

SEAT COVER INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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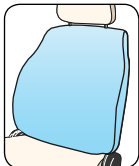
Note: These instructions are for both buckets and bench seats. **Make sure you have ordered your seat covers for the correct year, make, and model**, as many vehicles have more than one seat style available.

FIRST IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT PIECES OF YOUR SEAT COVERS

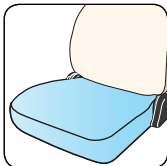
Match the pieces of your Seat Designs Seat Covers to their respective seat sections, according to the size and shape of the piece, location of armrests, headrests, and openings for seat belts and side airbags. Make sure side airbag openings line up with the side airbags. For more details regarding seat-mounted 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. It 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.

SEAT COVER PIECES

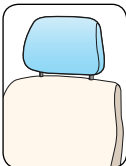
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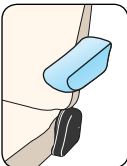
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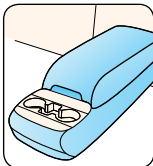
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**ARMREST
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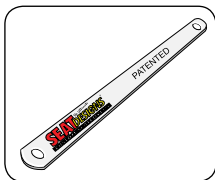


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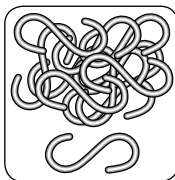
INCLUDED HARDWARE

INSTALL TOOL



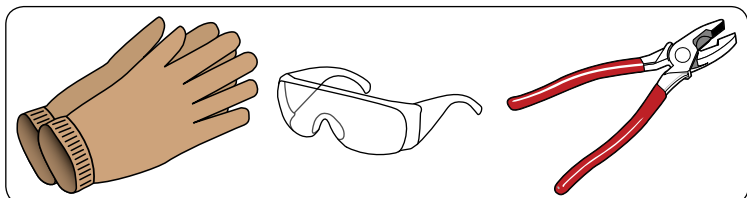
The Seat Designs[®] Proprietary Install Tool to help guide the straps through tight areas.

S-HOOKS



Bag of S-hooks used to fasten and secure the elastic straps.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT WORK GLOVES, SAFETY GOGGLES AND PLIERS



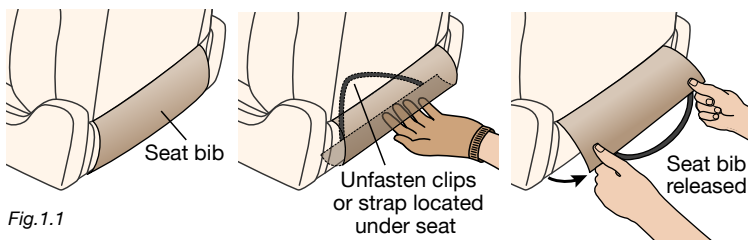
Always protect your hands and eyes by using work gloves and safety goggles.

Use the pliers to squeeze the ends of the S-hooks to close around the elastic straps.

PREPARATIONS FOR SEAT COVER INSTALLATION

Raise your seat to its highest position, this will make it easier to connect the attachment straps under the seat. You may need to move the seat forward and backward as you install each part of the seat cover.

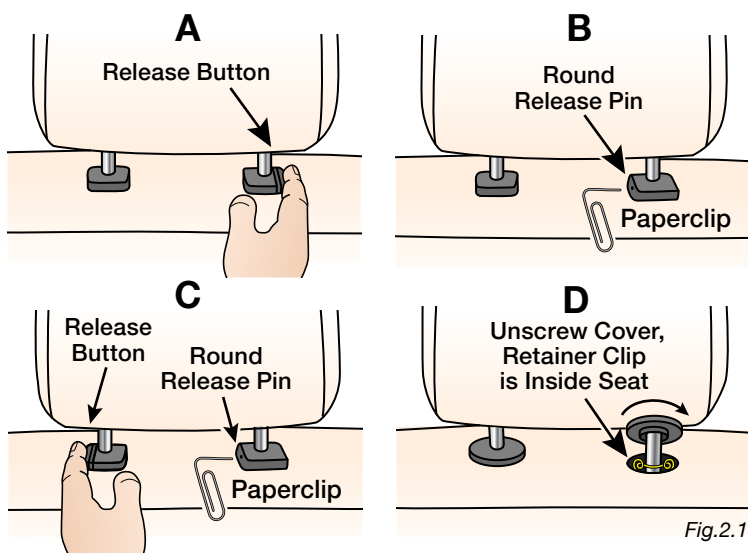
STEP 1. UNFASTEN THE SEAT BIB FLAP



Unfasten the seat bib flap at the back of your seat. This is necessary to uncover the opening between the seat cushion and the backrest, which allows straps and flaps to pass through during seat cover installation. Reach under the seat to unfasten the seat bib. It is advisable to wear work gloves. The strap may need to be cut in half if tangled under the seat. (After your seat cover installation is finished the loose ends of the strap can then be tied back together to reattach the seat bib flap.)

STEP 2. REMOVE THE HEADRESTS

Many headrests can be removed by **(A)** holding in the release button at the base of the headrest and pulling upward, **(B)** using a paperclip to push the release pin near the headrest post, **(C)** pressing a release button and a release pin. **(D)** Some headrests require unscrewing a round cover to get to the retaining clip. If you are having trouble removing your headrests, search on-line for instructions to remove your vehicle's headrests.

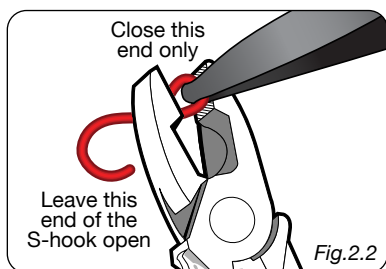


NOTE: In some vehicles the headrests may not be removable. (See **Section I**. Fig 3.12). If you have questions, please contact us at 1-800-843-3274 (M – F, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm MST) for assistance.

