



MODIFICATION INSTRUCTION

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Non retracting passenger seat belt, US/CA/MX

Special Coverage 159 18

Cars in stock must be rectified before delivery.

This Special Coverage covers the condition described below for a period of 10 years from the date the vehicle was originally placed in service, regardless of ownership. The repairs will be made at no charge to the customer.

Cars are to be rectified only after customer complaint.

Cars affected

Saab 9-3 (9440), 4D M04 within VIN interval 41016380-41058122

Background

The wire of the inertia reel may break. As a result automatic belt retraction may not work properly.

Important

The method described here differs from the corresponding method in Tis2Web.

Symptom description

Automatic belt retraction does not work.

Parts required

12 760 075 Front seat belt (RH)

If the bracket for the rear seat breaks when the rear seat is removed:

24 437 789 Bracket, 2 per car (15-20% of the brackets may break)

Procedure

Note

This procedure pertains to passenger side (RH).

Checking method

Pull out the passenger seat belt to the end stop.

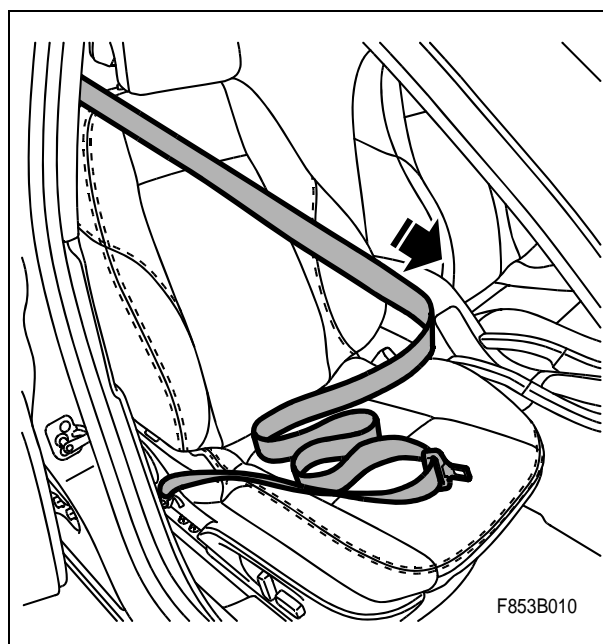
Does it retract?

Yes: This car is not concerned by Special Coverage 159 18.

Yes, but slowly: This car is not concerned by Special Coverage 159 18. Please refer to TSB 853-2728.

No: This car is concerned by Special Coverage 159 18. Go to the procedure for replacement of the seat belt.

Replacement of seat belt



WARNING

Saab 9-3 has an airbag system as standard that can include the belt tensioner as a component.

Work following the safety and handling guidelines described in Tis2Web group 8 - Airbag system - Technical description - Safety and handling guidelines.

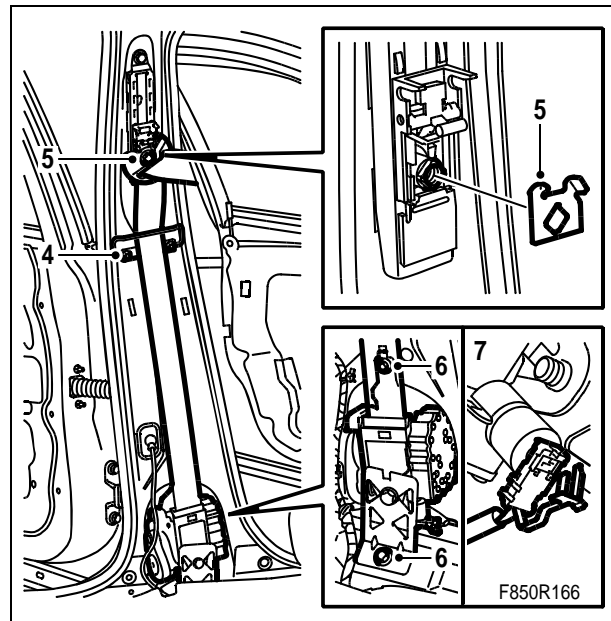
- 1 Set the ignition key to the LOCK position.
- 2 Remove the B-pillar trim as described in Tis2Web - Body - Interior - Repair instructions - B-pillar trim.

