

# HGV Seatbelt Check

**VOSA introduced the check of seat belts on 1st April 2006 after which vehicles with seat belt defects will fail the test.**

Vehicles first used before 1st October 2001 are not required to have seatbelts fitted, but if they are they will be checked.

**Where seatbelts are fitted they should be worn.**

**CUSTOMER**

# What will be checked?

## VOSA will check:

- ▶ **Presence and type** - is the right type of belt fitted
- ▶ **Anchorage points**  
checking for excessive corrosion, serious deterioration or fractures around seat belt anchorage points
- ▶ **Locking mechanisms** (including buckles, stalks, retracting mechanism and fittings) - checking that the locking mechanism works correctly, inertia type belts retract and flexible stalks are not damaged or corroded
- ▶ **Condition of the webbing**  
cuts, fraying or poor stitching
- ▶ **Seat belt fittings**  
structural weakness in guides/pivots etc
- ▶ **Seat condition**  
(if the seatbelt is anchored to the seat) check seat security and for fractures in the frame.

The amended inspection manual pages can be found on the VOSA website: [www.dft.gov.uk/vosa](http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa) (Type inspection manual in the search box)

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