DISPOSABLE AUTOMOTIVE SEAT COVER

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ABSTRACT

A temporary, disposable seat cover that is lightweight, inexpensive, waterproof, and easy to install in anticipation of exposure to extraordinary soiling conditions, such as when taking a pet to the groomer or veterinarian, for example, and that may be quickly removed following the event. The seat cover is fabricated of a non-woven polyolefin fabric, such as the material sold by DuPont under the trademark TYVEK, and is adapted for universal temporary attachment to either a bucket or bench type automotive seat by means of conventional straps, hooks, or an elastic hem provided in a portion or the entire periphery of the seat cover.
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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0001] This invention relates generally to automotive seat covers and, more specifically, to a temporary, disposable seat cover fabricated of a water resistant, tear resistant, lightweight, and inexpensive material, such as the non-woven polyolefin fabric manufactured by DuPont under the trademark TYVEK.

[0002] After-market automotive seat covers that serve to protect the manufacturer's original equipment seat covers are known. However, these after-market seat covers tend to be made of a relatively heavy material and are thus expensive and time consuming to install. They are primarily intended for long term use to protect the original seat coverings from the wear resulting from ordinary day-to-day usage. They are generally somewhat porous and certainly are not waterproof. Thus, they offer little or no protection in situations in which they are exposed to mud, water, pet or child vomit, etc. In the event they are exposed to such conditions, they must be removed, cleaned, and reinstalled after perhaps also cleaning the underlying original seat covering, all of which is a very time consuming process.

[0003] It would therefore be advantageous to provide a temporary, disposable seat cover that is lightweight, inexpensive, waterproof, and easy to install in anticipation of exposure to extraordinary soiling conditions, such as when taking a pet to the groomer or veterinarian, for example, and that may be quickly removed following the event. Such a seat cover is provided in accordance with the illustrated preferred embodiment of the present invention by employing a lightweight, waterproof non-woven polyolefin fabric material such as that manufactured by DuPont under the trademark TYVEK that is formed to cover the bottom and back of automotive seats and that is temporarily held in place thereon by means of elastic or non-elastic straps and/or elastic hems.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0004] FIG. 1 is a pictorial diagram illustrating how a disposable seat cover in accordance with the present invention is installed over a single bucket type automotive seat.

[0005] FIG. 2 is a pictorial diagram illustrating how a disposable seat cover in accordance with the present invention is installed over a bench type automotive front or rear seat.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0006] Referring now to FIG. 1, there is shown a disposable seat cover 10 that is made of a non-woven polyolefin fabric material of the type sold by DuPont under the trademark TYVEK. The material is conventionally cut to universally fit over a typical automotive bucket seat 12 and is temporarily attached thereto by means of a plurality of straps or hooks 14 that may positioned around the back of the seat 12 or hooked or otherwise conventionally fastened to the underside or frame thereof. Alternatively or additionally, an elastic hem 16 may be provided around a portion or the entire periphery of seat cover 10 to hold it in place over seat 12.

[0007] Referring now to FIG. 2, there is shown a disposable seat cover 20, also preferably fabricated of DuPont TYVEK material. The material is again conventionally cut to universally fit over a typical front or rear bench automotive seat 22. This cover is preferably temporarily held in place over seat 22 by means of an elastic hem 24 provided around a portion or the entire periphery of seat cover 20 to hold it in place over seat 22.

I claim:
1. A disposable automotive seat cover comprising:
a non-woven polyolefin fabric material cut to universally fit over a typical automotive bucket seat; and
attachment means for temporarily attaching the cut material to bottom and rear portions of said bucket seat to thereby hold said seat cover in place over said bucket seat.
2. A disposable automotive seat cover as in claim 1, wherein said attachment means comprises one or more straps that may be attached to said rear portion of said bucket seat and one or more straps that may be attached to said bottom portion of said bucket seat.
3. A disposable automotive seat cover as in claim 1, wherein said attachment means comprises one or more hooks that may be attached to said rear portion of said bucket seat and one or more hooks that may be attached to said bottom portion of said bucket seat.
4. A disposable automotive seat cover as in claim 1, wherein said attachment means comprises an elastic hem provided along at least a portion of a peripheral edge of said cut material.
5. A disposable automotive seat cover as in claim 1, wherein said non-woven polyolefin fabric material comprises material sold by DuPont under the trademark TYVEK.
6. A disposable automotive seat cover comprising:
a non-woven polyolefin fabric material cut to universally fit over a typical automotive front or rear bench seat; and
attachment means for temporarily attaching the cut material to bottom and rear portions of said bench seat to thereby hold said seat cover in place over said bench seat.
7. A disposable automotive seat cover as in claim 6, wherein said attachment means comprises an elastic hem provided along at least a portion of a peripheral edge of said cut material.
8. A disposable automotive seat cover as in claim 6, wherein said non-woven polyolefin fabric material comprises material sold by DuPont under the trademark TYVEK.

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