HOW TO ATTACH S-HOOKS TO ELASTIC STRAPS

The seat covers are held in place with looped elastic straps and S-hooks. S-hooks are attached to the straps by placing one end of an S-hook into the loop of the elastic strap. Use pliers to squeeze this end of the S-hook closed. (Fig. 2.2). You will be attaching the S-hooks throughout the installation process where noted.

NOTE: The S-hooks are shown in red in this instruction sheet only to help identify where they are used. The actual S-hooks are shiny steel.



STEP 3: INSTALLING THE BACKREST COVER

A. Determine whether your seats have side airbags. Most modern vehicles come equipped with side airbags mounted within the seat on the side closest to the door. A tag usually indicates the presence of side airbags. If you are unsure if your vehicle has side airbags, or how to locate the airbags, contact your vehicle dealer. Seat Designs Seat Covers come with an opening or a flap on the window side of the seat cover* for seats with side airbags. Before installing your backrest covers, make sure you have oriented the covers correctly so the opening aligns with the airbag.

***NOTE:** Some vehicles have airbags on both sides of the driver's seat. In these cases there should be a "Side Airbag" tag on both sides of the backrest.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR VEHICLE HAS SIDE AIRBAGS, BUT YOUR SEAT COVERS DO NOT HAVE OPENINGS FOR THEM, STOP INSTALLATION AND RETURN YOUR SEAT COVERS TO YOUR RETAILER.

Seat Designs® waives any responsibility for impairment of seat airbag deployment if the above instructions are not observed.

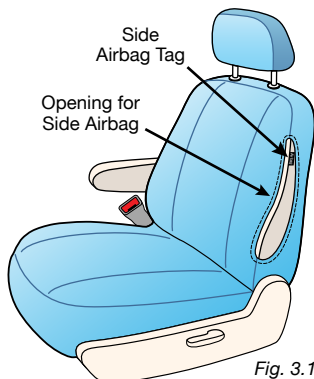


Fig. 3.1

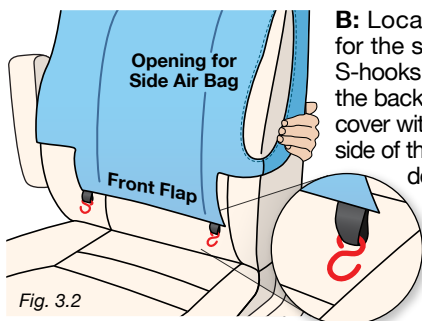


Fig. 3.2

B: Locate the correct backrest cover for the seat you are working on. Attach S-hooks to the straps on the front flap of the backrest cover (Fig. 3.2). Position the cover with the Side Airbag opening on the side of the backrest closest to the vehicle's door and window. Pull the backrest cover down over the backrest.

NOTE: If your headrests are not removable, look for an opening in the cover to pull over the headrest.

C: It may be easier to install the backrest cover by rolling it back on itself (turning it partially inside out) as you adjust the position of the top half on the seat (Fig. 3.3). Align the headrest holes in the backrest cover with those in the seat. If your car's seat has an armrest, tip it up so it goes through the elastic opening in the backrest cover as you continue to pull the cover down (Fig. 3.4). Adjust the backrest cover to follow the contours of the seat.

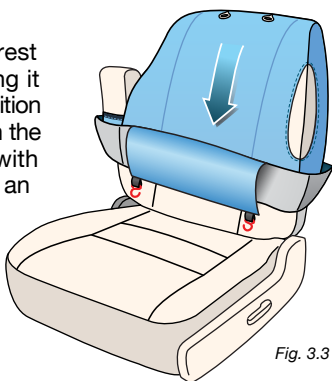


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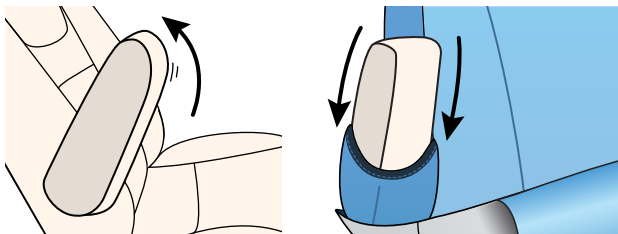


Fig. 3.4

D. When the backrest cover has been pulled all the way down, feed the bottom flap at the front of the backrest cover through the opening between the seat cushion and backrest (Fig. 3.5). If needed, use the Install Tool by hooking the S-hook into the tool and using it to push both the strap and flap through the opening (Fig. 3.6).

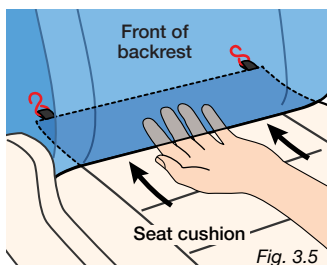


Fig. 3.5

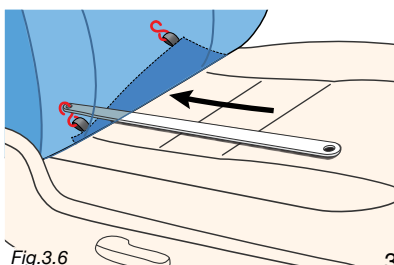
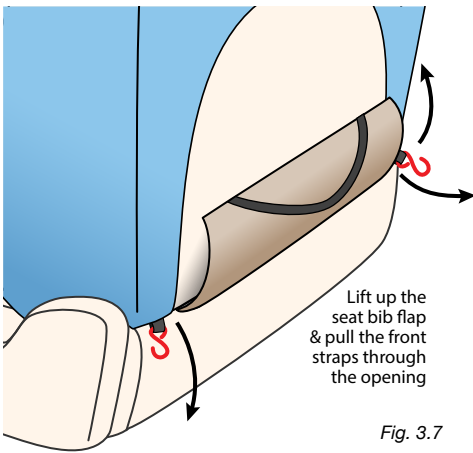


Fig. 3.6



Lift up the seat bib flap & pull the front straps through the opening

Fig. 3.7

E: From behind the seat, lift the seat bib flap up. Pull the front straps through the gap between the backrest and seat cushion. Be sure to pull the straps to the outside corners of the seat as far as you can (Fig. 3.7).

