



TAF4

The swivel and foldable comfort seat





The latest version of the operating instructions is always available from the manufacturer or can be accessed directly on our website via the supplied QR code.

Please read these instructions carefully before using your new TAF4-seat for the first time and observe the relevant guidelines and notes.

Enjoy your new TAF4-seat and always a safe drive!

Your Schnierle-Team

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1. Guide and Introduction

1.1. Intended Use

- The intended use of your seat is for sitting while the vehicle is in motion for the purpose of transporting passengers. Of course, the seat can also be used while the vehicle is stationary.
- The seat with swivel unit can be used facing forwards or backwards while the vehicle is in motion. Lateral (sideways) orientation of the seat is only permitted when the vehicle is stationary. Sideways positioning is prohibited while the vehicle is moving.
- Any use other than that specified may result in damage or malfunction, which could compromise the safe use of your seat.
- Failure to follow the instructions in these operating instructions may adversely affect your warranty. Hermann Schnierle GmbH assumes no warranty or liability for any damage resulting from improper installation, use, or repair.
- Any modification of the original condition (e.g. by installing non-original retrofit or replacement parts not supplied by Hermann Schnierle GmbH) may void the tested and approved condition of the product. Functions may be impaired, which could compromise your safety. For this reason, any structural modification of the seat is strictly prohibited unless it has been expressly approved in writing in advance by Hermann Schnierle GmbH.

Caution

- Note: Schnierle seating systems may only be used in combination with the corresponding Schnierle leg and floor systems!
- Do not step on the seat, as this may damage it.
- Do not use the seat to transport loads.

1.2. Product Specific Data

- Please refer to your order and delivery note for the scope of delivery according to the variant you have selected and ordered; see also section 4.2. ➡ S. 11

1.3. Introduction/Notes

These operating instructions provide all the information you need for the safe and efficient use of your seat.

You are required to comply with the applicable laws and regulations of the country in which you are located. These may differ from the information provided in this manual.





In addition, the operating manual/operating instructions of the vehicle body manufacturers and vehicle converters must also be observed and followed.

- You can always obtain the latest version of the operating instructions from the manufacturer, or access it directly on our website via the supplied QR code.
- The operating instructions must be read in full before initial use.
- Always keep the operating instructions and the supplied QR code readily at hand. They should be kept in the vehicle and be accessible to the driver at all times.
- If the seat is passed on to third parties, the operating instructions must also be provided.
- We reserve the right to make changes resulting from further developments aimed at technical progress, and any resulting deviations from the standard seat.






1.4. Use of the Operating Instructions

- These operating instructions describe all options and features available for this model. Some descriptions may not apply depending on the variant you have selected.
- The table of content at the beginning of the operating instructions will help you to orientate yourself quickly.
- The directional indications such as left or right or front or rear always refer to the driving direction.
- **Danger, Warning and Caution**

 Danger	 Warning	Caution
Texts marked with  Danger indicate a risk of serious injury. Failure to observe may result in danger of life.	Texts marked with  Warning indicate possible risks of accident and injury. Failure to observe the descriptions may result in injury.	Texts marked with Caution indicate possible damage to your Schnierle product. Failure to follow the descriptions may result in damage to the product.

• Symbols

	Warning – Safety relevant
	Top-Tether anchor points
	Cross-references (see page...)

2. Commissioning, Inspection, Service/Maintenance and Care

- Regular inspections, maintenance, and care are important and necessary to ensure the operational and traffic safety, as well as the value retention, of your seat.
- When installing or removing the seat, always follow the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
- The seat must only be installed, serviced, or repaired by qualified personnel. Any country-specific regulations and the vehicle manufacturer's installation requirements must be observed. Country-specific installation instructions can be obtained from your vehicle body manufacturer or the vehicle manufacturer.
- Care should be taken to prevent any liquids from entering the interior of the vehicle. The seat is not waterproof and should therefore be protected from splashes.

2.1. Commissioning

- In case of improper assembly, there is a risk of injury and material damage and function of the seat or the attached parts cannot be guaranteed.
- Remove all packaging materials (cardboard, films, etc.) completely before using the seat and dispose of them properly.



Danger

- To avoid the risk of accidents, check that all functions of your seat are operational before use.
- The seat, particularly safety-relevant components (e.g. seat belts, belt buckle, head-rests), should also be checked for damage, stability, and proper function before driving (see also 2.2. Inspections).

