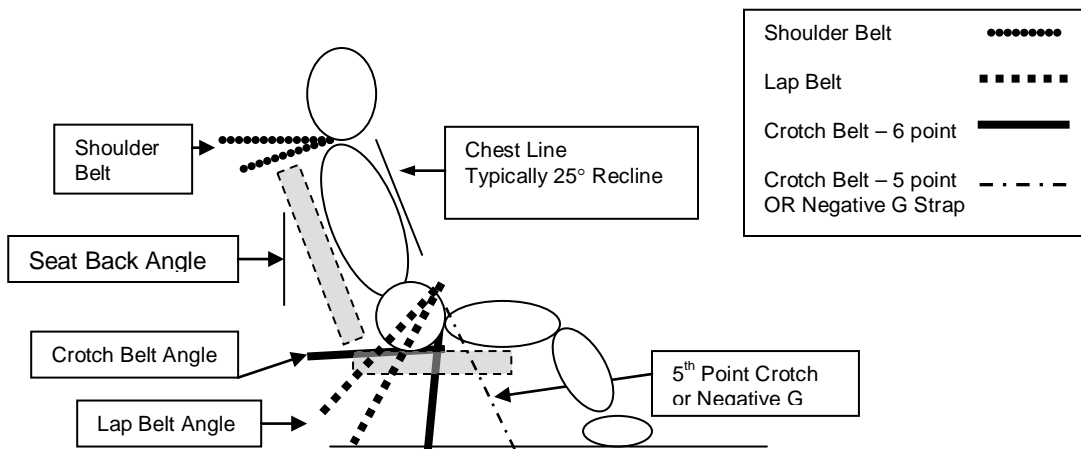


# SEATBELT INSTALLATION GUIDE\* FOR UPRIGHT SEATING (UP TO 25° RECLINE SEAT BACK ANGLE)

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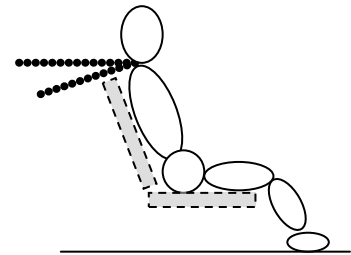
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## SHOULDER BELTS

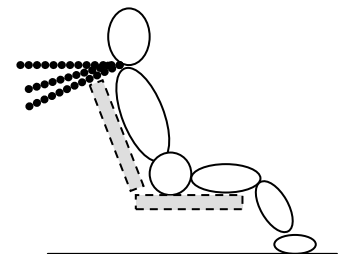
Shoulder Belt Angle: 0 to -20° (-10° optimum) from horizontal

- Clear passage of webbing from top of shoulder (or head and neck restraint) back to the harness bar or mounting point without any interference of the seat openings
- Belts should be as short as possible back to the mounting points

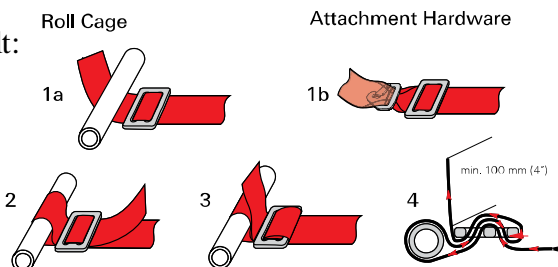


Double Shoulder Belt (Over/Under Belt):

- Upper belt (2" belt) 0 to -10° (-10° optimum)
- Body belt (3" belt) -10 to -30° (-20° optimum)
- Separation between upper and lower belt 1" to 2"
- Upper belt mounted to line up with the inside edge (closer to the neck) of the Body belt



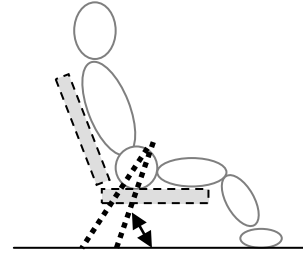
Proper Wrap of Shoulder Belt:



## LAP BELTS

Lap Belt Angle: -45° to -80° from the horizontal

- Belt should ride within the curvature of the pelvic bone preferably just below the iliac crest
- There should be clear passage through the seat opening without webbing being corded or binding on edges of seat openings with a direct path to the mounting point
- The webbing should not ride against any hardware such as seat mounting brackets, bolts, or tabs
- Lap belt adjusters should be clear of the seat openings. Pull-up adjusters if outside the seat opening should be a minimum of 2” below the opening when the lap belt is tightened
- Belts to the mounting point should be as short as possible mounted beside the seat and never behind the seat
- Lap belt should be allowed to pivot freely at the mounting point
- Webbing should be allowed to pull on hardware in plane (straight)



