

WEBBING SERVICE LIFE GUIDELINES

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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to act as a guide to determining the service life of restraint webbing based on test data previous collected in other studies. This report is a guide only and not a definitive gauge. The webbing is always to be replaced on condition as determined by the operator.

2.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS

SAE AS8043	Torso Restraint Systems
TR505874	Affects of UV Exposure to Nylon and Polyester Seatbelt Webbing
TR505890	Service Life Test Plan/Report for Nylon and Polyester Seatbelt Webbing
R503922	Web Fray Guidelines

3.0 VISUAL CONDITION SCORE

The visual condition scoring system can be seen in Table 1. Each webbing sample begins with 10 points. For every corresponding flaw, the appropriate amount of points is deducted from the score. Multiple flaw types can be seen on single samples so any score between 0 and 10 points is possible. Using this system, the highest possible Visual Condition Score (VCS) is 10, and the lowest possible VCS is 0.

Table 1: Vis	ual Condition Scori	ng System
Flaw Type	Score Deductions	Corresponding Figure
None (Looks New)	-0 pts	Figure 1
Slight Fraying	-1 pt	Figure 2
Fraying	-2 pts	Figure 3
Very Frayed	-3 pts	Figure 4
Small Rip	-1 pt	Figure 5
Ripped	-2 pts	Figure 6
Heavy Ripping	-3 pts	Figure 7
Slight Discoloration	-1 pt	Figure 8
Discoloration	-2 pts	Figure 9
Slightly Warped	-1 pt	Figure 10
Warped	-2 pts	Figure 11
Very Warped	-3 pts	Figure 12
Scratched	-1 pt	Figure 13

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4.0 VISUAL CONDITION OF THE WEBBING



Figure 1: "Looks New" - no visible flaws



Figure 2: "Slight Fraying" - edges of webbing are partially tattered and/or worn

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Figure 3: "Fraying" - exterior and/or edges of webbing are tattered or worn and damaged



Figure 4: "Very Frayed" – exterior of webbing is substantially worn and damaged



Figure 5: "Small Rip" – torn less than 0.5 inches on edge of webbing

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Figure 6: "Ripped" – torn between 0.5 and 3 inches on edge of webbing



Figure 7: "Heavy Ripping" – tear exceeding 3 inches on edge of webbing or multiple tears exceeding 0.5 inches throughout webbing



Figure 8: "Slight Discoloration" - small amount of dirt or fading color

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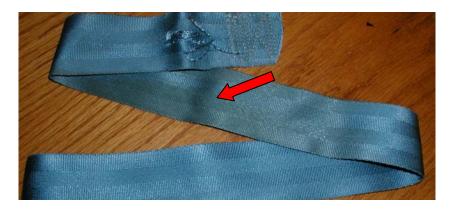


Figure 9: "Discoloration" - fair amount of dirt or fading color



Figure 10: "Slightly Warped" – small amount of webbing curvature (usually occurs with small fraying along one side)



Figure 11: "Warped" – fair amount of webbing curvature (usually occurs with fraying along one side)

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Figure 12: "Very Warped" – large amount of webbing curvature (usually occurs with very frayed sides and sometimes with discoloration)



Figure 13: "Scratched" – minor surface scratches and scuffs on webbing exterior

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5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The ultimate breaking strength is proportional to the visual condition of the webbing samples.

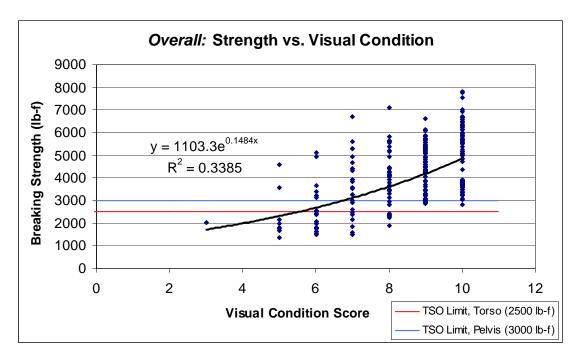


Figure 14: Overall Strength vs Visual Condition

Figure 14 shows the webbing breaking strength versus visual condition scores for tested samples. If the webbing sample scores 8 points or less according to Table 1, it is recommended that the old webbing should be replaced with new webbing. If the webbing scores above 8 points it will be (in most cases, but not all) considered airworthy according to TSO-C22g, TSO-C114, and SAE AS 8043 standards.

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