

# Seat Belts

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Your Honda is provided with seat belts to minimize the chance of injury to yourself and your passengers in a sudden stop or accident. For precautions on using seat belts for children, babies and pregnant women, see pages 14 — 16.

Seat belts are most effective when the driver and passengers are sitting up straight and well back in the seat.

## **▲WARNING**

**In the event of a collision, occupants not wearing seat belts could be seriously or fatally injured. Make sure you and all your passengers ALWAYS put on the seat belts before driving away.**

## **CAUTION:**

**Be careful the seat belts are not damaged by catching or entangling in the door or seat mechanism.**

## **Front Seat Belts**

The front seats have an automatic ("passive") restraint system consisting of a shoulder belt and knee bolsters. The shoulder belt should remain permanently latched. Always wear the lap belt in addition to the shoulder belt for full protection.

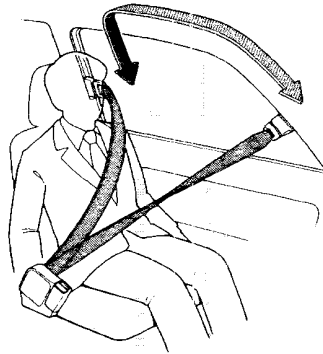
The automatic and manual belts have emergency locking retractors designed to lock only during a sudden stop or impact. Otherwise, they allow some freedom of movement in the seat.

## **Operation**

1. Enter the car and close the door completely. Move the seat a comfortable distance from the steering wheel, sit straight up and well back in the seat.

## **▲WARNING**

**Never drive the car with the doors ajar. The front doors must be closed completely for the front seat belts to function properly.**



2. Turn the ignition ON. The shoulder belt buckle will move to its rear locked position. The length of the shoulder belt will adjust automatically to your body and seating position. Make sure the shoulder belt goes over your shoulder and across your body to evenly distribute the belt's restraining force. If the belt is too near your neck and throat, move toward the center of the seat.

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**▲WARNING**

Normal movement of the shoulder belt buckle may cause injury. Be sure all parts of your body, especially fingers and hands, are clear of the shoulder buckle while it is moving.

**CAUTION:**

If the sunvisor is positioned near the door area, movement of the seat belt buckle can damage the sunvisor. Before opening or closing a front door, turning the ignition on or removing the key from the ignition, make sure the sunvisor is returned to its clip above the windshield.

**NOTE:**

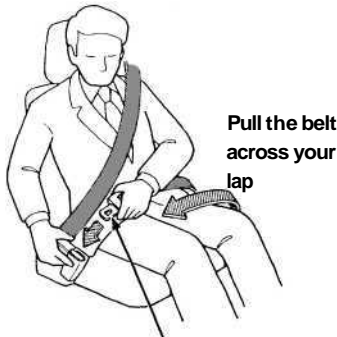
- If the door is not closed completely, the shoulder belt buckle will not move and the door warning light will come on (see page 11).
- If the door is opened with the ignition on, the buckle will release itself from its locked position and move forward.
- If the shoulder belt buckle stops halfway or does not move at all, see page 106 for shoulder belt buckle operation.

3. Take hold of the lap belt's tongue plate and pull it from its retractor. Be sure the belt is not twisted or caught on anything.

**NOTE:**

If pulled too fast, the belt will lock. If this happens, allow the belt to retract then pull it out more slowly.

4. Push the tongue plate into the buckle until it clicks locked. Position the belt across your lap, low on your hipbone and below your abdomen. This way, if the car is involved in an accident you would be less likely to slide under the seat belts.



**TONGUE PLATE**



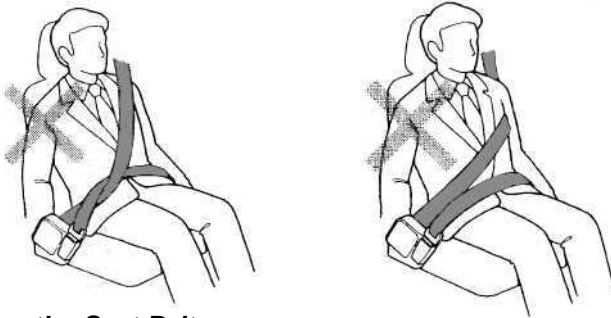
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### **▲ WARNING**

- Avoid placing the lap belt across your abdomen. In the event of a collision, the pressure of the belt on the abdomen may increase the extent of injury.
- Never use one belt for more than one person, child or adult.
- Comfort clips sold on the open market are not recommended since they could impair the function and safety of the belts.
- Make sure the strap of the shoulder belt and the lap belt are not crossed.
- Do not wear the shoulder portion of the belt under your arm or out of position. Such use could increase the chance and amount of injury in an accident.



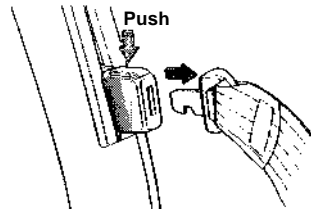
### **Releasing the Seat Belts**

1. To release the manual lap belt, push the "PRESS" button in the buckle, the belt should retract automatically when released.
2. The driver's shoulder belt buckle will release and travel to its off position when the key is removed from the ignition.
3. The shoulder belt buckle will also release and travel to its off position when the door is opened.

### **Emergency Belt Release**

The shoulder belt should always remain buckled. In case of an emergency, however, the shoulder belt can be released from the shoulder belt buckle by pushing the button.

Relatch the shoulder belt before operating the car, making sure the belt is not twisted.




### **▲ WARNING**

Driving with a twisted seat belt can increase your chance and extent of injury during a collision. Be sure the shoulder belt is not twisted before driving the car.

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## Fasten Seat Belt Warning Light and Warning Beeper

Lap Belt Warning Indicator:

Both the  light and the warning beeper will go on for about six seconds if the ignition switch is turned on when the driver's lap belt is not fastened. The beeper will not go on if the driver's lap belt is fastened, but the warning light will come on for about six seconds each time, to remind the driver to have passengers put their belts on.



Automatic Shoulder Belt Warning Indicator:

The warning light will come on if either of the automatic shoulder belts is unlatched with the ignition ON. The beeper will sound for approximately six seconds while the warning light is ON. Relatch the belt: the light should go off when the belt is latched.

The warning light will also come on while the shoulder belt buckle moves from its front off position to its rear locked position.

Automatic Shoulder Belt Malfunction Indicator:

The warning light will flash and the beeper will sound rapidly if either shoulder belt buckle stops before completing its full cycle (see page [106](#) for normal operation).

NOTE:

If the shoulder belt's tensioner mechanism locks and prevents the buckle from moving fully forward when you want to get out, recycle the system by closing the door and reopening it.

The buckle should move fully forward; if it does not, recline the seat-back and use Emergency Belt Release (see page [10](#) ).

When the system does not function by either method, have the system checked by an authorized Honda dealer.

### WARNING

**If the lights and beeper do not function at all or if they come on even with the belts latched and doors fully closed, it indicates a malfunction in the seat belt system. In the event of a collision, severe personal injury could result. The system should be checked immediately by an authorized Honda dealer.**

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