2.2. Inspections

Warning

- Regular inspections of the restraint system (recommended: before every drive).
- Check that the belt is not cut, damaged, or frayed, and that it has not been soiled with dirt, oil, or chemicals.
- Check that the metal and plastic parts are not worn, broken or damaged.
- Check all fittings, such as screws, nuts, etc., for tightness.
- Inspect the shoulder belt anchor points to ensure they are correctly positioned, and check that the shoulder belts operate properly. A 'click' sound should be heard when the belt is secured in the buckle.
- To avoid the risk of accidents, check before using the vehicle that all adjustment mechanisms are securely engaged.

2.3. Service and Maintenance

- Unless otherwise specified, maintenance of your seat with restraint system should be carried out in conjunction with the vehicle's regular maintenance, but at least once a year, by an authorised service provider (e.g. vehicle body manufacturer/vehicle converter).
- If any defects are found during inspection (e.g. loose fastenings, damaged parts, frayed belts), they must be repaired immediately and only by qualified personnel (e.g. an authorised workshop of the vehicle body manufacturer).
- After an accident, any affected restraint belts must be replaced. In addition, following an accident, the seat, its mounting, and all seat components must be inspected by trained and qualified personnel.
- The restraint belts and buckle integrated into the seat are replaceable. Replacement is only permitted with prior authorisation from Hermann Schnierle GmbH and must be carried out by trained and qualified personnel.
- Modifications or retrofitting of seats from Hermann Schnierle GmbH may only be carried out by authorised workshops, trained or suitably qualified personnel, or with prior approval from Hermann Schnierle GmbH, in compliance with applicable work instructions and national regulations. Improper installation may result in personal injury or property damage, and the proper functioning of the seat or its attached components cannot be guaranteed.



2.4. Care

General: Dirt can affect the functioning of your restraint system and the seat. Keep both clean and avoid contamination wherever possible!

2.4.1. Belt/Restraint System

- Clean the belts as required using mild, neutral soap and water.
- After cleaning, fully extend the belt. Ensure that the belt is only retracted once it is completely dry.

2.4.2. Seat

- Normal dirt should be removed using a vacuum cleaner. For heavier soiling, commercially available upholstery, leather, or faux leather cleaners may be used. Test the product on a small, inconspicuous area first. Please follow the instructions provided by the cleaner manufacturer.
- The upholstery does not need to be removed from the seat frame for cleaning. Furthermore, the seat must not be cleaned with inappropriate cleaners (e.g. high-pressure cleaners etc.).
- When cleaning the upholstery surfaces, avoid saturating the padding.

3. Using the TAF4-Seat

3.1. Headrests

Your TAF4-seat features an integrated headrest.



3.2. Safety Belts



Danger

- Always fasten seat belts before every drive. Unbelted passengers endanger themselves and other occupants in the event of an accident.

- Seat belts are intended for use by one person only.
- Child Restraint Systems see 3.3. ➔ S. 7-8
- Check all components of the seat belt system for damage and proper functioning.
- Loose or bulky clothing can prevent the seat belt from fitting snugly. Do not place objects such as handbags or mobile phones between the seat belt and your body.

Safety Belts:



Press the **red** button to release the seat belt buckle.

Pull the seat belt from the retractor, lay it untwisted over the body, and insert the tongue into the buckle until it clicks into place. Ensure the belt fits snugly against the body while driving. The belt should only be released once the vehicle is completely stationary and the engine is switched off by pressing the buckle release button.



Warning

- Objects or loads must not be secured using the seat belt system. This can cause injury from flying objects and may damage the seat belt system.
- Improper handling or self-performed removal and installation (only permitted by an authorised workshop) may result in loss of function and thus endanger the occupants.
- Do not route the seat belts over hard or fragile objects in pockets or clothing.
- Wearing the seat belt during pregnancy:
The belt webbing should be positioned as low as possible over the pelvis to avoid pressure on the abdomen.

Caution

- No loads should be placed on the seat belt buckle. This may cause damage and impair its function.
- Do not insert any objects into the seat belt buckle, as this may impair its function or cause it to fail.

Caution

- In addition to the ISOFIX attachments, either a Top-Tether belt or a support leg must always be used.

