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## How to Use This Manual

Many people read their owner's manual from beginning to end when they first receive their new vehicle. If you do this, it will help you learn about the features and controls for your vehicle. In this manual, you'll find that pictures and words work together to explain things.

## Index

A good place to look for what you need is the Index in back of the manual. It's an alphabetical list of what's in the manual, and the page number where you'll find it.

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## Safety Warnings and Symbols

You will find a number of safety cautions in this book. We use a box and the word CAUTION to tell you about things that could hurt you if you were to ignore the warning.

 **CAUTION:**

**These mean there is something that could hurt you or other people.**

In the caution area, we tell you what the hazard is. Then we tell you what to do to help avoid or reduce the hazard. Please read these cautions. If you don't, you or others could be hurt.



You will also find a circle with a slash through it in this book. This safety symbol means "Don't," "Don't do this" or "Don't let this happen."

## Vehicle Damage Warnings

Also, in this book you will find these notices:

**Notice:** These mean there is something that could damage your vehicle.

A notice will tell you about something that can damage your vehicle. Many times, this damage would not be covered by your warranty, and it could be costly. But the notice will tell you what to do to help avoid the damage.

When you read other manuals, you might see CAUTION and NOTICE warnings in different colors or in different words.

You'll also see warning labels on your vehicle. They use the same words, CAUTION or NOTICE.

## Vehicle Symbols





























Your vehicle may be equipped with components and labels that use symbols instead of text. Symbols, used on your vehicle, are shown along with the text describing the operation or information relating to a specific component, control, message, gage or indicator.

If you need help figuring out a specific name of a component, gage or indicator reference the following topics in the Index:

- "Engine Compartment Overview"
- "Instrument Panel Overview"
- "Climate Controls"
- "Audio Systems"

Also see *Warning Lights, Gages and Indicators* on page 3-40.

These are some examples of vehicle symbols you may find on your vehicle:

CAUTION POSSIBLE INJURY		LATCH BOTH LAP AND SHOULDER BELTS TO PROTECT OCCUPANT DO NOT TWIST SAFETY BELT WHEN ATTACHING	 	MASTER LIGHTING SWITCH		ENGINE COOLANT TEMP		FUSE BOX ACCESS	
PROTECT EYES BY SHIELDING		FASTEN SEAT BELTS		TURN SIGNALS		BATTERY CHARGING SYSTEM		ENGINE COOLANT FAN	
CAUSTIC BATTERY ACID COULD CAUSE BURNS		MOVE SEAT FULLY REARWARD SECURE CHILD SEAT		AIR BAG		HAZARD WARNING FLASHER		FUEL	
AVOID SPARKS OR FLAMES		PULL BELT OUT COMPLETELY THEN SECURE CHILD SEAT		DO NOT INSTALL A REAR-FACING CHILD RESTRAINT IN THIS SEATING POSITION		DAYTIME RUNNING LAMPS		OWNER'S MANUAL	
SPARK OR FLAME COULD EXPLODE BATTERY		POWER WINDOW		DO NOT INSTALL A FORWARD-FACING CHILD RESTRAINT IN THIS SEATING POSITION		ANTI-LOCK BRAKES		SERVICE MANUAL	
		DOOR LOCK UNLOCK		FOG LAMPS					



## Section 1 Seats and Restraint Systems

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## Front Seats

### Power Seats



The power seat controls are located on the outboard sides of the front seat cushions.

- Move the front of the seat control up or down to adjust the front portion of the cushion.
- Move the rear of the seat control up or down to adjust the rear portion of the cushion.
- Lift up or push down on the center of the seat control to move the entire seat up or down.
- Slide the seat control forward or rearward to move the seat forward or rearward.

### Power Lumbar



If your vehicle has this feature, the control is located on the outboard sides of the front seats.

Use the power seat controls first to get the proper position, then continue with the lumbar adjustment.

Press the lumbar control forward to increase support and rearward to decrease support. Press the control up or down to raise or lower the support mechanism.

Keep in mind that as your seating position changes, as it may during long trips, so should the position of your lumbar support. Adjust the seat as needed.

