

# SEAT DÉCOR™ PREMIUM SEAT COVERS

**Thank you for choosing Seat Décor, we're confident that you'll be happy with your new Seat Covers!**

## SEAT COVER INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Be sure to read these instructions completely before beginning installation.**

**If necessary, have your Seat Décor™ Custom Seat Covers professionally installed.**

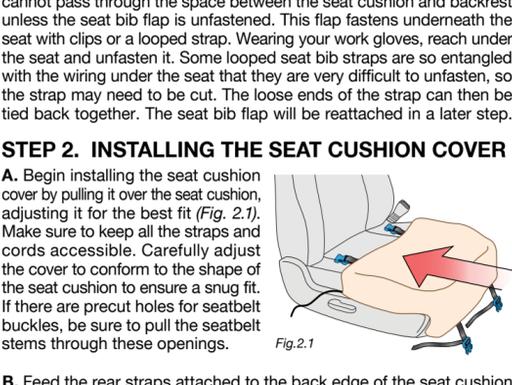
**Note:** These instructions are for both buckets and bench seats. Before proceeding, **be sure you have ordered your seat covers for the correct make, model, and year.** Also, many vehicles have more than one seat style available, so check that you ordered covers for the correct seat style for your vehicle.

### IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT PIECES OF YOUR SEAT COVERS

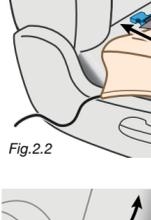
Match the pieces of your Seat Décor Seat Covers to their respective seat sections, according to the size and shape of the piece, location of armrests, headrests, and openings for seat belts. Make sure side airbag seams and tags line up with the side airbags. For more details regarding seat-mounted side airbags, refer to **Step 3**. Check the sizes and shapes carefully before installing to ensure you won't be trying to install the backrest covers on the seat cushions or the seat cushion covers on the seat backs. This may be helpful to lay out each piece of the Seat Covers on each seat section to make sure you have identified the correct cover piece for each seat section. Look for the tags sewn into the reverse side of the larger pieces which indicate the Driver side and Passenger side of both the front and rear seats.



### SEAT COVER PIECES

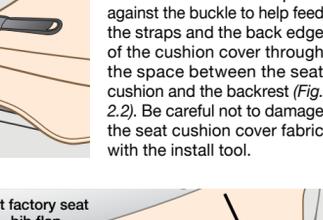


#### INCLUDED HARDWARE



The Seat Décor™ Proprietary Install Tools to help guide the straps through tight areas.

#### RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

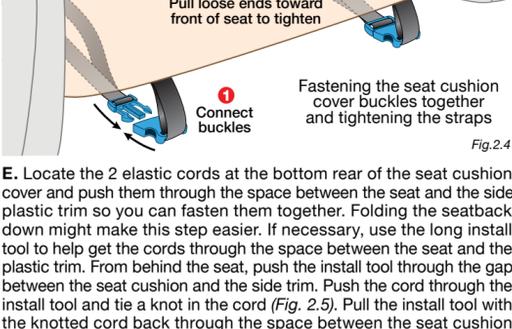


Always protect your hands by using work gloves when working around sharp edges under the seat cushion. Wear eye protection when stretching straps in case they snap back.

### BEFORE STARTING YOUR SEAT COVER INSTALLATION

Before beginning the installation of your new seat covers, raise your seats to the highest level possible. This will make it easier to attach the elastic straps beneath the bottom of the seat. We recommend wearing work gloves whenever you work under the seat and safety goggles when you pull the straps in case they snap back.

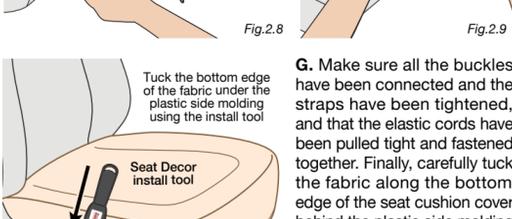
#### STEP 1. UNFASTEN THE SEAT BIB FLAP



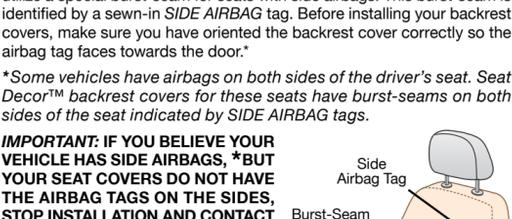
Many newer cars have a seat bib flap that covers the lower part of the back of the seat and blocks access to the space between the seat cushion and the backrest. If you have a seat bib flap, the straps on your seat covers cannot pass through the space between the seat cushion and backrest unless the seat bib flap is unfastened. This flap fastens underneath the seat with clips or a looped strap. Wearing your work gloves, reach under the seat and unfasten it. Some looped seat bib straps are so entangled with the wiring under the seat that they are very difficult to unfasten, so the strap may need to be cut. The loose ends of the strap can then be tied back together. The seat bib flap will be reattached in a later step.

