NEWTON COMMERCIAL - Mini 'Fixed' seat fitting instructions - Mk3/Mk4/Mk5 1970 - 1985

SQUAB CROSS MEMBER BASE

1: First ensure that the seat frames are in good condition. Strip down and repair as necessary. It may be possible to retain the original wire diaphragms, however rubber or worn items should be replaced.

2: Likewise original seat foams are usually in need of replacement. Most designs are available and they are easy to glue back into position on the seat frames. The squabs wrap around the frames, while the bases should project slightly over the edge of the frame (up to 1/2").

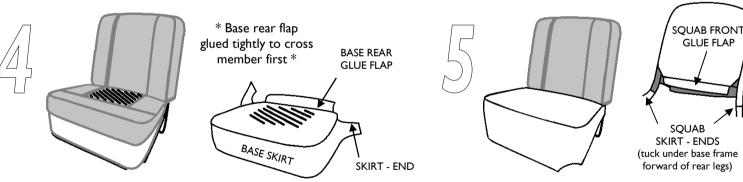
SQUAB COVERS

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SEAT FOAM PADDING

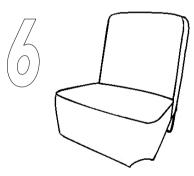
3: A felt or foam 'wrap' should always be glued to the base frame before the covers are fitted, to smooth out the appearance and feel of the finished seat (our part no. SF660).

BASE COVERS



4: The seat base covers should be fitted next. These need to be anchored at their rear by turning the base cover inside out, arranging roughly into the correct position on the seat, then passing the glue flap between the two foams and sticking to the cross member with contact adhesive. The covers can then be rolled over the edges of the foam and pulled the correct way out (note that at this stage some seat cover designs originally were glued down in the shaded areas shown above, where there is a depression in the foam centre). The base skirts are attached in place with clips tucked underneath the bottom of the frame. Begin adding the clips using a small hammer by pulling the covers tight- start in the middle and work outwards to achieve even tension. The ends of the skirt should be glued around and behind the rear legs and secured with a C-clip.

COMPLETE!



5: Having finished the base fitting, cover the edges of the squab foam with some tape or old polythene bag to help the covers slide over the foam. There are glue flaps on the bottom of the face and back of the squab covers- poke the front flap through first and glue it around the cross member to ensure a good firm hold. Next, pull the squab skirts down as far as you can pull them (even tension on both sides) and tuck the ends around the bottom of the base frame just forward of the rear legs. Secure with base frame clips. Finally glue the back flap down up and under the

rear cross member to finish off the new seat covers.

6: Bolt your complete seats back into the car- Happy Motoring!