## Massaging Lumbar



If your vehicle has this feature, the control is located on the outboard sides of the front seats. With the ignition on, briefly press the top of the control where it is marked AUTO to activate the massaging lumbar feature.

The massage cycle will run continuously for up to 10 minutes and can be interrupted by briefly pressing the bottom of the control. The lumbar support can be adjusted during the massage cycle by moving the control forward to increase support and rearward to decrease support. The massage cycle will continue to run even if the ignition is turned to OFF unless interrupted.

If your vehicle has this feature, it will not have the adaptive seat feature.

## Adaptive Seat Control



If your vehicle has this feature, the control is located on the outboard side of each front seat. It is marked AUTO.

With the ignition in ON, first use the power seat control to get the proper position. Then press the top of the control where it is marked AUTO. The system will inflate the cushion and take a reading, then automatically deflate the cushion to a suggested level of comfort by distributing the pressure evenly. The seatback and cushion will inflate to adjust to the driver's body position in two to four-minute cycles.

You may still wish to further adjust the overall firmness or softness of the seat cushion. To get to your desired level of comfort, hold the control up to increase the firmness, or down for less firmness. When you let go of the control, the seat will automatically readjust to your desired level of comfort.

To reshape the lower seatback, press the lumbar control forward to increase support and rearward to decrease support. The lumbar will then automatically adjust to your body's positioning for the duration of the trip in two to four-minute cycles.

If you exit the vehicle after the system has been activated and the seat is left unoccupied for more than two minutes, the system will deflate. You will then need to readjust the lumbar support upon returning to your vehicle.

To turn off the adaptive seat feature, briefly press the bottom of the control. The seat will deflate when the adaptive seat control or the ignition is turned off.

If your vehicle has this feature, massaging lumbar is not available for your vehicle.

## Heated Seats

Your vehicle may have heated front and rear seats.



The buttons are located on the armrests. Press the buttons to turn the feature on. Press them again to turn off the heated seats. The feature will also shut off when the ignition is turned to OFF.

The HEAT/OFF button controls the temperature settings HI, MED and LO. The other button is to choose BACK ONLY heating. The LO setting warms the seatback and cushion until the seat approximates body temperature.

The MED and HI settings heat the seatback and seat cushion to a slightly higher temperature, and the BACK ONLY heats only the seatback.

The temperature can be adjusted by pushing the button from HI to LO or, until the desired setting is reached. You will be able to feel heat in approximately two minutes. To heat just the seatback, push the BACK ONLY button once, after first activating the heated seat feature. To resume heat to both the seat cushion and seatback, press the button again.

## Reclining Seatbacks



The recliner controls are located on the outboard sides of the front seats.

Press the recliner control forward or rearward to adjust the seatback forward or rearward.



But don't have a seatback reclined if your vehicle is moving.

**⚠ CAUTION:**

Sitting in a reclined position when your vehicle is in motion can be dangerous. Even if you buckle up, your safety belts can't do their job when you're reclined like this.

The shoulder belt can't do its job. In a crash, you could go into it, receiving neck or other injuries.

The lap belt can't do its job either. In a crash the belt could go up over your abdomen. The belt forces would be there, not at your pelvic bones. This could cause serious internal injuries.

For proper protection when the vehicle is in motion, have the seatback upright. Then sit well back in the seat and wear your safety belt properly.

## Head Restraints



Adjust your head restraint so that the top of the restraint is closest to the top of your head. This position reduces the chance of a neck injury in a crash.

The front head restraints are adjustable. Lift up or push down on the head restraint to raise or lower it. Pull forward or push rearward on the head restraint to tilt it forward or rearward.

The rear head restraints work the same way as the front head restraints, except that they do not tilt forward or rearward.

## Rear Seats

### Power Lumbar

Your vehicle may be equipped with four-way lumbar support, without the massage feature, for the outboard rear seating positions.



The rear lumbar support controls are located on the rear door trim panels.

To activate the rear lumbar support feature, push forward on the control to increase support or rearward to decrease support. The lumbar control can also be moved up and down to adjust the location of the support.

## Safety Belts

### Safety Belts: They Are for Everyone

This part of the manual tells you how to use safety belts properly. It also tells you some things you should not do with safety belts.

