

## Leatherette / Air Mesh / Suede / CORDURA® Seat Cover Installation Instructions

For model numbers PV001, PV005, PV006, PV007, SP001, DV005

Always wear gloves to protect your hands from any sharp edges under seat and eye protection to protect from straps that may snap back if suddenly released



View installation video  
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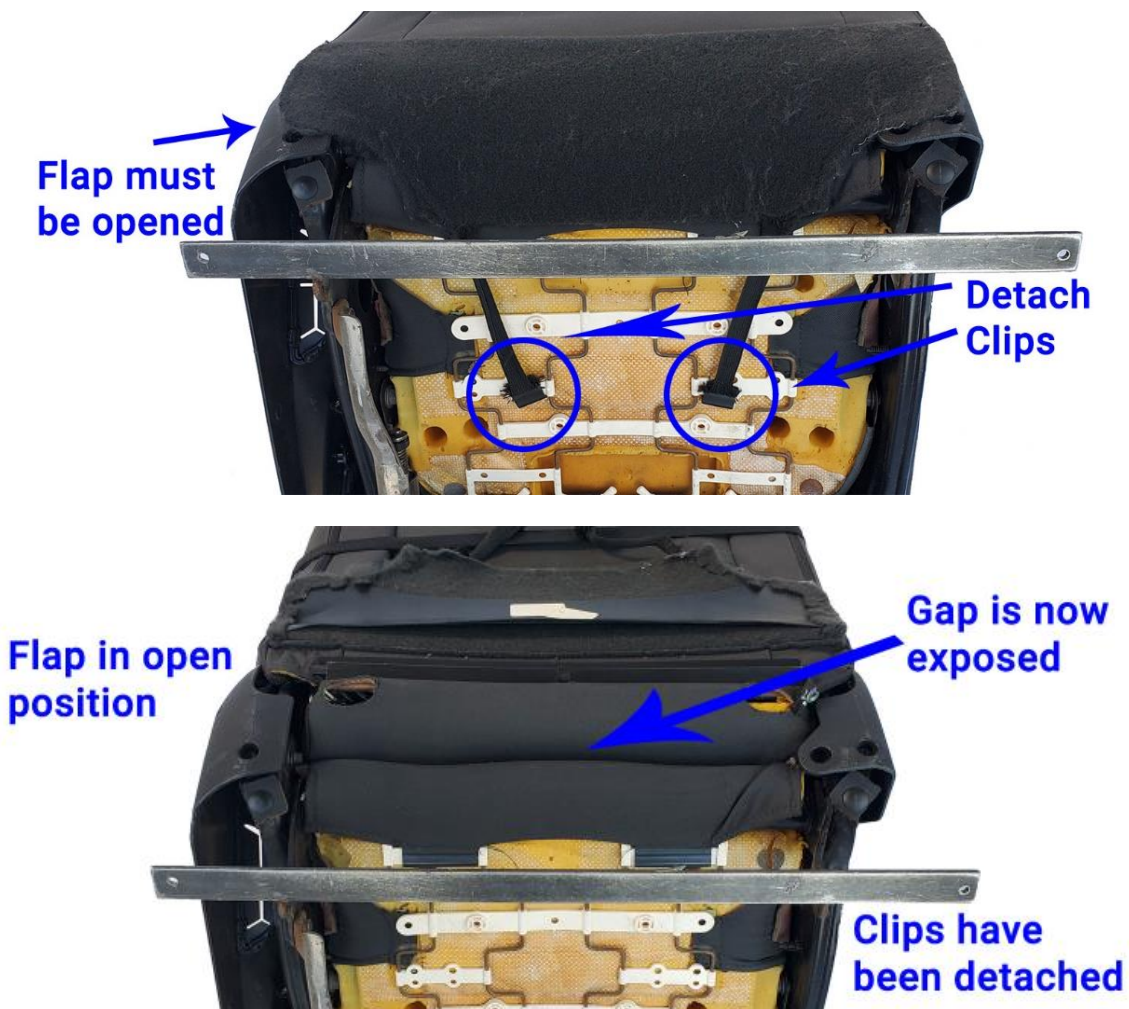
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<p><b><u>Seat Bottom Cover</u></b> Has 8 nylon straps, 6 with buckles ("A", "B", "D") and 2 with Velcro ("C")</p>	<p><b><u>Backrest Cover</u></b> Has 4 straps, 2 are nylon with buckles ("E") and 2 are elastic with metal hooks ("F")</p>	<p><b><u>Headrest Cover</u></b> Slip-on design with Velcro straps inside</p>