F: Use the S-hooks to connect the straps to the small loops on the back of the backrest cover. There are 2 methods to connect the straps (Figs. 3.8 and 3.9).

Method 1 – Hook to Loop

(Fig. 3.8) (Most common) Use the S-hook attached to each front strap to connect to the corresponding small elastic loop on the back of the cover.

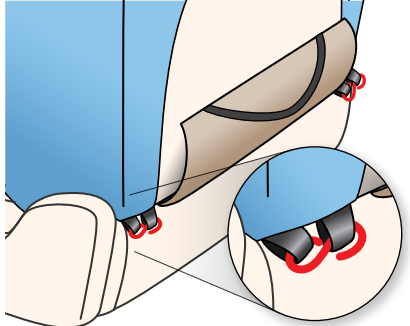


Fig 3.8 Hook to Loop

Method 2 – Strap through Loop

(Fig. 3.9) For some older vehicles the backrest cover may have long straps attached to the front flap. Thread these long straps through the short elastic loops on the back of the backrest cover. Pull the long straps firmly and attach them to a secure point on the seat frame beneath the seat with the S-hooks as shown in Fig. 3.10. We recommend wearing your work gloves and safety goggles. Be careful while working around any sharp edges under the seat.

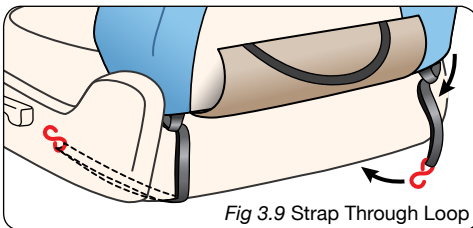


Fig 3.9 Strap Through Loop

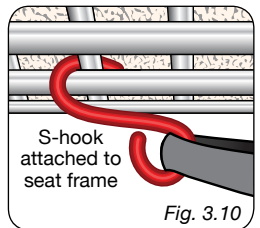


Fig. 3.10

IMPORTANT: For your safety and to prevent damage to your vehicle, be very careful when attaching S-hooks beneath the seat. Do not attach the hooks to any wiring, sensors, power seat mechanisms or other parts related to operation of the seat. Make sure you do not disturb any wiring under the seat.

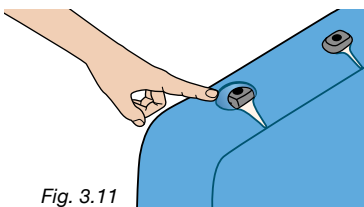


Fig. 3.11

G. To complete the backrest cover installation, push the fabric under the headrest post covers for a finished look (Fig. 3.11).

H. After the backrest cover is completely installed, you can reinstall the removable headrest.

I. For backrests without removable headrests.

If your headrests are not removable, the backrest cover will be pulled over the headrest. Installation will continue in **Step B**.

NOTE: There will be a flap to cover the area between the headrest posts. Fold the flap into place and fasten closed with the Velcro® fasteners (Fig. 3.12).

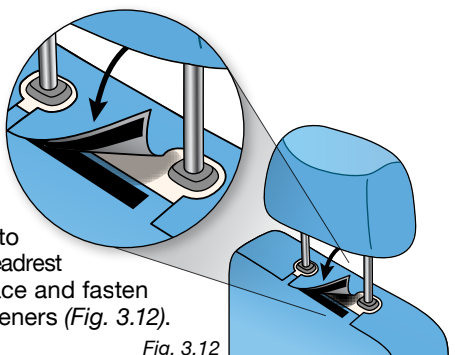
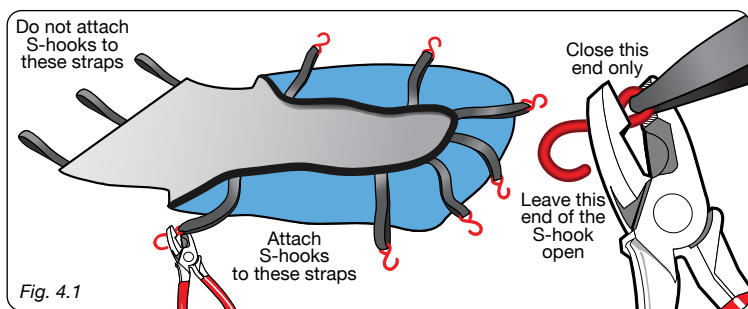


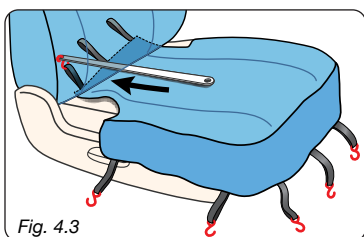
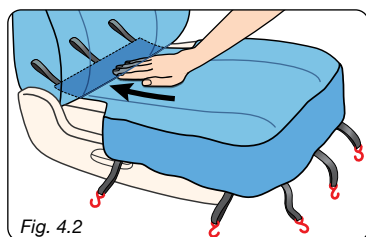
Fig. 3.12