#### CAUTION:

Don't let anyone ride where he or she can't wear a safety belt properly. If you are in a crash and you're not wearing a safety belt, your injuries can be much worse. You can hit things inside the vehicle or be ejected from it. You can be seriously injured or killed. In the same crash, you might not be, if you are buckled up. Always fasten your safety belt, and check that your passengers' belts are fastened properly too.

#### CAUTION:

It is extremely dangerous to ride in a cargo area, inside or outside of a vehicle. In a collision, people riding in these areas are more likely to be seriously injured or killed. Do not allow people to ride in any area of your vehicle that is not equipped with seats and safety belts. Be sure everyone in your vehicle is in a seat and using a safety belt properly.





Your vehicle has a light that comes on as a reminder to buckle up. See *Safety Belt Reminder Light* on page 3-45.

In most states and in all Canadian provinces, the law says to wear safety belts. Here's why: *They work.*

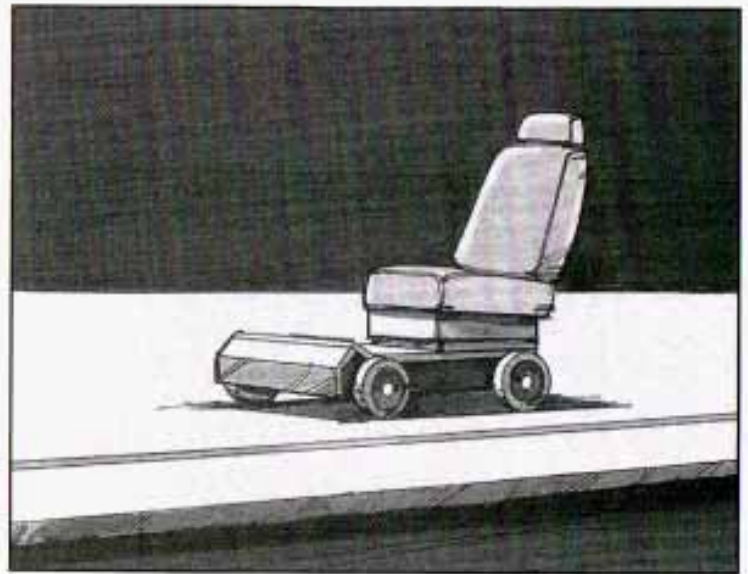
You never know if you'll be in a crash. If you do have a crash, you don't know if it will be a bad one.

A few crashes are mild, and some crashes can be so serious that even buckled up, a person wouldn't survive. But most crashes are in between. In many of them, people who buckle up can survive and sometimes walk away. Without belts they could have been badly hurt or killed.

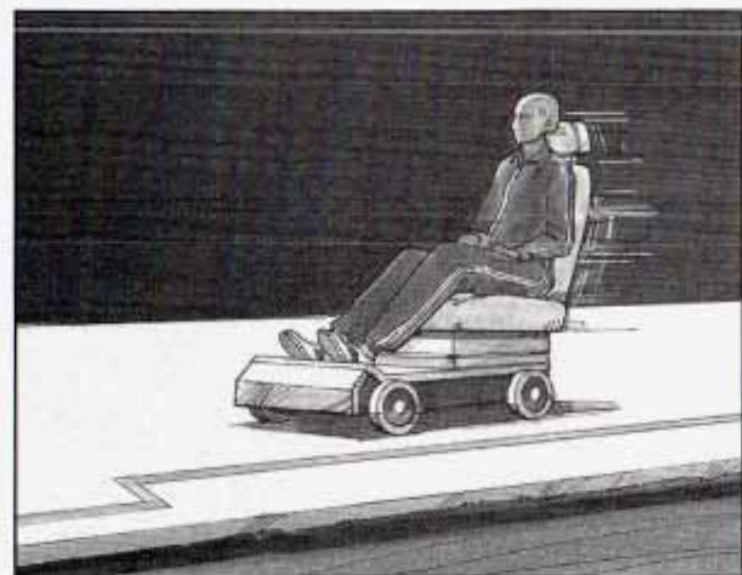
After more than 30 years of safety belts in vehicles, the facts are clear. In most crashes buckling up does matter... a lot!

