

1955 Beetle Interior details

Reference and review for restoration target.

Rev 3

Pictures mostly from Samba member original examples. Thank you all
for originally posting these photos.

Front seats

1. Black piping on seat and backrest
2. Tied dimple at 2 positions of seat
3. Pinched closure at bottom of backrest
4. Seat bottom uses wire loop cinch closure.



Wire tie loop
(choker) at seat
bottom is factory.



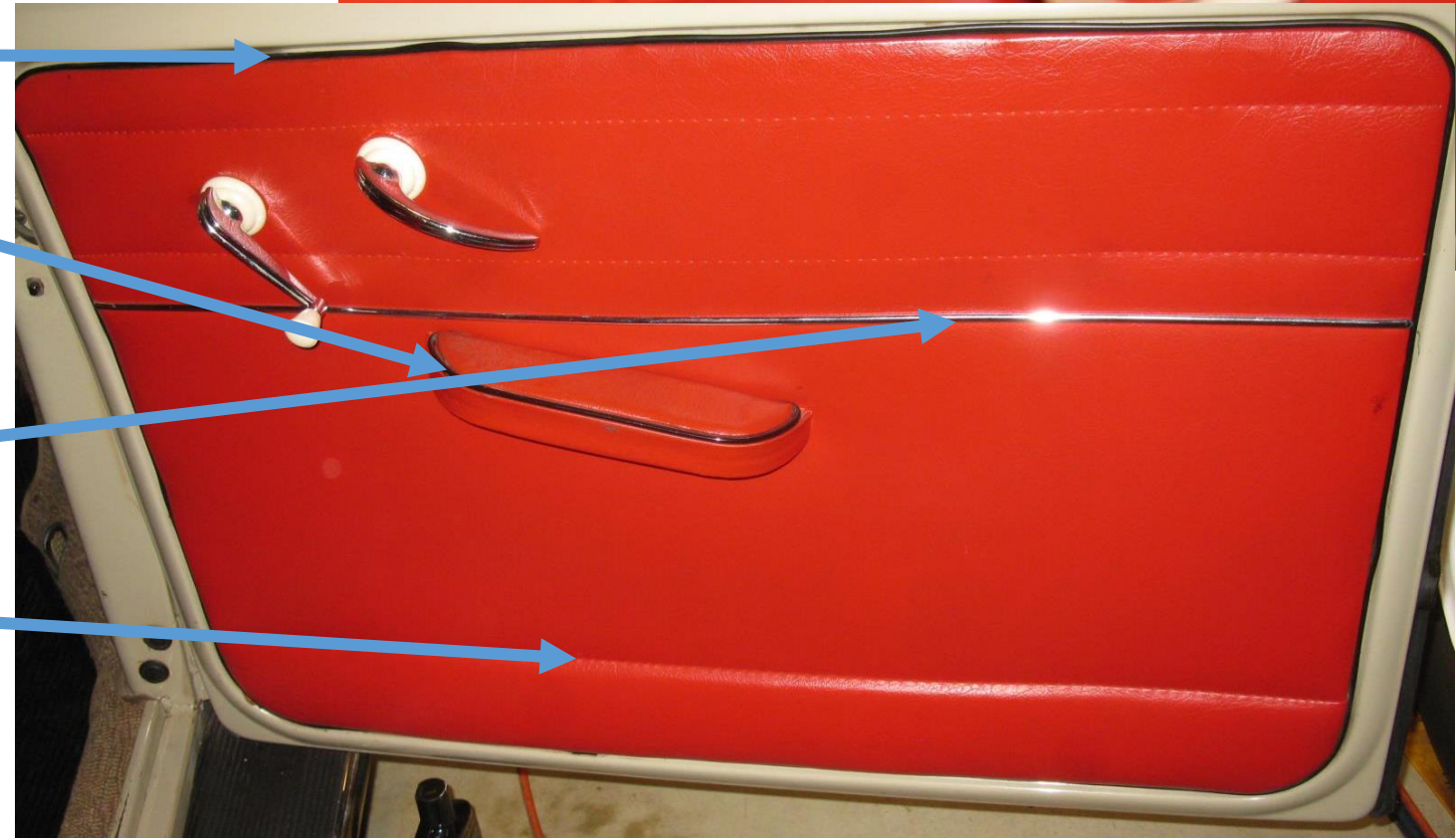
1955 Bug frames





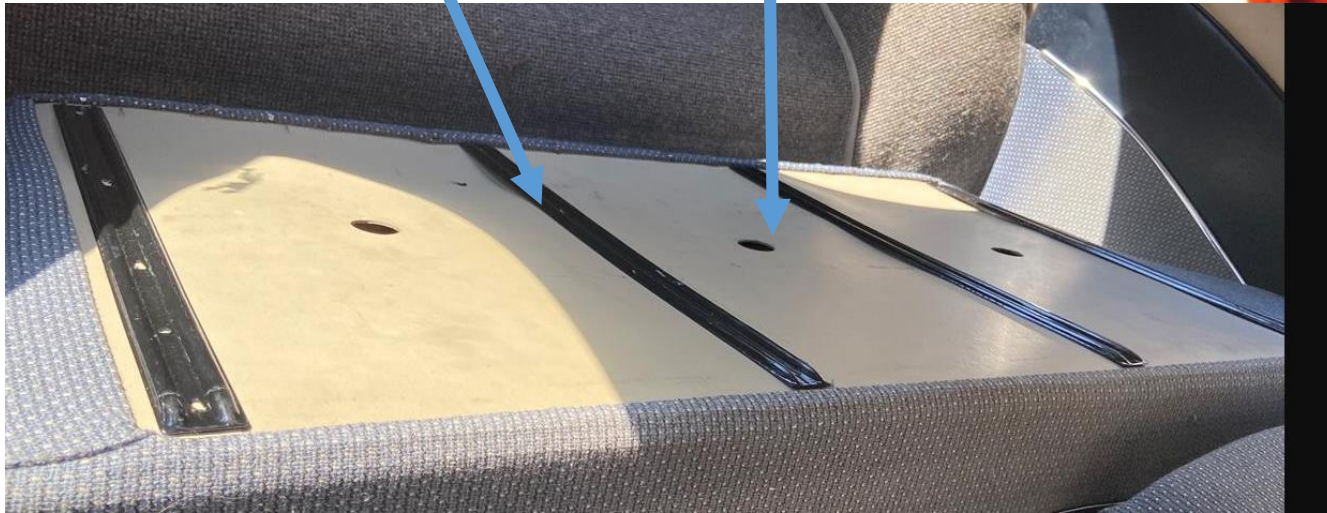
Door panels

- Piping at drivers side pocket
- Piping around perimeter
- Piping on armrest
- Marks or holes in hardboard for chrome trim?
Need position
- Sewn to hardboard 3x, thin padding only. NOT PUFFY.



Back seat

- Dimple ties 6x
- Fiberboard back with 3 holes, sewn to fabric
- Need exact positions of the seat back rails



