

The airbag covers open and remain attached to the steering wheel and instrument panel when the driver and front passenger airbags are triggered, respectively >>> **Fig. 25**, >>> **Fig. 26**.

In conjunction with the seat belts, the front airbag system gives the front occupants additional protection for the head and chest in the event of a severe frontal collision >>> ⚠.

In addition, in certain head-on collisions, the head airbag is triggered on both sides of the vehicle.

Their special design allows the controlled escape of the propellant gas when an occupant puts pressure on the bag. Thus, the head and chest are protected by the airbag. After the collision, the airbag deflates sufficiently to allow visibility.

⚠ WARNING

- The deployment space between the front passengers and the airbags must not in any case be occupied by other passenger, pets and objects.
- The airbags provide protection for just one accident; replace them once they have deployed.
- It is also important not to attach any objects such as cup holders or telephone mountings to the surfaces covering the airbag units.

Activate and deactivate front passenger front airbag¹⁾



Fig. 27 Switch for activating and deactivating the front passenger airbag.



Fig. 28 On the roof console: passenger airbag deactivation control lamp.

Deactivate the front passenger front airbag only if you have to use a rear-facing child seat in the front passenger seat.



CUPRA recommends fitting the child seat in the rear seat to avoid having to deactivate the front passenger airbag.

When the front passenger airbag is **deactivated**, this means that only the front passenger front airbag is deactivated. All the other airbags in the vehicle remain activated.

Deactivate and activate the front passenger front airbag

- Disconnect the drive system.
- Open the passenger side door.
- Remove the key shaft from the vehicle key.
- Insert the key blade into the slot provided in the front passenger airbag disconnection switch >>> **Fig. 27**. About 3/4 of the key should enter; this is as far as it will go.
- Turn the key gently to change its position to **OFF** (deactivate) or to **ON** (activate). If you have difficulty, ensure that you have inserted the key as far as it will go.
- Close the front passenger door.
- When deactivating the airbag, switch the ignition on and check that the control lamp **OFF** ⚠ remains lit >>> **Fig. 28**.

¹⁾ Not available on all markets.

- When reactivating the airbag, check that when the ignition is switched on, the **OFF**  control lamp does not light up and the **ON**  lamp lights up for 60 seconds and then turns off.

WARNING

- The driver of the vehicle is responsible for disabling or switching on the airbag.
- Always switch off the ignition before disabling the front passenger airbag! Failure to do so could result in a fault in the airbag deactivation system.
- Never leave the key in the airbag disabling switch as it could get damaged or enable or disable the airbag during driving.
- If for any reason an airbag is deactivated, reactivate it as soon as possible so that it can fulfil its protective function.

Central airbag

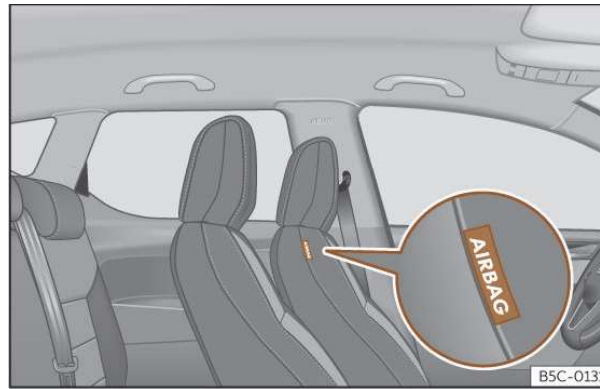


Fig. 29 In the inner padding of the driver's seat backrest: central airbag.

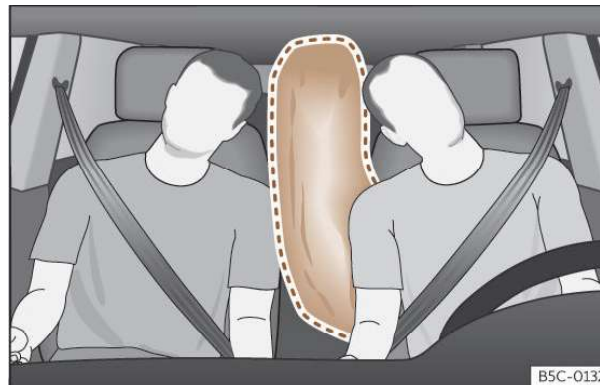



Fig. 30 Fully inflated central airbag (deployment zone).

The central airbag is installed for the front seats and is located in the inner padding of the driver's seat backrest.

The location of the central airbag is indicated by the inscription “AIRBAG” >>> **Fig. 29**.

When triggered, the central airbag fills the marked zone (deployment zone) >>> **Fig. 30**. For this reason, never place or fix objects in this zone >>> .

The central airbag triggers in the case of a side collision or if the vehicle overturns, reducing the risk of vehicle occupants suffering injuries.

WARNING

When triggered, the airbag inflates at high speed in milliseconds.

- Always keep the central airbag deployment zone clear.
- Never attach objects to the central airbag cover or the deployment zone.
- Do not allow other people, animals or objects to get between the occupants of the front seats and the airbag deployment zone. Make sure that all vehicle occupants, including children, follow this rule.
- Never use upholstery or seat covers that have not been explicitly authorised for the seats of the vehicle. Otherwise, the side airbag will not be able to deploy if triggered.

⚠ WARNING

Improper manipulation of the driver and front passenger seats can prevent the central airbag from operating correctly and cause serious injuries.

