



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**AUSTRALIAN DESIGN RULE 4
FOR
SEAT BELTS**

As Endorsed by the
Australian Transport Advisory Council

The intention of this Australian Design Rule is to define standards for seat belts to restrain vehicle occupants under impact conditions.

The Australian Transport Advisory Council has also recommended to Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments that all motor vehicles specified below shall be equipped with seat belts complying with Australian Design Rule 4 - Seat Belts.

VEHICLE CATEGORY	RULE		AMENDMENT
	MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER		
	4		
	. Front Seats	. Rear Seats	
Passenger Cars			
Forward Control Passenger Vehicles up to 8 seats	N/A		
9 seats	N/A		
Other Passenger Cars	1 Jan 1969	1 Jan 1971	
Passenger Car Derivatives	1 Jan 1969	1 Jan 1971	
Multi-Purpose Passenger Cars	1 Jan 1970	1 Jan 1971	
Omnibuses up to 3.5 tonnes GVM			
up to 12 seats	N/A		
over 12 seats	N/A	N/A	
up to 4.5 tonnes GVM	N/A	N/A	
over 4.5 tonnes GVM	N/A	N/A	
Motorcycles	N/A	N/A	
Mopeds	N/A	N/A	
Specially Constructed Vehicles	N/A	N/A	
Other Vehicles not listed above			
up to 4.5 tonnes GVM	1 Jan 1970	1 Jan 1971	
over 4.5 tonnes GVM	N/A	N/A	

N/A - Not Applicable

GROSS VEHICLE MASS - Abbreviated to 'GVM'

The Australian Transport Advisory Council has also recommended to Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments that motor vehicles which comply with the requirements of either ADR 4A Seat Belts, 4B Seat Belts or ADR 4C Seat Belts need not comply with the requirements of ADR 4.

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4.1 Standard for Seat Belts - Seat belts if not fitted with retractors shall comply with Australian Standard E35-1970 - Seat Belt Assemblies for Motor Vehicles, and if fitted with retractors shall comply with Australian Standard E35 Part 2 - 1970, Seat Belt Assemblies (Including Retractors) for Motor Vehicles.

4.2 Seat Belt Installation - Seat belts shall be provided for each seating position for which seat belt anchorage points are required by Australian Design Rule No. 5A.

4.3 Type of Belt - Where seat belts are provided next to a side wall they shall provide for both pelvic and upper torso restraint.