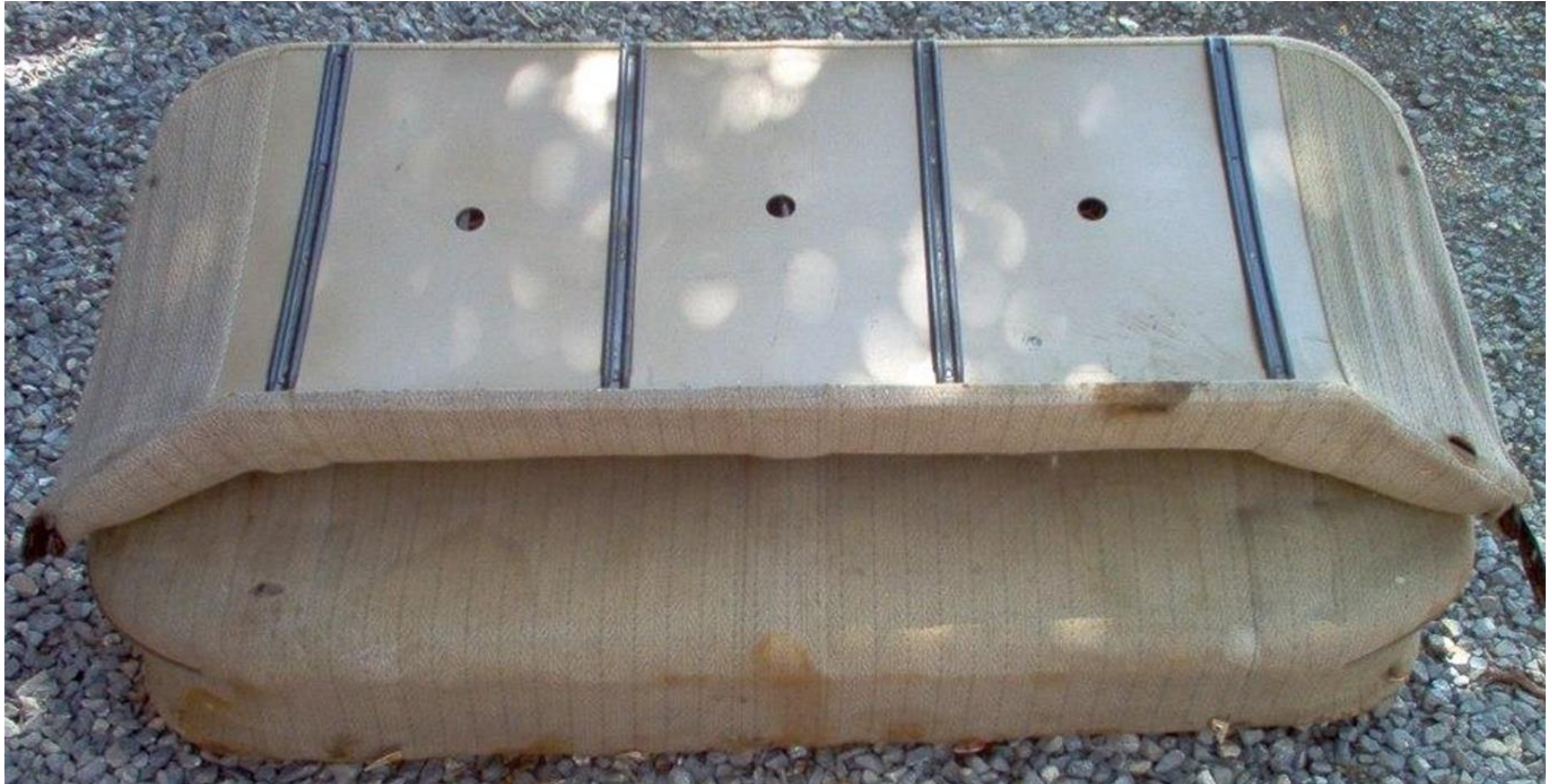
Barbs on seat
frame hold the
cover



Back seat rest cover stitching

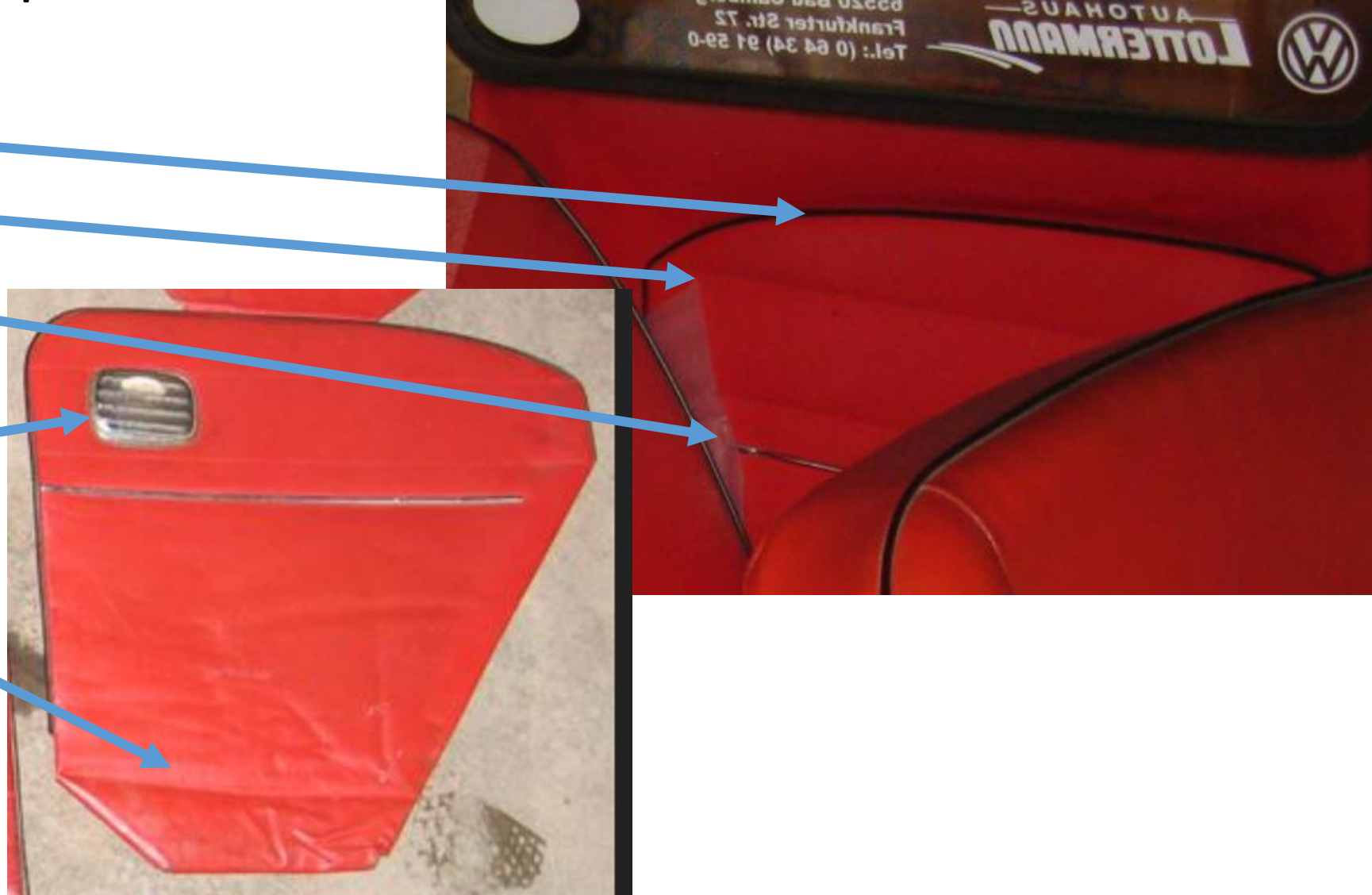






Rear interior panels

- Black piping
- Sewn to board
- Chrome trim
- Ash tray hole on right panel
- No sewn line down here
- Thin padding only (not puffy)



