

## SEAT BELT CHECKS

*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.*

The seat belts should be inspected regularly to check for fraying, cuts, 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.

If any of the seat belts fail to meet those criteria, immediately contact your Dealer/Authorised 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 seatbelt to reduce forward movement of a front seat occupant.



**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.**



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

## SEAT BELT REMINDER

Beltminder commences when the vehicle is in motion and the driver's belt is unbuckled. Dependent on market, the warning indicator in the Instrument panel illuminates (See **58, SEAT BELT (RED)**), 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.

The message centre also displays a front and rear seat Beltminder system that warns the driver when the seat belt of any occupied seat is not fastened or is unfastened during a journey.



Each seating position is represented by a passenger icon, the colour and symbol 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 ignition is on. This indicator

will turn grey after 30 seconds.

- Grey - 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 seat belt of an occupied front seat is not fastened or is unfastened during a journey.
- A rear seat belt is unfastened.

**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.*