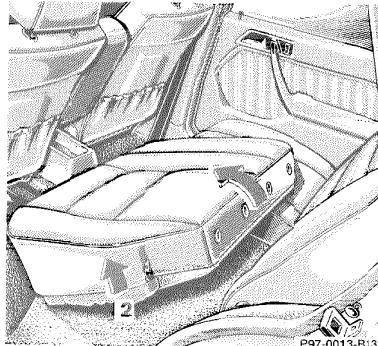
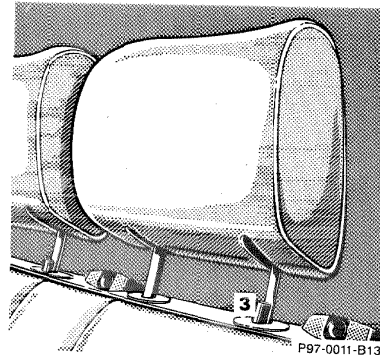


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Split Rear Bench Seat

The rear seat can be folded to increase the cargo area. The left, right or both sections may be folded according to need.

1. The respective rear door must be opened so that the backrest locking mechanism is released. Open both rear doors if both sections are to be folded.
2. Slip seat belt webbing behind belt retainer (1) and move buckle latch plate upward to belt outlet.
3. Slip fingers into recess (2) and lift seat cushion to a vertical

position (move front seat forward a little, if necessary).

4. Pull head restraint up to its highest position. Depress the release button (3) until it engages and pull out the head restraint.
5. Insert head restraint into the openings provided in the seat cushion.
6. Fold backrest forward.

If the vehicle is equipped with the retractable partition net and luggage cover, fold the right section first and then the left section. If only the left section

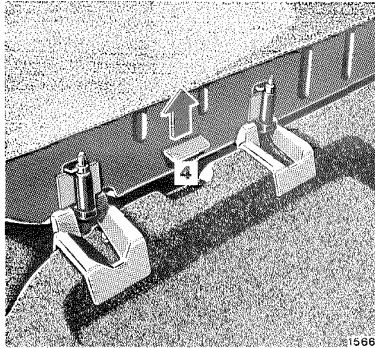
is to be folded, then the luggage cover unit must be removed first (see *Luggage Cover* in Index).

Note:

Do not interchange the front head restraints with the rear head restraints.

Warning!

Do not drive the vehicle without head restraints. Always reinstall head restraints when returning cushions to seating use. Head restraints help reduce injuries should an accident occur.



Enlarging the cargo area:

The cargo area can be enlarged by placing the seat cushions in a vertical position and removing them. To remove each seat cushion, pull up the lever (4) on the underside of the seat and pull the seat cushion out of its hinges.

Folding the backrest forward:

When folding the backrest forward, the hinge pins must rest in the brackets at the backrest. It is not necessary to remove the head restraints before folding the backrest forward if the seat cushion has been removed.

When reinstalling the seat cushion, be sure to lock the respective seat cushion into its hinges.

In addition, when transporting extremely long items, push front passenger seat forward, remove its head restraint and lower its backrest to the rear.

Notes:

It must be ensured that the heating elements of the rear window defroster are not damaged by cargo rubbing against them.

Warning!

In an accident, during hard braking or sudden maneuvers, loose items will be thrown around inside the vehicle, and can cause injury to vehicle occupants unless the items are securely fastened in the vehicle.

Always lock backrest in its upright position when rear seat bench is occupied, or the extended cargo area is not in use. Check for secure locking by pushing and pulling on the backrest.

Never drive vehicle with trunk lid open. Deadly carbon monoxide (CO) gases may enter vehicle interior resulting in unconsciousness and death.