



SHOFT

LONG-TIME readers may recall a device called CG-Lock which was promoted in these pages some years ago. The concept was to lock the lap section of the three-point seat belt tightly across the hips and lower stomach, below the belt line, to keep the driver or passenger firmly in place in the seat rather than allowing them to slouch and the lap belt to ride up loosely over the belly. It was primarily promoted as an aid for enthusiastic drivers on track days etc, to improve car control, but was also applicable for improving posture and safety in everyday driving.

Now the originators of the CG-Lock have come up with a similar device called SHOFT. Unlike the trackday device, SHOFT does not clamp on and lock the lap belt, but rather just reduces the slack that creeps into the seat belt. Made of a firm but pliable material, SHOFT is a push-fit on to the tongue of the existing seat belt and has a pad of material called GRIPTene that bears on the seat belt webbing and acts as a built-in 'brake pad' to reduce slippage and prevent the unwanted slack that inevitably creeps into the lap belt.

Using SHOFT helps ensure that the seat belt is worn properly, with the lap belt kept firmly across the pelvis, not the stomach. The diagonal part of the seat belt is unaffected so there's no restriction on upper body movement. By keeping the pelvis firmly in place, not only does the driver or passenger remain in the safest position, but use of SHOFT also leads to better posture, keeping your spine aligned properly with the seat's lumbar support, as recommended by back specialists.

For more details log on at www.shoft.co.uk where you can also purchase a pack of two SHOFT for £24.99 (£10 off MRP).

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