Airbags

An airbag status warning lamp display, mounted on the overhead control panel (as illustrated), will display the operational status of the passenger airbag, as shown in the following table.

Setting	Passenger airbag status	Warning lamp display
Airbag Off	Disabled	PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF
Airbag On	Activated	ON PASSENGER AIRBAG*

* Displays for 60 seconds, then extinguishes.

Note: The Message centre will also display a warning for 4 seconds every time the ignition is switched on.



As soon as the child seat is removed from the front passenger seat, the airbag must be switched on. Failure to do so, will put any front seat passengers at greater risk of death or serious injury in the event of an accident.



When checking the operational status of the front passenger airbag, make sure the ignition is switched on and the warning lamp bulb check period of 8 seconds has elapsed.



Do not fit a child restraint to the front passenger seat if the airbag warning lamp illuminates continuously with the ignition on.

FRONT AIRBAGS

The front passenger and driver airbags deploy depending on the severity of the frontal impact.

SIDE AIRBAGS

These are designed to protect the thorax region of the torso and will deploy only in the event of a side impact and then, only on the side of the impact.

CURTAIN AIRBAGS

The curtain airbags are deployed in side impact and rollover events, providing greater protection from serious head injuries.



For the curtain airbags to deploy correctly, the roof lining and A-post trim must be undamaged and fitted correctly. Any damage or suspect fitting should be referred to a Retailer/ Authorised Repairer for examination.

Note: Curtain airbags will not inflate as a result of frontal or rear impacts alone.

AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT EFFECTS



When an airbag inflates, a fine powder is released. This is normal and not an indication of a malfunction. The powder may cause irritation to the skin and should be thoroughly flushed from eyes and any cuts or abrasions. This powder can cause breathing difficulties for asthma sufferers or other people with respiratory problems. If this occurs, get out of the vehicle as soon as it is safe to do so or get fresh air by opening a window. If breathing problems persist, seek medical attention.



Airbag deployment is accompanied by a very loud noise, which may cause discomfort, and temporary loss of hearing.