

## **⚠WARNING**

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.

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No modifications or additions should be made by the user, which will either prevent the seat belt adjusting devices from operating to remove slack or prevent the seat belt assembly from being adjusted to remove slack. A slack belt offers a greatly reduced level of occupant protection in an impact.

2. Fastening a seat belt: With the seat belt correctly positioned, place the metal tongue into the buckle nearest to you. Press it in until a click is heard. Make sure that all slack has been taken up by the retractor and the belt fits tightly across the hips. To release the seat belt, press the red button.

*Note: When releasing the seat belt, it is advisable to hold the belt before pressing the release button. This will prevent the belt from retracting too quickly.*

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The air bag Supplementary Restraint System (SRS) is designed to add to the overall effectiveness of the seat belts. It does not replace them. Seat belts must always be worn.

3. **Seat belt use during pregnancy:** Position the lap strap comfortably across the hips, beneath the abdomen. Place the diagonal part of the seat belt between the breasts and to the side of the abdomen, as illustrated.

## **⚠WARNING**

Position the seat belt correctly for the safety of the mother and unborn child. Never wear just the lap strap and never sit on the lap strap while using just the shoulder strap. Both of these actions are extremely dangerous and may increase your risk of serious injury, in the event of an accident or during emergency braking.

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Make sure that the seat belt is not slack or twisted.

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Never place anything between you and the seat belt in an attempt to cushion the impact in the event of an accident. It can be dangerous and reduce the effectiveness of the seat belt in preventing injury.

## **SEAT BELT LOCKING MECHANISM**

The front passenger seat belt has a locking mechanism which improves the retention of non-LATCH child seats, see **30, CHILD RESTRAINT CHECK LIST**. The mechanism can also be used to retain large items on the seat.

The procedure to install a 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 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, allowing the webbing to retract.