#### STEP 2. INSTALLING THE SEAT CUSHION COVER

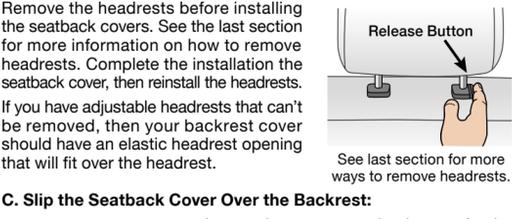
**A.** Begin installing the seat cushion cover by pulling it over the seat cushion, adjusting it for the best fit (Fig. 2.1). Make sure to keep all the straps and cords accessible. Carefully adjust the cover to conform to the shape of the seat cushion to ensure a snug fit. If there are pre-cut holes for seatbelt buckles, be sure to pull the seatbelt stems through these openings.



**B.** Feed the rear straps attached to the back edge of the seat cushion cover through the opening between the seat cushion and the backrest so they come out on the back side of the seat.

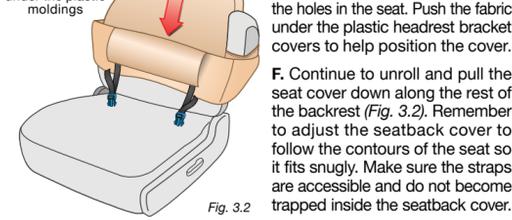


If necessary, you can use the smaller install tool to push against the buckle to help feed the straps and the back edge of the cushion cover through the space between the seat cushion and the backrest (Fig. 2.2). Be careful not to damage the seat cushion cover fabric with the install tool.

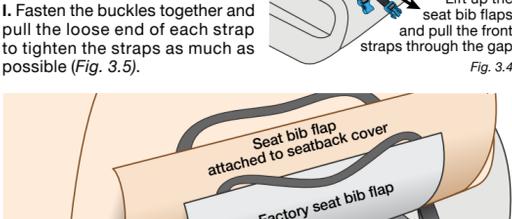
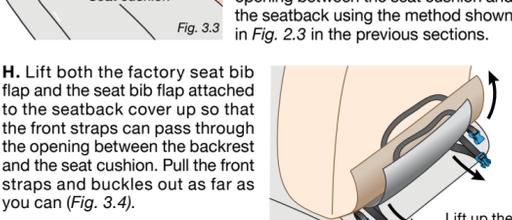


**C.** Lift the factory seat bib flap up so you can locate the straps and buckles that have been pushed through the space between the seat cushion and the backrest. Pull them out as far as possible so the cover can wrap around the back of the seat cushion as shown in Fig. 2.3.

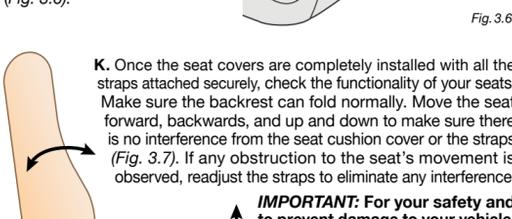
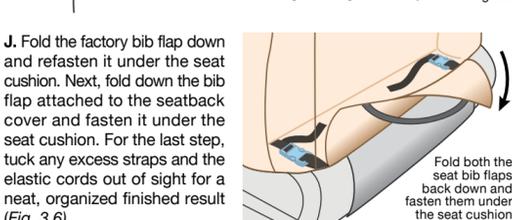
**D.** Next, with your work gloves on, reach under the seat and pull the front straps to the back of the cushion. Be careful while working around any sharp metal edges under the seat. You may need to use the long white install tool to push the straps to the back. Connect the two halves of the buckles under the seat as shown in Fig. 2.4. Pull the loose end of each of the straps toward the front to tighten firmly.



