# **Installation Instructions**

# **Modified Style**

These seat covers are designed to be installed on the seats while they are in the vehicle whenever possible. They are also designed to tuck behind your original plastic panels whenever possible. According to make, model, and year the seats vary greatly. We have tried to cover most of them in these instructions. Should you or your customer have any questions, call Customer Service for additional help.

<u>Warning:</u> You must not obstruct the side impact air bags. If your seat has side impact air bags and your seat cover has not been properly modified either with velcro or a cutout, **DO NOT INSTALL** this cover. It could interfere with the deployment of the side impact air bags. Please call for more information. We will make the necessary modifications to accommodate for air bags.

<u>Warning:</u> The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration recommends that passengers under the age of 12 not travel in the front seat of a motor vehicle. The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration also requires new light-duty vehicles to be equipped with advanced airbag sensors that detect a front passenger's body weight. In case of a frontal crash, if a front passenger's body weight is less than 70 pounds, a sensor deactivates the airbag deployment to avoid causing death or serious injury that may result from the force of an airbag deployment. The extra weight of an aftermarket seat cover may be detected by an advanced airbag sensor as part of a passenger's body weight. This extra weight could cause an airbag to deploy in case of a frontal crash if a person's body weight is slightly less than 70 pounds because the sensor may add the aftermarket seat cover's weight to that of the passenger's and thus assume that a front passenger's body weight is actually more than 70 pounds. A front passenger airbag may cause death or serious injury to a person who weighs less than 70 pounds.

**Warning:** On some new vehicles there may be an option for active headrests with a wire running into the headrests. These headrests are not designed to be removed, and allowances should have been made to allow installation of the seat covers without taking off these headrests. If no allowances have been made and you have Active Headrests with the wire running into the headrest, be sure to let us know so we can fix your seat covers.

# A. Front Bucket Cushions

(Note: Be careful to check all pieces. The driver's and passenger's sides on buckets may be opposites or slightly different. Also never attach to or tie around wires under seat)

- 1. Lay the lower cushion cover on the seat cushion and push the flap through where the bottom and backrest meet.
- 2. On the backside of the lower cushion there is a factory flap of material (carpeted or plastic) that is attached to the underside of the seat with elastic straps. Reach under the seat, find where the elastics are attached to the seat, and detach them. (They may have plastic clips or be looped around the metal springs that support the cushion)

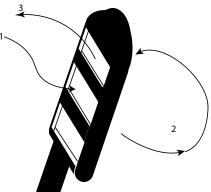
Some models may have a plastic rivet or be attached to the air bag wiring connector/bracket (e.g. 2015-2016 Ford F-150). You will not need to detach this type of flap to install the covers.

- 3. Pull the 3 straps through the gap where the lower cushion and backrest meet. Depending on vehicle the outer 2 buckles & strap locations may be reversed. Grab the back edge of the seat cover and pull back until the front corners and seams are properly aligned on the seat.
- 4. On the back of the seats feed the outer 2 straps under the seat towards the corresponding front buckles. (Whenever possible go above all electronics, wires, and metal bars). Feed the straps through the corresponding buckles and tighten. (Some models may have Velcro instead of the outer 2 straps. If it does, just pull the flap tight and attach Velcro to the carpet). The center strap is our "Anchor Strap" that you need to feed under the seat, going above a metal support spring, and return to the buckle that is attached to the strap. This will keep your seat cover from rotating forward over time.
- Wrap excess strap material above the tightened straps to keep it out of the way.
- If you have electric seat controls on the upholstery of the seat, there will be cutouts provided. To get a clean look, tuck the opening around the plastic panel, if possible.
- 7. If you do not have electric seat controls, just tuck the side skirt of the seat cover under the top edge of the plastic trim panel around the base of the seat. (Depending on your particular seat, most will tuck under the plastic; some will cover over the plastic). (See Picture "A" opposite page).
- 8. Untie the loop at the end of the skirt string on the door side of the cushion. Tuck the bottom skirt strings through the side corners at the back of the seat cushion. Pull the strings until the end with the loop is near the edge of the seat. Then feed the untied end through the loop end and cinch tight like a drawstring bag. Pinch the string to hold it in place and tie off in a knot. (Using a slip knot will make it easier to remove the cushion in the future). On some models the cover will fit better if you go down the side of the seat (behind the plastic trim) and take the strings under the seat to tie them together. Please ensure that the string is not resting against any sharp metal edges and will not interfere with the movement of the seat track. (Please call if you need any help deciding which is best for your model)
- (If you have adjustable headrests or lumbar supports on the backrest or seat cushion, cutouts will be provided)

# **B. Front Bucket Backrests**

(Note: Be careful to check all pieces. The driver's and passenger's sides on buckets may be opposites or slightly different.)

