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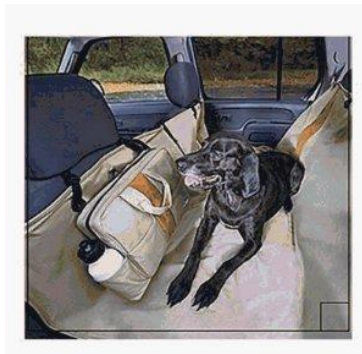
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Car Seat Covers



Tomba and Tashi hike every day. What that means for my car is a fresh deposit of mud and grit every day. Until recently, what it meant for me was climbing into the back of my car and stretching the car seat cover over one end of the bench, and trying to hold it down with my legs while reaching for the other end of the cover and trying to stretch that over the other end of the bench. Inevitably, as soon as I got one side on, the other would pop off. Or, when I finally got both ends on the bench and gave the OK for Tomba or Tashi to jump in, they would, and well, the seat cover would pop off, and all the grit that was on it, would slide off the cover into the crevices of the bench.

Enter the [Kurgo Wander Hammock](#).



The Kurgo Wander Hammock can be used hammock style, as shown here, or you can just let the front drape down to the floor. (According to some reviews on Amazon.com, the center zipper doesn't always hold up if you have a large dog resting on the hammock.)

I can't say I tested the Wander Hammock for use as a hammock. I was thrilled enough to have something that would stay on the car seat. Car seat covers aren't of much help if they only cover the car seat when there's no dog, and slip off as soon as the dog jumps on. I've spent a small fortune trying to find one that stays on. Poor Tomba has found himself sliding around in the back seat, even when he's just been sitting still, or sliding to the other end of the bench when jumping in. This doesn't happen with the Wander Hammock. On the part that covers the seat back, there are grommets, so you can customize the fit to your car (assuming you have headrests in the back seat. If you don't have headrests, it won't work. If you do have headrests, it's a dream. It drapes across the seat backs nicely. Seat belts can remain where they belong, and even be used. There are openings in the cover to allow you to click seat belts into place. The openings are lined with velcro, so when the seat belts are not in use, you can seal them shut.

And best of all, the seat cover stays in place, requiring no readjustment from one ride to the next. This is no small feat. Tomba and Tashi together weigh 150 lbs. Tashi sometimes cannot decide which window the better scents are flowing from, and so there's a little bit of musical seats going on in the back (lots of fun when she is belted in with her [Kurgo Tru-Fit Smart Harness](#), another

great Kurgo product, which Tashi is modeling below). Nonetheless, the Hammock stays on, and better yet, the muddy paw prints land on the Hammock, not on the bench.



The Kurgo Wander Hammock comes in black and khaki, both with orange trim. The black is smart looking (and would look terrific with a Rottie mix lying on it), but would probably get hot in the sun.

The Hammock comes in a neat little carrying case that has a pocket for a water bottle and is roomy enough to hold plenty of snacks for Spot.



Tomba and Tashi (and my Prius) are ready for our next muddy adventure!

[6/25/10 Update: While the fabric appears to be quite durable, the plastic clips and rings that attach around the headrest are not. I now have a broken ring on one of the straps. Fortunately, the seat cover has grommets up at the top, so if all the rings on the straps go, it's still possible to fashion an alternate attachment to hold the cover up on the headrests. Not perfect, but still the seat cover that best stays in place, at least that we've tested.]

Tomba and Tashi, contributors to this review, serve as fun and safety monitors at [See Spot Shine, LLC](#).