

MINI FRONT SEAT FITTING INSTRUCTIONS 1959-60 SALOON & ESTATES

Tools required---Flat ended screwdriver-pliers-spray adhesive-scissors-sharp knife

We are assuming that when you removed the old seat covers, foams and diaphragms etc you made some notes on how items are fitted to the frame. Please read through these instructions which we hope will help you make a first class job of fitting your new covers



Initially you will need to fit the Pirelli web straps to the base and squab frame as per the instructions. You may need to drill some new holes to suit the new items. Use either a pair of pliers items. Make sure the frame is held firmly as you will need a fair bit of pressure to secure the hooks. Now glue the foam wrap/felt wrap in place around the side of the frame as shown here. Trim off any excess material.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SEAT COVERS SHOWN HEREON ARE FROM 1962 ONWARDS STYLE-HOWEVER THE PRINCIPAL OF FITTING IS THE SAME FOR THESE EARLY SEAT COVERS



Place the base foam over the frame and mark in the corners where you will need to cut out a small square so that the foam can be pushed back against the squab diaphragm and around the vertical tube. Note that the front end of the foam hangs slightly over the front of the frame. Now apply adhesive to the outer edge of the foam and the top tube and press into place.

Lay the base seat cover on top of the foam and push the rear of the cover and its flap under the squab diaphragm as shown here. Adjust the cover so that skirt pushes up to the vertical tube as shown.



Align the corners of the cover to the corner of the foam, then turn the cover back and apply adhesive to the first part of the fluted section and the foam as well. Press into place. The calico flap now needs to be glued to the foam as shown.

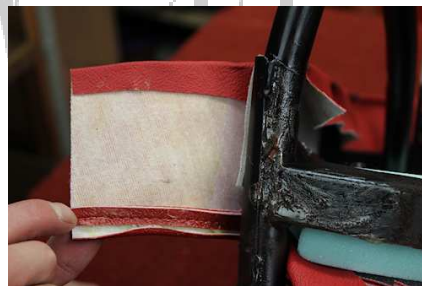


Take the pad that fits under the front of the cover and apply glue to one surface and the edge as shown above. Stick the pad vertically to the edge of the cover-allow to dry for a few minutes then stick the main surface to the base foam.

Place your hand inside the corner of the seat cover, push into the foam and then with the other hand pull on the skirt.



You can now secure the skirt of the cover to the frame with the clips. Start at the front with one clip and then with a couple of clips on either side so that you can check to see that the alignment is correct. When satisfied, apply more clips. Using a very sharp knife, slit the piping material to release the piping cord inside. By removing this cord the three layers of material will be reduced.



The end of the skirt needs to be trimmed and glued around the vertical tube as shown here.



The rear flap can now be trimmed as necessary and glued to the bar on the rear of the frame. Cut a slit in the flap where the diaphragm hook sticks through the frame. Before fitting the squab, cover the new base cover to protect it from any glue overspray.

FITTING THE SQUAB COVER



The horse hair pad needs gluing to the squab frame. Apply adhesive to the front tube and the corresponding area of the pad. The bottom of the pad should sit just above the base cover. Apply more adhesive to the whole of the reverse side of the pad as well as the tube. Turn the edges of the pad around the frame and at the top corners squeeze to gather the pad to create a rounded corner.



Trim the excess material from the corners of the pad to create a soft rounded corner. The white wadding can now be folded and glued to the top surface of the pad and the finally a strip of plastic can be glued over the top of the wadding. This plastic will help you slide the squab cover down more easily.



There is a pocket at the bottom of the side skirts where you can insert the metal plate. Start to pull the squab cover over the frame and go down as far as possible. Pull only on the pipings and not on the face or the back panel which could split the material. Once the cover is right down, turn the bottom of the skirt under the frame. The metal plate will turn under to secure the skirt.

On the back panel, carefully trim up the side of the piping until you reach the metal cross member.



Push the base of the front face underneath the horse hair pad and with your fingers turn the material up behind the pad. Trim the back panel as shown here so that the ends go either side of the tube and glue in place. The back panel material can now be pulled tight and clipped in place. Once clipped turn the material under the bar. Happy Motoring.