

## **FOLDING SPLIT MIDDLE SEAT**

### **LWB PAJERO EXCEED 1995**

My car is a 1995 2.8 Turbo Diesel Pajero – long wheelbase with split rear seat (middle seat) and two fold-down rear seats

After a lot of messing about and reading a lot of postings on the [POCUK](http://www.pocuk.co.uk) website, I've finally discovered how MINE fold down – bear in mind, others could easily differ!

Firstly – the knobs and levers: There is one round knob at the top of the seatback on the outside edge and a lever on the outside face of the seat base adjacent to the door.



OK – found these?

Well, as far as I can make out, the lever on the side of the seat is only for tipping the seat back forward and sliding the seat base forward to give access to the rearmost seats. Another function when you are sitting in the seat is to loosen the seat backrest so you can change its angle.

To fold the seat back forward, simply pull up the round button on the seat back and it will fold forward nicely. About halfway down, i.e. at about 45 degrees you might need to let the knob go back in, then pull it out again. Now grip the seat back at the bottom and swing it upwards and forwards in one easy movement – the catch will be released by your lifting the button for the second time, and the seat will easily swing up and forward into the upright position. As far as I can make out, there is no need to remove the head rests or stow them – in fact the only time you need to remove and stow the headrests from the middle row of seats is when you fold them right back to form a bed with the rearmost seats. There are holes under the front of the middle seats to put them



To lower the seat again, locate the “Pull” tab on the hinge and pull backwards to release, the seat will now fall back into its original position.

However, it will not lock down unless you lift the seatback to an angle of about 45 degrees as the seat falls down – then it locates with a satisfying “Clunk”!

If the seat feels “loose” it’s probably because the catch on the seat rail has not engaged fully and the seat is still sliding on the short seat rail, despite the rail being locked down.



"Pull" tab on seat hinge – to lower seat down again



Seat runners, on which it slides forward/back

Now for the rearmost seats. They will fold up best when their headrests ARE stowed and there are holes at the REAR of these seats to stow the headrests. Stowing them seems to release a catch, which then allows a fabric tab on the floor by the inner locking mechanism to be pulled to release the catch and allow the seats to be swung up and out so that the catch engages with the rearmost handhold.

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