STEP 4: INSTALLING THE SEAT CUSHION COVER

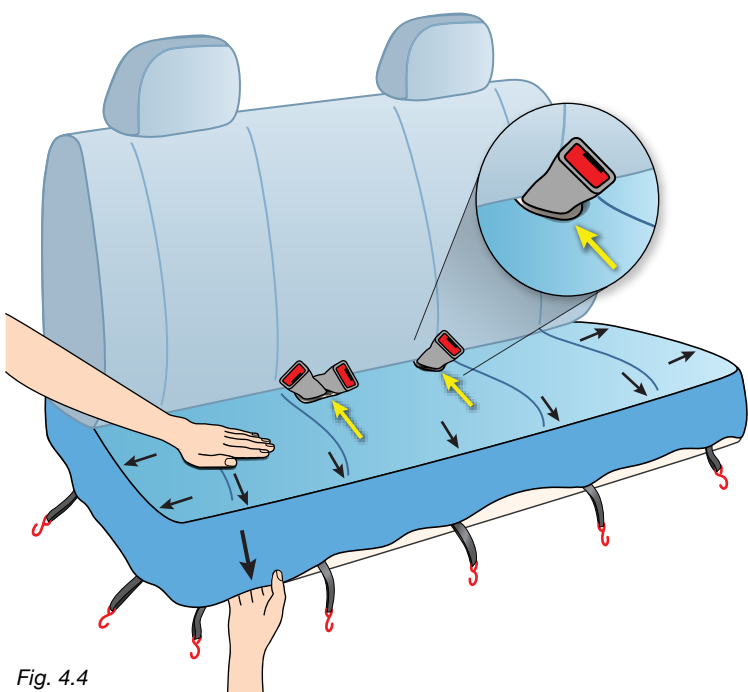
A. Locate the looped elastic straps at the bottom of the seat cushion cover. Thread one end of an S-hook into the loop of each of the front and side elastic straps. Squeeze this end of the S-hook closed with pliers so it is securely attached. Leave the other end of the S-hook open. Do not attach S-hooks to the straps on the flap at the back of the cover (Fig. 4.1).



B. Begin installing the seat cushion cover by placing it on the seat cushion. Make sure the end flap with the elastic loops (without S-hooks) is positioned at the back of the seat cushion. Push this end flap through the gap between the backrest and the cushion as far as possible with your hand (Fig. 4.2) or by using the Install Tool (Fig. 4.3).



C. If the space between the backrest and the seat cushion is too tight, use the Install Tool to feed the straps through this space. Temporarily loop an S-hook into one of the straps and hook it through the small hole in the Install Tool. Using the Install Tool, push the strap through the gap pulling the flap along with it (Fig. 4.3). From the back of the seat, lift the seat bib flap out of the way and pull the strap out as far as possible and remove the S-hook. Repeat for the other straps.



D. Align the front and side edges of the seat cushion cover along the perimeter of the seat cushion (Fig. 4.4). If there are precut openings for seatbelt buckles in your seat cushion cover, pull the seatbelt receptacles through the openings (yellow arrows). Pull the side and front fabric to the bottom of the seat cushion while holding the top of the cover in place. Make sure to keep all the straps accessible.

F. The elastic straps on the front and rear of the seat cushion will be fastened together under the seat cushion using only one S-hook (Hook-to-Loop as shown in *Fig. 3.8, Page 4*). Attach the Install Tool to one of the front straps using the S-hook. Using the Install Tool, pull this front strap under the seat to the back of the seat and then through the back loop. Link the straps together using the S-hook (*Fig. 4.5*). Repeat for the other straps.

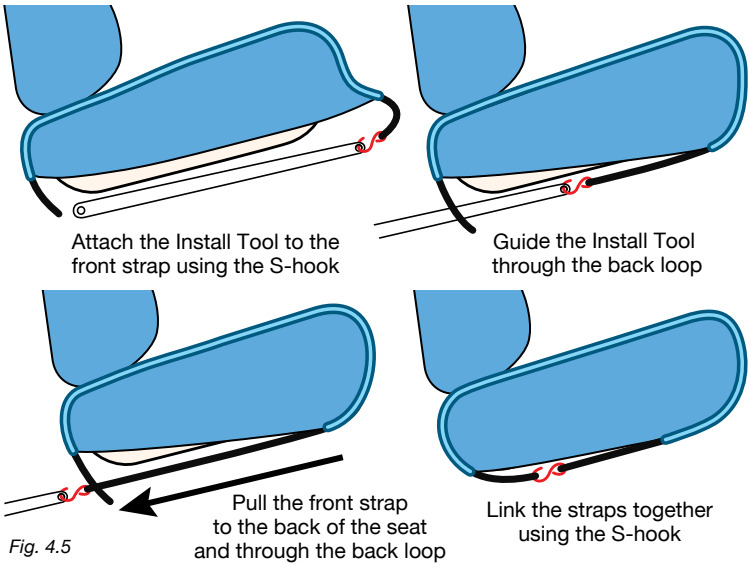


Fig. 4.5

E. If there is plastic side trim, tuck the fabric into the space between the seat cushion and this side trim. Feed the side straps through this space using the Install Tool (*Fig. 4.6*). Repeat this procedure for all of the side straps. Beneath the seat cushion, fasten the side straps to the straps from the other side by connecting their S-hooks together.

