3-point type seat belts (Combination lap/shoulder belts)

⚠ WARNING

- Never use a belt that is twisted or reversed. In an accident, this can increase the risk or severity of injury.
- Never place the shoulder belt under the arm. If an accident occurs, this can increase the risk or severity of injury.
- Keep the lap belt as low as possible on your hips. In a collision, this spreads the force of the lap belt over stronger hip bones instead of across the weaker abdomen.
- Seat belts provide maximum restraint when the occupant sits well back and upright in the seat. To eliminate the risk of sliding under the seat belt in a collision, the front seatbacks should be always used in the upright position while the vehicle is running. If the front seatbacks are not used in the upright position in a collision, the risk of sliding under the lap belt and of the lap belt sliding up over the abdomen will increase, and both can result in serious internal injury or death.

Especially when the occupant of the front passenger's seat is a child, be sure to position the seatback upright. Children are more likely to slide under the lap belt than adults if the seatback is reclined in a collision.

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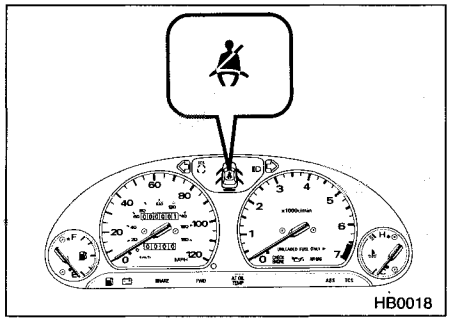
■ Seat belt warning light and chime



Your vehicle is equipped with a seat belt warning device at the driver's seat.
This device causes the seat belt warning light on the instrument panel to light up for about six seconds when the ignition switch is turned to "ON" to remind the driver of wearing the seat belt. If the driver's seat belt is not fastened, a warning chime sounds at the same time.

■ Emergency Locking Retractor (ELR) function

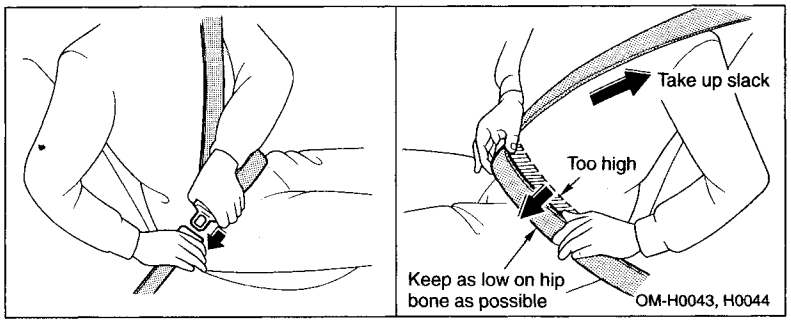
3-point type seat belts have an emergency locking retractor. This allows normal body movement but the retractor locks automatically during a sudden stop, impact or if you pull the belt very quickly out of the retractor.

■ Automatic Locking Retractor (ALR) function

When securing a child restraint system on the front passenger's seat and on either rear seat, the three-point type seat belt must be changed over to the Automatic Locking Retractor (ALR) mode.

When the child restraint system is removed, make sure that the retractor operates as an Emergency Locking Retractor (ELR).
For instructions on how to convert the retractor to the ALR mode and restore it to the ELR mode, see the "Child Restraint System" section in this manual.

■ Fastening the seat belt



1. Adjust the seat position and sit well back.
2. Pick up the tongue plate and pull the belt out slowly. Do not let it get twisted. If the belt stops before reaching the buckle, return the belt slightly and pull it out more slowly.
3. Insert the tongue plate into the buckle until you hear a click.

As for the driver's side seat belt, a seat belt warning device is provided; if the driver is not wearing the seat belt with the ignition in the "ON" position, the warning light on the instrument panel comes on and a warning chime also sounds to remind the driver to wear the seat belt.
Refer to Warning and Indicator Lights section (chapter 3) for more detail.

4. To make the lap part tight, pull up on the shoulder belt. And place the lap belt as low as possible on your hips, not on your waist.

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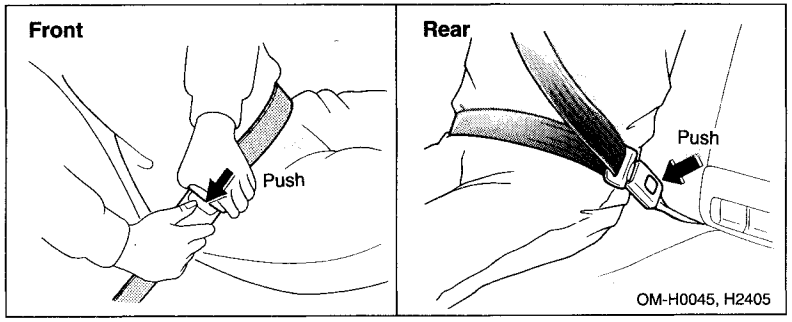
■ Unfastening the belt



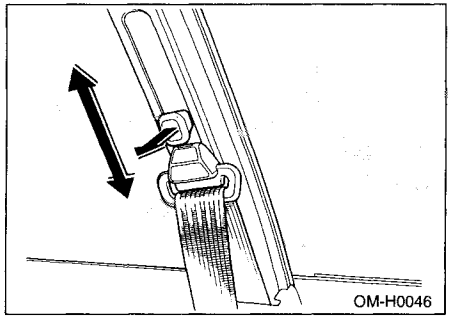
Push the button on the buckle.

Before closing the door, make sure that the belts are retracted properly, to avoid catching the belt webbing in the door.

■ Adjusting the front seat shoulder belt anchor height

⚠ WARNING

When wearing the front seat belts, make sure the shoulder portion of the webbing does not pass over your neck. If it does, adjust the seat belt anchor to a lower position. Placing the shoulder belt over the neck may result in neck injury during sudden braking or in a collision. Be certain to follow this warning especially when the front seat occupant is a child.



The shoulder belt anchor height should be adjusted to the position best for you. To adjust the anchor height, pull the release knob and move the anchor to the desired position so that the shoulder belt passes over the middle of the shoulder without touching the neck.