

Seat belts

SEAT BELT CHECKS

Note: If the vehicle is parked on an incline, the seat belt mechanism may lock. This is a safety feature and the belt should be gently eased out from the upper anchorage.

The seat belts should be inspected regularly to check for fraying, cuts or wear to the webbing, and the condition and security of the mechanism, buckles, adjusters, and mounting points.

- With the seat belt fastened, give the webbing near the buckle a quick upward pull. The buckle must remain securely locked.
- With the seat belt unfastened, unreel the seat belt to the limit of its travel. Check that it unreels smoothly with no snatches or snags. Allow the belt to fully retract, again checking for smooth operation.
- Partially unreel the seat belt, then hold the tongue plate and give a quick forward pull. The mechanism must lock and prevent any further unreeling.

If any of the seat belts fail to meet those criteria, immediately contact your Dealer/ Authorised Repairer.

BELTMINDER

See **53, WARNING LAMPS AND INDICATORS**

Beltminder warns the driver when the seat belt of an occupied front seat is not fastened or is unfastened during a journey.

The warning lamp will flash in conjunction with the Beltminder warning chime.

ACTIVE SEAT BELTS

The Active Seat Belt System enhances front seat occupant support during extreme vehicle manoeuvres such as understeer, oversteer or high braking forces by tensioning the seat belt.

Tension is released when the vehicle manoeuvre is completed. The occupant may notice a further slight increase in tension just prior to release of the seat belt, which is entirely normal.

In the unlikely event that tension is not released after a manoeuvre is completed, bring the vehicle to a safe stop. Unbuckle and re-buckle the seat belt, which should then extract and retract normally, before continuing with the journey.



Seat belts should be worn by all vehicle occupants, for every journey, no matter how short.

If the **Active Seat Belts Unavailable** message and the yellow general warning symbol are displayed in the message centre, contact your Jaguar Dealer/ Authorised Repairer as soon as possible. The vehicle is still safe to drive and the Active Seat Belt System will still function as standard seat belts.

SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONERS

The seat belt pre-tensioners activate in conjunction with the Supplementary Restraint System (SRS) to provide additional protection in the event of a severe frontal impact. They automatically reduce any slack in a seatbelt to reduce forward movement of a front seat occupant.



The seat belt pre-tensioners will activate only once and then must be replaced. Failure to replace them will reduce the effectiveness of the SRS in reducing the risk of serious injury or death in the event of an accident.



After any impact, have the seat belts and pre-tensioners checked and if necessary, replaced by a Jaguar Dealer/Authorised Repairer.