



SEAT COVER INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

If necessary, have your Seat Designs[®] Custom Seat cover 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. Check that yours is correct.

Be sure to read these instructions completely before beginning installation.

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I. FRONT SEATS

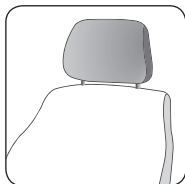
STEP 1. IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT PIECES OF YOUR SEAT COVER

Match the pieces of your Seat Designs Seat cover to their respective seat sections, according to the size and shape of the piece, location of armrests, headrests, side airbags, and seatbelt openings. For specific details regarding seat-mounted airbags, refer to Step 3. Check sizes carefully before installing, to ensure you are not placing backrest covers on seat cushions and vice versa.

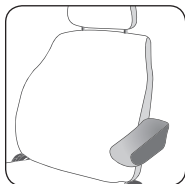


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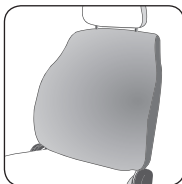
HEADRESTS



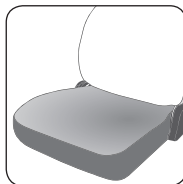
ARMRESTS



BACKREST COVER

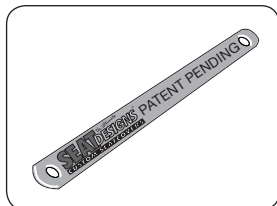


CUSHION COVER



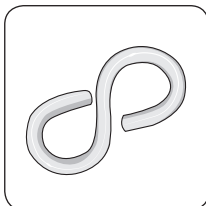
INCLUDED HARDWARE:

PULL TOOL



Seat Designs® Proprietary Pull Tool: To make strap connections.

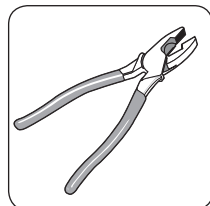
S-HOOKS



"S" hooks attach to elastic straps.

RECOMMENDED:

PLIERS



Use to clamp "S" hooks to elastic straps.

STEP 2. INSTALLING THE SEAT CUSHION COVER

Before starting, raise your seats to the highest level possible. This will make it easier to attach elastic straps underneath the seat bottom.

- First, pull the seat bottom cover over the seat cushion. Be sure to pull the cover tightly at all points to ensure a snug fit (Fig. 1). If there are pre-sewn holes for seatbelt buckles, be sure to pull the seatbelt stem through these openings.
- Next, look for the elastic loops attached to the bottom of the seat cover. Attach the S-hooks to the loops in the elastic straps and then clamp the S-hooks closed with a pliers (Fig. 1.1). Feed the straps around the seat bottom at all points. If you cannot fit the seat straps through the sides of the seat or under the front or back because of lack of room, you may use Seat Designs' "Pull Tool" to assist (Fig. 1.2, 1.3). Attach the open end of the S-hook to the tool and feed the elastic strap through the front, back or side of the seat bottom. Pull straps tightly and attach them to a secure point beneath the seat with the S-hooks (Figures 1.4, 1.5).

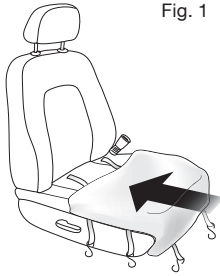
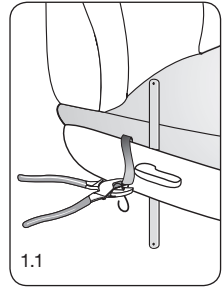
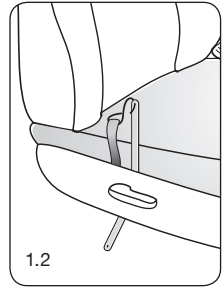


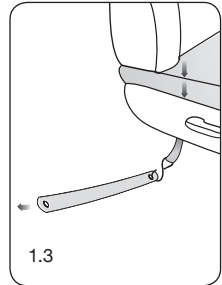
Fig. 1



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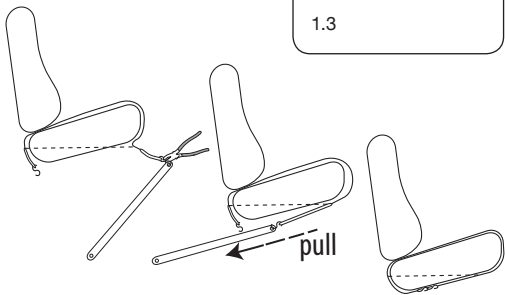
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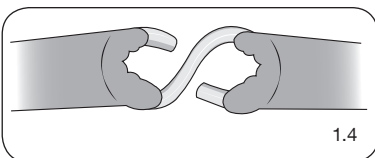
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Do not attach the hooks to any power seat mechanisms, wiring or other parts related to operation of the seat: forward, backward, or up and down.

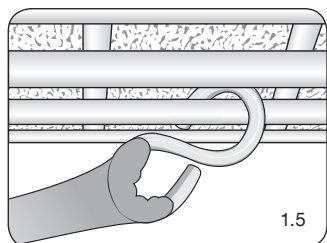
Pulling the straps tightly will result in a better overall fit. If you have trouble finding a safe or secure location to attach the S-hooks, simply link the straps to each other with the S-hooks. However, you may need to shorten or take slack out of the straps by tying them in knots.



Once all straps are attached securely, move the seat forward and backwards, to ensure there are no obstructions in its movement.



