

Front Seat Backrest Cover

Removal

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

NOTE: Driver seat shown, passenger seat similar.

All seats

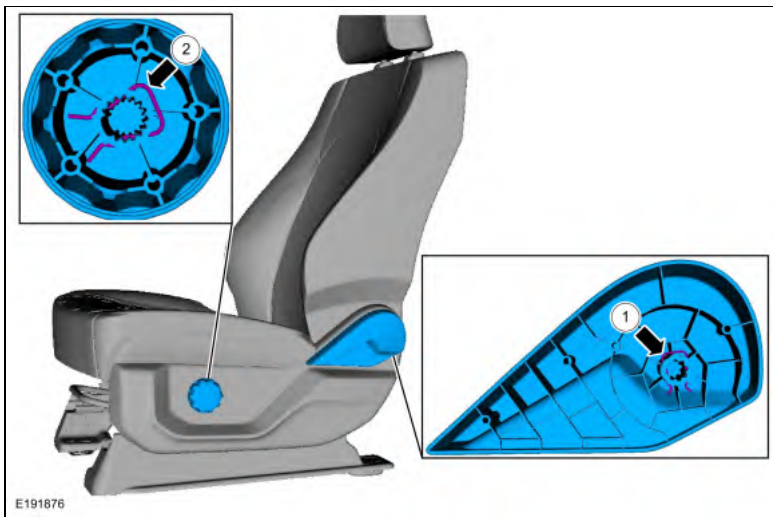
1. Remove the front seat.
Refer to: Front Seat (501-10A Front Seats, Removal and Installation).

Manual seat with manual lumbar

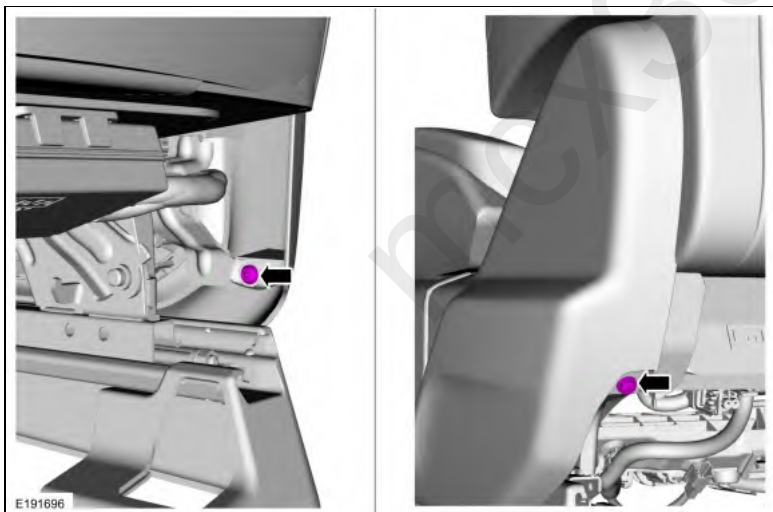
2. Adjust the front seat manual lumbar to the fully relaxed position.



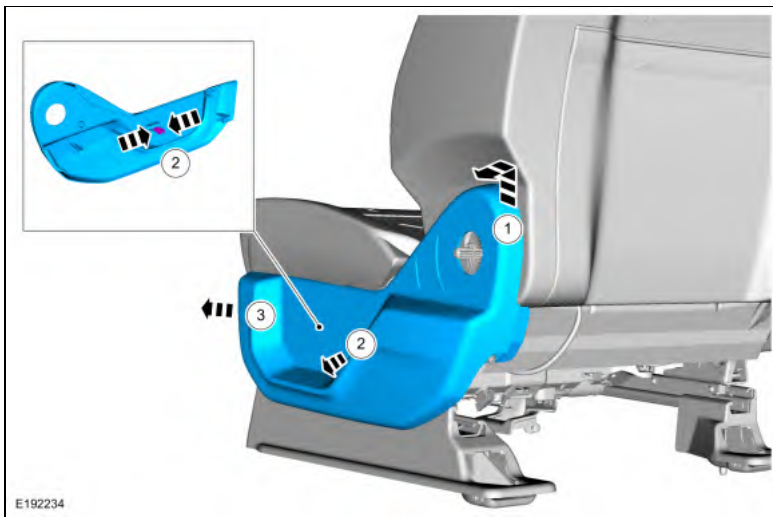
3.
 1. Remove the clip and the front seat recline handle.
 2. Remove the clip and the front seat lumbar handle.