## Step A - Prepare Your Seat

*Seats do not need to be removed from vehicle in order to install seat covers. Photos are for illustration purposes only and may vary from your actual seats.*

1. Raise seat bottom up as high as possible using controls on side of seat, if equipped with this feature. This will make it easier to reach underneath seat to install straps.
2. Raise headrest up as high as possible. It is usually not necessary to remove headrest.
3. Increase space in the gap between the backrest and seat bottom by tilting the backrest forward, in the direction of the vehicle's dashboard, as you would to allow a passenger into the backseat of a 2-door vehicle.
4. Check for presence of flaps that cover the gap between the backrest and seat bottom by viewing seat from behind, as a passenger would when sitting in the back seat. If the gap between the seat backrest and seat bottom is not visible, cannot be located by feeling around, or you cannot push your fingers from the front to the back through the gap, then your seat has a flap. Flap must be opened by unhooking or unclipping it from underneath seat bottom before cover can be installed and can be replaced once installation is complete. **Not all vehicles have these flaps.**



## Step B – Install Seat Bottom Cover

1. Place seat bottom cover over seat with pocket facing the front of seat where your knees would be and tongue with straps "A" at the back.



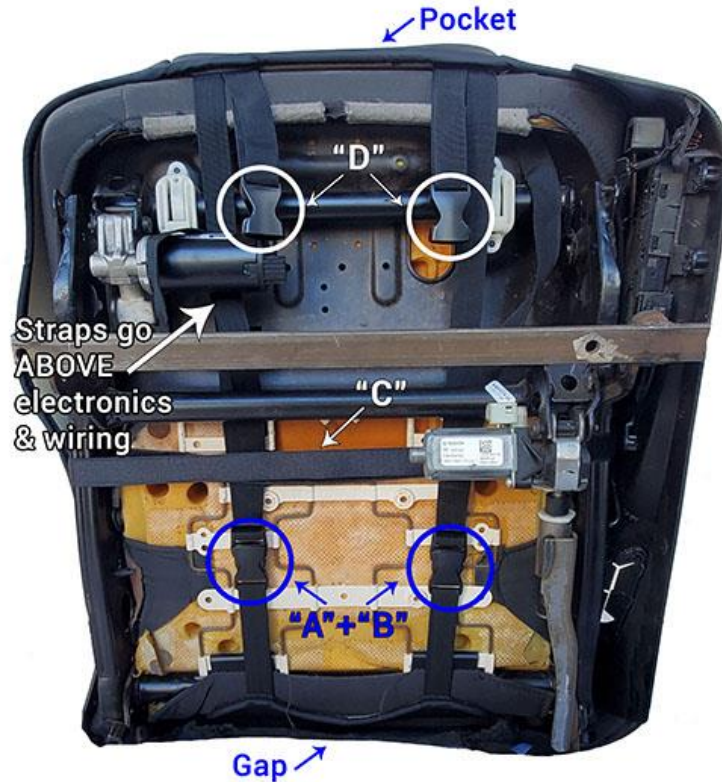
2. Cap the front portion of the cover over the front of the seat. Insert the tongue and 2 rear straps "A" through the gap with the backrest. Tuck sides of cover and 2 side straps "C" through plastic molding on side of seat. Side straps "C" are designed to go between the seat cushion and plastic molding leaving seat controls accessible, not over the plastic molding.



If buckles are off straps: Straps "B" & "E" come with the 3-prong portion of the buckle that reattach easily. The top of the buckle has 2 openings while the bottom has 1 larger opening. From the bottom, feed strap up through opening then back down through the second opening. Adjust the location of buckle on strap and tighten by holding buckle and tugging on portion of strap that was used to feed into bottom.



3. From behind the seat, tug on tongue firmly until cover is secure and does not slide. Then from underneath the seat, buckle back straps "A" to longer front straps "B". Adjust and tighten as necessary by tugging on the loose ends of straps "B". Connect 2 side straps with Velcro "C" to each other as tight as possible. Shorter front straps "D" will be connected in the next step. All straps should be secured above any wiring, electric motors or rails, as close as possible to actual seat cushion itself, keeping straps as flat and parallel as possible to the vehicle's floorboard.



