

VIRM update - approved seatbelt re-webbing organisations

Two new companies have been added as exempted seatbelt re-webbing organisations. [Technical bulletin 16: Seatbelt repair and re-webbing](#) has been updated to include these companies and how to identify them on re-webbed seatbelts. This is so that vehicle inspectors can easily identify seatbelts that are compliantly re-webbed and those that are not. Seatbelts that are **not** re-webbed by an approved repairer are likely to be unsafe.

There are now four companies exempted to re-web seatbelts:

- APV Australia
- Autosafe Ltd, Christchurch
- Belt Tech NZ Ltd
- Seatbelts NZ Ltd.

The changes are highlighted in the screenshots below.

Requirements for seatbelt repair

A seatbelt may only be legally repaired by the seatbelt manufacturer or their authorised agent.

There are currently **no** mass-manufacturers or agents repairing seatbelts in New Zealand.

Re-webbing a seatbelt is considered to be a repair.

Waka Kotahi has provided an exemption to the following companies to re-web seatbelts manufactured by other seat belt providers:

- APV Australia
- Autosafe Ltd, Christchurch
- **Belt Tech NZ Ltd**
- **Seatbelts NZ Ltd.**

Further companies will be added to this list as they are approved.

Identifying compliant re-webbed seatbelts

To be compliant a re-webbed seatbelt **must** have a label with an exemption number ([Figure 16-1-1](#)) and either an exemption letter (paper copy in the vehicle) or be confirmed on the websites below.

- For Autosafe use the 'Look Up REGO' function found on the [Autosafe website](#).
- For Seatbelts NZ Ltd use the check vehicle function on the [Seatbelts NZ Ltd website](#).
- Belt Tech Ltd. website under development, these vehicles must have an exemption letter.
- APV are not actively re-webbing seatbelts but these must also have an exemption letter.

Identifying non-compliant re-webbed seatbelts

Seatbelts that are re-webbed without an exemption from Waka Kotahi may not be accepted for a WoF or CoF.

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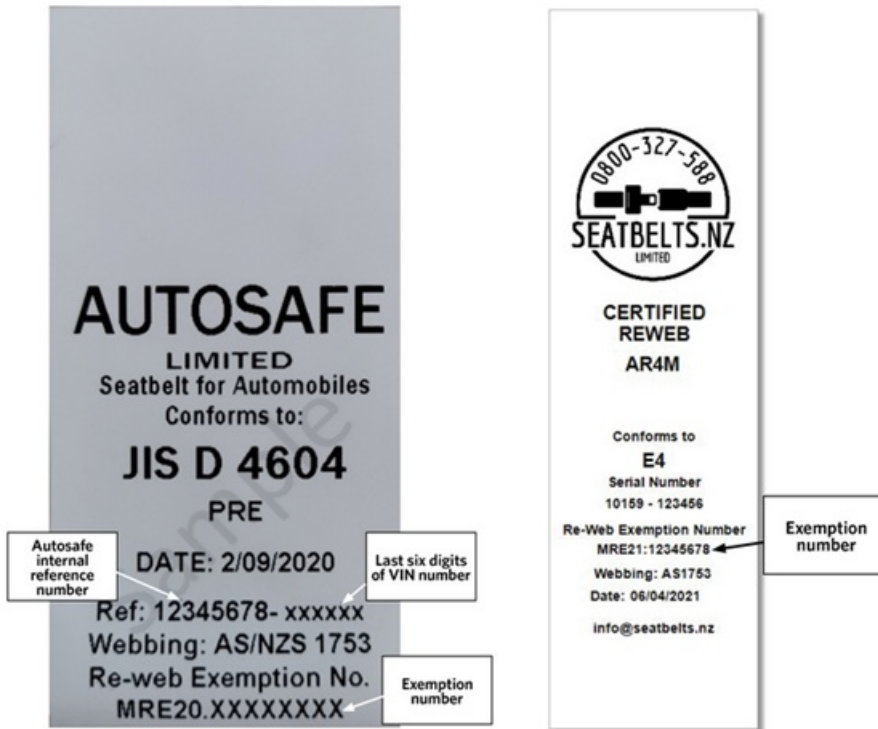
Getting a seatbelt re-webbed

If you are trying to help a vehicle owner to get their seatbelt re-webbed it is important that you only use an approved company. Waka Kotahi is aware that there are other companies who re-web seatbelts - this is an illegal activity. Autosafe, APV, **Seatbelts NZ** and **Belt Tech NZ** have been granted exemptions to re-web seatbelts, having been granted these exemptions under strict conditions.

Autosafe has a list of seatbelt installers on its website that is regularly updated. There are three specialis installers in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and a number of other organisations that can assist with seatbelt installations. The list is available at www.autosafe.co.nz

Sample labels

Figure 16-1-1. Sample Autosafe and Seatbelts NZ Ltd labels



This addition is in effect immediately. If you have any questions please email vehicles@nzta.govt.nz