

CHILD RESTRAINT CHECK LIST

Every time a child travels in the vehicle observe the following:

Non-LATCH child restraints

- Check that the passenger air bag status indicator lamp indicates that the passenger air bag is deactivated. See **38, OCCUPANT SENSING**.
- Carefully follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer of the restraint system.
- Always use the appropriate child restraints and adjust harnesses for every child, every trip.
- Make sure that a child falls into the correct weight range for the seat. Avoid dressing a child in bulky clothing and do not place any objects between the child and the restraint system.
- Regularly check the fit of a child seat and replace seats or harnesses that show signs of wear.
- Make sure that you have removed all slack from the adult seat belt.
- No child seat is completely child-proof. Encourage a child not to play with the buckle or harness.
- While driving, periodically check that the passenger air bag status indicator lamp indicates that the Passenger air bag is deactivated. See **38, OCCUPANT SENSING**.
- If the Indicator lamp ceases to show that the passenger air bag is deactivated, check the child seat installation.
- Never leave a child unsupervised in the vehicle.
- Set a good example - always wear your seat belt.

- Make sure that the passenger seat belt locking mechanism is used to secure a non-LATCH child seat.

The procedure to install a non-LATCH child seat is as follows:

1. Place the child seat in the vehicle, attach the seat belt and secure the buckle in accordance with the manufacturer's fitting instructions.
2. Pull on the shoulder section of the belt to unreel all of the remaining webbing to the limit of its travel. This will engage the automatic locking feature which then acts as a ratchet, only allowing the webbing to retract.
3. Allow the seat belt to retract onto the child seat (a clicking sound will confirm that the ratchet has engaged), while firmly pushing the child seat into the vehicle's seat.
4. Make sure that there is no slack in the seat belt, by pulling upwards on the shoulder belt immediately above the child restraint. The seat belt should now be locked and the child seat held firmly in position.

When the child seat is removed and all of the seat belt webbing is allowed to retract, the seat belt locking mechanism reverts to normal operation.

***Note:** The legislation which governs how and where children should be carried when traveling in a vehicle, is subject to change. It is the responsibility of the driver to comply with all regulations in force.*