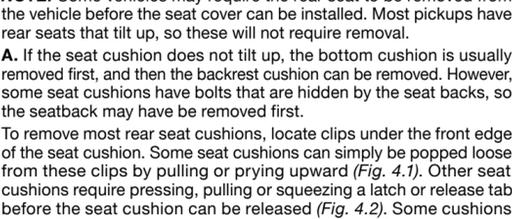
**E.** Locate the 2 elastic cords at the bottom rear of the seat cushion cover and push them through the space between the seat and the side plastic trim so you can fasten them together. Folding the seatback down might make this step easier. If necessary, use the long install tool to help get the cords through the space between the seat and the plastic trim. From behind the seat, push the install tool through the gap between the seat cushion and the side trim. Push the cord through the install tool and tie a knot in the cord (Fig. 2.5). Pull the install tool with the knotted cord back through the space between the seat cushion and the plastic trim (Fig. 2.6). Untie the knot and remove the install tool.



**F.** When the 2 elastic cords have been pulled through the opening between the seat cushion and the side plastic trim, pull them firmly to snug up the bottom edge of the cover and fasten them together (Figs. 2.7 and 2.8). These cords will be tucked out of sight in a later step.



**G.** Make sure all the buckles have been connected and the straps have been tightened, and that the elastic cords have been pulled tight and fastened together. Finally, carefully tuck the fabric along the bottom edge of the seat cushion cover behind the plastic side molding with the smaller install tool for a neat, professional appearance (Fig. 2.9).



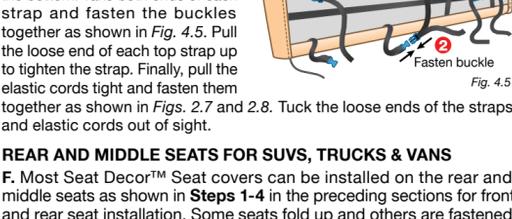
#### STEP 3. INSTALLING THE BACKREST COVER

**A. Determine Whether Your Seats Have Side Airbags.** Most vehicles today come equipped with seat airbags built into the seat on the side closest to their respective doors. Seat Décor™ Seat Covers utilize a special burst-seam for seats with side airbags. This burst-seam is identified by a sewn-in **SIDE AIRBAG** tag. Before installing your backrest covers, make sure you have oriented the backrest cover correctly so the airbag tag faces towards the door.\*

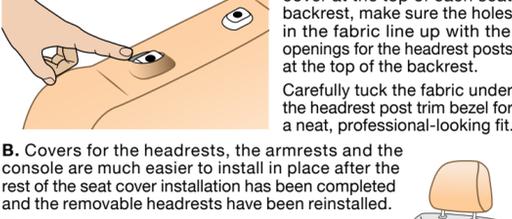
\*Some vehicles have airbags on both sides of the driver's seat. Seat Décor™ backrest covers for these seats have burst-seams on both sides of the seat indicated by **SIDE AIRBAG** tags.

**IMPORTANT: IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR VEHICLE HAS SIDE AIRBAGS, \*BUT YOUR SEAT COVERS DO NOT HAVE THE AIRBAG TAGS ON THE SIDES, STOP INSTALLATION AND CONTACT YOUR RETAILER FOR ASSISTANCE.**

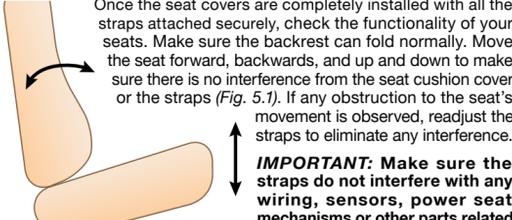
\*Seat Décor™ waives responsibility for the impairment of seat-mounted side airbag deployment if the above instructions are not observed. User should monitor the seat cover fit after regular use to ensure no shifting has occurred causing seams to misalign with the airbags.



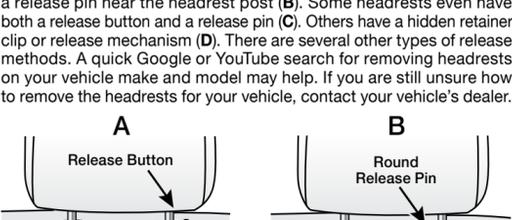
**B. Remove the Headrests** Remove the headrests before installing the seatback covers. See the last section for more information on how to remove headrests. Complete the installation of the seatback cover, then reinstall the headrests. If you have adjustable headrests that can't be removed, then your backrest cover should have an elastic headrest opening that will fit over the headrest.



