

Seat Backrest Cover — Front

Removal and Installation



WARNING: Front seat backrest trim covers installed on seats equipped with seat side air bags cannot be repaired. A new trim cover must be installed. Cleaning is permissible. Failure to follow these instructions may result in the seat side air bag module deploying incorrectly and increase the risk of serious personal injury or death in a crash.



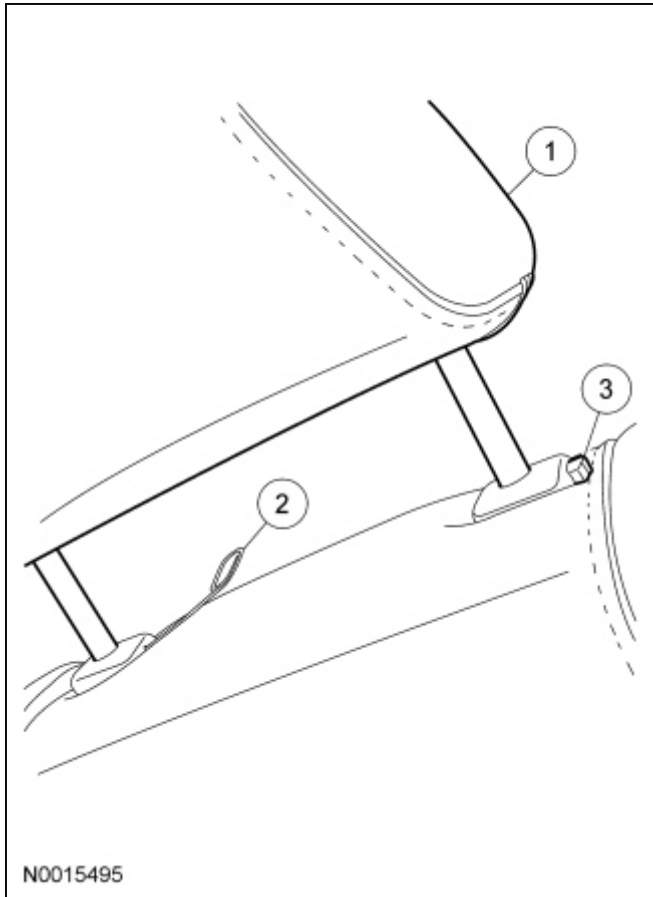
WARNING: To correctly retain the backrest trim cover, always install 2 hog rings when attaching the backrest trim cover wire to the listing wire in each foam pad window. Failure to follow this instruction may result in the seat side air bag module deploying incorrectly and increases the risk of serious personal injury or death in a crash.

NOTICE: Use care when separating the seat cushion trim cover from the hook-and-loop strip. The hook-and-loop strip may be torn from the seat cushion foam.

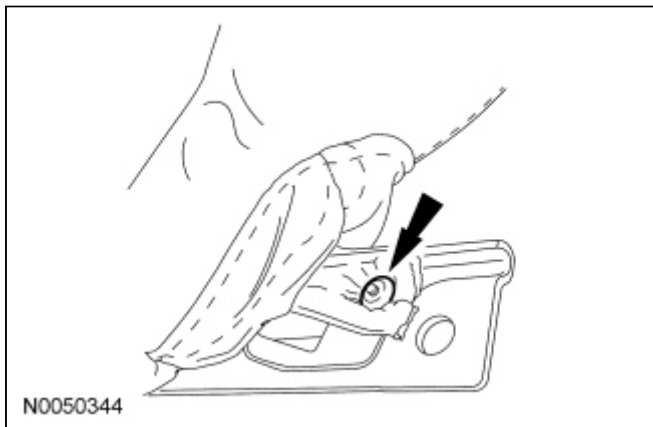
NOTE: The air bag warning indicator illuminates when the correct Restraints Control Module (RCM) fuse is removed and the ignition switch is ON.

NOTE: The Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) must be fully operational and free of faults before releasing the vehicle to the customer.

