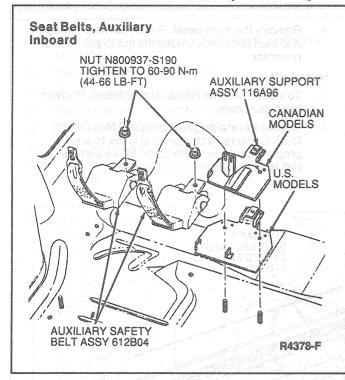
REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION (Continued)



CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Safety Belt Maintenance

Safety belt assemblies should be periodically inspected to ensure that they have not become damaged and that they remain in proper operating condition, particularly if they have been subjected to severe stress.

WARNING: ALL SAFETY BELT ASSEMBLIES INCLUDING RETRACTORS AND ATTACHING HARDWARE SHOULD BE INSPECTED AFTER ANY COLLISION. FORD RECOMMENDS THAT ALL SAFETY BELT ASSEMBLIES IN USE DURING A COLLISION BE REPLACED UNLESS THE COLLISION WAS MINOR AND A QUALIFIED TECHNICIAN FINDS THAT THE BELTS SHOW NO DAMAGE AND CONTINUE TO OPERATE PROPERLY. SAFETY BELT ASSEMBLIES NOT IN USE DURING A COLLISION SHOULD ALSO BE INSPECTED AND REPLACED IF EITHER DAMAGE OR IMPROPER OPERATION IS NOTED.

Before installing the new safety belt assembly, safety belt attaching areas must be inspected for damage and distortion. If the attaching points are damaged and distorted, the sheet metal must be reworked back to its original shape and structural integrity. Install new safety belt(s) using the appropriate instructions. Perform Functional Test Procedure.

Belt Webbing

Clean the belt webbing only with a mild soap solution recommended for cleaning upholstery or carpets. Follow instructions provided with soap.

WARNING: DO NOT BLEACH OR RE-DYE THE WEBBING, AS WEBBING MAY WEAKEN.

MAJOR SERVICE OPERATIONS

The lap/shoulder safety belts are factory installed in their proper locations. If the belts are removed for any reason, they should be installed as shown in Removal and Installation. The 7/16 x 20 Torx® head anchor bolts must be hand started and tightened to 30-40 N·m (23-29 lb-ft).

Safety Belt

Without Anchorage Plate Thread Damage

- Remove damaged bolt for anchor reinforcement and discard.
- 2. Install a new bolt. Refer to Specifications for part number.

With Anchorage Plate Thread Damage

- 1. Remove broken or stripped bolt and discard.
- 2. Drill out internal threads in safety belt anchorage plate with a 27 / 64-inch drill.
- 3. Re-thread anchorage plate with a 1/2-13 tap.
- 4. Blow out chips.
- Install attachment parts in proper sequence. Refer to applicable illustrations under Removal and Installation. Original parts are to be replaced with the service parts indicated in safety belt parts replacement chart.