3.3. Child Restraint systems - ISOFIX & Top-Tether (optional)

The seat supports the following child restraint system attachment methods:
Three-point seat belt, ISOFIX and Top-Tether

Note:

When using a child restraint system, always follow the usage, installation, and operating instructions provided by the manufacturer. Always ensure that local and national regulations are observed. In some countries, the use of child restraint systems on certain seats is prohibited.

ISOFIX-attachment

The ISOFIX connection consists of two 6 mm thick anchorage bars located in the gap between the backrest and the seat cushion. The attachment system on the child seat hooks onto these bars (see illustrations). For detailed instructions on installation, please refer to the child seat manufacturer's user manual!





Top-Tether Attachment



Top-Tether

This is an additional strap that runs over the backrest and is attached with a hook to a bar on the seat, then tightened.

Caution: Always follow the exact instructions provided by the child seat manufacturer.

3.4. Armrests (optional)

Caution

- Armrests are to be used for their intended purpose only and must not be used as a seat or as a surface for placing items!

If needed, the armrests can be folded upwards.



⚠ Warning Risk of pinching

- Do not touch the armrest mounting point when folding the armrests.
- Operate the armrests only when there is no risk of pinching other persons.



3.5. Swivel unit

Caution

- Use the seat only facing forwards or backwards while the vehicle is in motion. Side-ways adjustment is prohibited while driving but permitted when the vehicle is stationary.

Danger

- **Risk of accident:** Never adjust the swivel unit while the vehicle is in motion! It could move uncontrollably, endangering or injuring yourself and other passengers.



Pull the **adjustment lever** forwards, then rotate the seat (using both hands) to the desired position. When the rotation position is reached (quarter turn), the **lever** locks back into the **home position** under spring tension.

3.6. Backrest Adjustment (optional)

Danger

- **Risk of accident: Never adjust the seats while the vehicle is in motion!** They could move uncontrollably, putting you and other passengers at risk of injury.

Warning

- Do not store any objects under the seats.
- Caution when adjusting the backrest; there is a risk of injury, especially for children. Objects could become trapped. Always keep an eye on the seats while adjusting them and inform other passengers that you are adjusting the seats.
- Ensure that the swivel area is always clear when reclining the backrest to prevent collision with people or objects.



Warning Risk of Pinching

- The seat should only be adjusted using the lever provided for this purpose.
- Operate the backrest adjustment lever only with full attention. Never reach into the adjustment area or under the seat while adjusting the seat.
- Only use the adjustment levers when it is certain that no one can be pinched.



Adjusting the backrest:

The backrest can be set to the desired position continuously by pressing the **backrest adjustment lever** down.

Caution: The backrest is under spring tension and may snap forward!

3.7 Fold-Up Seat Cushion

Warning

- Do not store any objects under the seats.
- Caution when folding down the seat cushion: do not place your hands under the seat cushion or in the pivot area, as there is a risk of pinching.
- Only fold the seat cushion when it is certain that no one can be pinched.
- Ensure that the folding area of the seat cushion is always clear to prevent collisions with people or objects.

To fold, press the seat cushion down or lift it up.





4. Product Information and Dimensions

4.1. Product Description

- Adjustable backrest
- Fully protected 3-point seat belt
- Integrated headrest
- Swivel unit
- Upwards folding seat cushion
- TÜV-tested for vehicle class: M1/M2/M3/N1/N2/N3

4.2. Variants/Versions/Options

Scope of delivery according to the selected and ordered variant (see order/delivery note).

- Swivel unit left
- Swivel unit centred
- Swivel unit right
- Armrest Hostess
- 4-point seat belt
- Seat belt warning system DoubleCheck®
- ISOFIX with Top-Tether
- Longitudinally adjustable in conjunction with the Sliding Bridge
- Lumbar support
- Special fabrics, embossing, and embroidery of customer logos are available at an additional cost.

