



THE FACTS ON AIRBAGS

READ YOUR OWNERS MANUAL

Supplemental Restraint Systems (SRS or SIR) or Airbags have been documented for saving thousands of lives. Airbags are also blamed for injuries or fatalities when occupants have not been wearing seat belts or belts worn improperly. These guidelines will help prevent this type of injury.

DRIVERS SIDE:

- ? **Always** wear your safety belt snugly across your hips and shoulder strap between your neck shoulder tip.
- ? Hold steering wheel at 9:00 & 3:00 or 8:00 & 4:00 (where the grip holds are) and **NOT** 10:00 & 2:00.
- ? Sit back at least 10" away from steering wheel (Pedal extenders are available if this is not possible) with tilt steering aim the wheel at center chest area.
- ? **NO** object should be between you and the steering wheel.
- ? Shuffle steer when turning and use false grip (thumbs to outside)

PASSENGER SIDE (PAB)

- ? **ALWAYS** wear your safety belt properly with seat back as far as possible.
- ? **NEVER** use a rear facing child seat in front and children age 12 or under should ride in back! {Must be 13 years of age and 5 feet tall and 100 lbs.} The rear set is 35% safer than the front. If the seatbelt doesn't fit –get a booster up thru 8 years and 80 lbs. And at least 4'9" tall.
- ? **DO NOT** brace yourself on the dash or raise your hands in the event of a collision or store or mount anything on the dash and avoid leaning on the dash cover. Sit back 22-24 inches at least.
- ? Some vehicles with flat front bench seats have PAB's that are 30 inches X 30 inches.

ALSO:

- ? Pre-crash braking with an improperly restrained occupant puts them out of position for proper airbag deployment and can put them in danger. Buckle up and sit back as far as possible.
- ? Improper structural body work or windshield installation can affect airbag deployment timing.
- ? In Fire Rescue operations airbags can deploy!
- ? Technicians should use care when handling.
- ? Many new vehicles have side airbags and have warnings specifically for them in the owner's manual.
- ? **READ YOUR OWNERS MANUAL FOR SPECIFIC USE OF RESTRAINT SYSTEMS!**