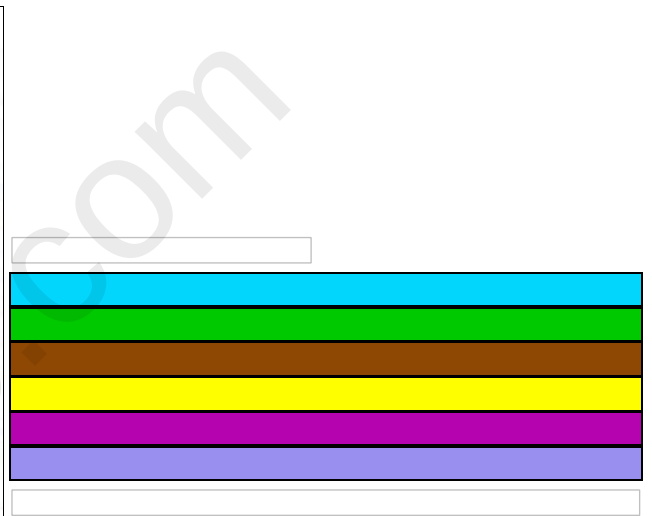
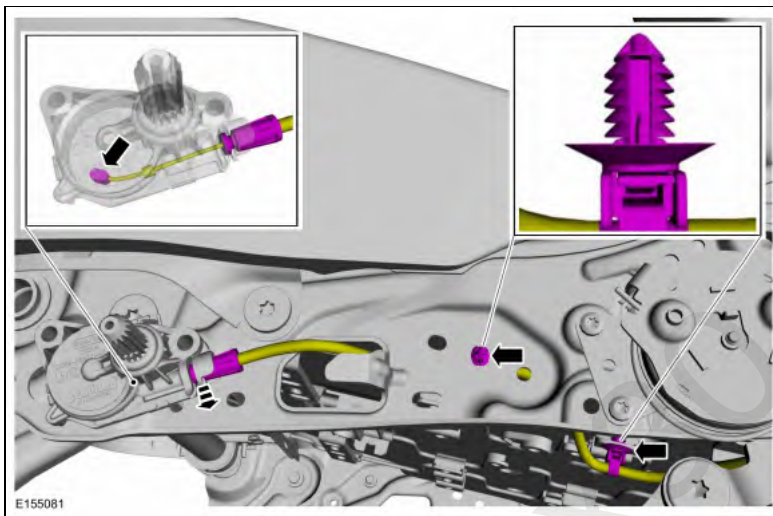
4. Remove the front seat side shield screws.



5. Remove the front seat side shield.
1. Firmly grasp the front seat side shield, lift up and out, separating the front seat side shield from the recliner bracket.
 2. From underneath, squeeze the retainers together and pull out on the front seat side shield.
 3. Slide the front seat side shield forward.

