

# TOOLBOX TALKS

## Seat Belts

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**TOPIC: Seat Belts**

**Seat belts, when used properly, hold the operator in the seat and helps contain them inside the rollover protection structure (ROPS) in the event of a collision or tip-over. The seat assembly, which includes the seat belt and mounting hardware, should be inspected regularly. Inspection is recommended during the pre-shift walk around and as instructed in the manufacturer’s operation & maintenance manual. Include the following items when inspecting the seat belt:**

- Inspect the seat belt mounting hardware for wear or damage  
Replace any mounting hardware that is worn or damaged
- Inspect mounting bolts  
Tighten mounting bolts if the bolts are loose
- Inspect the buckle for wear or damage  
Replace the seat belt if the buckle is worn or damaged
- Inspect the seat belt webbing for wear or damage  
Replace the seat belt if webbing is worn or damaged
- Inspect seat belt buckle and retractor(s) for proper function  
Replace the seat belt if seat belt buckle or retractor is not functioning
- Inspect the seat belt label for date of installation  
Recommend replacement at three years service life

**Additional inspection for three point seat belt (if equipped)**

- Inspect shoulder loop web guide  
Adjust shoulder loop hardware and/ or remove obstruction
- Inspect the seat belt height adjuster  
Replace the seat belt if the height adjuster is not functioning

**Consult your Cat dealer for the replacement of the seat belt and the mounting hardware.**

**Remember:**

- Perform inspections of the seat belt and mounting hardware before operating the machine
- Replace any damaged or worn parts
- Wear seat belt at all times while operating the machine
- Sponge the webbing clean with mild soap and water. DO NOT use bleach, dye or industrial detergents

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