



NEWTON COMMERCIAL

HERALD AND VITESSE CONVERTIBLE REAR SEAT FITTING INSTRUCTIONS



TOOLS REQUIRED

Electric Drill & 1/8" drill bit

Pair of pliers

Contact adhesive

1/8" dia aluminium rivets and rivet gun

Hand tacker or small tacks

Screwdriver and hammer

We would suggest you read the following instructions before proceeding with fitting your new seat covers, to ensure you have all the necessary equipment to hand. Your car is probably nearing thirty years old so certain internal foams or straps are probably worn out by now. The rear base seat will lift out of the tray. The rear seat squab is attached to the body by six rivets that fasten the durable dot bases for the hood cover attachment. These rivets can be drilled out & the assembly be lifted from the car.

REMOVING THE OLD SEAT COVER FROM SQUAB

Make a careful note how the edges of the vinyl are:-

- a) Stuck under and along the top metal bar
- b) Side skirts are turned and then stapled to the wooden panel
- c) Bottom flap and wire insert are stapled to wooden panel

Remove all staples with staple remover or flat-ended screwdriver. The top skirt is also glued in place, peel away gently noting how skirts are tucked underneath metal bar. The cover will now come away. Inspect, repair or replace rubberised hair pad or backboard as necessary.

FITTING NEW SEAT COVER TO SQUAB

Please new seat cover centrally over horsehair pad and turn the skirts over carefully. Starting at the bottom, tack the wired skirt to the wooden panel below the line of the drill holes. Then gently pull the cover evenly and upwards towards the top metal panel, turn material over, tension, then tack in place. The side skirts can be turned and pulled to tension the cover, then tack in place. Once you are happy with the fit, finish by gluing the top skirt in place and then tack the sides and bottom skirt. Locate holes in the top metal panel, punch through ready for rivets. Fit seat to body & rivet durable dot bases.

REMOVING OLD SEAT COVER FROM BASE

You will see that the old cover is attached to the frame by 'Hog rings' that can be twisted off using the pliers. We have supplied new hog rings with the kit, which when compressed by the pliers will secure the new cover. Note how the skirt and rear flap are attached. Peel the skirts away and then at the front you will see a calico flap again secured by hog rings. Remove these and the cover should fit off the frame. Inspect, repair or replace foam pad, sackcloth or spring frame.

FITTING NEW SEAT COVER BASE

Lay the new cover on top of the foam and centralise. Hog ring the front calico flap and then carefully turn the skirts and attach two hog rings along each side. Now place the seat in the car and make sure the flutes on the squab and base line up properly. When satisfied, fix the remaining hog rings with pliers.

HAPPY MOTORING!