

## Securing Windshield Snaps

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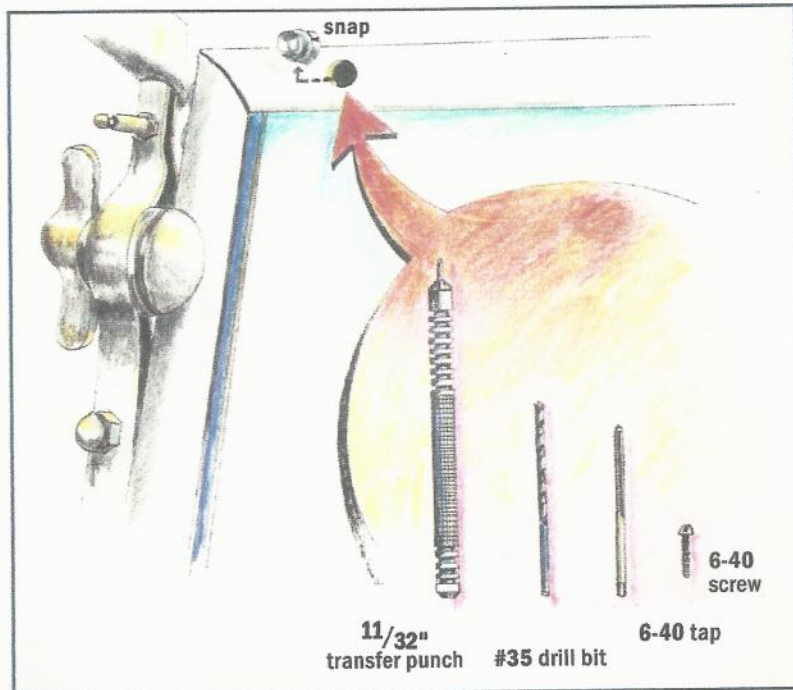
**F**OR PHAETONS AND ROADSTERS, the snaps that lock into the top of the windshield frame do not always stay in place. I have had to replace all of the snaps more than once.

An upholsterer recommended the snap be set with a punch. This (in theory) flares the sides out and locks it into place. After a couple tries with the punch, I tried epoxy. This worked a little better, but the snaps still came loose.

This got me thinking. I came up with the idea of holding the snap into the socket with a 6-40 screw. I marked the center of the hole with a transfer punch, drilled this out with a #35 drill bit, and tapped this to take a 6-40 machine screw.

- The transfer punch needs to be inserted into the hole in the front window frame and used to indent the partition inside of the frame. Use the bit to drill the hole for the screw.

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- The center of the snap needs to be drilled out with the same bit, making sure the resulting hole is centered in the snap
- Using the 6-40 tap, carefully cut threads in the internal frame partition, which holds the glass in place.
- Insert the snap into the hole in the frame and secure it with the 6-40 screw. ⊖