

MGTF SEAT RECOVERING . . . 3



A second view



The seat back seam must be cut from the bottom up to this point to allow the center portion to pull under the seat back. At this point I then machine sewed the seam to prevent it from pulling out further but this can be done by hand.



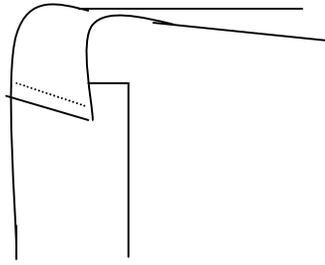
Both sides have the seam cut.. On the original upholstery the leather was cut on the dotted line but I was afraid to do this as there is then no way of going back and relieving the seam worked perfectly.



Moss's only instruction was to locate the top of the Dog Leg in the correct spot and start there when positioning the back cover. It works. Start tacking. If you get wrinkles along the top just pull the leather tighter. Remember that brute force is not what you want. Work the leather with the palm of your hand to warm and shape it into place. Do not drive the 4 tacks home until you are 100% satisfied. I left the seat back overnight several times to allow it to stretch into shape. Align the vertical narrow panels of the back with the narrow panels of the seat bottom.



It just did not fit. I had to cut the seam that is at the top side of the inner seat back. Since it is impossible to machine sew this again I replaced the stitching through the top piece of leather only by hand, following the original machine holes. I then let the top piece of leather overlap the bottom piece. This approach gave me a wrinkle free finish but the seam is not closed just overlapped. Since this is to the inside and against the other seat I do not believe that it will ever be noticed.



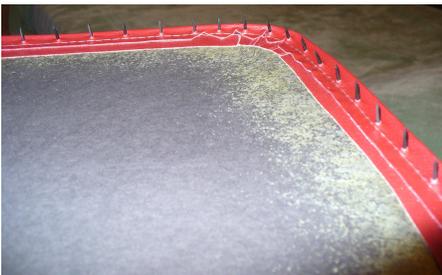
My rather crude drawing of how the horizontal side seam is cut and then overlapped on the under piece. The dotted line shows the seam that I replicated by hand. Much care is required to do this but it can be done.



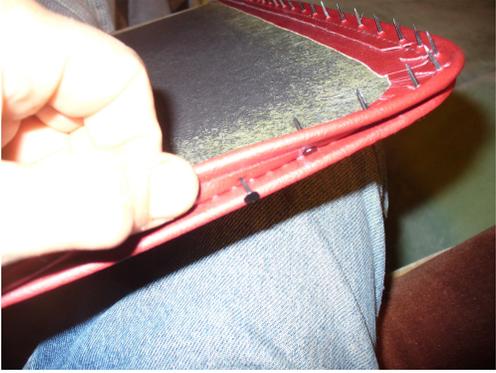
This shows the overlapped seams from the back. Each little wrinkle must be pulled further and tacked. The tighter it is the fewer wrinkles.



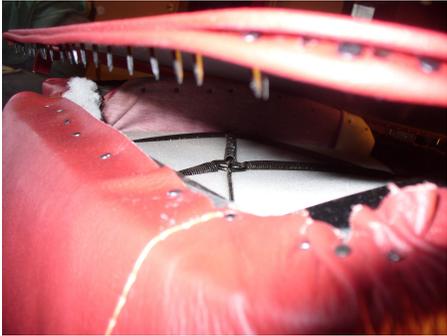
The side of the seat back is tacked under the seat bottom.



The back board is prepared for installation by pressing tacks through the bead edging



a tack every $\frac{3}{4}$ in is required to hold it secure.



ready to go together



Hold the tacks vertical so they drive home straight.



One hammer hold it down and the other provides the force.



Nearing completion



Final fit and gluing on the bottom to keep things tidy



Note triangular piece cut from edge to make it fit.



The finished job has received many compliments especially about the seat tops being square and not sloped down at the front edge. Below . same car but different light shows the color closer to correct..

