

# Seat belts



**Never wear just the lap belt or just the shoulder belt of a lap/shoulder diagonal seat belt. Both of these actions are extremely dangerous and may increase your risk of injury.**



**It is essential to replace the entire assembly after it has been worn in a severe impact, even if damage to the assembly is not obvious.**



**Do not carry hard, fragile or sharp items between your person and the seat belt.**



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



**When using seat belts to restrain items other than occupants, take care to make sure that the belts are not damaged, or exposed to sharp edges.**



**The use of comfort clips, or devices that would create slackness in the seat belt system, is not advised.**

## 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 a Dealer/Authorised Repairer.

## BELTMINDER

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.

See **58, WARNING LAMPS AND INDICATORS.**

## 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.



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