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.

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

Do not carry hard, fragile, or sharp items between your person and the seat belt.

Seat belts should be worn by all vehicle occupants, for every journey no matter how short.

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.

When using seat belts to restrain items other than occupants, make sure the belts are not damaged, or exposed to sharp edges.

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, 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 REMINDER

Seat belt reminder commences when the vehicle is in motion and the driver's belt is unbuckled. Dependent on market, an audible chime sounds and the warning indicator in the Instrument panel illuminates. See **44, 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 speed exceeds a pre-determined threshold. In certain markets, the Seat belt reminder feature also applies to the front passenger seat.

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



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- 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.*