

Inflatable Seat Belt Policy

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Angel Guard

www.angel-guard.com/

Sufficient test data or test equipment is not available to Angel Guard Products at this time to sufficiently evaluate use of the AngelRide Infant Car Bed with inflatable vehicle shoulder belts. For this reason, Angel Guard Products does not allow installation or use of the AngelRide Infant Car Bed with any Inflatable Shoulder Belt. If your vehicle has Inflatable Shoulder Belts, install the AngelRide Infant Car Bed in a position which is not equipped with Inflatable Shoulder Belts such as the center seating position in the second row or a third row seating position.

For more information: info@angel-guard.com or call customer service at 330-723-5928

Baby Trend

<http://www.babytrend.com>

Currently, Baby Trend does not permit the use of inflatable seat belts with any Baby Trend products no matter the date of manufacture. There has not been enough testing data provided to definitively demonstrate that they are safe. This will be added to the Incompatible Seat Belt section in our manuals as they are revised and updated. Baby Trend continues to review inflatable seat belt compatibility and may change our position as more data becomes available.

For more information: Call customer service at 1-800-328-7363

Britax

www.britaxusa.com

BRITAX has revised its recommendations and based upon an analysis of vehicle seat belt system testing results, the current Ford Motor Company (Ford and Lincoln vehicles) Inflatable seat belt system is approved for use with MOST BRITAX car seats made to date with the exception of the Frontier 90 and Pinnacle 90. BRITAX will continue to evaluate information provided by automobile inflatable seat belt manufacturers and may revise these recommendations as new data becomes available. When installing an approved BRITAX car seat with a harness and a Ford or Lincoln inflatable seat belt, we recommend the following:

Specific guidance for B-Safe, Chaperone, Convertible Seats, Frontier, Frontier 85 and Frontier 85 SICT Harness-2-Booster Seats, and Belt-Positioning Booster Seats may be found in [support with inflatable seat belt policy](#).

For more information: <http://www.britaxusa.com/support/inflatable-seat-belt-policy>

This list is not comprehensive and is subject to change without notice. Always check with manufacturers for updates.

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To download the PDF from the Britax Advocate Extranet: Log on to <http://cert.safekids.org>, under Action Items, Online CEUs Britax Tech Site, Britax Advocate Extranet

BubbleBum USA

www.bubblebum.co/us/

BubbleBum booster seat may be used with the Ford Seat Belt Air Bag system. This includes all US BubbleBum Booster Seat models.

The Shoulder Belt Positioning Clip that comes with all BubbleBum Boosters may NOT be used with the Ford Seat Belt Air Bag system as it may interfere with the proper deployment of the airbag.

As indicated in our Installation Instruction Manual, only the lap belt portion of the vehicle seatbelt may be threaded through the Red Seat Belt Positioning Clips on either side of the BubbleBum Booster Seat.

For more information: <http://www.bubblebum.co/us/contact/> or contact BubbleBum USA at 800-969-6586

Chicco

www.chiccousa.com/

If the seating position has an inflatable seat belt, LATCH is the preferred method of installation. If LATCH is not an option, follow the vehicle manufacturer's instructions for use with child restraints. Do NOT use the shoulder belt Lock-Off with inflatable belt systems.

Chicco will continue to evaluate the information provided by automobile, seat belt and airbag manufacturers and may revise these recommendations as new data becomes available.

For more information: <http://www.chiccousa.com/contact-chicco.aspx>

Clek

www.clekinc.com

Clek does not permit the use of Inflatable Seatbelts with any Clek brand products.

For more information: Customer Service 866-656-2462 and www.clekinc.com

Combi

www.combiusa.com

Combi USA currently prohibits the use of Inflatable seat belts to install Combi brand Child Restraint Systems. Included in this statement are all Combi brand Infant Seats, Convertible Seats and Booster Seats secured and used in motor vehicles and aircraft.

If a seating position that has an inflatable seat belt in a passenger vehicle has a manufacturer-designated LATCH system, Combi infant and convertible seats may be installed using only the LATCH system by carefully following the Combi Owner's Manual Instructions. Buckling the seat belt behind the seat, through the belt path or in front of the seat is not permitted.

Combi brand booster seats cannot be used in seating positions with inflatable seat belts.

Combi USA continues to evaluate the information provided by automobile, seat belt and airbag manufacturers and will revise requirements, recommendations and position statements as new data becomes available.