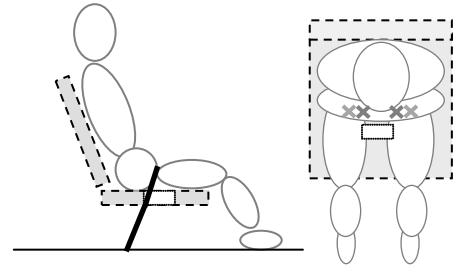
Position of the Cam Lock or Latch and Link

- Centered on the body 1 to 2 inches below the belly button when all belts are tightened

## CROTCH BELT – 6-POINT

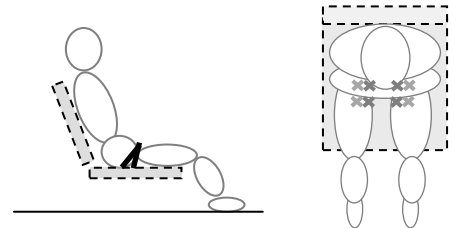
Sports Car “Shell Type Seat” and aluminum seats with single crotch belt hole forward of the inside seat back from 10 to 12 inches: *(NOTE: Seats with a single hole positioned more than 12 inches from the inside seat back are designed for 5 point belt installations and may not be as effective for 6-point installations):*

- Crotch Belt Angle: -20° (2” rearward) through the hole
- Two separate anchors 4 to 6 inches apart (x)



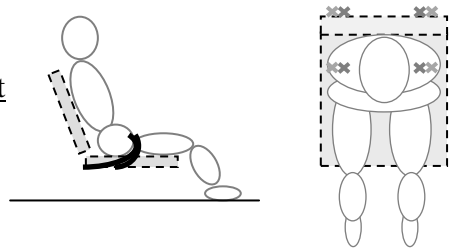
Containment Seats with Crotch belt mounting directly to seat bottom OR through holes provided at the back of the seat bottom: *(Driver is sitting on the Crotch belts)*

- Crotch Belt Angle -10° to -20° from the perpendicular just in front of the crotch with anchors 4 to 6 inches apart (x)



OR

- Crotch Belt Angle Horizontal rearward to under the butt or to the back of the seat (x)



Option (typically for single-seat wide cockpits):

Crotch Belt mounting to the front side of the outboard lap anchors. (Option not illustrated)

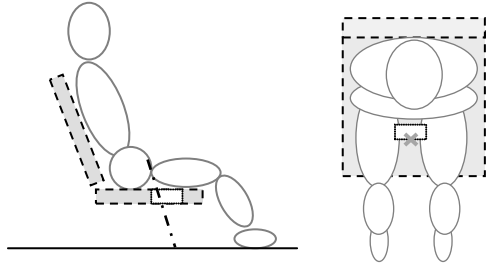
Considerations:

- Routing of crotch belts should have a clear and unobstructed path to the mounting point

## CROTCH BELT – 5-POINT

Sports Car “Shell Type Seat” and aluminum seats with single crotch belt hole forward of the inside seat back from 11 to 13 inches:

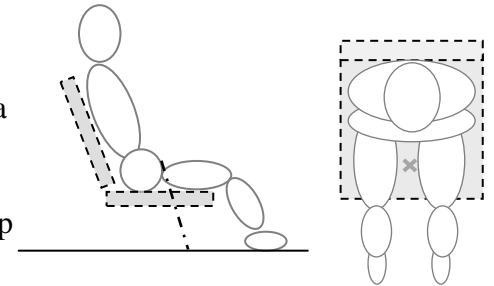
- Crotch Belt Angle: Chest line to 20° through the hole
- Crotch Belt should never wrap around the front of the seat – there should be a pass through
- Crotch belt is used only to maintain position of the lap belt



## NEGATIVE G BELT – (7<sup>TH</sup> POINT)

Negative G Strap Angle: 20° to 25° (Chest line extension on a 25° seat back angle)

- Used in conjunction with a 6-point crotch belt system as an additional point to maintain the position of the lap belt in “Negative G” i.e. rollovers



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