## Why Safety Belts Work

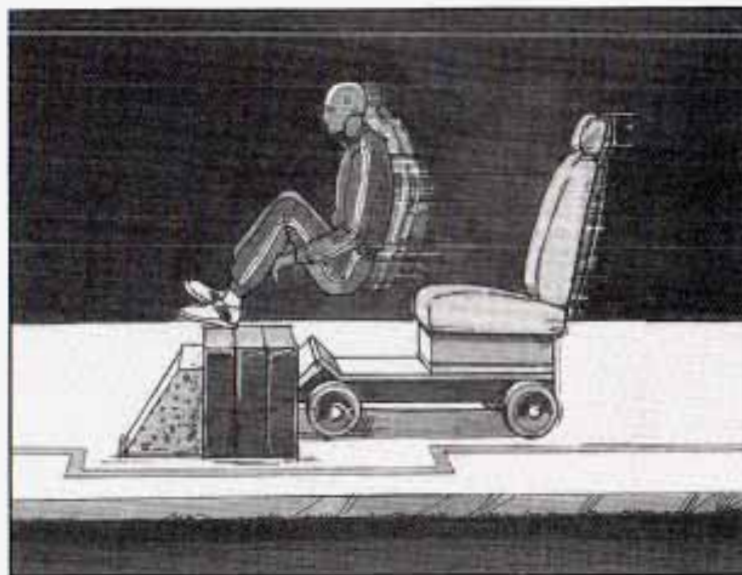
When you ride in or on anything, you go as fast as it goes.



Take the simplest vehicle. Suppose it's just a seat on wheels.



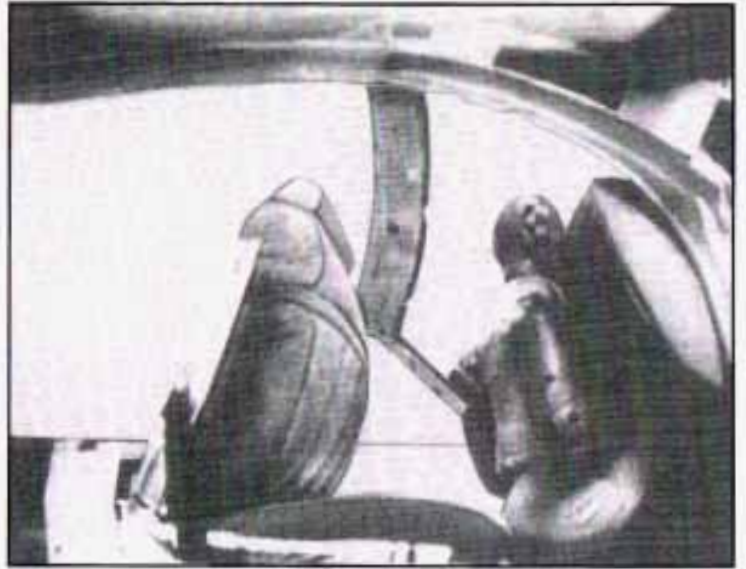
Put someone on it.



Get it up to speed. Then stop the vehicle. The rider doesn't stop.



The person keeps going until stopped by something. In a real vehicle, it could be the windshield...



or the instrument panel...



or the safety belts!

With safety belts, you slow down as the vehicle does. You get more time to stop. You stop over more distance, and your strongest bones take the forces. That's why safety belts make such good sense.

## Questions and Answers About Safety Belts

**Q:** Won't I be trapped in the vehicle after an accident if I'm wearing a safety belt?

**A:** You *could* be – whether you're wearing a safety belt or not. But you can unbuckle a safety belt, even if you're upside down. And your chance of being conscious during and after an accident, so you *can* unbuckle and get out, is *much* greater if you are belted.

**Q:** If my vehicle has air bags, why should I have to wear safety belts?

**A:** Air bags are in many vehicles today and will be in most of them in the future. But they are supplemental systems only; so they work *with* safety belts – not instead of them. Every air bag system ever offered for sale has required the use of safety belts. Even if you're in a vehicle that has air bags, you still have to buckle up to get the most protection. That's true not only in frontal collisions, but especially in side and other collisions.