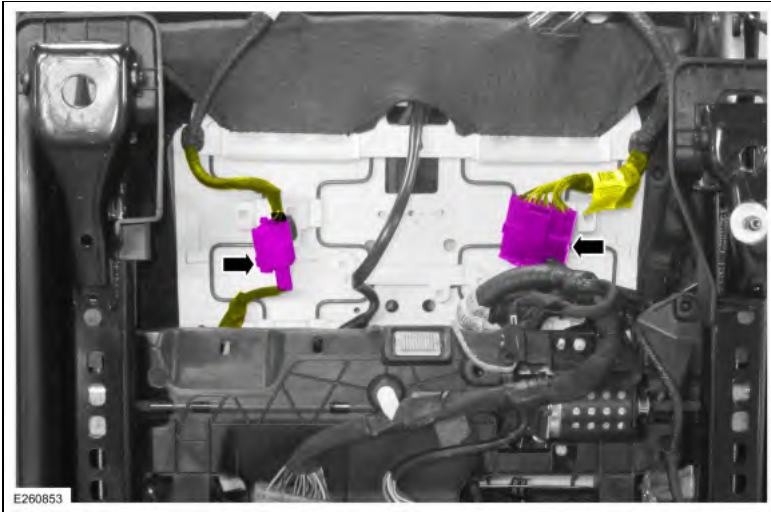


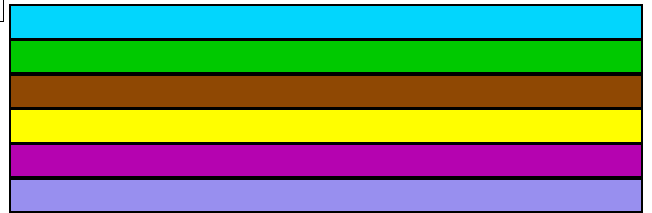
6. Position the front seat manual lumbar assembly cable away from the front seat track.
- Disconnect the cable from the front seat manual lumbar actuator.
 - Detach the cable retainers from the front seat track.



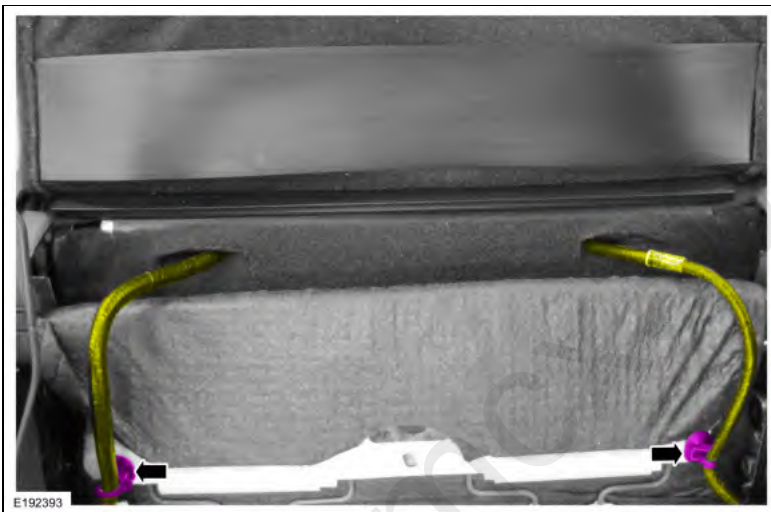
All seats

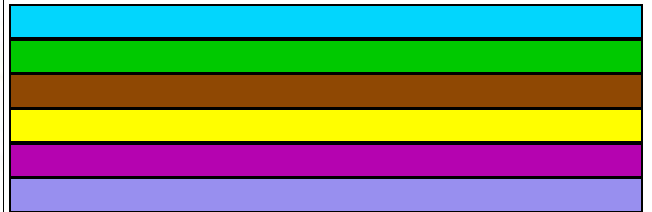
7. Remove the front head restraint guide sleeves.
Refer to: Front Head Restraint Guide Sleeve (501-10A Front Seats, Removal and Installation).
8. Remove the side airbag.
Refer to: Side Airbag (501-20B Supplemental Restraint System, Removal and Installation).
9. Disconnect the front seat electrical connectors and position aside.