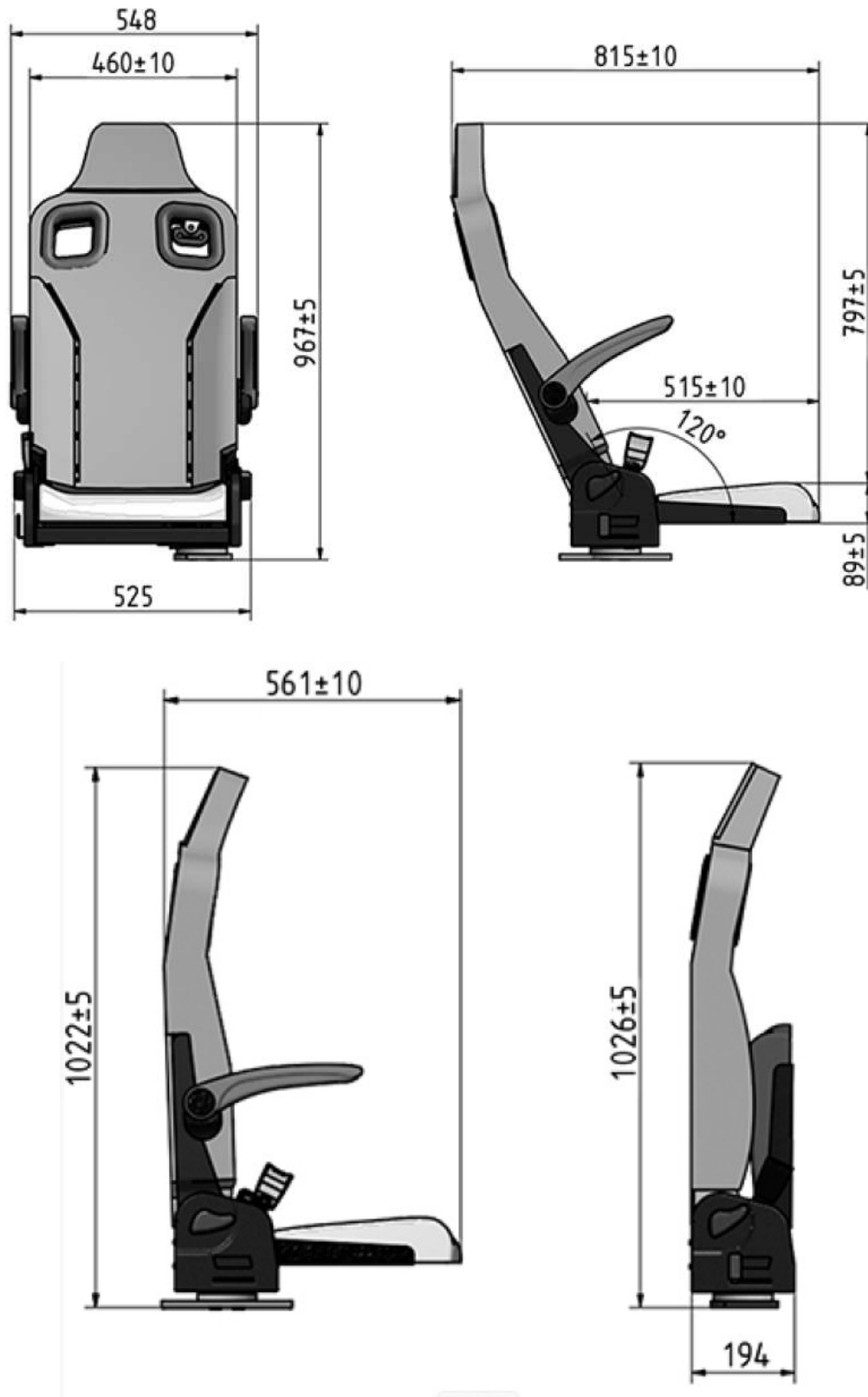
4.3. Scope of Application

- Passenger seating in minibuses and vans
- Ideally suited for use in combination with wheelchair spaces in vehicles for transporting mobility-impaired persons
- Ambulances
- Patient transport vehicles

TÜV-tested installation variants



4.4. Dimensions





4.5. Load Limits

Do not load the seat with more than 150 kg!



Warning

- Overloading the seat may cause damage and could result in safety defects.

5. Disposal Instruction

- It is generally possible to have your seat disposed of through the dealer.
- If disposing of the seat yourself, please observe your country's disposal regulations, which may differ from the table below.
- Ensure that disposal is carried out professionally and in an environmentally responsible manner.

Disposal Packaging	Cardboard, wood (e.g. palet), plastic film	Disposal as cardboard (paper waste)/wood waste/plastic film waste
Disposal Individual parts	Fabrics	Disposal as residual waste
	Plastic parts and upholstery	Disposal as plastic waste (according to labeling and type of plastic)
	Metal parts	Disposal as scrap metal
	Belt webbings	Disposal as plastic waste - Polyester
	Buckle & Tongue	Disposal as residual waste

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