GENERAL INFORMATION

WARNINGS

Seat belts are designed to bear upon the bony structure of the body and should be worn low across the pelvis or pelvis, chest and shoulders, as applicable; wearing the lap section of the belt across the abdominal area must be avoided.

Seat belts should be adjusted as firmly as possible, consistent with comfort, to provide the protection for which they have been designed. A slack belt will greatly reduce the protection afforded to the wearer.

Care should be taken to avoid contamination of the webbing with polishes, oils and chemicals and particularly battery acid. Cleaning may safely be carried out using mild soap and water.

The belt should be replaced if webbing becomes frayed, contaminated or damaged.

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.

Belts should not be worn with the straps twisted.

Do not carry hard, fragile, or sharp items between your person and the seat belt. In an impact the pressure from the seat belt on such items can cause them to break, which in turn may cause death or serious injury.

Each belt assembly must only be used by one occupant; it is dangerous to put a belt around a child being carried on the occupant's lap.

WARNINGS

The occupants of the front seat should not travel with the seat back at more than 30 degrees from the upright. Doing so will reduce the protection afforded by the seat belt.

Seat belts should be worn by all vehicle occupants, for every journey no matter how short. Failure to do so will greatly increase the risk of death or serious injury in the event of an accident.

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.

No modifications or additions should be made which prevent the seat belt mechanism from taking up the slack, or prevent the seat belt from being adjusted to remove slack. A slack seat belt offers a greatly reduced level of occupant protection in an impact.

If any damage, wear, cuts, defects, or impaired operation are noted with the seat belts, the vehicle should be taken to your Dealer/Authorised Repairer for immediate attention. Do not use the vehicle if the seat belts cannot be operated correctly.

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

Seat belts

WARNINGS

Care must be taken to avoid contaminating the seat belt webbing, and seat belt mechanisms with chemicals, liquids, grit, dirt or cleaning products. If the seat belts do become contaminated they should be replaced immediately. Contaminated seat belts may not operate correctly in an impact and cannot be relied upon.

The airbag supplemental 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.

Should the seat belt not retract and remain at its static length, consult your Land Rover Dealer/Authorised Repairer.

Where possible, use the seat belts to secure large items of luggage that are to be carried on the seats. In the event of an accident, unsecured items become flying missiles, capable of causing serious injury.

Seat belts

Lap/shoulder inertia reel seat belts are provided for all seat positions.

The inertia reel operating mechanism of the seat belts, allows the wearers to move their upper bodies to reach various controls.

The seat belts include a buckle sensor, to detect when the buckle is latched.

Caring for seat belts

The seat belts should be inspected regularly to check for signs of fraying, cuts, wear to the webbing and the condition and security of the mechanism, buckles, adjusters and mounting points.

Do not bleach or dye the webbing and avoid contaminating the webbing with polish, oil or chemicals. See **FASTENING THE SEAT BELTS** (page 65).

Testing inertia reel belts

- 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 o 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 it 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 your Dealer/Authorised Repairer.

Note: *If the vehicle is parked on an incline, the seat belt mechanism may lock. This is not a fault and the belt should be gently eased out from the upper anchorage.*

Seat belt pre-tensioners

WARNINGS

The seat belt pre-tensioners will only be activated once and then must be replaced by a Land Rover Dealer/Authorised Repairer. Failure to replace the pre-tensioners will reduce the efficiency of the vehicle's front restraint systems.

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

WARNINGS

In the interests of safety, it is recommended that removal or replacement of the front seats and seat belts should only be carried out by a Land Rover Dealer/Authorised Repairer.

The seat belt pre-tensioners activate in conjunction with the airbag SRS and provide additional protection in the event of a severe frontal impact. The pre-tensioners automatically retract the seat belts fitted to the front seats. This reduces any slack in both the lap and diagonal portions of the belts, thereby reducing forward movement of the belt wearer.

The airbag SRS warning indicator on the instrument pack, will alert you to any malfunction of the seat belt pre-tensioners.

If the pre-tensioners have been activated, the seat belts will still function as restraints and must be worn in the event that the vehicle remains in a driveable condition.

Note: *The seat belt pre-tensioners will be activated in major side and frontal impacts and in rollovers.*

SEAT BELT REMINDER

Beltminder commences when the starter switch is turned to position **II** and the driver's belt is unbuckled. Dependent on market, the warning indicator in the instrument pack illuminates, the message **FASTEN SEAT BELTS** appears in the message centre and an audible chime sounds.

The visual and audible warnings applicable to the Beltminder 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 speed exceeds a pre-determined threshold.

In certain markets, the Beltminder feature also applies to the front passenger seat.

Note: *Objects placed on the front passenger seat may activate the seat belt reminder warning chime and indicator. It is recommended that any objects placed on the front passenger seat are secured using the seat belt.*

FASTENING THE SEAT BELTS



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1. Draw the belt out smoothly, ensuring that the belt height, the seat position and your position on the seat are correct. The belt should lay flat across the pelvis, chest and mid-point of the collar bone between the neck and shoulder.
2. With the belt correctly positioned, place the metal tongue into the buckle nearest to you. Press until a click is heard.

The buckles on third row seats are spring-loaded allowing them to be stowed within the seat. This is to prevent damage when the seats are folded flat. To fasten the belt, pull the buckle up from the seat before inserting the tongue plate.

Adjust the seat belt to eliminate any slack in the webbing.

Releasing the belt

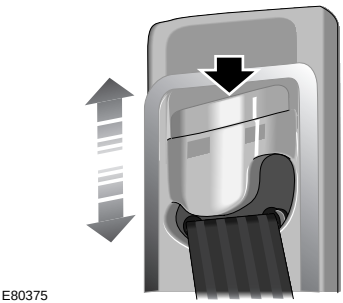
Note: *When releasing the belt it is advisable to hold it near the buckle before pressing the release button. This will prevent the belt from retracting too quickly.*

To release the seat belt, press the red button.

SEAT BELT HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

WARNING

Correct seat belt adjustment is essential for safety and comfort. Ensure that the height is correctly adjusted and the mechanism is locked in place before driving the vehicle. Do not attempt to adjust the seat belt height once the vehicle is in motion. Doing so may cause you to loose control of the vehicle, or incorrectly adjust the seat belt.



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Press down (solid arrow) to release the catch, then lift or push down to adjust the height of the anchorage.

Ensure the anchorage has clicked into one of the locked positions before driving.

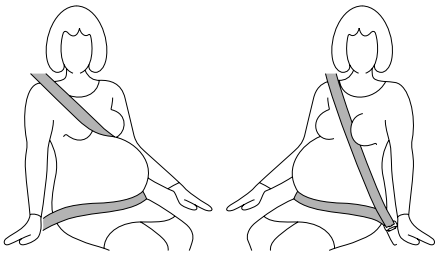
Where possible passengers should adjust their position on the seat to enable the seat belt webbing to cross the shoulder without pressing on the neck.

USING SEAT BELTS DURING PREGNANCY

WARNINGS

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 whilst 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.

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.



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Position the lap strap comfortably across the hips beneath the abdomen. Place the diagonal strap between the breasts and to the side of abdomen. Ensure that the seat belt is not slack or twisted.