10. Release the front seat wiring harness retainer(s) and position aside.

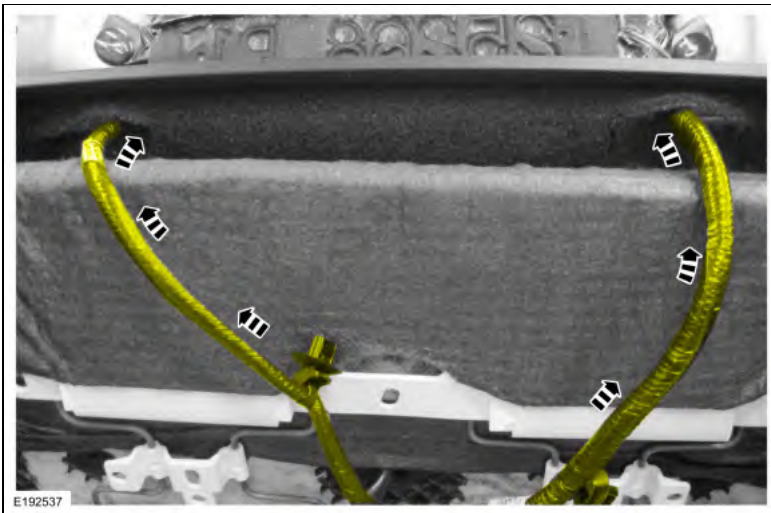




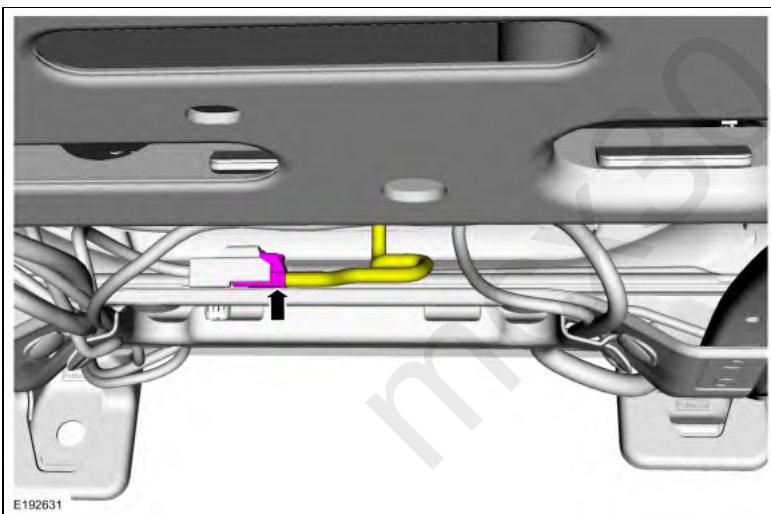
11. **NOTE:** Power seat with power lumbar shown, manual lumbar similar.

Feed the front seat backrest wiring harness(es) out through the front seat backrest cover opening(s).

- If equipped, feed the manual lumbar cable out through the front seat backrest cover opening.

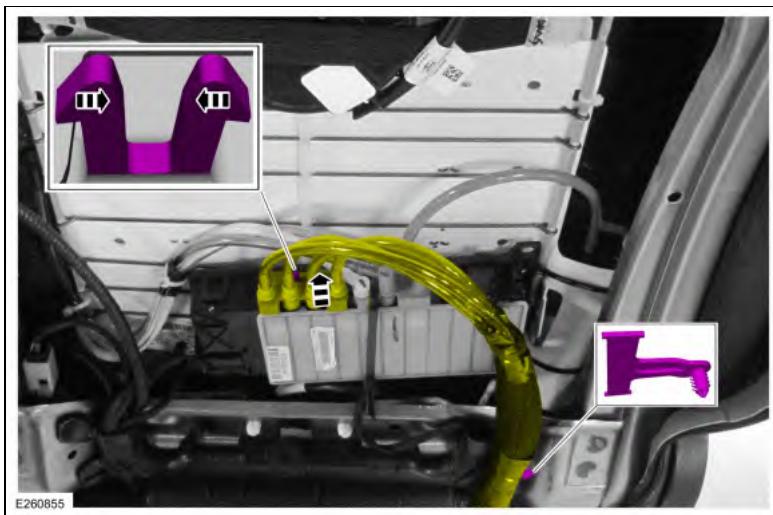


12. If equipped.
Remove the front seat backrest blower motor.
Refer to: Front Seat Backrest Blower Motor (501-10A Front Seats, Removal and Installation).
13. If equipped.
 - Disconnect the front seat backrest heater mat electrical connector.