WARNING

The battery ground cable should be removed before the positive cable. Wait at least 1 minute after disconnecting the battery before starting any work on the airbag system. Otherwise, the airbag could be accidentally triggered, which could cause severe injury or even death.

- 3 Disconnect the battery.

- 4 Remove the seat belt guide.
- 5 Remove the strap guide. Make sure that the washer that lies between the strap guide and the vertical adjuster is in place.
- 6 Remove the upper and lower bolt of the inertia reel.
- 7 Remove the inertia reel and remove the belt tensioner connector.



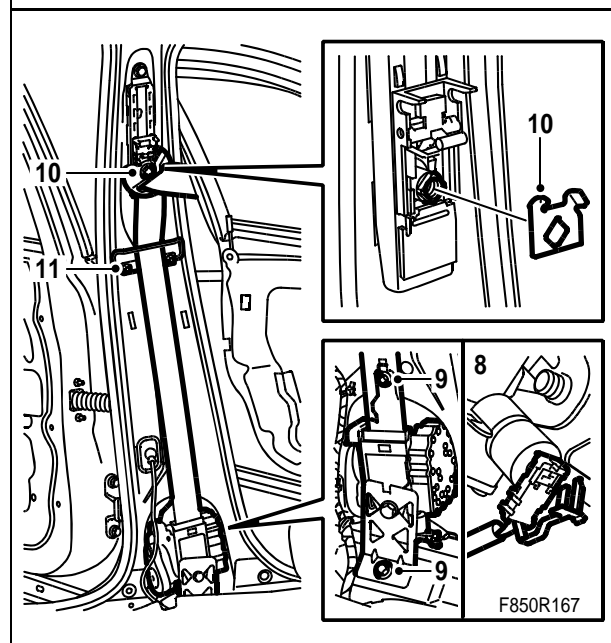
- 8 Plug in the connector of the new inertia reel. Be sure that the rear piece of the connector is pressed into place. Position the inertia reel. Insert the upper guide pin first.
- 9 Fit the upper and lower bolt of the inertia reel.
Tightening torque, lower bolt: 37 Nm (27 lbf ft)
- 10 Fit the strap guide using a new bolt.

Note

Note the position of the washer. The washer is marked with an R (right) or L (left) depending on which side is to be installed.

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- 11 Fit the seat belt guide.
- 12 Fit the B-pillar trim as described in Tis2Web - Body - Interior - Repair instructions - B-pillar trim.
- 13 Check seat belt function.
- 14 Connect the battery.
- 15 Then check with the diagnostic tool as follows:
 - Connect the diagnostic tool to the data link connector underneath the dashboard. Clear any diagnostic trouble codes.
 - Switch off the ignition and switch it on again. Wait at least 1 minute with the ignition key in the ON position. Check if any diagnostic trouble codes appear.
 - If a diagnostic trouble code appears: Perform the relevant fault tracing following the instructions for the trouble code.
 - If no diagnostic trouble code appears: Installation was successful. Disconnect the diagnostic tool.



- 16 Perform the procedure after battery disconnection as described in Tis2Web - Body - Airbag system - Repair instructions - Procedure after battery disconnection
The replaced belt is to be scrapped in accordance with local directives/legislation.

Important

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- 17 Scrap the belts as described in the following method.
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Scrapping, seat belts

 **WARNING**

The following points must be followed unconditionally when working on the airbag system:

- The belt tensioner activation unit is classified as a pyrotechnic part and is to be stored and handled in accordance with the laws and directives of the country you are in.
- All work must take place in accordance with the instructions given and carried out with caution. Risk of personal injury exists in the event of improper handling.
- Ear defenders must be worn when deploying the belt tensioner.
- The belt tensioners should never be exposed to temperatures above +100°C (212°F).
- Use protective eyewear and gloves when handling belt tensioners.
- The belt tensioner must not be treated with grease, cleaning agents or similar.
- The splicing of wiring in the airbag system is absolutely forbidden as this could cause malfunction that renders the system inoperable and can lead to serious or even fatal injury.

For reasons of safety and environmental protection, the pyrotechnic charge in the belt tensioner must be neutralised via electric priming as described below.

The belt tensioner is to be activated using 84 71 104 Cable with switch (B) and 86 12 434 Adapter cable, detonation device SRS (A).

