

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.

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. If breathing difficulty is experienced, leave the vehicle if possible, or open the windows or doors to allow fresh air in.



Airbags inflate at high speed and can cause injuries. To minimise the risk of injury, make sure all occupants wear correctly positioned seat belts, sit correctly in the seats and position the seats as far back as is practicable.



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



After inflation, some airbag components will be very hot. Do not touch the airbag components until they have cooled sufficiently.

AIRBAG WARNING LAMP

The airbag warning lamp is displayed in the Instrument panel and will illuminate as a bulb check when the ignition is turned on. See **55, AIRBAG (AMBER)**.



If the warning lamp indicates that a fault is present in the system, do not use a child restraint on the front passenger seat.

If any of the following warning lamp conditions occur, the vehicle should be checked by your Dealer/Authorised Repairer immediately.

- The warning lamp fails to illuminate when the ignition is turned on.
- The warning lamp (following the bulb check period) fails to extinguish within 8 seconds of the ignition being turned on.
- The warning lamp illuminates at any time other than the bulb check, when the ignition is on.

When the ignition is switched on, a diagnostic control unit monitors the readiness of the system's electrical circuits. The elements of the Supplementary Restraint System (SRS) being monitored include:

- SRS warning indicator.
- Rotary coupler.
- Airbag modules.
- Front and third row seat belt pre-tensioners.
- Front seat belt buckle switches.
- Front seat track position sensor.
- Airbag diagnostic control unit.
- Crash and rollover sensors.
- Airbag wiring harness.
- Airbag status indicator.