



Application: 1968- 1969 Beetle Sedan Sunroof or Convertible

Part Includes

Replacement Wiring Harness



Tools Needed



As with most products of this type, the results you obtain are heavily dependent upon closely following the installation instructions. Please go slowly, take your time and follow the instructions. We have obtained beautiful results using these skins and you can too!

Mid America Motorworks has interior spray adhesive and sealant foam that were specifically designed and formulated for installing all interior trim recoverings or skins. Use of other products not specifically designed for this purpose may give unsatisfactory results, such as separation of the skin from the base material months after installation.

STEP 1.

Inspect the skin you have received. It should be the correct year, color, and side.

STEP 2.

Remove the dash pad from the car and remove the pad from the fiberglass frame. To remove the pad from the frame, it is necessary to loosen the retaining clips that go through the fiberglass frame and into the pad.

This is done by inserting the tip of a flat blade screwdriver into the seam in the middle of the clip and twisting the screwdriver to spread the clip. Once the clip is spread, it can be removed with pliers. The pad should come free from the frames once all clips are removed.

If you are recovering a 1963-1966 passenger side pad, remove the plastic trim on the underside of the grab handle area. Do not remove the original skin from the dash pad. Corvette America dash pad skins are designed to be installed over the top of the original skin.

STEP 3.

Carefully glue any damaged material protruding from the dash pad back into place using interior spray adhesive. If, however the damaged sections you are attempting to glue in place will not conform to the original contours of the pad, it will be necessary to trim away that section with a razor blade or utility knife.

STEP 4.

Fill in any holes, cracks, or damaged sections in the original pad by using the sealant foam. Follow the instructions on the can for proper usage. After the foam has cured, sand the repaired areas to match the original contours of the pad as closely as possible.

STEP 5.

Lightly sand the inside of your new dash pad skin with #60 grit sandpaper

Lightly sand the outside surface of your original dash pad with #36 grit sandpaper.

Clean the areas you have sanded with mild solvent. Be careful to avoid getting solvent on any areas you may have repaired with sealant foam. Allow solvent to dry completely before continuing.



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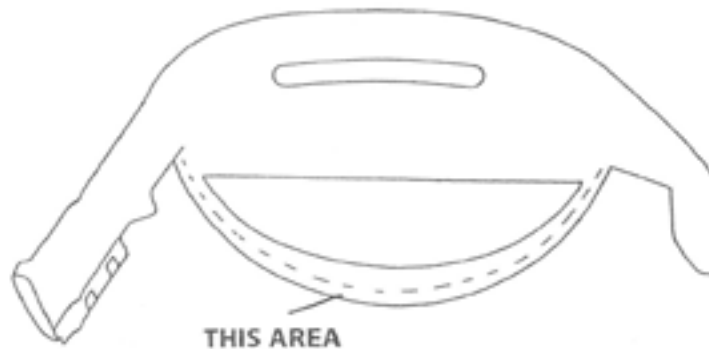
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STEP 6.

Place the skin upside down on a padded work surface and fit the pad inside the skin. Be sure the skin is fully in place on the pad.

STEP 7.

Using the interior spray adhesive, follow the directions and precautions on the can and spray a light coat of adhesive on the underside rear edge of the pad and the corresponding area of the skin. See diagram below.



Wait 2-3 minutes and apply another light coat of adhesive to the same area. Wait another 2-3 minutes before continuing.

STEP 8.

Be sure the dash pad is positioned correctly in the skin, fold the skin over, and glue it into place on the pad.

It may be necessary to make small incisions in the material on the edge of the skin to get it to lay smooth and adhere properly to the underside of the pad.

STEP 9. (Only applies to 1963-1966 passenger side pads with grab handle.)

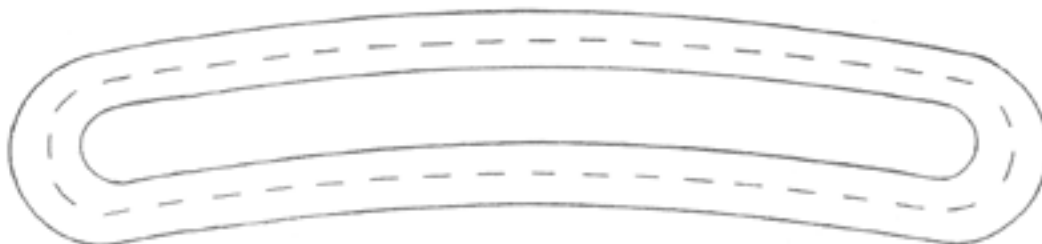
Spray a light coat of adhesive on the skin material protruding through the grab handle and on the pad in the grab handle area.

Using a utility knife, cut the skin protruding through the grab handle according to the dotted lines in the following illustration. Be careful when making the incisions so they are not visible from the top of the pad.



Pull the flaps you've created through the grab handle opening and give them in place on the underside of the dash.

Using a razor blade or utility knife, cut out the opening for the grab handle in the portion of the skin that glues to the bottom of the pad. This is a raised area molded into the skin. Cut between the two obvious mold lines according to the dotted line in the following illustration and remove the center section.

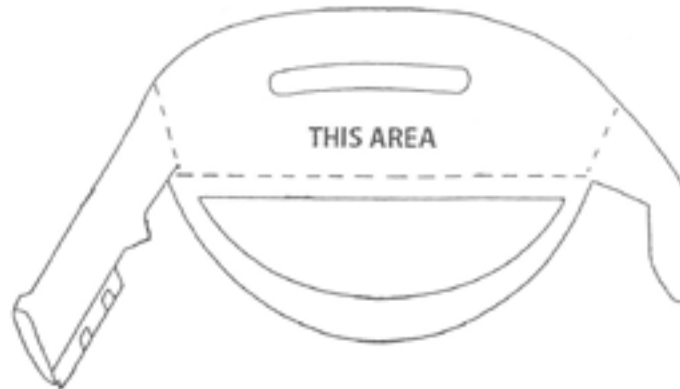




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STEP 10.

Spray two light coats of adhesive on the underside front edge of the pad and the corresponding area of the skin. See diagram below.



(Note that the skin does not get glued to the top main portion of the pad)

STEP 11.

Fold the skin over the pad and glue it in place. If you are recovering a 1963–1966 passenger side pad, be sure the opening you cut for the grab handle aligns with the opening in the pad.

STEP 12.

Glue the side sections of the skin to the pad by lifting the skin away from the pad and applying 2 light coats of adhesive to both. Then glue the skin in place.

Repeat this procedure on the inside and outside of both the left-hand and right-hand “legs” of the pad.

STEP 13.

Once the skin is completely glued in place, use a razor blade or utility knife to trim away the excess skin material. Use the original skin as a guide.

STEP 14.

Using a blow dryer or heat gun, apply heat evenly to the top main surface of the reskinned pad. This will cause the skin to shrink slightly and will remove any small wrinkles that may exist.

STEP 15.

If applicable, replace the plastic trim for the grab handle. The pad is now ready to be installed back in the dash frame.