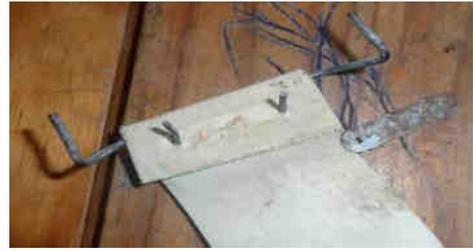


Refurbish Your Seats

By Mick Clarke

To make your seats like new you have to replace the Pirelli webbing in both base and back squab of the seat. The webbing is available at Clark Rubber for \$10 a metre and you will need 5 metres. The original webbing is narrower on the back squab but you can't get that width so make do with the same webbing as the base.

Right is the end of your old Pirelli webbing, you can see lock tab (off), staple (poking through) and anchor bracket.



Step 1: Remove all the old straps.



Step 2: Affix end of new strap with anchor bracket*



Note: To affix the anchor bracket, fold the end of the strap over it to give couple centimeters overlap. The staple must go though, mark where the holes are to be punched by pushing the end of the staple hard against the strap. Punch holes where these marks are with a hand held hole punch similar to one used to cut holes in a leather belt. Push the staple ends through, slide the lock tab on and fold over staple ends to lock. Place anchor bracket with strap now attached in its holes in the seat body.

Step 3: Place loose anchor bracket through its holes in the opposite side of the seat, run strap through and pull to the desired level of tautness (taut but not brutal). Mark where you wish to cut leaving 2 cm overlap for the lock tab and staple. Repeat step above, then pull strap taut and with some effort you should be able to get the anchor bracket through its holes. There you have it. Make sure to retain the same overlap pattern as original seat straps. Before installing straps you may want to put an extra inch layer of foam in.



Running Strap through anchor.



Straps in with extra foam in place



Three straps on



Seat back, note ends need to be trimmed as anchors are narrower.

In the car the difference is marked, the seat feels "sprung" you don't feel bumps in the road so much and you sit once more at the right height for optimal viewing.

All the best, Mick