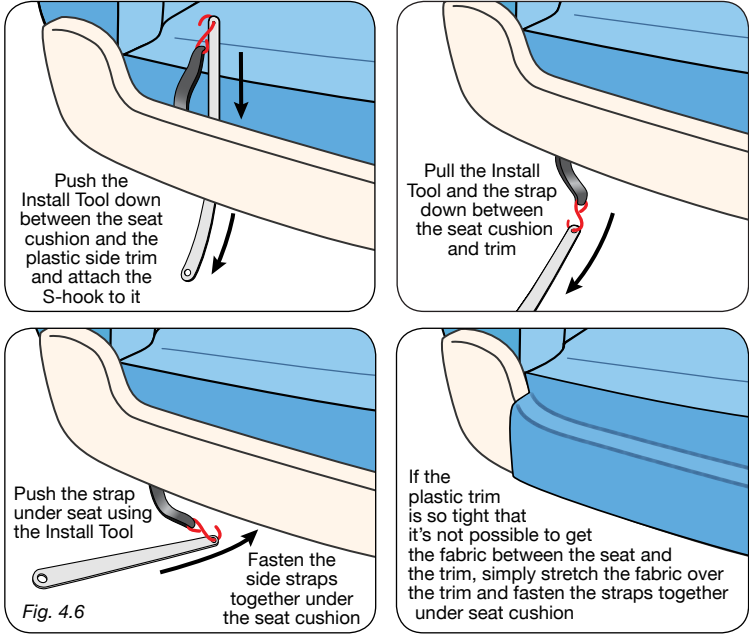
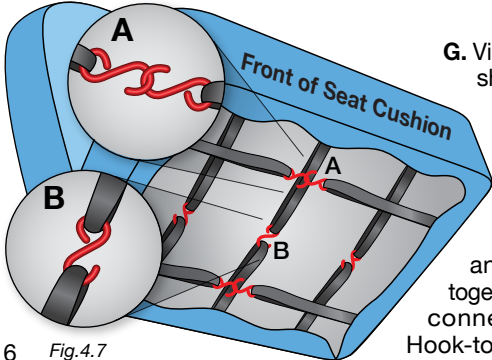
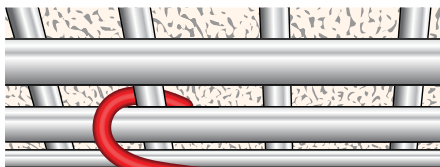


Fig. 4.6

NOTE: The cover can be installed with the side fabric over the plastic side trim if it is too difficult to get the fabric and straps between the seat and the trim.



G. View from beneath the seat showing how all the straps fasten to each other (*Fig. 4.7*). The elastic straps from each side of the seat cushion cover (A) fasten using Hook-to-Hook. The front and rear straps (B) fasten together with only one S-hook connecting them using the Hook-to-Loop technique.



Attach S-hook to a secure point on the seat frame

H. In some cases, there may not be a clear path to connect the S-hooks on the straps from side to side or front to back. If that is the case, you may need to attach the S-hooks to a secure point on the seat frame (*Fig. 4.8*).

Pulling the straps tightly will result in a better overall fit. If the fit is too loose, you may need to shorten or take slack out of the straps by tying a knot in them.

Fig. 4.8

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CHECK FOR INTERFERENCE

I. 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 cover or the straps (*Fig. 4.9*). If any obstruction to the seat's movement is observed, readjust the straps to eliminate any interference.

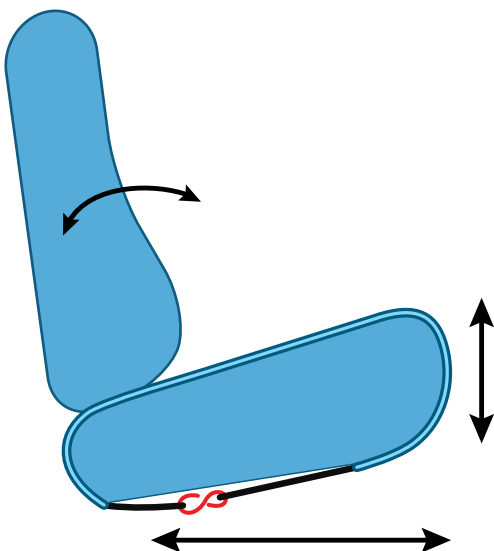


Fig. 4.9

REFASTEN SEAT BIB FLAP

J. Fold the seat bib flap back down into its original position. If you had to cut the seat bib flap strap, tie the loose ends back together. Reattach the clips or the strap to their original locations under the seat cushion.

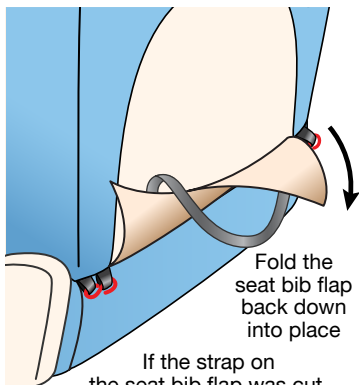


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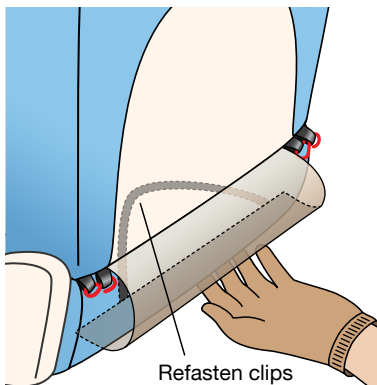


Fig. 4.11

REAR SEATS FOR PICKUPS

Depending on the cab style of your truck, you may have a solid bench, a split bench, or small individual seats in the back. Some rear backrests fold forward, and some rear seat cushions fold up to reveal hidden storage. Other trucks have seats that do not fold up or forward.

BACKREST COVER INSTALLATION

A. Remove the headrests if possible. If the headrests are not removable, there will be an opening for the headrest and a flap on the backrest cover. (See **Section I**. Fig 3.12 on the other side).

B. The seatback cover installation depends on whether the seatbacks fold forward or not.

If the backrest folds forward, install the seatback cover in the same fashion as for the front seats (see instructions on other side).

If the backrest does not fold forward, you may be able to reach behind the seatback to connect the straps. Try using the Install Tool to connect the top and bottom straps behind the backrest (Fig. 5.1). If you cannot reach behind the backrest, you will need to remove it to install the cover. There will be hooks and/or bolts that hold the backrest in place. For help removing the backrest, refer to Internet videos for your specific year, make, and model. Place the backrest cover in place and connect the straps together using the S-hooks (Fig. 5.1).