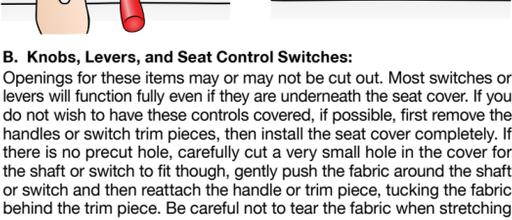
**C. Slip the Seatback Cover Over the Backrest:** Locate the correct seatback cover for the seat you are working on. Look for the **SIDE AIRBAG** tag and the identification tag sewn into the bottom of the seatback cover marked 'Driver' or 'Passenger'. Buckle seams will have map pockets on the back of the cover. Carefully begin to pull the seatback cover down over the backrest.



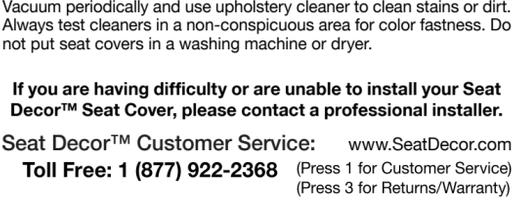
**D.** If your car's seat has an armrest, tilt it up and carefully feed it through the opening in the seatback cover as you pull the cover down.



**E.** You may find it easier to install the seatback cover by rolling it back on itself (turning it partially inside out) while carefully positioning the top half on the backrest. Make sure the openings for the headrest align with the holes in the seat. Push the fabric under the plastic headrest bracket covers to help position the cover.



**F.** Continue to unroll and pull the seat cover down along the rest of the backrest (Fig. 3.2). Remember to adjust the seatback cover to follow the contours of the seat so it fits snugly. Make sure the straps are accessible and do not become trapped inside the seatback cover.



**G.** After the seatback cover is completely pulled over the backrest and adjusted for the best fit, feed the bottom flap at the front of the seatback cover along with the attached straps and buckles through the opening between the seat cushion and seatback and push them through to the top of the seat. If this opening is too tight, you may need to use the install tool to get the straps through the opening between the seat cushion and the seatback using the method shown in Fig. 2.3 in the previous sections.



**H.** Lift both the factory seat bib flap and the seat bib flap attached to the seatback cover up so that the front straps can pass through the opening between the backrest and the seat cushion. Pull the front straps and buckles out as far as you can (Fig. 3.4).



**I.** Fasten the buckles together and pull the loose end of each strap to tighten the straps as much as possible (Fig. 3.5).



**J.** Fold the factory bib flap down and refasten it under the seat cushion. Next, fold down the seat bib flap attached to the seatback cover and fasten it under the seat cushion. For the last step, tuck any excess straps and the elastic cords out of sight for a neat, organized finished result (Fig. 3.6).



**K.** Once the seat covers are completely installed with all the straps attached securely, check the functionality of your seats. Make sure the backrest can fold normally. Move the seat forward, backwards, and up and down to make sure there is no interference from the seat cushion cover or the straps (Fig. 3.7). If any obstruction to the seat's movement is observed, readjust the straps to eliminate any interference.

**IMPORTANT: For your safety and to prevent damage to your vehicle, be very careful when fastening buckles beneath the seat. Make sure the straps do not interfere with any wiring, sensors, power seat mechanisms or other parts related to operation of the seat.**

## II. MIDDLE AND REAR SEATS

**STEP 4. FOR CARS, VANS, SUVs AND PICKUPS WITH REAR SEATS** NOTE: Some vehicles may require the rear seat to be removed from the vehicle before the seat cover can be installed. Most pickups have rear seats that tilt up, so these will not require removal.

**A.** If the seat cushion does not tilt up, the bottom cushion is usually removed first, and then the backrest cushion can be removed. However, some seat cushions have bolts that are hidden by the seat backs, so the seatback may have to be removed first.

To remove most rear seat cushions, locate clips under the front edge of the seat cushion. Seat cushions can simply be popped loose from these clips by pulling or prying upward (Fig. 4.1). Other seat cushions require pressing, pulling or squeezing a latch or release tab before the seat cushion can be released (Fig. 4.2). Some cushions have hooks that require pressing down on the front of the seat cushion and then pushing backward to unhook.

There may be bolts in the rear of the seat cushion that must be removed. It may be necessary to access attachment bolts through the trunk or cargo area on some vehicles. A quick Google or YouTube search for removing the rear seats on your vehicle's year, make and model (or similar model) may help. If you are still unsure how to remove the rear seats for your vehicle, contact your vehicle's dealership.



#### Seat Cushion Cover Installation

**B.** Position the seat cushion cover on top of the seat cushion and adjust it for the best fit. Make sure the access holes for the seat belts align with the holes in the cushion. Make sure the elastic cords and the straps are not trapped under the cover. Tilt the seat cushion up, or if the seat cushion has been removed, flip it over to access the bottom. Pull the straps from all sides of the cover under the cushion to the middle so the straps can be buckled together and tightened (Fig. 4.3).



