



## Car Seats

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# **USED CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECKLIST**

- 1. Does the seat have a label showing it was manufactured less than six years ago?**
  - YES: Continue
  - NO: Contact the manufacturer to find out when it expires
- 2. Does the seat have a label showing that it meets all federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS 213)?**
  - YES: Continue
  - NO: DISCARD the seat!
- 3. Has the seat been recalled for safety defect? (go to [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov) or call 1-800-424-9393 to check for recalls).**
  - NO: Continue
  - YES: DISCARD the seat!
- 4. Has the seat been involved in a car crash?**
  - YES: DISCARD the seat!
  - NO: Continue
- 5. Are there any visible cracks, bends, or breaks in the plastic shell or metal frame?**
  - YES: DISCARD the seat!
  - NO: Continue
- 6. Do you have a copy of the manufacturer's instructions?**
  - YES: Continue
  - NO: Call Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393 for manufacturer's telephone number to request instructions OR go to the manufacturer's web site to request instructions.
- 7. Does the seat have all its parts: harness straps, buckle, retainer clips, original padding, tether straps and bolts? (Please refer to the manufacturer instructions for a complete listing.)**
  - YES: Continue
  - NO: DISCARD the seat! OR obtain replacement from the manufacturer
- 8. Are the harness straps worn or frayed?**
  - YES: DISCARD the seat! OR obtain replacement from the manufacturer
  - NO: Continue
- 9. Do the buckle area and/or latch plates show signs of rust or damage?**
  - YES: DISCARD the seat! OR obtain replacement from the manufacturer
  - NO: Continue
- 10. Does the buckle mechanism latch remain latched and unlatch smoothly?**
  - YES: Continue
  - NO: DISCARD the seat! OR obtain replacement from the manufacturer
- 11. Can the harness straps be tightened according to manufacturer instructions?**
  - YES: Continue
  - NO: DISCARD the seat!
- 12. Is the child seat manufacturer still in business?**
  - YES: USE the seat!
  - NO: DISCARD the seat!