

Installation Instructions

Rear Seat

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IMPORTANT NOTES

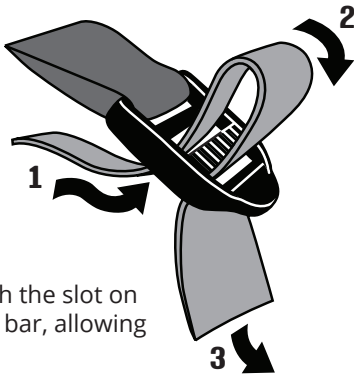
- If you have any questions or issues during installation, **call customer service for additional help** at 800-453-8830 (US only) or **801-972-5845**.
- Seats vary greatly according to vehicle make, model, trim, and year. These instructions are as broad as possible, but **you may notice some differences in your specific vehicle**. Call if you need assistance.
- Whenever possible, these seat covers are designed to be installed while the **seats are in the vehicle**, with the covers **tucking behind your original plastic panels**.



Installation videos available at
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BUCKLE USE

- 1 Thread the strap from behind the buckle out through the center opening (next to the grooved bar).
- 2 Pass the strap across the grooved bar.
- 3 Thread the strap back through the slot on the other side of the grooved bar, allowing the strap to be pulled tight.



Lift up on the rounded front tab of the buckle to loosen for removal.

Warning: 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 the company at 800-453-8830 or 801-972-5845 for more information. We will make the necessary modifications to accommodate for air bags.

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.

Warning: 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.

A Rear Bottom Cushion

1. If the lower cushion(s) does not fold forward or have room to feed the straps under the seat, you will most likely need to remove the lower seat cushion (In most cases the rear seat bottom can be released and removed by depressing buttons on the lower front edge or by giving the front edge of the seat a sharp tug upward). If you are unsure of how to remove the seat cushion please call us (800-453-8830 or 801-972-5845) for assistance.
2. Lay the cover on the bottom cushion and align the seams with the seams of the cushion upholstery. Your seat covers may have a fabric flap that covers the child seat anchors. To retain access to the anchors (optional), fold and tuck that flap forward (onto the seat) before the seat cover is fully installed.
3. Flip the seat cushion over (if seat removal was necessary) and match up the straps to the corresponding buckles on the front and rear edges of the cover.
4. Secure the straps to the buckles and tighten. Then pull the drawstring tight and attach the ends to each other or something solid on the underside of the seat.
5. Tuck excess strap and drawstring material above the tightened straps to keep it out of the way.
6. Do not put the lower seat cushion back in until after you have attached the backrest covers (see Section E).

B Truck Non-Folding Rear Backrest

1. If the seat has adjustable headrests, remove them before installing. (See Section F for removal details) Make sure the seat cover is behind the center seat belt. If this is not done, the seat belt will not be accessible. Line up the top of the seat cover with the top of the seat and pull down until capped securely over the shoulders. Check for possible child seat anchors, and verify accessibility before seat cover is fully installed.
2. Tuck the fabric under the plastic headrest housing using the provided installation tool. See Photo B opposite side.
3. With the bottom cushion(s) folded up against the backrest(s) drop the straps down the back of the seat to the buckles on the bottom of the seat cover. You can use a long piece of wire/metal coat hanger to help feed the straps down the back of the seat.
4. If you have an armrest, a cutout will be provided. If there is plastic trim, tuck the inner arm liner behind it if possible using the provided installation tool. See Photo A opposite side.
5. Feed the straps through the corresponding buckles and pull them up the backside of the seat to tighten them. Moving the lower seat cushion up and down a little while doing this will help tighten the straps.
6. Pull the seat cover tight side-to-side on the face of the seat and hook/tie the elastics on the side panels behind the back rest, or tuck Velcro or tabs around the back corners. If needed, you can also use s-hooks or paperclips to help hook the elastics.