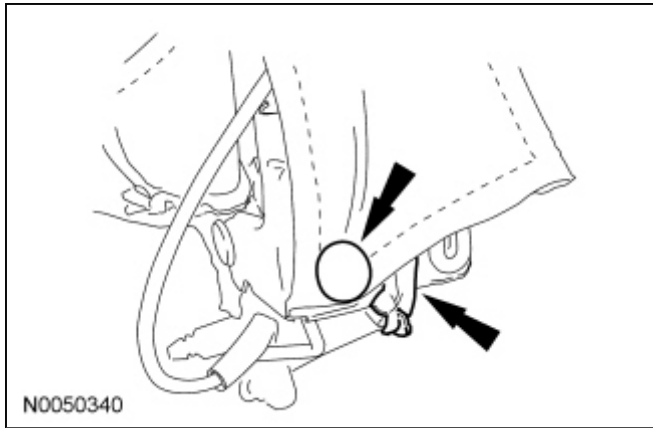
1. Remove the front seat. For additional information, refer to [Seat — Front](#) in this section.
2. Remove the front seat backrest. For additional information, refer to [Seat Backrest — Front](#) in this section.
3. Remove the head restraint.
 1. Position the head restraint as high as it will go.
 2. Using an appropriate tool, push through the hole on the inboard side of the head restraint guide and release the head restraint.
 - Hold the head restraint up so it does not engage back into the head restraint guide.
 3. Release the head restraint guide on the other side and remove the head restraint.



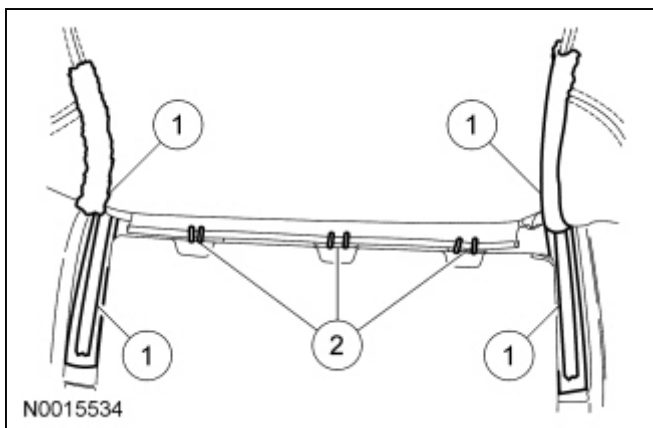
4. Remove the pin-type retainers attaching the backrest trim cover to the inboard and outboard recliners.



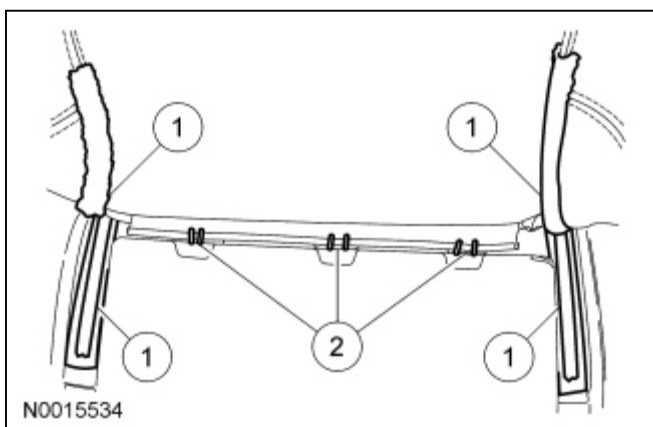
5. Remove the backrest recliner release bezel screw. Slide down, pull and remove the backrest recliner release bezel and backrest recliner release handle.
6. Release the outer J-strip at the bottom of the backrest trim cover.
7. Detach the harness wires from the backrest cover.
8. Release the pin-type retainer and backrest trim from the backrest frame.



9. Invert the backrest trim cover up and remove the first row of hog rings.
 1. Place a hand between the backrest trim cover and backrest foam pad and carefully separate the hook-and-loop strips.
 2. Remove the 2 hog rings per window.



10. Invert the backrest trim cover up and remove the second row of hog rings.
 1. Place a hand between the backrest trim cover and backrest foam pad and carefully separate the hook-and-loop strips.
 2. Remove the 2 hog rings per window.



11. Invert the backrest trim cover to the top of the backrest.
12. **NOTE:** The head restraint guides are not interchangeable.

Release and remove the 2 head restraint guides.

13. Remove the backrest trim cover.
14. To install, reverse the removal procedure.

15. Install the front seat backrest. For additional information, refer to [Seat Backrest — Front](#) in this section.
 16. Install the seat. For additional information, refer to [Seat — Front](#) in this section.
 17. Repower the [SRS](#). For additional information, refer to Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Depowering and Repowering in the General Procedures portion of [Section 501-20B](#).
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