

DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION (Continued)**Belt Buckle**

The inboard belt buckle is secured on the seat track for bucket seat applications or on the slide bar for flight bench seat applications, allowing the buckle to move with the seat.

Attaching the tongue and buckle secures the occupant with both lower and upper restraints. This tongue and belt attachment can be accomplished by a single, continuous movement.

Lap Safety Belts, Center

Lap safety belts are provided for all front center (except bucket seat applications) seats and are secured to seat track. Lap safety belts for rear center seating positions are secured to the floorpan.

Lap/Shoulder Safety Belt, Front

The lap/shoulder safety belt extends from a retractor which is located on the B-pillar post for the front seat. This retractor is designed to let the belt move in or out freely at all times, except during hard braking, cornering or impacts of 8 km/h (5 mph) or more.

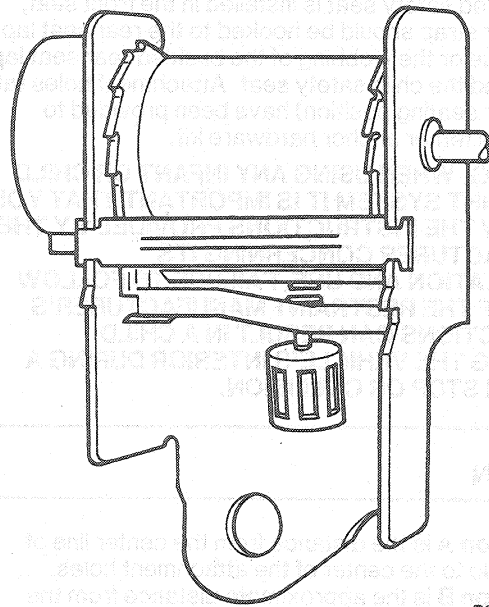
The front shoulder safety belt is guided through the belt guide which is mounted on the B-pillar and inside center pillar trim panel.

The belt then passes through a D-ring above and behind the occupant's shoulder which directs the belt at the proper downward angle over the occupant's shoulder and chest to the lap safety belt buckle. The belt has a slip tongue that latches to lap belt buckle then continues through slip tongue outboard to the sill which acts as a lap belt.

Lap/Shoulder Safety Belt, Rear

The lap/shoulder safety belt extends from a retractor located on vehicle structure (package tray on sedan and rearward of door on station wagon). The retractor is designed to allow the belt to move in or out freely at all times except during hard braking, cornering or impacts of 8 km/h (5 mph) or more.

The belt is routed through a D-ring on station wagon and through a bezel in the package tray for sedan. The belt is then directed downward at an angle over the occupant's shoulder and chest to the lap safety belt buckle. The belt has a slip tongue that latches to the lap belt buckle and continues through the slip tongue outboard to the floor.



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Auxiliary Seat, Station Wagon

The auxiliary seat lap safety belt consists of a belt and buckle assembly on the outboard side and safety belt retractors with tongue on inside. Both are mounted to the floorpan. To fasten the belt, pull belt out of the retractor with a steady motion and insert the tongue into the buckle. Adjust belt snug around hips (never across the waist) and return excess belt into retractor. Failure to do so may result in injury in a rear end collision.

WARNING: NEVER INSTALL INFANT OR CHILD SAFETY SEATS IN THE AUXILIARY SEAT, BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION FROM PERSONAL INJURY IN A COLLISION.

Child Restraint—Tether Attachment**Tether Anchorage Hardware**

If tether anchorage hardware is required for the child safety seat but is not provided by the child safety seat manufacturer, tether anchor hardware kits can be obtained at no charge from any Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer. Attachment holes at each rear seating position have been provided in all vehicles.

Canadian Vehicles Only

All vehicles built for sale in Canada include a tether anchor hardware kit for use with Canadian Child Safety Seats.

Some aftermarket child safety seats provide a tether strap which goes over the back of the vehicle seat and attaches to an anchorage in the floor or panel behind the rear seat.