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STEP 3. INSTALLING THE BACKREST COVER

a. First determine whether your seats have side airbags:

Many vehicles come equipped with side airbags mounted within the seat on the sides closest to their respective doors. These airbags deploy during side impact collisions. Many vehicles have a tag or side compartment that indicates the presence of side airbags. If you are unsure, contact your dealer. Seat Designs' Seat covers come with an opening 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 before proceeding. *Some GM vehicles have driver's seat airbags on both sides of the seat.

NOTE: IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR VEHICLE HAS SIDE AIRBAGS, *BUT YOUR SEAT COVERS DO NOT HAVE OPENINGS ON THE SIDES, STOP INSTALLATION IMMEDIATELY AND RETURN SEAT COVERS TO YOUR RETAILER FOR AN EXCHANGE OR REFUND.

*Seat Designs® waives any responsibility for impairment of seat airbag deployment if the above instructions are not observed. User should monitor seat cover fit after regular use to ensure no shifting has occurred causing openings to misalign with airbags.

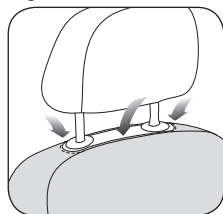


Fig. 3

b. Headrests:

1. 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 (Fig. 3.1).
2. If you have adjustable headrests that can be removed, then first remove the headrests, install the backrest cover, and then reinstall the headrests. There should be either 1 large hole, or 2 small holes at the top of the backrest cover (Fig. 3.2) for the headrest posts to fit into. (See the back page for tips on removing headrests.)

Fig. 3.1



c. Slip the backrest cover over the seat back:

You may find it helpful to position the backrest cover by rolling it back on itself while positioning the top half on the seat back. If you have an armrest, there will usually be an elastic opening which you can place over the armrest when pulling the backrest cover down. Then unroll the seat cover down along the rest of the backrest (Fig. 3.2). Be sure to pull the cover at all points so it fits snugly. Feed elastic straps or sewn-in loops sewn at the bottom of the backrest cover through the space between the seat bottom cushion and the seat back. Then attach the straps or loops to each other or down and under the seat cushion (See drawings on next page).

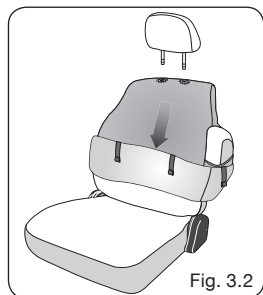


Fig. 3.2

3 different types of attachment systems to attach the backrest cover:

- a) **Loop to Loop** (most common) - (Fig 3.3) - Feed sewn-in elastic loops between the backrest and seat bottom and attach together with corresponding loops on the back with S-hooks.
- b) **Elastic Straps only** - (Fig 3.4) - Feed strap between backrest and seat bottom, and attach beneath the seat bottom using S-hooks.
- c) **Strap through Loop** (Fig 3.5) - Feed the elastic straps from the front between the backrest and seat bottom through the elastic loops and then pull the elastic straps down to attach underneath the seat bottom.

Fig 3.3
Loop to Loop

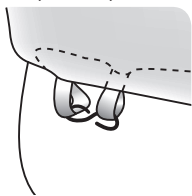


Fig 3.4 Strap only

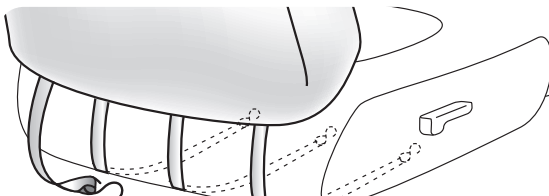


Fig 3.5 Strap through Loop

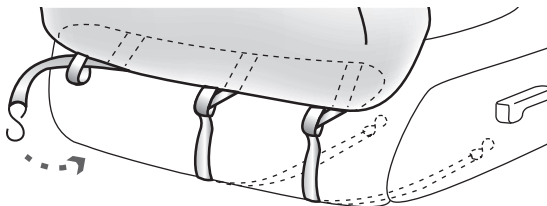


Fig 3.4 Strap only
(Large loop)



STEP 4. ENSURE FREE MOVEMENT OF YOUR SEAT

Sit in the seat and move it forward, backward and up-and-down, to ensure that the elastic straps do not obstruct movement or function of the seat.

II. MIDDLE AND REAR SEATS

FOR CARS:

In most cars, the rear car seat will have to be removed first from the vehicle before installation. In these cases, the bottom cushion is removed first, and then the seat back cushion removed last. It may be necessary to access attachment bolts through the trunk on some vehicles. See a professional if you need assistance on this.

FOR SUV'S, TRUCKS & VANS:

Most Seat Designs Seat covers can be installed on the rear and middle seats as shown in Steps 1-4 in the preceding sections for front seat installation. In some cases, seats may need to be removed prior to installation.

III. INSTALLATION TIPS

A. Headrest Removal :

Some headrests can be removed simply by holding in a “release” button at the base and then pulling them upward. Still other vehicles have headrests that require a thin round tool (like a paper clip) to push on a release pin near the headrest post. If you are unsure how to remove the headrests for your vehicle, contact your dealer.

B. Knobs, Levers, and Seat Control Switches:

Openings for these items may or may not be cut out. Most switches/levers will function fully even if they are underneath the seat cover. If you wish to access these controls first remove the handles. Then install the seat cover completely. Finally: cut a very small hole in the cover for the stem to fit through, and then reattach the handle. Be careful not to tear the fabric when stretching over the stem.

IV. 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.

Looking for seat covers? We have you covered with excellent products that meet your needs.