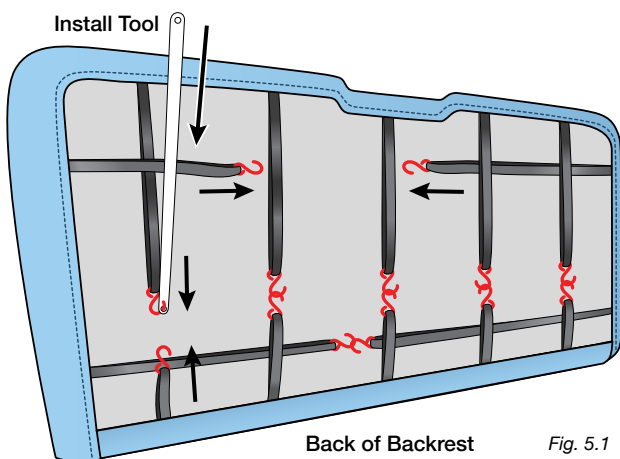


Fig. 5.1

SEAT CUSHION COVER INSTALLATION

C. If the rear seat cushion folds up, position the seat cushion cover on the seat cushion and adjust it for the best fit. Make sure any access holes align with the seat belt receptacles. Lift the seat cushion up and pull all the cover straps to the middle under the cushion. Link the straps together using the S-hooks (Fig. 5.2).

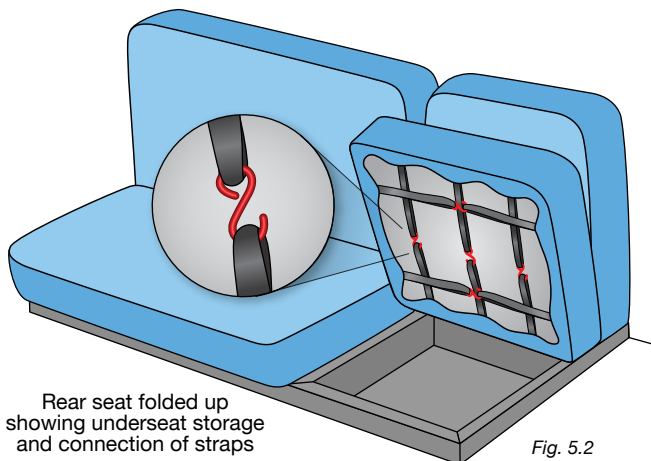


Fig. 5.2

D. If the seat cushion does not fold up, you may need to remove it to install the seat cushion cover. For help removing the seat cushion, refer to Internet videos for your specific year, make, and model. Connect the elastic straps underneath the seat cushion using S-hooks.

E. Covers for the small individual seats are usually installed using the same techniques.

F. After the seat cover installation is complete, reinstall the backrest, seat cushion, and any fasteners you removed. Make sure your seat belts are in their correct positions. Reinstall the headrests.

MIDDLE/REAR SEATS FOR VANS & SUVs

BACKREST COVER INSTALLATION

A. Middle/rear seat cover installation is similar to the procedures for front seats (see instructions on other side).

Remove the headrests and pull the backrest cover over each section of the backrest. Attach S-hooks to the loops in the front elastic straps (Fig. 6.1). Push the flap and the straps through the front opening between the seat cushion and backrest (Fig. 6.2). Link the loops together with S-hooks (Fig. 6.3).

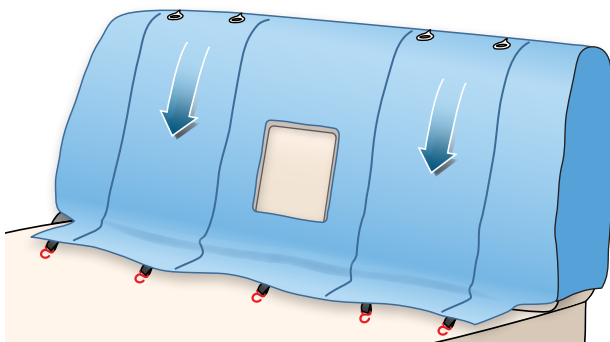


Fig. 6.1 Pull seatback cover over backrest

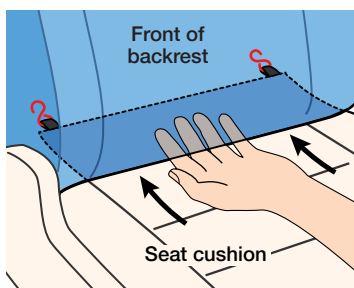


Fig. 6.2 Push flap and straps through the front opening between the seat cushion and backrest

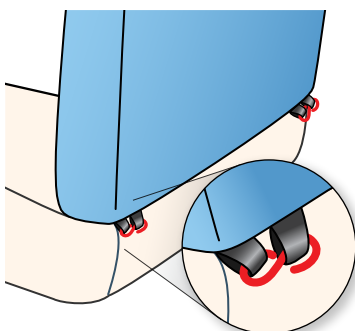


Fig 6.3 Link loops together

SEAT CUSHION COVER INSTALLATION

B. Position the seat cushion cover on the seat bottom. Attach S-hooks to the straps. Push the flap and straps through the space between the backrest and the seat cushion. If possible, fold down the seatback to get better access. Align the front and side edges of the seat cushion cover along the perimeter of the seat cushion (Fig. 6.4). If there are precut openings for seatbelt buckles in the cover, pull the seatbelt receptacles through the openings (yellow arrows). Pull the side and front fabric to the bottom of the seat cushion while holding the top of the cover in place. Make sure all the straps are accessible. Connect the elastic straps underneath the seat cushion using S-hooks.

