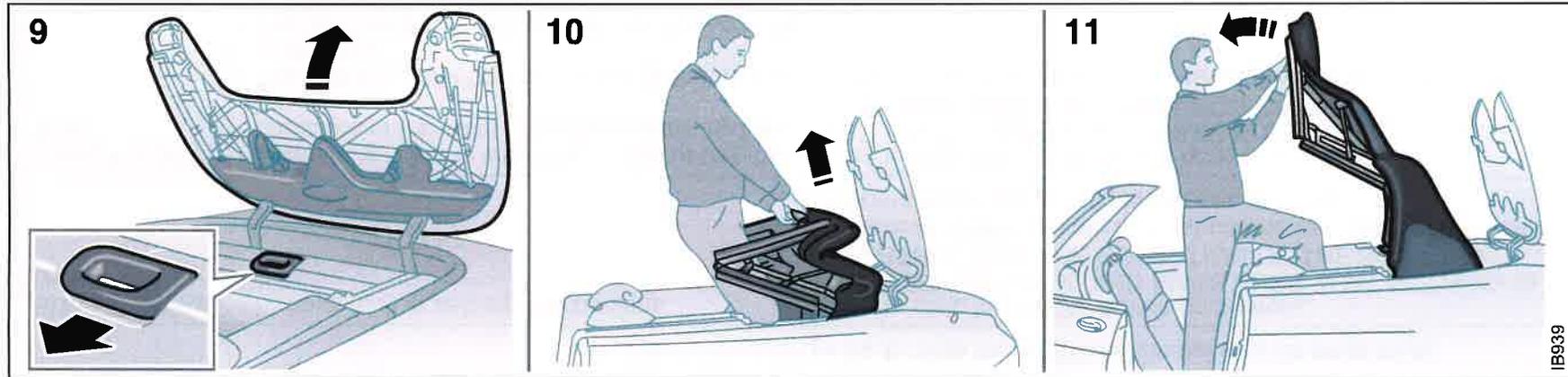
Valve for manual raising of the soft top

- 1 Tip the backrests of the rear seats forward.
- 2 Unlock the rear-seat backrest with the ignition key just outboard of the left rear headrest and tip it forward.
- 3 Remove the round rubber cover over the hydraulic valve.
- 4 Open the valve about half a turn.
- 5 Open the trunk lid.
- 6 Take out the wheel lug wrench.
- 7 In the soft top tonneau mechanism and inside the trunk lid lining on the right-hand side, is a hole into which the straight part of the tool is to be inserted; see the figure.



Tool fitted for manual unlocking (1) or locking (2) of the tonneau cover

- 8 Unlock the tonneau cover by pulling the tool backwards. The cover should lift half an inch or so (a centimetre or so). Remove the tool. Close the trunk lid.



Manual raising of the soft top

- 9 (ill. 1) Stand at the side of the car and open the tonneau cover by grasping its black part.
- 10 (ill. 2) Get into the car and stand on the lowered backrest.

**! WARNING**

Do not touch the hinges and struts of the soft top during raising. Keep your hands clear of the upper beam of the windshield - this is a pinch hazard area. Do not operate the soft top with passengers in the rear seat or with bystanders right next to the car.

- 11 (ill. 3) Take hold of the handle and pull the soft top up.

- 12 Climb down onto the floor and pull the soft top towards the windshield. Raise the 5th bow (rear window).
- 13 Stand at the side of the car and close the tonneau cover.

**NOTE**

Close the cover carefully so as not to damage the small flaps in the front.

- 14 Tip down the 5th bow/rear window as far as possible.  
**Note:** In manual raising it is not possible to completely secure the 5th bow in the recess of the tonneau cover.
- 15 Shut the valve of the hydraulic system, without making it too tight. Replace the cover over it. Raise the rear-seat backrest again. See that the safety belts don't

- get caught. Be sure the seat back locks in place on both sides.
- 16 Sit down in the front seat, open the handle and lock the soft top to the windshield beam. Make sure that the hooks engage in the beam.
- 17 In the trunk: replace the tool in the soft top mechanism and lock the soft top tonneau by pushing the tool forward until the stop point.
- 18 Take the tool out.

