



How to Remove the Rear Seat Cushion the easy way By Mike and TC

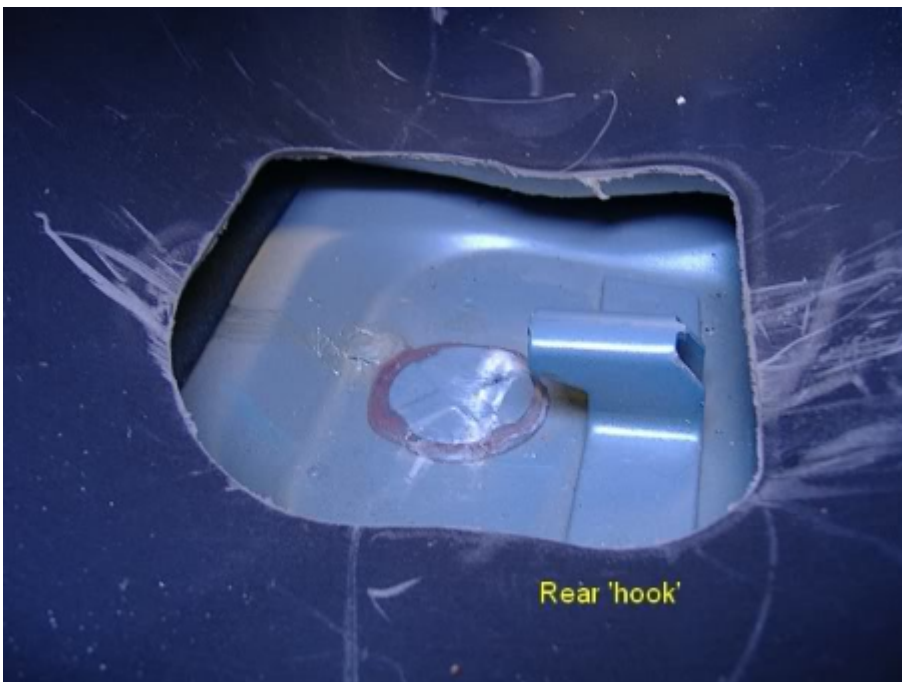
To remove:

1. Unclip seat belt pockets.
2. Pull front of cushion upwards until it releases from clips.
3. With front of cushion lifted, push the cushion down and backwards, then lift until it releases from the two rear clips.
4. Pull the cushion forward.
5. Remove the Torx bolt securing the centre seat belt to floor.
6. Release seat belt from cushion and remove cushion from car.

To refit:

1. Position cushion in car and fit centre seat belt through cushion.
2. Fit seat belt to floor, fit Torx bolt and tighten to 50 Nm.
3. Fit seat cushion to car and secure clips.
4. Pull through seat belts, clip covers and tidy belts.

The rear seat cushion is retained at two points on the front edge and two at the rear. The front fasteners are simple push-in clips, the rear ones are a hook and eye system.

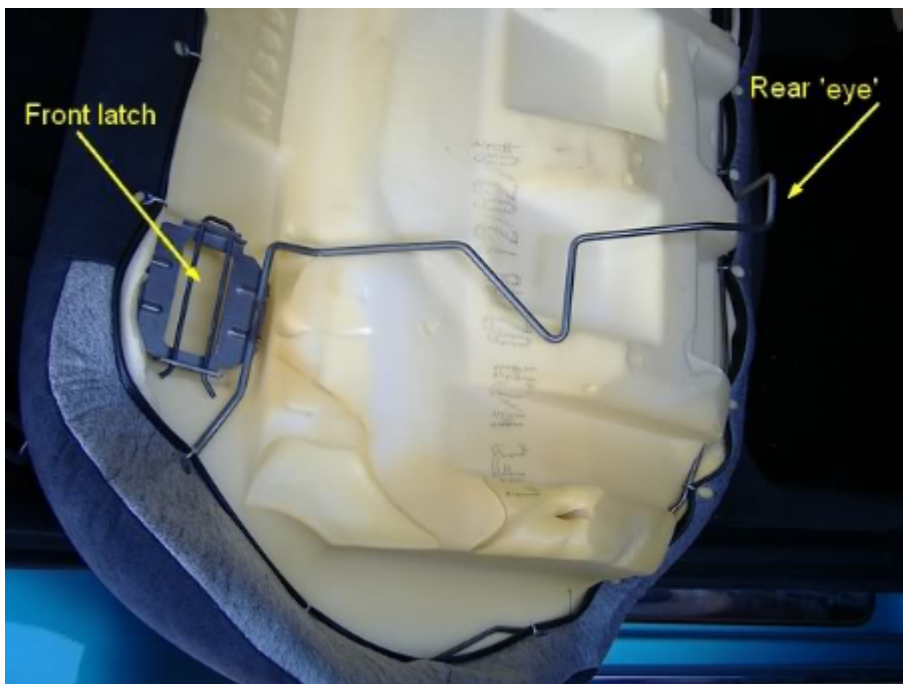


To release the front clips, grip the seat cushion by the door and pull it smartly upwards. Repeat on other side.

You can now lift the front edge of the cushion to view the hook and eye fasteners at the rear edge. These can be difficult to release by pushing the cushion backwards. This is because the wire 'eye' piece is designed to compress lengthwise, making the effort very inefficient. Also getting your hand into the rear of the seat while pushing on the cushion can be difficult.

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Here's what the front cushion clip and the rear wire 'eye' piece look like. Notice how the standard method has caused damage to the sound insulation pad on the floor.



To release the wire 'eye' a long tool of some sort would do a much better job. For my second go, I used a long screwdriver to push the eye backwards off the floor hook. You can lift the cushion just enough to see what you're doing, but it's still frustrating because it slips off the wire. A much better tool is about two feet of old broom handle. I trimmed the end with a hacksaw to give a nicely fitting socket.



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Push this under the seat and locate the 'eye' wire.



A simple rearward push on the tool while lifting the end of the cushion releases the fastening. Repeat at other side and the cushion can be lifted off the floor.

Refitting is basically the reverse of all this.

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