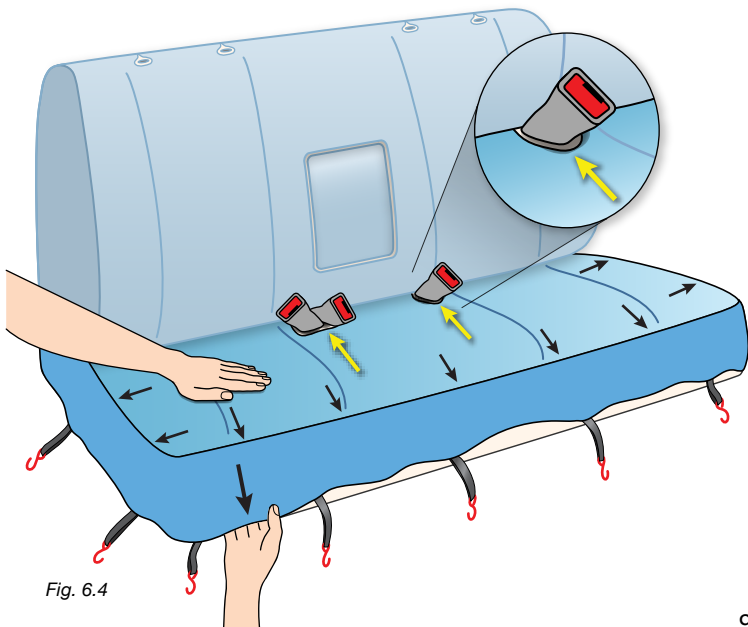


Fig. 6.4

REAR SEATS FOR CARS

SEAT CUSHION COVER INSTALLATION

A. For most cars the seat cushion must be removed to install the seat cushion cover. Many rear seat cushions have hooks securing the front of the cushion. Locate the hooks under the front edge of the seat cushion and see if there is a release mechanism. If there is, press, pull, or turn the release lever and then pull the cushion upward (*Fig. 7.1 A*).

If there are hooks but no release mechanism, grasp the cushion with your hands on either side of the hooks and forcibly pull the cushion up (*Fig. 7.1 B*).

Some vehicles have hooks built into the floor that require the seat cushion to be pressed down and then pushed backwards to unhook (*Fig. 7.2*). There may also be bolts hidden at the rear of the seat cushion, including bolts that have to be accessed from the trunk. Refer to Internet videos about rear seat removal for your year, make, and model.

Some vehicles have various types of latches at the front of the seat cushion. You must push, pull, turn, or squeeze the latches to release the hooks so that you can pull the cushion up.

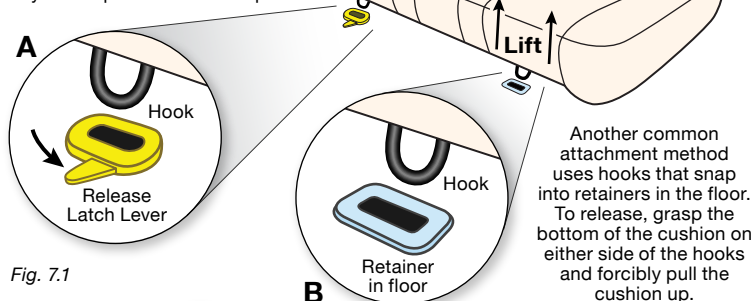


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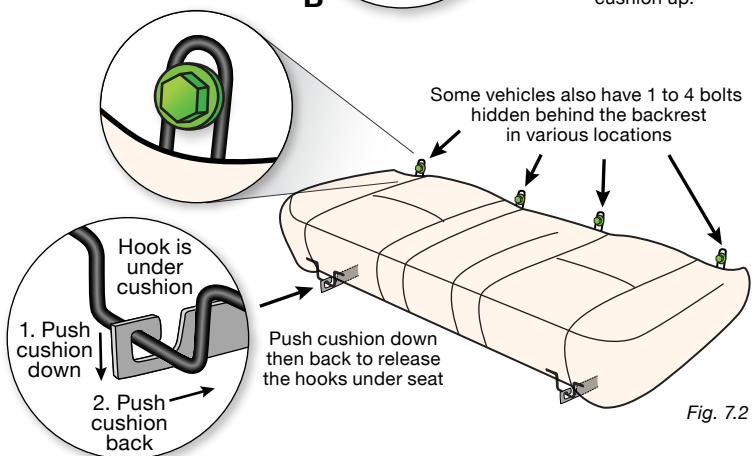


Fig. 7.2

B. With the rear seat cushion removed, position the seat cushion cover on the seat bottom. Attach S-hooks to the straps. Align the front and side edges of the seat cushion cover along the perimeter of the seat cushion. If there are precut openings for seatbelt buckles in your seat cushion cover, pull the seatbelt receptacles through the openings. Pull the side and front fabric to the bottom of the seat cushion while holding the top of the cover in place (*Fig. 6.4, Page 9*). Make sure all the straps are accessible. Connect the elastic straps underneath the seat cushion using S-hooks. (*Fig. 7.3*).

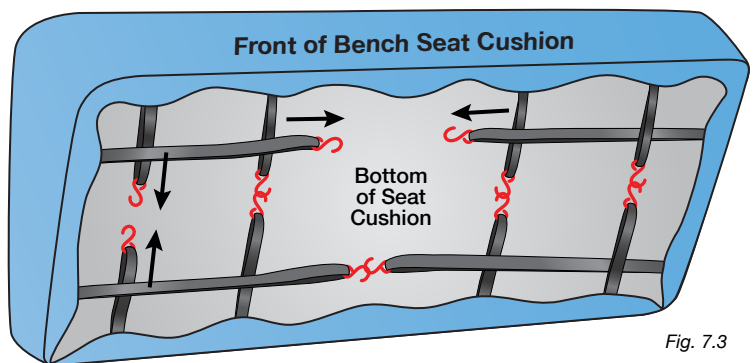


Fig. 7.3

View from beneath the seat cushion showing how the elastic straps are connected using the S-hooks.

BACKREST COVER INSTALLATION

A. If the backrest folds forward, the backrest cover installation is the same as the procedure used for the front row (see instructions in **Step 3** on other side). With the headrests removed, release the seat back and partially fold down the backrest so you can pull the cover over each section of the backrest, adjusting it for the best fit (*Fig. 7.4*). Attach S-hooks to the elastic straps on the front flap and squeeze the end with the strap closed with pliers as shown in *Fig. 2.2*. Push the straps and the front flap from the front to the back at the bottom of the backrest. Reach behind the backrest and link the straps together with the S-hooks using the Hook-to-Loop technique (*Fig. 7.5*).

