



SEAT COVER INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

SADDLE BLANKET

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FRONT BUCKET / BENCH CUSHION(S)

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Be careful not to cut the fabric of your saddle blanket seat cover, or it will unravel and be ruined.

Warning: Never attach to or tie around electrical wires under the seat.

1. Lay the seat bottom cover on the seat cushion and push the back edge of the cover through the gap where the bottom and backrest meet.
 - a. On some vehicles 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.)
 - b. The flaps on some models may have a plastic rivet, or the elastics may be attached to the airbag wiring connector or bracket (e.g. 2015-2020 Ford F-150). **Do not detach this type of flap to install the covers.** Instead, pull the straps through the gap without detaching the flap. Please call Ruff Tuff customer service at **800-453-8830** if you have any questions.
2. Pull the straps through the gap where the lower cushion and backrest meet. Grab the back edge of the seat cover and pull back until the front corners and seams are aligned on the seat cushion.

3. On the back side of the seats feed the straps under the seat towards the corresponding front buckles. (Wherever possible, go above all electronics, wires, and metal bars.) On each side of the cover, towards the front edge, there will be a strap of 1" material with a loop on the end. Tuck these straps under the seats and feed the straps coming from the back of the seat through the loops before you attach them to their corresponding buckles. Feed the straps through the buckles and tighten. (See diagram on how to feed straps through buckles.)

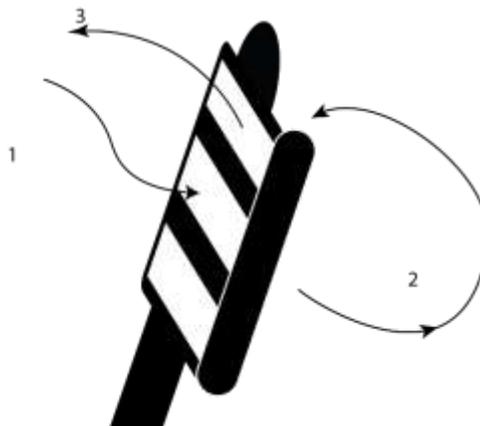


Figure 1 (1) The strap pushes from the back of the buckle (shown) through the middle slot, then (2) through the end slot from the front of the buckle, and (3) should be pulled tight. Do not use the slot through which the other strap is sewn.

4. Wrap excess strap material above the tightened straps to keep it out of the way.
5. If you have electric seat controls on a panel surrounded by fabric, that area will be left exposed, or there will be cutouts in the seat cover to accommodate them.
6. If you do not have electric seat controls and there is plastic trim at the base of the seat, tuck the side skirt of the seat cover under the top edge of the plastic trim. (This depends on your particular seat. Some models have no plastic trim at the seat base. Where there is plastic trim, in most cases the seat cover will tuck under the plastic. In some cases the seat cover fits over the plastic.)
7. At the back corners of each cushion cover are cords. Tuck or pull them through gap between bottom and backrest, or pull them around the back corners of the seat. Tie a loop in the cord which goes around the inside of the seat. Then feed the untied cord through the loop end and cinch tight like a drawstring bag. Hold the cord tight while you tie a knot. (Using a slipknot will make it easier to remove the cover in the future.)
 - a. On some models the cover will fit better if you run the cord down the side of the seat (behind the plastic trim) and tie the cords together under the seat. Please ensure that the cord is not resting against any sharp metal edges and will not interfere with the movement of the seat on its track. **Please call if you need any help deciding which method is best for your model – 800-453-8830.**
 - b. Some models will have a vinyl skirt around the bottom of the seat. If your seat cover has such a skirt, it will have a drawstring. Pull it tight and tie it as described above.

FRONT BUCKET / BENCH BACKREST(S)

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Warning: If you have active headrests with a wire running into the headrests, DO NOT remove the headrests. Accommodations should have been made for your headrests and backrests. Contact us if this is not the case.

1. Remove the adjustable headrests before installing. (See “Installing Headrest Covers” below for removal instructions.) Line up the top of the seat cover with the top of the seat and pull the cover down onto the seat a little at a time. This will ensure a snug fit.

