

SEAT BELT INSPECTION FOR OPERATORS

Seatbelts are a vital safety feature for operators of mechanized equipment. When worn properly, they keep the operator securely in their seat and help ensure they remain within the rollover protection structure (ROPS) during a collision or tip-over.

To ensure seatbelts function as intended, the entire seat assembly—including the seatbelt and mounting hardware—should be inspected regularly. These checks should be part of the pre-shift walkaround and should follow the guidelines in the manufacturer's Operation and Maintenance Manual.

TIPS FOR SEAT BELT USE:

- SEAT BELT INSPECTION ITEMS
- CLEANING



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SEAT BELT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

When inspecting seat belts, make sure to check the following:

- 1. MOUNTING HARDWARE:** Inspect the seatbelt mounting hardware for wear or damage. Replace any worn or damaged parts.
- 2. MOUNTING BOLTS:** Inspect the mounting bolts and tighten to manufacturer's specification if the bolts are loose.
- 3. BUCKLE CONDITION:** Inspect the seatbelt buckle for wear or damage and replace if the buckle is not in good condition.
- 4. WEBBING:** Inspect the seatbelt webbing for fraying, cuts or other damage. Replace the webbing if any damage is found.
- 5. BUCKLE AND RETRACTOR FUNCTION:** Check to make sure the buckle latches securely and the retractor works smoothly. If not, replace the seat belt.
- 6. DATE OF INSTALLATION:** Check the seat belt label for the installation date. Replace the seat belt after three years of use or as recommended in the Operation and Maintenance Manual.
- 7. THREE POINT SEAT BELT:** If the seatbelt is equipped with a three-point harness, inspect the shoulder loop and the web guide. Adjust the hardware and remove/fix any obstructions.
- 8. HEIGHT ADJUSTER:** Make sure the height adjuster is working properly. Replace the belt if it's not functioning properly.
- 9. CLEANING:** Clean the webbing with a sponge using mild soap and water. DO NOT use using bleach, dyes or industrial cleaners.

REMEMBER:

Always wear your seat belt.

Regularly check all components, and report any worn, damaged or malfunctioning parts to your supervisor immediately so they can be repaired or replaced.

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