#### **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.

## **AWARNING**

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

#### **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 seat belt to reduce forward movement of a front seat occupant.

### **AWARNING**

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.

### **AWARNING**

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

#### **SEAT BELT REMINDER**

Seat belt reminder commences when the vehicle is in motion and the driver's belt is unbuckled. Dependent on the market, an audible chime sounds and the warning indicator in the Instrument panel illuminates (see 46, SEAT BELT (RED)). The visual and audible warnings applicable to the Seat belt reminder feature are market dependent, to meet individual market requirements. The warning signals given may also change, depending on whether the vehicle is stationary or when the vehicle's speed exceeds a predetermined threshold. In certain markets, the Seat belt reminder feature also applies to the passenger seat.



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# Seat belts

A graphic displayed in the Message center also indicates which seat belts are fastened at the start of a trip and when a seat belt is fastened or unfastened during a trip.

Each seating position is represented by a passenger icon, the color of which indicates the seat belt status:

- Tick seat belt in the indicated position is fastened.
- Cross seat belt in the indicated position has been unfastened while the vehicle's ignition is on. This indicator will turn gray after 30 seconds.
- Gray seat belt not fastened.

**Note:** The indicators will be displayed for 30 seconds each time there is a status change, e.g., a seat belt is unfastened or fastened or a door is opened and then closed.

In addition, an audible warning will sound under the following conditions:

 The driver's or passenger's seat belt is not fastened or is unfastened, while the vehicle is moving forwards.

**Note:** If a heavy object is placed on the passenger seat, it may activate the Seat belt reminder feature. It is recommended that any objects on the passenger seat are secured using the seat belt.

**Note:** Although not advisable, it is possible to disable the Seat belt reminder function. Please see your Dealer/Authorized Repairer to disable or re-instate the function.