For more information: <http://www.combiusa.com/Products/Item.aspx?Item=12>

Cybex

www.regallager.com

The Aton and Solution X-Fix are not to be used with inflatable seat belts. We advise that LATCH lower anchors be used to install the Aton where inflatable belts are present, and the seat belt not be buckled behind the car seat. Please check for suitable alternative seating positions that do not have inflatable belts present and are approved for child restraint use.

Regal Lager and Cybex will continue to evaluate the information with this technology and will reevaluate this issue as new data becomes available.

For more information: <http://www.regallager.com/request.aspx> or 800-593-5522.

Diono

www.diono.com

We are excited about the technology and the potential benefits they can offer, however our current position has to be to not use DIONO/Sunshine Kids CRS's with inflatable seatbelts until we have sufficient information about them and their effect on CRS performance to make a clear determination of compatibility.

For more information: Allana Pinkerton, 855-463-4666 ext 252 or allana.pinkerton@diono.com.

Dorel Juvenile Group

www.djgusa.com

Dorel Juvenile Group Answers Parents & Caregivers Questions Regarding Inflatable Seat Belts in Vehicles

Dorel Juvenile Group USA (DJG) currently does not support the use of inflatable seat belts when installing DJG child restraints in motor vehicles. The introduction of inflatable seat belts in certain model vehicles is fairly new and sufficient testing has not been performed to accurately support the installation of our child restraints with these seat belts.

If a rear seating position in your vehicle has an inflatable seatbelt, DJG urges parents and caregivers to use LATCH to install the car seat. Proper installation instructions can be found by using both the car seat manual and vehicle owner's manual.

Also, DJG booster car seats cannot be used in seating positions with inflatable seat belts. DJG will continue to review inflatable seat belt testing results as they become available and may modify this recommendation based on those results.

For more information: info@dorel.com

Evenflo

www.evenflo.com

Inflatable seat belts cannot be used in any of Evenflo's harnessed child restraints, which include infant, convertible, or combination seats designed for use in motor vehicles and aircraft. If a seating position has an inflatable seat belt and designated lower anchors, Evenflo restraints can only be installed in these locations using the LATCH and tether belts in accordance with all applicable child restraint and vehicle instructions. Evenflo continues to evaluate inflatable seat belt compatibility and will update recommendations and revise statements as new data becomes available.

For more information: Parentlink Resource Center:

<http://www.evenflo.com/corporate.aspx?id=175>

Graco

www.gracobaby.com

For CRS installation in a seating position with the Ford Seat Belt Air Bag technology, we strongly encourage that the consumer utilize the LATCH system. Using the LATCH system will bypass the seat belt air bag system. We do NOT recommend installation of Graco car seats using the Ford Seat Belt Air Bag System to secure the child restraint.

All models of Graco booster seats may be used with the Ford Seat Belt Air Bag system. This includes all Turbo Booster models, Nautilus used as a Belt Positioning Booster (both with and without back), Argos and Smart Seat used as a Belt Positioning Booster.

For more information:

<http://www.gracobaby.com/ContactUs/pages/ContactUs.aspx?page=ContactUs>

Harmony

www.harmonyjuvenile.com

Harmony does not recommend the use of inflatable seat belts with any Harmony products at this time. Sufficient test data or test equipment is not available to sufficiently evaluate the interaction between inflatable seat belts and child restraint systems.

For more information: Customer Service: 877-306-1001 or info@harmonyjuvenile.com

Kiddy

www.kiddyusa.com

While inflatable seat belts have been tested by the vehicle manufacturer's and found to improve adult passenger safety, adequate testing has not been conducted to prove this technology is appropriate for use with children. Therefore, Kiddy does not at this point in time allow the use of the inflatable seat belts with any of our child restraints.

We will continue to review inflatable seat belt technology and seatbelt interaction with our restraints. When testing has been conducted to prove it is suitable for use with Kiddy child restraints, our recommendations will be revised. This recommendation will be added to Kiddy product instructions as printing revisions are completed.

For more information: <http://www.kiddyusa.com/kiddyusa-home.html>

Nuna

<http://www.nuna.eu/USA/pipa>

Nuna does not permit the use of inflatable seatbelts for installation of the Nuna Pipa. If the seating position has an inflatable seat belt, we advise that the vehicle's LATCH lower anchors be used to install the Pipa and that the seat belt not be buckled behind the car seat. If LATCH is not an option, please check for an acceptable seating position that does not include an inflatable seat belt.