- Never remove the front seats from the vehicle or modify their components.
- If the backrest side bolsters are subjected to a lot of force, the central airbag may not trigger correctly, it may not trigger at all or it may trigger unexpectedly.
- Have a specialised repair shop immediately repair any damage to the original seat upholstery or seams in the area of the central airbag module.

Side airbags



Fig. 31 Driver's seat and passenger seat side airbags.

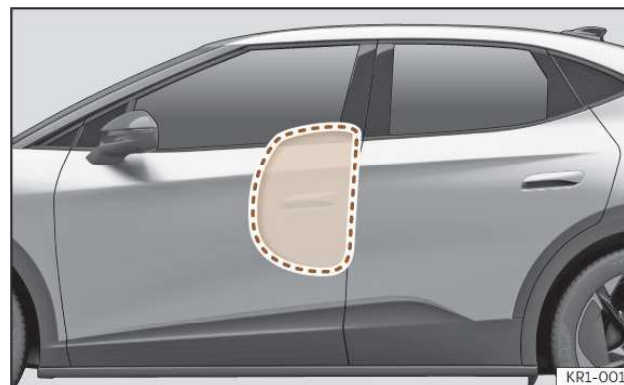


Fig. 32 Illustration of completely inflated side airbag on left side of vehicle.

The side airbags are located in the front seat backrests >>> **Fig. 31**, >>> **Fig. 32**.

Its location is marked with the word "AIRBAG" on the upper part of the back of the seats or on the lower coverings with the word AIRBAG in relief.

In conjunction with the seat belts, the side airbag system provides additional protection for the upper body in the event of a severe side collision >>> ⚠.

In a side collision, the side airbags reduce the risk of injury to passengers to the areas of the body facing the impact. In addition to their normal protection, the seat belts also hold the passengers in the event of a side collision; this is how these airbags provide maximum protection.

⚠ WARNING

- If you do not wear a seat belt, if you lean forward, or are not seated correctly while the vehicle is in motion, you are at a greater risk of injury if the side airbag system is triggered in an accident.
- In order for the side airbags to provide their maximum protection, the prescribed sitting position must always be maintained with seat belts fastened while travelling.
- In a side-on collision the side airbags will not work if the sensors do not correctly measure the pressure increase on the interior of the doors, due to air escaping through the areas with holes or openings in the door panel.

- Never drive if the interior door panels have been removed or if the panels have not been correctly fitted.
- Occupants of the outer seats must never carry any objects or pets in the deployment space between them and the airbags, or allow children or other passengers to travel in this position. It is also important not to attach any accessories (such as cup holders) to the doors. This would impair the protection offered by the side airbags.
- Ensure that children are correctly seated in their seats and that their heads are not in the deployment zone of the side airbags >>> Fig. 32, as deploying airbags could hit them and cause serious injury.
- The built-in coat hooks should be used only for lightweight clothing. Do not leave any heavy or sharp-edged objects in the pockets.
- Great forces, such as hard blows or kicks, must not be exerted upon the backrest bolster because the system may be damaged. In this case, the side airbags would not be triggered.
- Under no circumstances should protective covers be fitted over seats with side airbags unless the covers have been approved for use in your vehicle. Because the airbag deploys from the side of the backrest, the use of conventional seat covers would obstruct the side airbag, seriously reducing the airbag's effectiveness.

- Any damage to the original seat upholstery or around the seams of the side airbag units must be repaired immediately by a specialised workshop.
- The airbags provide protection for just one accident; replace them once they have deployed.
- Any work on the side airbag system or removal and installation of the airbag components for other repairs (such as removal of the front seat) should only be performed by a specialised workshop. Otherwise, faults may occur during the airbag system operation.

Head-protection airbags

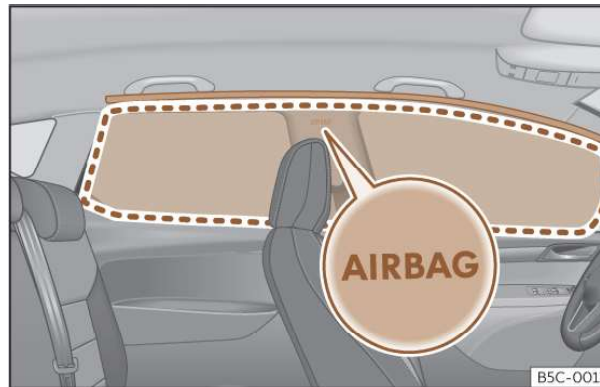


Fig. 33 Location of head-protection airbags.

Head-protection airbags are on both sides of the passenger compartment, above the doors >>> Fig. 33 and their location is indicated with the word “AIRBAG”.

In combination with the seat belts, the Side Curtain Protection® airbags provide additional protection for the upper part of the body of vehicle occupants in the event of serious side collisions or the vehicle overturning >>> ⚠.

The framed area is covered by the head-protection airbag when it is deployed (deployment area) >>> Fig. 33. Therefore, objects should never be placed or mounted in this area >>> ⚠.

In the event of a vehicle rollover, a side impact or certain head-on collisions, the head airbags on both sides are triggered.

The head-protection airbags reduce the risk of injury to passengers in the front and rear side seats facing the impact.

⚠ WARNING

- In order for the head-protection airbags to provide their maximum protection, the prescribed sitting position must always be maintained with seat belts fastened while travelling.
- For safety reasons, the curtain airbag must be disabled in those vehicles fitted with a screen dividing the interior of the vehicle. See your technical service to make this adjustment.
- There must be no other persons, animals or objects between the occupants of the outer seats and the deployment space of the head-protection airbags so that the head-