2004 Chrysler Pacifica - Pacifica Safety

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Early in its development, the 2004 Chrysler Pacifica was assigned the internal code name, "The Protector," which ultimately resulted in a vehicle loaded with safety features which are listed below in alphabetical order. This commitment to safety and protection helped Chrysler Pacifica earn the highest safety ratings vehicles can receive — Five Stars — for all frontal and side impact tests from the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA).

- All-wheel-drive: Combines front-wheel and rear-wheel-drive by transferring engine power to all four
 wheels. It provides the pulling power of front-wheel-drive and the pushing power of rear-wheel-drive for
 superior traction, control and acceleration.
- Body Structure: Crush beads and stiffeners engineered into the vehicle body help absorb the energy, while preserving the integrity of the vehicle compartment. These reinforcements provide additional protection in an offset-type impact.
- Child Seat Anchor System: LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) eases installation of compatible aftermarket child seats.
- Constant Force Retractors (CFR): Seat belts include a mechanical device designed to distribute the
 force of a seat belt according to the load or force exerted on it. CFRs are engineered to force-limit the belt
 system, and gradually release seat belt webbing in a controlled manner in the event of a severe crash.
- Enhanced Accident Response System: Makes it easier for emergency personnel to identify the vehicle
 and reach the occupant as the system turns on the interior lighting and unlocks the doors after air bag
 deployment.
- Exclusive Energy-Absorbing Steering Column: A patent-pending steering column designed with collapsible straps to absorb more energy, potentially reducing chest injuries in a collision.
- Front Crush Sensors: Two sensors located below the headlamps measure the severity of the impact and relay crash information to safety systems in the occupant compartment.
- Inflatable Knee Blocker: Pacifica is the first Chrysler Group vehicle to offer this feature. The driver-side knee blocker inflates in conjunction with air bag deployment. It potentially increases leg protection in an impact and helps to position the driver relative to the air bag.
- Supplemental Multi-stage Air Bags: Multi-stage air bags deploy at three different rates depending on the severity of a crash. In low-severity collisions, the air bag deploys with less force. The force is increased in the event of a severe collision.
- Pretensioners: During a collision, seat belt pretensioners electronically sense a severe crash and immediately remove slack from the seat belt, which reduces the forward movement of the occupant's upper body.
- Supplemental Side Curtain Air Bags: Chrysler Pacifica is one of the first vehicles to offer side curtain air bags that provide coverage for all three rows of seats. Both side curtain air bags have their own impact sensor in order to trigger the air bag on the side where the impact occurs.
- Three-point Lap/Shoulder Belt: All six seating positions have a three-point restraint system, maximizing
 the effectiveness of the seat belt.
- Tire Pressure Monitoring System: The advanced system monitors the pressure inside each tire and alerts the driver to improper tire pressure conditions.