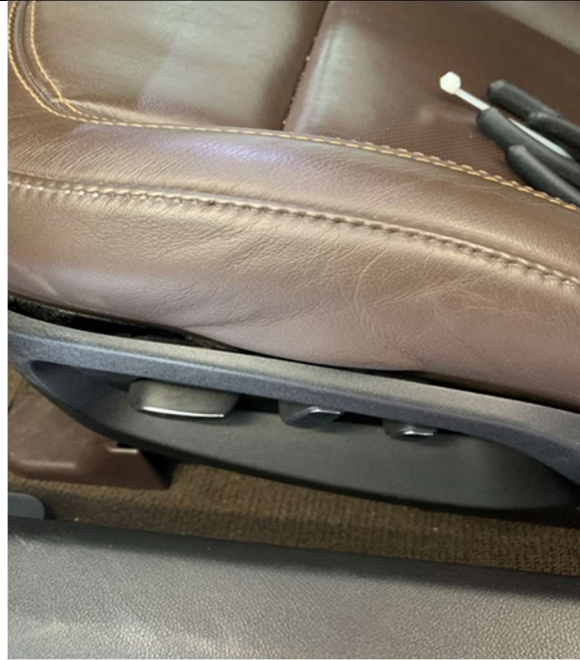


How to Fix a C7 Seat

I have a C7 coupe with about 33K miles on it. Recently I noticed the seat side trim was coming apart from the seat.

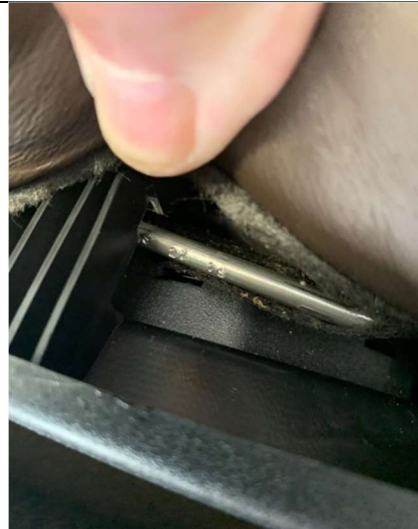


On the corvette forum I found a Link that showed how some folks fixed their problem.

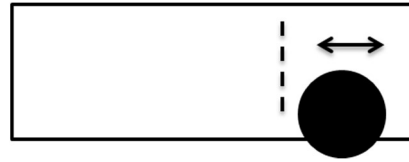
I used their ideas and added a few of my own and wanted to share this with you.

<https://www.corvetteforum.com/forums/c7-general-discussion/4270089-side-of-seat-coming-apart.html>

The next picture shows how a clip holds the trim close to the seat



The next home drawn picture shows how this clip fits over the bar. The dotted line shows where the clip tends to weaken, bend, and then ultimately break. When this happens the clip slips off the bar and the seat trim moves away from the seat as shown in the picture above. I cut this part off shown by arrows. It was so weak at the dotted line I just cut it off with a utility knife.



Next I drilled a 3/16 in hole in that channel. Then another, see arrows. Picture many not show both holes.



Then I fed the zip tie through the holes and around the bar.

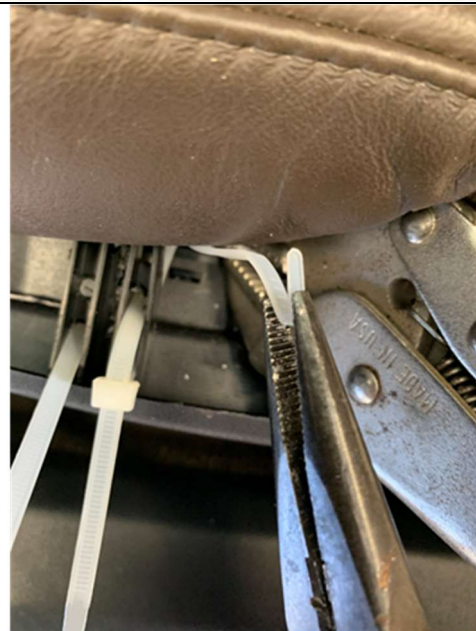
The channel lock pliers are crimped on the bar to help hold the seat cushion away from where I am working.



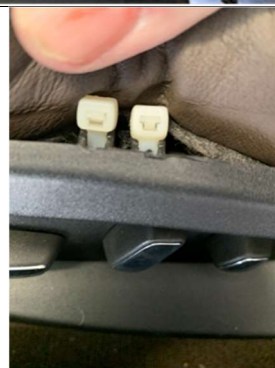
I repeated the holes in the other channel on the clip to ensure the ties held for the long term. If one is good, two are better!



Use your needle nose pliers and bend the end of the zip tie so there is a good 90 degree bend in the end this helps feed the tie up through the drilled hole.



Here you can see both ends of the zip ties before I feed the ends through and tighten them

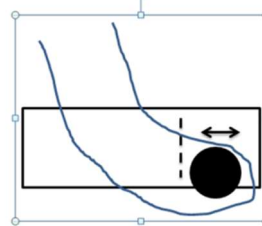


Here is where you pull the ties tight as possible. I held them with the needle nose pliers and pulled them tight with another set of pliers then clipped off the ends.

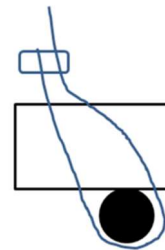
Adjust the leather seat cushion back into place and you are done.



This rough drawing shows the path of the zip tie around the bar and up through the clip.



As you tighten it up the clip will rest on top to the bar.



Done, from the start on the left to the finished product on the right.