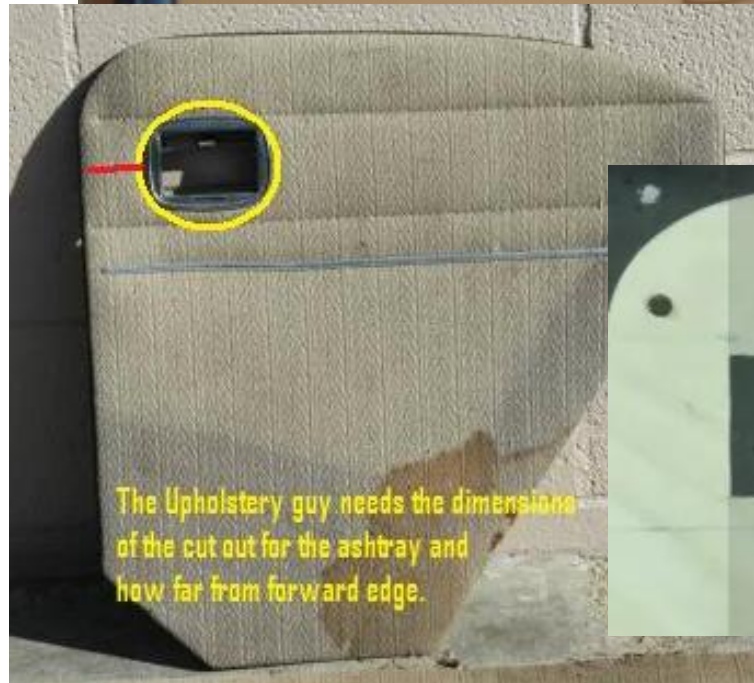
'55 panels

- Ash tray location looks vertically centered between the sewn lines.
- Note the piping location range on the back panels.
- Only 2 sewn lines on rear panels. They line up with front panel sew lines.
- Rear panel shape is same as these (straight bottom, corner and back edges)