## Step C – Install Backrest Cover

1. **Important airbag safety. Determine driver side from passenger side covers - install cover with side with opening, slot or breakaway panel facing towards the door of the vehicle.** When looking at the covers from the front:

- Driver side will have opening, slot or breakaway panel on the **right**
- Passenger side will have opening, slot or breakaway panel on the **left**



2. Open middle section on back of cover by releasing the 2 Velcro openings. Slip cover over headrest, with headrest going through the slot in the cover. If cover will not fit over headrest, remove headrest from seat, slide cover on and then replace headrest.

**CORDURA** – Most covers do not have headrest openings therefore headrests must be removed.



*If opening for headrest in cover is too small or CORDURA then removal of headrest is necessary*

- Tab – Push tab on base of headrest post and while holding down, lift up on headrest. There may be tabs on both sides.
- Pin hole – Use a straightened paperclip to insert into small pin hole release on headrest base. Keep pressing on release button while lifting up on headrest.



3. Tuck tongue and 2 straps with buckles "E" through the gap. If gap is tight, buckles can be removed from strap "E" then reattached to strap once it is passed through the gap. From behind the seat, tug on tongue firmly until cover is secure and does not slide. Attach 2 straps with buckles "E" to 2 short front straps "D" under the seat bottom. Adjust and tighten as necessary by tugging on the loose ends of straps "E".



4. **LEATHERETTE / AIR MESH / SUEDE** – Attach the Velcro found between the headrest posts, tucking cover under the plastic around the headrest post openings (see photo of tab style headrest removal instructions for example).

**CORDURA** – Assure that the backrest cover is secure, does not slip and is installed properly. Locate the headrest posts in the back rest under the cover and with a sharp implement make small cross-shaped cuts in cover for headrest post openings then tuck material under headrest post openings.



Video: How to Make Headrest Post Openings  
[youtu.be/iuMxRf\\_CNoY](https://youtu.be/iuMxRf_CNoY)

5. Attach the Velcro openings on the middle section, stretching and adjusting to make the best fit. Any open seat flaps (from step A4) can be reconnected at this time. Finally, hook 2 straps "F" to springs on the underside of the seat bottom.



View of underside of seat bottom of complete installation showing connected straps "A" + "B", cross straps "C", connected straps "D" + "E" and straps "F".



## **Step D – Install Headrest Covers**

Slip cover over headrest like a sock then attach Velcro straps.



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

My covers came with markings / depressions / wrinkles on them, is this a defect? – This is perfectly normal. The markings are due to the covers being in the box used to ship to you. Like a mattress or a mattress pad that comes in a box, the markings will fade over time once the covers are installed. Markings fade faster in the summer when the interior of your vehicle is hotter.

My installed seat cover is not flush to the seat – No worries, seat cover will shape itself to seat over time as it is sat in.

## **Common Installation Issues**

Nowhere to connect straps – Your seat covers have straps that are designed to hook/connect to the underside of your vehicle's seat bottom. If they are on the top, then the cover is upside down.

No opening to pass straps through to seat bottom – Many vehicles have flaps that cover the gap in the seat (where the back rest and seat bottom come together) that have to be opened to allow the seat cover straps access to the underside of the seat bottom. To do this, look for clips or hooks on the underside of the seat that hold the flap in place then unhook them so that the flap opens. Install the seat cover, pushing the straps through the gap of the seat and then securing them underneath the seat. Finally, replace the flap clips on the underside of the seat.

Straps too short / straps keep loosening / slippage – Side straps must enter the gap between the seat bottom cushion and the plastic molding for a proper fit, with any excess seat cover material tucked in. Install straps above any rails or electric seat motors, that is, as close as possible to the underside of the seat bottom without looping over any of these parts. Clip or Velcro corresponding straps together and tension the straps as tight as possible by pulling them to pick up excess slack. Straps that are installed under an electric motor will eventually loosen with the readjusting of the seat position. Will not harm any seat electronics.

Controls on side of seat bottom are not accessible – Straps go between the seat cushion and plastic molding, not over.

Leg extensions of sport seats do not extend – Only custom-made covers allow for leg extension movement.

## **Care and Cleaning - Varies by Material**

Leatherette – Easy clean up by just wiping down with a damp cloth, Simple Green or leather cleaner for car interiors.

Air Mesh – Spot clean with water and mild soap.

## **Still Need Help?**

Call us at (888) 288-6471 x2 for assistance. Video call available through FaceTime, WhatsApp, Skype.

## **Happy with the results?**

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