



# Garage & MOT Compliance Guide:

Seatbelt Safety Best Practices



# A Message from Chris, General Manager at Orion Safety Belts

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"At Orion Safety Belts, we partner with garages and MOT centers to ensure vehicles pass compliance checks with ease. Seatbelt safety is a crucial part of these assessments, and our guide will help your workshop meet industry standards and protect customers. By ensuring every seatbelt is in optimal condition, we help garages build trust and deliver quality service."

As a garage or MOT testing center, ensuring that vehicles meet seatbelt safety standards is a top priority. Orion Safety Belts offers industry-leading solutions to support garages in maintaining compliance and providing high-quality seatbelt replacement services.

## The Importance of Seatbelt Compliance for Garages & MOTs

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### MOT Pass Rates

Faulty seatbelts are a frequent cause of MOT failure—checking and replacing them improves your success rates.


### Customer Trust & Safety

Offering proactive seatbelt checks and solutions builds your reputation as a safety-first garage.

### Regulatory Confidence

Ensuring seatbelt systems meet DVSA standards protects both your business and your customers.





**Did you know?** Seatbelt faults are one of the most common MOT failures in the UK. Worn, frayed, or non-functioning seatbelts can lead to test failures, customer dissatisfaction, and potential safety risks on the road.

# Common Seatbelt Failures During MOT Tests

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## ✖ Key Compliance Issues That Can Lead to MOT Failure:

- ✖ Worn-out webbing with visible fraying or tears
- ✖ Malfunctioning buckles that do not latch properly
- ✖ Faulty retractors leading to seatbelts not retracting smoothly
- ✖ Loose or corroded anchor points that weaken seatbelt integrity
- ✖ Incorrect seatbelt installation or modification

## Pro Tip

*Regular inspections and early seatbelt replacements can prevent compliance failures and costly re-tests for customers.*

# Best Practices for Garages & MOT Centers

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## Comprehensive Seatbelt Inspections

Schedule seatbelt inspections as part of routine vehicle servicing.

Educate technicians to identify early signs of wear and tear.

Use diagnostic tools to assess seatbelt tension and retraction speeds.

## Educating Customers on Seatbelt Safety

Provide customers with compliance check reports.

Offer preventative seatbelt maintenance services.

Encourage regular inspections to prevent long-term wear-related failures.

## Stocking High-Quality Seatbelt Components

Work with certified suppliers for seatbelt replacements.

Keep a variety of seatbelt types in stock to cater to different vehicle models.

Offer same-day replacement services to minimize vehicle downtime.

## Compliance Documentation & Reporting

Maintain records of seatbelt inspections and replacements.

Ensure customers receive compliance certificates after safety checks.

Stay updated with changes in MOT seatbelt regulations.



# Garage Seatbelt Compliance Checklist

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- ✓ Conduct pre-MOT seatbelt inspections for customers
- ✓ Educate customers on seatbelt wear and tear risks
- ✓ Offer seatbelt replacement services for worn-out belts
- ✓ Check seatbelt retraction, latch engagement, and anchor point security
- ✓ Work with certified suppliers for high-quality seatbelt components
- ✓ Document compliance checks and repairs for customer records


## Best Practice

*Partnering with Orion Safety Belts ensures a reliable supply of compliant seatbelt components, allowing garages to offer same-day replacements and improve customer satisfaction.*



# Partnering with Orion Safety Belts

- ✓ Access to certified seatbelt replacements that meet regulatory requirements
- ✓ Bulk supply options for garages to keep stock ready for repairs
- ✓ Technical support on seatbelt compliance and best practices
- ✓ Marketing materials to help garages educate customers on safety upgrades
- ✓ Priority ordering for partner garages to prevent supply shortages

 **Garages looking to stock seatbelt components, including buckles, webbing, and retractors, can partner with Orion Safety Belts for consistent, high-quality supply. Contact us today!**

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