

In order to refurbish your seat bolster covers you will first need to remove the existing covers from your front seats.

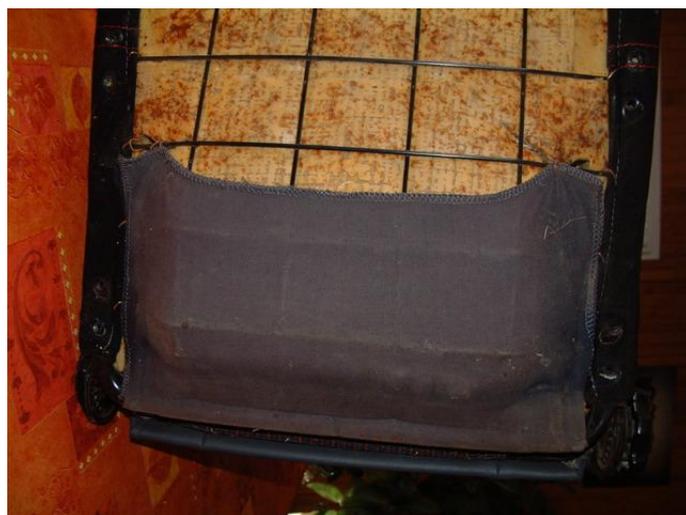
Firstly remove the seat from the car. Once this is done place the seat on a table or bench. This will assist you in gaining access to the various seat sections. I would also advise that you have good pair of side cutters available to cut the hog rings.

If you wish to re-use the hog rings then a pair of pliers could be used to bend them apart.



With the seat as above remove the plastic outer trim piece (3 Philips screws) and then take off the seat runner – 4 Torx screws (2 per side).

Next we unfasten the rear seat linen attachment listing:



Held by hog rings either side attaching it to the wire seat frame. Pull this back to reveal the second transverse (wired) fixing point.

This is the main attachment for this listing:



The listing itself is sewn to the rear part of the front seat cushion cover, and has both a mechanical and tensioning role. With the listing moved out of the way we know have access to the chain attachment links (3 each side) which connect the top, side wired, listings through the cushion foam to the seat base frame. Remove the attaching hog rings for the chains and along with the bolster cover fixing rings down each side (also a wired listing inserted in the bottom hem of the bolster cover itself)

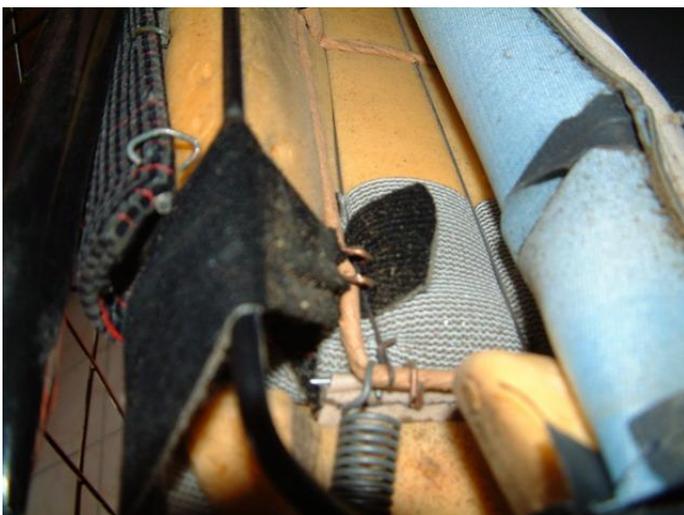


Finally remove the hog rings attaching the main seat insert material to the seat wire frame (above picture LHS). Ease the cover off the foam, the chain will need to be gently pulled through the seat base foam. The cover and its foam should then lift off completely. The final action to remove the cover is to cut the wired attachment hog rings at the front of the seat, this will give access to the rear attachment which is Velcro hook and loop. Detach this with care otherwise the piece stuck to the channel in the cushion foam will become detached.

Next we will tackle the backrest (a.k.a the squab) cover. Flip the seat over and turn it to face you.



You will see 2 lines of hog ringing – one for the seat insert material and one for the vinyl backing to the squab cover itself.



We will tackle the vinyl first, this bottom fixing is wired, remove the hog rings and fold it back to reveal the attaching and tension points for the bottom sections of the squab bolster covers. Remove these.

Next unfasten the squab insert bottom attachment rings; this will free the moveable middle section of the squab cover. Now turn the seat over in order to access the bolster attachment points down each side, attaching the bolster cover to the frame.



Our attention now moves to the side bolster attachment rings. To get to these, fold the middle section back out of the way, then lift the side section extension wings back.



Remove both sides accordingly.



Next we tackle the back vinyl attachments; these are down each side and across the top of the middle part of the backrest vinyl section. Work from bottom to the top of the seat as shown below.



Once the vinyl is released, then we finally detach the insert itself from the centre foam section by removing the hog rings, taking care not to rip chunks of foam out as you do this. Go up each side first.



Start at the bottom first and as you remove the hog rings lift the cover as you go.

This will reveal the bottom wired attachment point (a wired linen listing), remove the rings and proceed. The second attachment is Vecpro (same as the cushion) as shown in the second picture.



The squab cover can now be removed completely. The refitting is the reverse of removal – as they so often say in “Haynes” ☺



Hope this will help you, and forms a part of my ongoing series of “How to” guides for the home trimmer.

Best regards

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