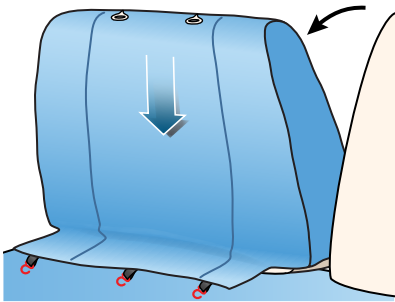


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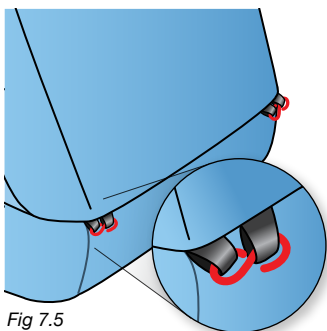


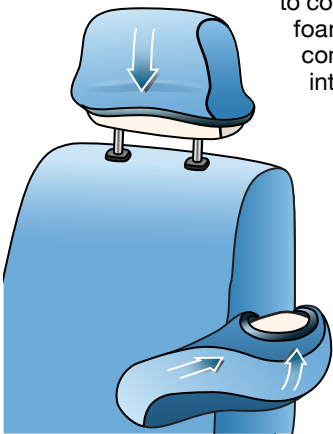
Fig. 7.5

B. If the backrest does not fold forward you may need to remove it. There are hooks and/or bolts that hold the backrest in place (some may need to be accessed from the trunk). For help removing the seatback, refer to Internet videos for your specific year, make, and model.

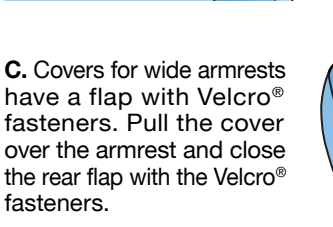
After removing the seatback, install the seatback cover and connect all the straps on the back of the seatback (*Fig. 5.1, Page 8*). Reinstall the seatback and the the seat cushion. Then reinstall removable headrests.

HEADRESTS, ARMRESTS AND CONSOLE COVERS

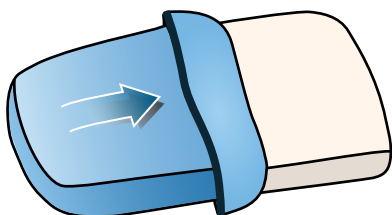
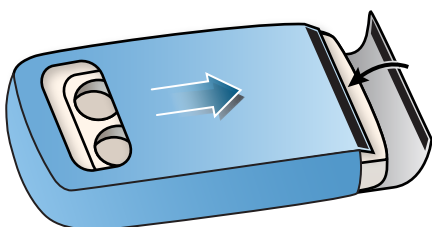
A. Headrest covers are easiest to install after the rest of the seat cover installation has been completed and the removable headrests have been reinstalled. Pull the cover over the headrest and carefully stretch it to conform to the shape of the headrest. The foam inside the headrest may need to be compressed slightly as the cover is pulled into place and adjusted for the best fit.



B. Armrest covers for bucket seats are simply pulled over the armrest. Rotate the opening toward the seat as the cover is pulled into place so it is hidden. The foam inside the armrest may need to be compressed slightly as the cover is pulled into place and adjusted for the best fit.



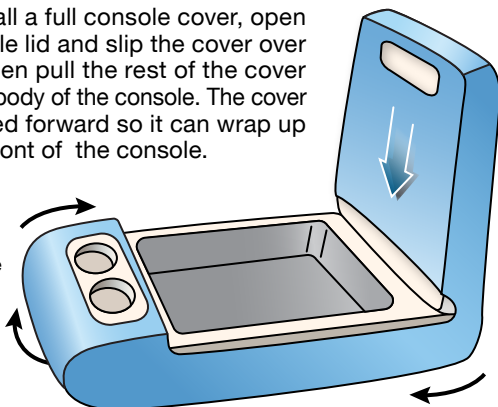
C. Covers for wide armrests have a flap with Velcro® fasteners. Pull the cover over the armrest and close the rear flap with the Velcro® fasteners.



D. Console lid covers are pulled over the console lid and then carefully stretched to conform to the shape of the console lid. The foam inside the lid cover may need to be compressed slightly as the cover is pulled into place and adjusted for the best fit.

E. To install a full console cover, open the console lid and slip the cover over the lid. Then pull the rest of the cover under the body of the console. The cover is stretched forward so it can wrap up over the front of the console.

Finish by pulling the cover up and over the front of the console



First, pull the cover over the console lid

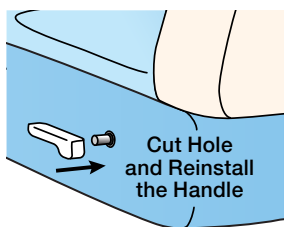
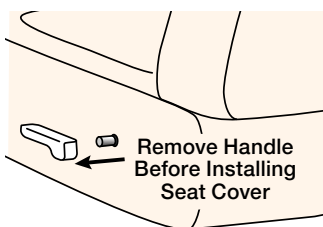
Stretch the rest of the cover under the body of the console

INSTALLATION TIPS

To make the installation of your new seat covers easier, raise your seat to the highest level possible. This will increase the space below the seat so you can pass the elastic straps under the seat and connect them more easily. As you install the covers, you may need to move the seat forward or backward to make room to work around the seat. It may also be helpful to fold the seat forward to gain access as you pass the flaps and straps between the cushion and backrest. We recommend wearing work gloves to protect your hands from sharp metal edges whenever you work under the seat, and safety goggles when you pull the elastic straps tight in case they snap back.

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, you may be able to remove them, then reinstall them after seat cover installation. To do this, align the fabric over the control shaft and 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.



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 washing machine or dryer.

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