If your seats have seat-mounted airbags, open the Velcro seam (on the door side) before sliding the cover over the backrest. *Be sure the Velcro seam is to the outside of the seat (toward the door).*
2. Push the material edge with hanging Velcro tabs through the gap where backrest and bottom meet.
3. Pull the material through the gap from behind the seat to get a tight fit on the front side of the seat cover. Attach the Velcro tabs to the strip of 1” hook (hard) Velcro which is sewn along the bottom inside edge on the back of the cover.
 - a. On vehicles with a factory flap that wraps under the seat, the backrest attachment will be different. On this type of seat the backrest cover will have elastic loops sewn on the front and back lower edges. Pull the loops under the seat and wrap them around the springs or brackets which support the foam. **Warning: Never attach to or tie around electrical wires under the seat.**
 - b. If necessary, call Ruff Tuff customer service for assistance.
4. Close the airbag Velcro seam (if applicable), then manipulate the cover so it conforms to the original seat. If necessary, straighten and reattach the Velcro.

INSTALLING HEADREST COVERS

1. Most vehicles have release buttons or a small pinhole in the plastic housing at the base of the headrest posts. Depressing the button(s) will release the headrests so they can be removed. (Buttons may be flush with the side of the plastic housing.) If it has a pinhole, you can use a paper clip or small Allen wrench to depress the button inside the housing. Some vehicles may have two buttons which must be pushed at the same time to remove the headrest. *If you have questions or cannot remove the headrests, call Ruff Tuff. Please do not cut or return your seat covers before speaking with one of our experts.*
2. To install, squeeze the padded part of the headrest as you slide the cover over it, being careful not to split the seams. The flap with loop (soft) Velcro usually goes towards the back of the headrest.
3. Once the cover is on the headrest, adjust it to align the cover’s seams with the upholstery seams.
4. Pull the front and back flaps together and connect the Velcro pieces.

INSTALLING ARMREST COVERS

1. Slide the cover over the armrest. For 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, close the Velcro on the back of the armrest, if applicable.
2. If your armrest has cupholders, cutouts are provided. Whenever possible, tuck the material around the cutout under the edge of the cupholder plastic.

40/20/40 FRONT SEAT

1. Use the instructions for bucket seats to install the 40 sections.
2. Install the cover for the 20 section backrest/console. If there is not a storage compartment with a lid, this will be a single piece which slides over the backrest/console and fastens with Velcro. If there are two pieces, one will be for the lid.
 - a. With the backrest/console folded down, open the console lid and attach the lid cover. It will either have Velcro straps side to side or will be a sleeve that slides over the lid. Depending on the model, there may be a strip of loop (soft) Velcro sewn along the back edge of the lid.
 - b. With the backrest/console still folded down, fit the other piece onto the underside of the backrest/console. (This is the part of the cover that will face forward when the backrest/console is folded up.) The front edge may slightly cap over the front of the console. The back edge of the cover may have a strip of hook (hard) Velcro sewn onto it, which you will attach to the Velcro on the back edge of the lid cover.
 - c. The Velcro on the sides of backrest/console will attach under the lid in one of two ways:
 - i. The two sides will meet and can be attached to each other using the Velcro sewn onto the edges, **or**
 - ii. You will attach strips of Velcro inside the storage compartment, then attach the edges of the cover to them. Before attaching the Velcro strips (provided), determine where they should be to meet the edges of the cover and hold it tight. Clean the surface with rubbing alcohol. Then peel the backing off the strips and attach them to the inside of the console. Attach the cover edges to the Velcro. (The separate Velcro strips will come attached to the Velcro on the cover.)
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 the vehicle, and whether the cushion has underseat storage or not.) Push the straps or Velcro through the gap where the back and bottom meet and wrap them under the seat cushion. If there are straps, feed them under the cushion to the corresponding buckles. Pull the back of the cushion cover toward the back of the seat until the cover is tight. Then tighten the straps.
4. Depending on the model, attach the Velcro tabs on the sides of the cushion to the carpet under the seat, or pull the drawstring tight and tie it to itself. (See step 7 in Section A.)

CONTACTING RUFF TUFF

We're happy to help! Please feel free to contact us with any questions, by any of these means:

- Call us during business hours (or leave a message outside of business hours) at **800-453-8830**.
- Email us at customerservice@rufftuff.com.
- Message us on Facebook Messenger (@RuffTuffOfficial).
- Join our Ruff Tuff Custom Seat Covers Users Group on Facebook and post a message there. (You're welcome to post photos of your seats before and after seat cover installation.)

For further information, visit us at RuffTuff.com.