Found this info, Reference only

- A- Distance from the panel, NOT including piping, just the panel to the first seam.
- B-Then the distance from the first seam (A) to the second seam (B).
- C-The distance from the edge of the panel, NOT including piping to the forward edge of the map pocket (C).
- D-The measurement on the quarter panel of the ashtray cut out.
- E-The distance from the edge of the quarter panel NOT including piping to the forward edge of the ashtray.
- A- $1 \frac{7}{8}$
B- $3 \frac{1}{2}$
C- $5 \frac{3}{8}$
D- $2 \frac{1}{8} \times 3$ **with notch** (see photo)
E- $2 \frac{1}{2}$



The Upholstery guy needs the dimensions of the cut out for the ashtray and how far from forward edge.

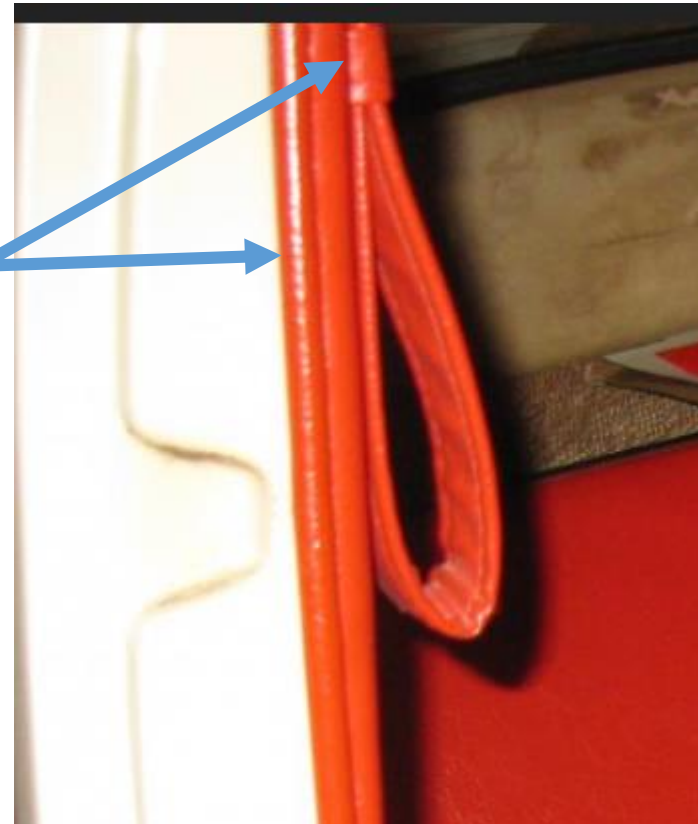
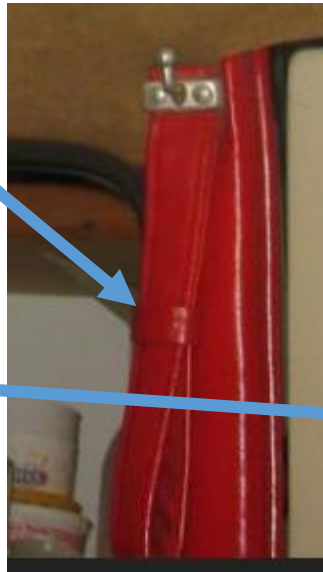
Another original rear interior quarter view 1953-1955

- Confirms line up of sewn through panel
- Chrome lines up with door
- Extent of pillar red cover



B-Pillar covering, Grab Handles

- Wrapped piping OK on pillar edge
- Sliding wrap on the grab handle main loop.
- Side covers go back to window bend



Liner Seam



Carpet details





Same hardboard material as the door cards.