Note

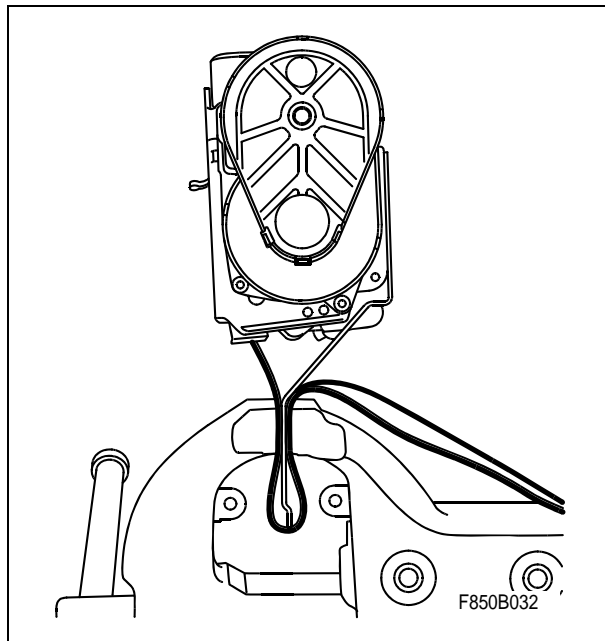
The detonation device used consists of a 10 metre long two-wire cable with push button and battery clips as well as a connector for connection to the wiring harness. The wiring harness is replaced depending on which of the airbag system's components are to be scrapped. The battery to which the detonation device is connected must be in good condition.

- 1 Cut the belt to separate it from the height adjuster.

 **WARNING**

The belt must be absolutely clamped in place. Otherwise there is a risk that parts will come loose from the inertia reel upon activation. Risk of injury and property damage.

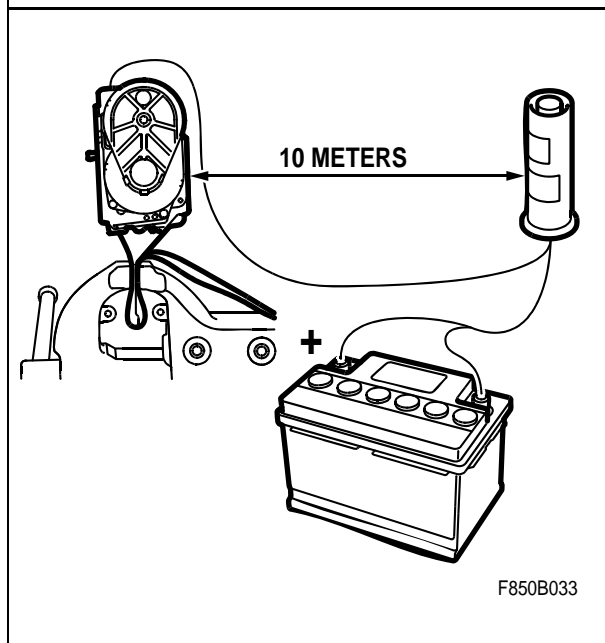
2 Pull out the belt enough to allow it to be clamped in place together with the inertia reel bracket in a vice as illustrated.



- 3 Connect 86 12 434 Adapter cable, detonation device SRS to the belt tensioner. Make sure that the secondary lock of the connector is locked.
- 4 Connect the detonation device 84 71 104 Cable with switch to the wiring harness.
- 5 Check that the belt is properly secured in the vice and that the belt is completely retracted.



- 6 Place a battery 10 metres from the vice. Connect the detonation device to the battery.
- 7 Check that no one is within 10 metres of the vice.



- 8 Stand outside of the safety zone and press the switch.
A bang will be heard when the belt tensioner is deployed.

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- 9 Disconnect the detonation device wires from the battery immediately after the belt tensioner has been deployed.

 **WARNING**

Take care when removing the connector from the belt tensioner gas generator as it could be warm.

- 10 Remove the connector from the belt tensioner gas generator.

Warranty/Time Information

See separate information.

Customer Reimbursement (US)

All customer requests for reimbursement for previous repairs for the Special Coverage condition will be handled by the Customer Assistance Center, not by dealers. A General Motors Customer Reimbursement Procedure and Claim Form is included with the customer letter.

Refer to the GM Service Policies and Procedures Manual, section 6.1.12, for specific procedures regarding customer reimbursement and the form.