

What Locks a Seat Belt

STEP 1

Does the car seat have a lock-off feature?



NO LOCK-OFF

The car seat does not have a lock-off to replace the locking feature of the seat belt.



LOCK-OFF

The car seat has a lock-off but the vehicle manufacturer does not allow the locking feature of the seat belt to be replaced by a lock-off.



LOCK-OFF

The car seat has a lock-off and the vehicle manufacturer allows the locking feature of the seat belt to be replaced by a lock-off. The lock-off may be used to install a car seat.



NOW TEST THE SEAT BELT FOR LOCKABILITY.



NO FURTHER LOCKABILITY CHECKS ARE NEEDED.



RETRACTOR

STEP 2

Slowly and gently pull all the webbing out of the retractor. Do not pull the webbing out quickly as this could engage the emergency locking feature and prevent you from pulling the webbing out fully.

STEP 3

Slowly release a few inches of webbing into the retractor. Listen for a clicking sound.

STEP 4

While still holding the webbing, gently try to pull the webbing back out again.



NON-LOCKING RETRACTOR

The retractor allows you to pull webbing back out. You do not hear a clicking sound when releasing the webbing back into the retractor. You have a non-locking retractor.



LOCKING RETRACTOR

The retractor does not allow you to pull webbing back out. You may hear a clicking sound when releasing the webbing back into the retractor. You have a locking retractor you may use to install a car seat.



NOW TEST THE LATCH PLATE FOR LOCKABILITY.



NO FURTHER LOCKABILITY CHECKS ARE NEEDED.



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LATCH PLATE

STEP 5

Buckle the seat belt.

STEP 6

Grasp the center of the lap portion of the seat belt. Pull firmly upward.



NON-LOCKING LATCH PLATE

The lap belt lengthens or slides through the latch plate. You have a non-locking latch plate.



YOU MUST PROCEED WITH ADDITIONAL APPROVED BELT-LOCKING STEPS.



LOCKING LATCH PLATE

The lap belt does not lengthen or slide through the latch plate. You have a locking latch plate you may use to install a car seat.



NO FURTHER LOCKABILITY CHECKS ARE NEEDED.



STEP 7

If the seat belt is a lap-and-shoulder belt and the latch plate is not sewn-on, you may use a locking clip to install the car seat.



NO FURTHER LOCKABILITY CHECKS ARE NEEDED.