C Sedan Non-Folding Rear Backrest

1. Installation on non-folding solid backrests requires removal from the vehicle. Remove the adjustable headrests before installing, if applicable. (See Section F for removal details). Then undo the bolts at the bottom corners. Push the face of the cushion back and up in a slight scooping motion to release it from the hook locks, then continue upward to remove it.
2. Pull the seat cover on and manipulate it so the seams are aligned with the upholstery seams of the seat. Check for possible child seat anchors, and verify accessibility before seat cover is fully installed.
3. Tuck the fabric under the plastic headrest housing using the provided installation tool, if applicable. (See Photo B)
4. If you have an armrest, a cutout will be provided in the seat cover. If there is plastic trim, tuck the inner arm liner behind it if possible using the provided installation tool. (See Photo A)
5. Feed the straps top to bottom to the corresponding buckles and tighten.
6. Pull the seat cover tight side-to-side and then hook/tie the elastics on the side panels to each other or to the straps of the seat cover.
7. Place the cushion back in vehicle by placing it above the hook locks and sliding down into place. Reinstall the bolts.

D Truck/Sedan Folding Rear Backrest (with or without side bolsters)

(Warning - If the bolsters contain airbags, DO NOT remove the bolster. Simply tuck the bolster seat cover in place. Removal of the bolster could cause deployment of the airbag).

1. Remove the adjustable headrests before installing, if applicable. (See Section F 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. Do not cover or unbolt seat belts - accommodations have been made to allow the seat cover to go behind the seat belts. Check for possible child seat anchors, and verify accessibility before seat cover is fully installed.
2. Tuck the fabric under the plastic headrest housing using the provided installation tool. (See Photo B)
3. If you have an armrest, a cutout will be provided. If there is plastic trim, tuck the inner arm liner behind it if possible using the provided installation tool. (Photo A)
4. Push the flap with felt on the end of it through where the backrest and bottom meet.
5. 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 seal it to the strip of 1" hook/hard Velcro sewn along the bottom inside edge on the backside of the cover.
6. Manipulate the cover so that the seams are aligned to match the original seat. If necessary tighten and re-seal the Velcro.
7. To remove the bolster (unless it has an airbag see above) undo the bolts at the bottom edge and push the face of the bolster back and up in a slight scooping motion to release it from the hook locks, then continue upward to remove it.
8. Lay the bolster cover on the bolster and secure the straps and buckles/Velcro straps top to bottom and side to side. After covers have been installed on the main backrest, replace the bolster by placing it above the hook locks and sliding down into place. Reinstall bolts.

E Reinstalling Rear Bottom Cushion

1. If removing the bottom cushion was necessary reinstall it in vehicle at this point.
2. Make sure that the seat belt straps, buckles, and child seat anchors are accessible and are fed through the seat cover (depending on vehicle).
3. Push the cushion back under the bottom edge of the backrest and then push downward to latch it into place.
Be sure that the latch points are lined up correctly so that you do not bend or break the attachment clips.

F Headrest Removal/Installing Covers

1. Most vehicles with adjustable headrests have release buttons or small pinholes at the base of the post on the plastic housing. Depressing the buttons 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 plastic housings have buttons/pinholes, these must be pressed at the same time to remove the headrest. If you cannot locate a button or pinhole, it may be located below the plastic housing, beneath the upholstery.
2. In most cases, the headrest cover will have the flap with hard/hook Velcro at the front of the headrest, and the flap with loop/soft Velcro will wrap from the back. Once you have identified the correct placement, install the cover by squeezing the headrest to make it smaller as you slide the cover over it. Keep the seams lined up with the upholstery seams as you go to make this easier. Be careful not to split the seams.
3. Pull the front and back flaps together and connect the Velcro pieces. Some headrest covers will have elastic around the bottom instead of Velcro.

G Armrest Covers

1. 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, if applicable.
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.

Photo A



Photo B



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 (photo A), around the headrest housing (photo B), and other areas as needed.