Nuna continues to evaluate inflatable seat belt compatibility and will update recommendations and revise statements as new data becomes available.

For more information go to: <http://www.nuna.eu/car-seat-headquarters>

Orbit Baby

www.orbitbaby.com

Orbit Baby does not allow child restraints to be installed using inflatable lap-shoulder belts, and this language has been incorporated into updated versions of their instruction manuals, which are available on the website. You can also visit our page dedicated to CPSTs at www.orbitbaby.com/cps. If installing in a seating position with an inflatable lap-shoulder belt available, we require the seat to be installed with the LATCH system. The unused seat belt should not be buckled behind the seat as this will engage the inflatable portion of the belt.

For more information: Customer Service at 877-ORB-BABY (672-2229) or by emailing our CPSTs on staff at cps@orbitbaby.com.

Recaro

www.recaro-cs.com

INFLATABLE SEAT BELTS HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY TESTED WITH CHILD RESTRAINTS AND ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR USE WITH ANY RECARO CHILD SEAT AT THIS TIME.

RECARO continues to undergo testing and evaluation of our child restraints with this new technology.

To be able to continue use of your RECARO child seat in vehicles containing inflatable seat belts, such as the 2011 Ford Explorer, we have the following recommendation:

1. Utilize LATCH and top tether up to the vehicle or child restraint maximum allowable weight (whichever is less) for latch and top tether use in any location where there is an inflatable seat belt.
2. Once a child has passed the allowable weight limit for LATCH and top tether use, move the child restraint to a rear seating position or center seating position, if available, where there a standard non-inflatable 3-point seat belt.

As RECARO continues to work with this technology, we will update our website regarding child restraint compatibility. Our goal is to support your family as best as possible in any seating scenario.

For more information: <http://www.recaro-cs.com/us/service/safety-information.html>

Safe Traffic System

www.ridesafer.co

Safe Traffic System, Inc. does permit the use of Inflatable Seatbelts with the Version 2 and Version 3 Ride Safer Travel Vests. Please contact Customer Service for a replacement shoulder belt guide that will allow for correct fit with the inflatable seatbelt: www.ridesafer.co – click on “Contact Us.”

Version 1 Vests cannot be retrofitted with the ISB Seat Belt Guide.

For more information: Customer Service: 847-233-0384

Snugli

<http://www.snugli.com/>

Inflatable seat belts cannot be used in any of Snugli’s harnessed child restraints, which include infant, convertible, or combination seats designed for use in motor vehicles and aircraft. If a seating position has an inflatable seat belt and designated lower anchors, Snugli restraints can only be installed in these locations using the LATCH and tether belts in accordance with all applicable child restraint and vehicle instructions. Snugli continues to evaluate inflatable seat belt compatibility and will update recommendations and revise statements as new data becomes available.

For more information: <http://www.snugli.com/> or call 1-800-374-3603

Summer Infant

<http://www.summerinfant.com>

Summer Infant prohibits the use of inflatable seatbelts to install Prodigy. We continue to evaluate the information provided by automobile, seat belt and airbag manufacturers and will relook at this issue as new data becomes available.

For more information: <http://www.summerinfant.com> or call 1-800-268-6237

Tomy (formerly First Years)

www.learningcurve.com; www.thefirstyears.com

First Years does not recommend using the inflatable seat belt with the Via Infant Seat or with the True Fit Convertible. The inflatable seat belt can be used only with belt positioning boosters.

For more information: First Year's Customer Service:

http://www.thefirstyears.com/wps/portal/contactus?locale=en_US

UPPABaby

www.uppababy.com

"At this time UPPAbaby does not support the use of inflatable seat belts with the UPPAbaby MESA infant car seat unless used with LATCH.

UPPAbaby recommends using manufacturer-designated LATCH system with standard-spaced (11.02") LATCH anchors when installing the MESA in vehicle seating positions that are equipped with an inflatable seat belt system. The use of LATCH will bypass the seat belt air bag system. The unused seat belt should not be buckled behind the child restraint as this will engage the inflatable portion of the vehicle belt.

We will continue to study the compatibility of this technology with the UPPAbaby MESA and revise recommendations as new data becomes available."

For more information: Refer to the website www.uppababy.com or contact courtney@uppababy.com