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## VEHICLE APPLICATION

Taurus/Sable.

## DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

A continuous loop, single retractor restraint system is used on these vehicles.

The lap and shoulder safety belts are factory installed. If safety belt, or cable/buckle assemblies are removed for any reason, they should be installed as outlined. Tighten the anchor bolts to 30-40 N·m (23-29 lb-ft) and anchor nuts to 60-90 N·m (44-66 lb-ft) as shown in appropriate illustration.

**WARNING: CHILDREN HAVING A SEATING HEIGHT GREATER THAN 71 CM (28 INCHES) SHOULD USE THE SAFETY BELTS PROVIDED WITH THE VEHICLE. HOWEVER, THE SHOULDER BELT PORTION OF THE LAP/SHOULDER SAFETY BELT SHOULD NOT BE USED IF IT CONTACTS THE CHILD'S FACE, CHIN, NECK OR THROAT. IF THE SHOULDER PORTION OF THE SAFETY BELT EITHER TOUCHES THE CHILD'S FACE, CHIN, NECK OR THROAT, MOVE THE CHILD CLOSER TO THE CENTER OF THE VEHICLE. IF THE SHOULDER BELT STILL DOES NOT FIT, MOVE THE CHILD TO A SEAT WITH A LAP BELT ONLY. IF THE SAFETY BELTS ARE NOT ADJUSTED PROPERLY, THE CHILD'S CHANCES OF BEING INJURED IN A COLLISION INCREASE.**

**WARNING: ALL VEHICLE OCCUPANTS, INCLUDING PREGNANT WOMEN, SHOULD WEAR SAFETY BELTS FOR MAXIMUM PROTECTION IN THE EVENT OF A COLLISION. ALL VEHICLE OCCUPANTS, INCLUDING PREGNANT WOMEN, SHOULD BE SURE THE LAP SAFETY BELT, OR LAP SAFETY BELT PORTION OF THE LAP/SHOULDER BELT, IS FITTED SNUGLY AND AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AROUND THE HIPS, NOT THE WAIST. SHOULDER BELTS SHOULD ALSO BE PROPERLY ADJUSTED FOR MINIMUM SLACK. FAILURE TO PROPERLY USE THE SAFETY BELTS MAY INCREASE THE CHANCES AND/OR SEVERITY OF INJURY IN THE EVENT OF A COLLISION.**

**ACCORDING TO ACCIDENT STATISTICS, PROPERLY RESTRAINED CHILDREN ARE SAFER IN THE REAR SEAT THAN IN THE FRONT SEAT. FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, INFANT AND CHILD RESTRAINTS SHOULD BE OBTAINED AND USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BY THE MANUFACTURER OF THE INFANT AND CHILD RESTRAINT. CHILD RESTRAINT USE IS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

The driver's safety belt system incorporates a chime and indicator warning to indicate non-safety belt usage. The safety belt warning indicator illuminates for approximately eight seconds after the ignition switch is turned on, regardless of safety belt usage. The safety belt warning chime is grounded by a switch in the LH inboard buckle. The safety belt warning chime will sound for approximately eight seconds unless the driver's belt is connected.