

INDUSTRY WIDE LABOR-MANAGEMENT SAFETY COMMITTEE

SAFETY BULLETIN #37

VEHICLE RESTRAINT SYSTEMS - SEAT BELTS AND HARNESSSES

This Safety Bulletin is intended to give recommendations in the safe use of Restraint Systems (e.g., Seat Belts, Harnesses, Head and Neck Restraint Systems, etc.) to persons who are either in or on Picture Vehicles/Stunt Vehicles.

For recommendations regarding Seat Belts, Harnesses, or Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Construction Vehicles (e.g., Forklifts, Lifting Platforms, Aerial Lifts, Scissor Lifts, etc.), Production Support Vehicles, Camera Platforms (e.g., Insert Cars, Camera Cranes, etc.) or Aircraft, refer to Safety Bulletins #3, #8, #8A, #8B, #11, #11A, and #22.

- When any Vehicle is to be used in a filmed sequence, either off-camera or on camera, such Vehicle will be equipped with the appropriate Restraint System. These Restraint Systems must be used at all times by all Vehicle operators and passengers.
- Every effort should be made to install the appropriate safety Restraint System for all Vehicles. It is recognized that in exceptional circumstances, such as the case of Vintage or Antique Vehicles, installation of Restraint Systems may pose additional concerns. These concerns should be addressed as far in advance to filming as is practical.
- A thorough evaluation of the stunt or driving sequence will be performed and safety concerns should be discussed with all personnel involved. The level of protection should be appropriate to the intended result or other reasonably anticipated consequence of the action.
- All Vehicles, including their additional Safety Equipment (e.g., Harnesses, Belts, Roll Cages, etc.), must undergo thorough Safety Inspection and Testing on a daily basis by qualified experienced personnel. Restraint Systems that show signs of damage or fraying shall be immediately removed from service and replaced.
- Prior to filming, consideration should be given to issues that concern Air Bags (such as unintentional deployment) and/or other Dynamic Safety Devices.
- **It may be unlawful for any driver or passenger to operate or ride on a vehicle without wearing the proper seat belt while it is being operated on a public highway or road as specified in the applicable vehicle Code.**