#### Seat Back Cover Installation (continued)

**D.** If the seat backs do not fold down, installation requires passing the long straps from the top of the seatback to the bottom, similar to the steps used in Fig. 4.3. Removing the seat cushion may be required to gain access to the bottom of the backrest.

**E.** After removing the headrests, pull the cover over each section of the seatback, adjusting it for the best fit. Pass the long top straps behind the seatback using the install tool if necessary. At the bottom of the seatback, reach behind the seatback to take hold of the bottom top strap and pull it out the long top. Take both ends of each strap and fasten the buckles together as shown in Fig. 4.5. Pull the loose end of each top strap up to tighten the strap. Finally, pull the elastic cords tight and fasten them together as shown in Figs. 2.7 and 2.8. Tuck the loose ends of the straps and elastic cords out of sight.



#### REAR AND MIDDLE SEATS FOR SUVs, TRUCKS & VANS

**F.** Most Seat Décor™ Seat covers can be installed on the rear and middle seats as shown in Steps 1-4 in the preceding sections for front and rear seat installation. Some seats fold up and others are fastened with bolts or special latches. In some cases, seats may need to be removed prior to installation, depending on whether the backrests fold down or not. Each vehicle will be different and may have various mounting systems for the seat cushions and backrests. This instruction sheet is only a guide, and cannot cover every possible scenario.

## III. HEADRESTS, ARMRESTS AND CONSOLE COVERS

**A.** As you position the seatback cover at the top of each seat backrest, make sure the holes in the fabric line up with the openings for the headrest posts at the top of the backrest.

Carefully tuck the fabric under the headrest post trim bezel for a neat, professional-looking fit.

**B.** Covers for the headrests, the armrests and the console are much easier to install in place after the rest of the seat cover installation has been completed and the removable headrests have been reinstalled. The headrest, armrest, and console covers are made with elastic openings or Velcro® fasteners and are simply pulled over each part and then carefully stretched to conform to the shape of that piece. The foam inside the headrest or armrest may need to be compressed slightly as the cover is installed and adjusted for the best fit. If there are Velcro® fasteners, close them to finish.

## IV. CHECK FOR INTERFERENCE

Once the seat covers are completely installed with all the straps attached securely, check the functionality of your seats. Make sure the backrest can fold normally. Move the seat forward, backwards, and up and down to make sure there is no interference from the seat cushion cover or the straps (Fig. 5.1). If any obstruction to the seat's movement is observed, readjust the straps to eliminate any interference.

**IMPORTANT: Make sure the straps do not interfere with any wiring, sensors, power seat mechanisms or other parts related to operation of the seat.**

## V. INSTALLATION TIPS

#### A. Headrest Removal:

There are many different types of removable headrests. Some are easy to remove and others are more challenging. Many headrests can be removed simply by pulling in a release button at the base of the headrest post (A) and then holding them upward. Other vehicles have headrests that require a thin round tool like a large paperclip or a bent awl to push a release pin near the headrest post (B). Some headrests even have both a release button and a release pin (C). Others have a hidden retainer clip or release mechanism (D). There are several other types of release methods. A quick Google or YouTube search for removing headrests on your vehicle make and model may help. If you are still unsure how to remove the headrests for your vehicle, contact your vehicle's dealer.



#### B. Knobs, Levers, and Seat Control Switches:

Openings for these items may or may not be cut out. Most switches or levers will function fully even if they are underneath the seat cover. If you do not wish to have these controls covered, if possible, first remove the handles or switch trim pieces, then install the seat cover completely. If there is no pre-cut hole, carefully cut a very small hole in the cover for the shaft or switch to fit through, gently push the fabric around the shaft or switch and then reattach the handle or trim piece, tucking the fabric behind the trim piece. Be careful not to tear the fabric when stretching it over the shaft or switch.

#### C. Attaching Straps to the Install Tool:

If you need to use the install tool to feed the straps and buckles through tight spaces, hook the strap to the install tool by pushing the strap through the slot on the end of the tool until the buckle butts up to the tool.



## VI. SEAT COVER CARE

Vacuum periodically and use upholstery cleaner to clean stains or dirt. Always test cleaners in a non-conspicuous area for color fastness. Do not put seat covers in a washing machine or dryer.

**If you are having difficulty or are unable to install your Seat Décor™ Seat Cover, please contact a professional installer.**

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