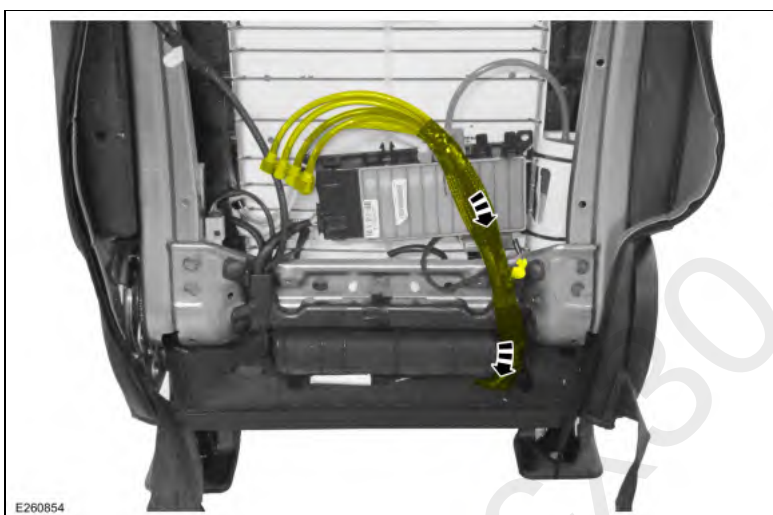


Multi-contour seat

14. Disengaged the multi-contour seat cushion hose retainer, release the locking tab and disconnect the hose coupling assembly (Red) from the SCMG.



15. Feed the multi-contour seat hose assembly out through the front seat backrest cover opening.



All seats

16. Remove the front seat backrest cover and foam as an assembly.



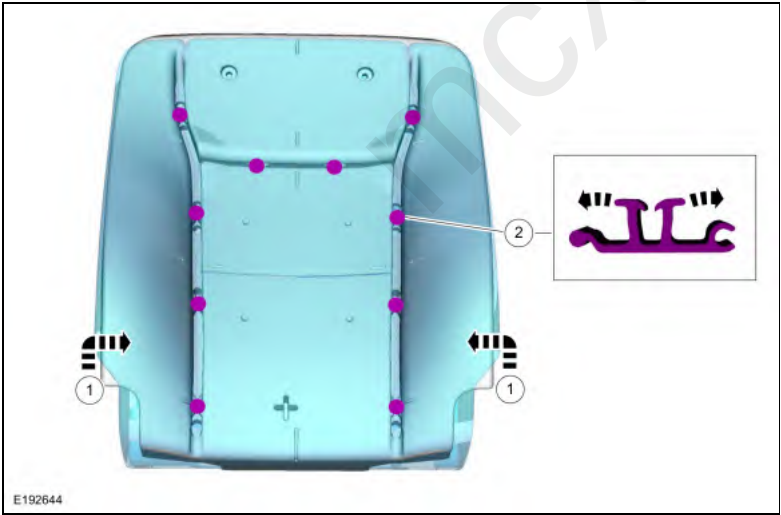
17. **NOTICE:** Use care when separating the front seat backrest cover from the hook-and-arrows, or the hooks can be torn from the front seat backrest foam.

NOTE: Base front seat shown, all others similar.

NOTE: This step is necessary only when installing a new component.

Remove the front seat backrest cover.

1. Invert the front seat backrest cover.
2. Release the hook-and-arrows.



Installation

1. **WARNING:** Inspect the seat side airbag, airbag cavity, mounting surface and deployment chute for damage or the presence of foreign material. Remove all foreign material. Install a new side airbag if it is damaged. Install a new deployment chute if the deployment chute is damaged. Failure to follow these instructions may result in the seat side airbag deploying incorrectly and increase the risk of serious personal injury or death in a crash.

To install, reverse the removal procedure.