The soft top system must be checked and repaired by an authorized Saab dealer as quickly as possible.

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## Fault messages in SID

The following CHECK messages are included in the soft top system and can be displayed on the SID together with a beep.

SID displays	Cause	Action
CHECK SOFT TOP STORAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The soft top storage bag is hooked up.</li> <li>An item in the trunk under the soft top is obstructing the soft top.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unhook and lower the soft top storage bag, see page 50.</li> <li>Make sure that no item in the trunk is lying against the soft top storage.</li> </ul>
CLOSE TRUNK LID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The raising or lowering of the soft top is obstructed because the trunk lid is not closed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close the trunk lid so it is latched securely.</li> </ul>
CHECK SOFT TOP LATCHES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The soft top is not latched to the top beam of the windshield.</li> <li>Somebody is trying to lower the soft top while it is still locked to the windshield beam.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lock the soft top with the locking handle, see page 45.</li> <li>Release the soft top with the locking handle, see page 43.</li> </ul>
FINISH SOFT TOP MOTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raising or lowering was stopped before the cycle completed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finish the soft top motion completely.</li> </ul>
CHECK SOFT TOP COVER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The soft top cover is not being locked.</li> <li>The soft top cover doesn't open.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sure that the valve for manual raising of the soft top is closed, see page 46.</li> <li>Try to slide the ROOF button backwards once more.</li> </ul>
SOFT TOP FAILURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serious fault in soft top mechanism.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Try to slide the ROOF button once more.</li> <li><b>BE VERY CAREFUL AND MAKE SURE THAT NOTHING IS OBSTRUCTING THE OPERATION OF THE SOFT TOP.</b> Remove anything that can obstruct the operation of the soft top.</li> <li>Operate the soft top manually, see page 46.</li> </ul>
CHECK SOFT TOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Something is in the way and is obstructing the operation of the soft top by the electro-hydraulics.</li> <li>The soft top cover has not locked at the front on both sides.</li> <li>The 5th bow (rear window) has not locked to the soft top cover on both sides.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Try to slide the ROOF button once more.</li> <li><b>BE VERY CAREFUL AND MAKE SURE THAT NOTHING IS OBSTRUCTING THE OPERATION OF THE SOFT TOP.</b> Remove anything that can obstruct the operation of the soft top.</li> </ul>

The following fuses should be checked if the soft top cannot be operated and no fault messages are shown by the SID:

- MAXI-fuse 5 in the engine bay, see page 188.
- 7, 14, 21 and 23 in the fuse panel on the end of the instrument panel, see page 189.

## Central operation of the windows, 9-3 Convertible

On the center console is a switch (see illustration) for the simultaneous closing or opening of the four side windows.

### Using the ROOF-button

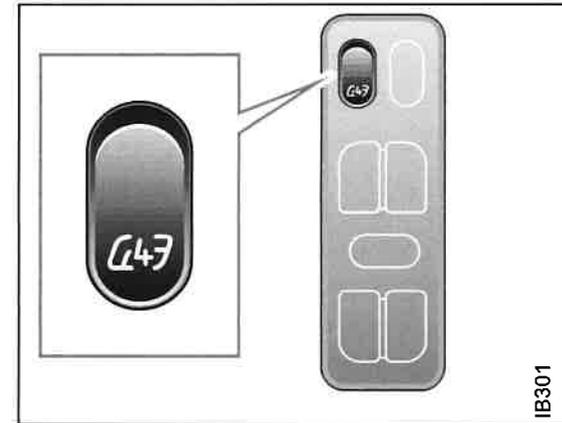
When folding the soft top down, you can lower all windows by continuing to hold the ROOF button backwards after the soft top has been folded down.

When the soft top is being raised, all side windows are automatically lowered an inch or two (a few centimetres) to protect their seals. After the "beep" is heard, the hooks of the soft top have been secured to the windshield beam, hold the ROOF switch forward again and all 4 windows will close.



### WARNING

Remember the risk of personal injury when raising the windows. Check that all persons travelling in the car have their head, hands and fingers away from the windows before raising them.



*Switch for central operation of the windows, Convertible*

