

Road safety: anchorages of safety belts (amend. Directive 76/115/EEC)

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The Commission proposes to make it obligatory to fit all motor vehicles with safety belts in order to prevent the danger of passengers being thrown out. For safety belts to be able to offer maximum protection, they should be attached to anchorages designed to withstand the stresses exerted on the belt in the event of a collision.

The Council approved all the measures recommended by the Commission, but decided to make the technical provisions concerning anchorages for belts worn by disabled persons more flexible. It instructed the Commission to study this question in detail. The Council rejected the amendments proposed by the European Parliament. In conclusion, the Commission fully supports the Council's common position.