

#### **Neoprene Seat Cover Installation Instructions**

For model number NP001

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



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Seat Bottom Cover Has 6 elastic straps with metal hooks	Backrest Cover Has 4 elastic straps with metal hooks	Headrest Cover Slip-on design with Velcro straps inside
FRONT	FRONT	
BACK "C" "C" "B" "B"	Headrest Opening BACK Airbag Armrest Opening Opening (Longer) (Shorter) "E" "Fr "D" "D"	



#### Step A - Prepare Your Seat

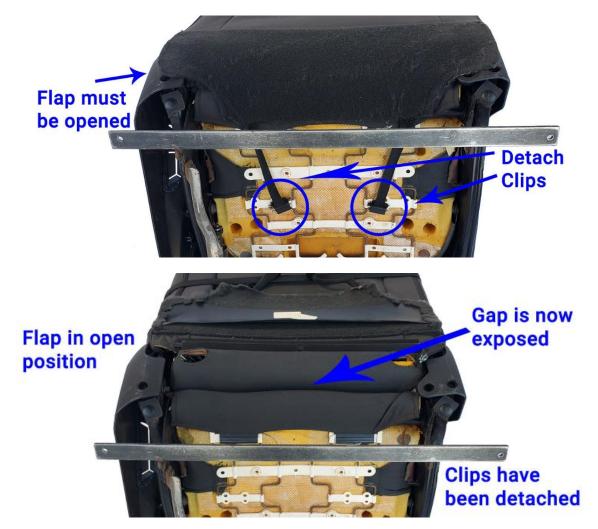
Seats do not need to be removed from vehicle in order to install seat covers. Photos are for illustration purposes only and may vary from your actual seats.

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.

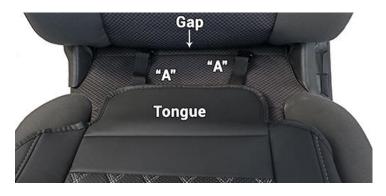
4. Check for presence of flaps that cover the gap between the backrest and seat bottom by viewing seat from behind, as a passenger would when sitting in the back seat. If the gap between the seat backrest and seat bottom is not visible, cannot be located by feeling around, or you cannot push your fingers 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*.





### <u>Step B – Install Seat Bottom Cover</u>

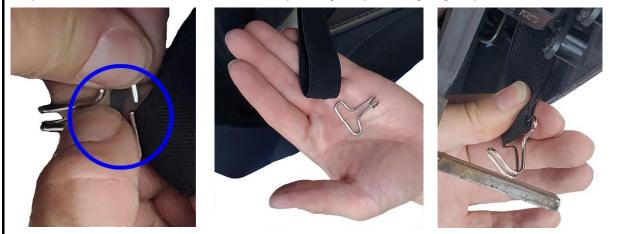
1. Place seat bottom cover over seat with pocket facing the front of seat where your knees would be and tongue with straps "A" at the back.



2. Cap the front portion of the cover over the front of the seat. Insert the tongue with 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. <u>Side straps "C" are designed to go between the seat cushion and plastic molding</u> leaving seat controls accessible, <u>not over the plastic molding</u>.

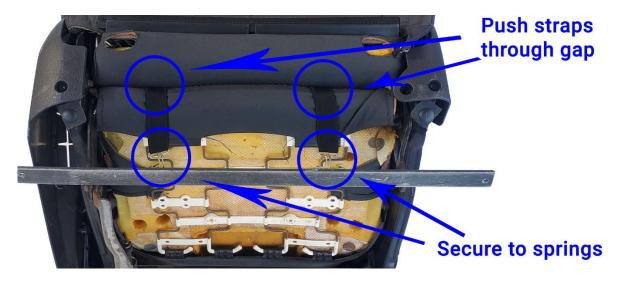


<u>If gaps are too tight to insert straps</u>: Remove hooks by sliding them off straps through the small opening in hooks. Push hookless straps through the gap, then reattach hooks to straps once accessible underneath the seat. Secure straps to springs on seat bottom underside. A thin piece of plastic such as a credit card can assist in pushing straps through tight spaces.





3. From behind the seat, tug on tongue firmly until cover is secure and does not slide. Hook 2 straps "A" to springs on the underside of the seat bottom. <u>All</u> straps should be secured <u>above</u> 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. (*See photo in step C3 for example*).



4. Attach 2 front straps **"B"** and the 2 side straps **"C"** to springs on the underside of seat bottom (can also be secured directly to any previously installed seat cover hooks).

### <u>Step C – Install Backrest Cover</u>

1. <u>Important airbag safety: Determine driver side from passenger side covers - install cover with side</u> with longer slot facing towards the door of the vehicle. When looking at the covers from the back:

- Driver side will have the longer slot on the <u>left</u> and shorter slot on the right
- Passenger side will have the longer slot on the <u>right</u> and the shorter on the left





2. Slip backrest 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. Attach the Velcro found between the headrest posts, tucking cover under the plastic around the headrest post openings.



<u>If opening for headrest in cover is too small then removal of headrest is necessary</u>

- 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.

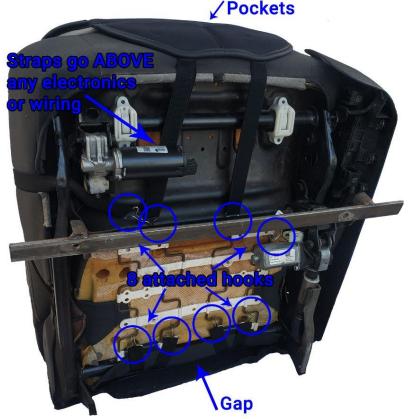


3. Tuck tongue and 2 straps "D" with hooks through the gap. If gap is tight, hooks can be removed from strap "D" then reattached to strap once it is passed through the gap. From behind the seat, tug on tongue firmly until cover is secure and does not slide. Attach hooks to springs to underside of seat bottom (can also be secured to previously installed seat cover hooks). Any open seat flaps (from step A4) can be reconnected at this time. **Optional**: connect 2 straps "E" to springs on the underside of the seat bottom.





A minimum of 8 straps (or 10, if you connected optional straps "E") will be secured to underside of seat bottom: 4 (or 6) hooks near the gap, 2 in the front and 1 each on both the sides.



# <u>Step D – Install Headrest Covers</u>

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**

<u>Nowhere to connect straps</u> – 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.

<u>No opening to pass straps through to seat bottom</u> – 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 secure the seat cover's hooks to the underside of the seat. Finally, replace the flap clips on the underside of the seat.

<u>Straps on front of seat bottom too short / straps keep loosening / slippage</u> – The straps of the seat cover 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. Hook to the springs on the underside or clip the corresponding straps together if not equipped with hooks. 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.

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

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

### **Care and Cleaning**

Simply wipe down spills down with mild soap and water. For deeper cleaning, can be removed from vehicle and sprayed down or washed by hand with a mild detergent.

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