(Warning-If you have active headrests with the wire running into the headrests, DO NOT remove the headrests.



**Buckle Use:** The strap pushes from the back of the buckle through the middle opening, then back through the front slot allowing it to be pulled tight.

#### Accommodations should be made for your headrests. Contact us if this has not been done.)

- Remove the adjustable headrests before installing. (See section C for removal details). Line up the top of the seat cover with the top of the seat, and pull the cover down on the seat a little at a time. This will ensure a smooth, snug, and straight fit. (If your seats have seat mounted airbags, open the overlapping Velcro flap before sliding the cover over the backrest).
- 2. Tuck the fabric under the plastic head rest housing using the provided installation tool. (See Picture B below).
- 3. Push the flap with felt on the end of it through where the backrest and bottom meet.
- 4. From the back side of the seat pull the felt flap towards you until there is a form fit on the front of the backrest. Then pull the felt flap down and seal it to the strip of 2" hook/hard velcro sewn on the lower seat cover.
- Re-attach Velcro tabs for the airbag flap and then manipulate the cover so that the seams are aligned to match the original seat. If necessary tighten and re-seal the Velcro.
- 6. Re-attach Factory Flap and attach Velcro tabs to back of flap. (Some models may have elastics on the back of the cover which will hook around the springs under the seat)

## C. Installation of Headrest Covers

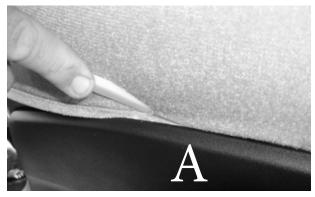
- 1. Most vehicles have a release button(s) or small pinhole at the base of the post on the plastic housing. Depressing the button(s) will release the headrests so they can be removed (Some buttons are flush with the side of the plastic housing). If it has a pinhole you can use a paperclip or small Allen wrench to depress the button inside of the housing. If both plastics housings have buttons/pinholes, these must be pushed at the same time to remove the head rest.
- To install the cover, squeeze the headrest together as you slide the cover over the headrest, being careful not to split the seams. (The longer flap with loop/soft Velcro on it will usually go towards the back of the headrest)
- 3. Once the cover is on the headrest manipulate it to align the cover seams with the upholstery seams.
- 4. Pull the front and back flaps together and connect the hook/hard and loop/soft Velcro pieces together. Some headrest covers will have elastic around the bottom and will not have velcro.

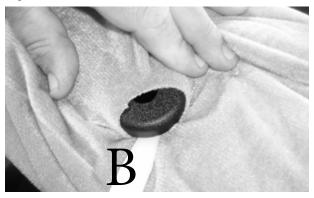
## D. Armrest Covers

- Slide the cover over the armrest. To get a perfect fit make sure the seams of the armrest cover match up with the seams of the armrest upholstery. Once the seams are aligned, seal the Velcro closure on the backside of the armrest.
- 2. If you have cup holders on the armrest cutouts will be provided. Whenever possible, tuck the material around the cutout under the edge of the cup holder plastic.

## F. 40/20/40 Front Seat

- 1. Installing the 40 sections are the same steps as A, B, and C.
- 2. With the 20 section backrest/console in the down position open the lid of the console and attach the lid cover. It will either have Velcro straps side to side or will be an envelope type sleeve that you will slide over the lid. There will normally be a strip of loop/soft Velcro sewn along the back edge of the lid (depending on model). Fit the underside of the console/backrest on. The front edges should slightly cap over the edge of the front of the console, and the back edge of the cover should have a strip of hook/hard Velcro sewn onto it that you will attach to the Velcro on the back edge of the lid. Once the 2 pieces of the console are connected to each other pull the sides of the lower piece up to the edge of the console and attach the Velcro tabs that are provided.
- 3. Lay the lower cushion section of the cover over the seat cushion or slide the lower cushion sleeve over the seat cushion (This will vary depending on vehicle and if the cushion does/does not have under seat storage). Push the straps/Velcro through where the back and bottom meet and wrap them under the seat cushion. Feed straps under the cushion to corresponding buckles if applicable. Pull the back of cushion cover towards the back of the seat until cover is tight and then either tighten straps or attach Velcro.
- 4. Depending on model attach the Velcro tabs on the sides of the cushion to the carpet under the seat or pull drawstring tight and tie to itself (See step 8 in section A.).
- 5. If you have a center headrest, tuck fabric below plastic housing and reattach the headrest.





The enclosed installation tool is for your convenience when installing a seat cover. It can be used to tuck the fabric of the seat cover down behind plastic (see picture A), around the headrest housing (see picture B), and other areas as needed.

#### \*Installation Videos Available on Youtube