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

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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 56).

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 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 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.*