MGTF SEAT RECOVERING ... 1 by John Crawley

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The Moss instructions for covering the TF seats are a bit on the sparse side. To begin with they suggest that it is a complex process that should not be undertaken by and amateur. I found that using just a few upholstery techniques a fairly decent job can be done by one who is willing to give it a try. I have illustrated the process with photographs (pix) and will try to keep the description to a minimum. This is not a step by step instruction manual but might help you over the rough spots. If you need help just drop me and e-mail.



Dismantle the seats noting how the original or re-upholstery was done



A professional staple remover helps but is not necessary



It is best to have the seat rails cad plated



If the seat rail screws will not come out it is because the captive nuts have broken loose from the plywood, simply drill the head off.



The Horse hair+stuffing inside will be covered with mouse nest+cotton



The %Horse hair+stuffing will have sunk backwards particularly at the top.



The indents show how the stuffing has failed. It can not be reused



Retain the original cotton and felt stuffing that surrounds the perimeter if possible.



The seat bottom my be salvageable or may have to be remade.



Getting the exact measurements is essential



Use the rails to guide the drill.



Captive nuts are inserted



I painted the finished wood to help preserve it.



Tools for re-upholstering: very good scissors, tack hammer (grind the surfaces flat not convex), spray glue, box of tax and the first piece of vinyl.



Glue both the vinyl back and the seat frame with spray glue.



A thin felt is glued under the vinyl on the bottom side of the seat frame



trim the vinyl to shape of the top edge of the seat frame but leave at least 2 in. to fold over.