Inflatable Seat Belt Policy

As of September, 2017

4Moms

www.4moms.com/carseat

Do not install the child restraint using an inflatable seat belt. Install using LATCH instead, or move the child restraint to a position with a suitable seat belt, per the instructions.

For more information: Call customer service at 888-614-6667

Angel Guard

www.angel-guard.com/

The AngelRide Infant Car Bed has now been tested and is approved for use with the Ford Motor Company (Ford and Lincoln vehicles) inflatable seat belt. This change allowing use of the AngelRide with an inflatable seat belt in Ford or Lincoln vehicles is retroactive and applicable to all AngelRide car beds.

For installation and use when using the inflatable seat belt, follow the installation instructions for a standard lap and shoulder belt.

Do not use the AngelRide car bed with inflatable seat belts or in vehicles made by other companies.

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

Baby Trend

http://www.babytrend.com

Do not install the child restraint using an inflatable seat belt. Install using LATCH instead, or move the child restraint to a position with a suitable seat belt type. Do not us an inflatable seat belt to secure the child in a child restraint used in booster mode.

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 all Britax car seats made to date EXCEPT B-Safe 35, B-Safe 35 Elite, Marathon ClickTight, Boulevard ClickTight, and Advocate ClickTight. Britax will continue to evaluate information provided by automobile inflatable seat belt manufacturers and may revise these recommendations as new data becomes available.

For more information: <u>https://us.britax.com/service-support/inflatable-seat-belt-policy/#sthash.zhI09qU0.dpuf;</u> or contact customer service at 1 888-427-4829

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

Chicco

www.chiccousa.com

Do not install the CR using an inflatable seat belt. Install using LATCH instead, or move the CR to a position with a suitable seat belt type. Follow the vehicle manufacturer's instructions for use of inflatable seat belt with BPB.

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

Clek

www.clekinc.com

Clek now allows the use of inflatable seat belts with our booster seats Oobr, Olli, and Ozzi. This allowance is retroactive for all models of Oobr, Olli, and Ozzi booster seats.

At this time, Clek does NOT allow the use of inflatable vehicle belts for the installation of our convertible car seats, Foonf and Fllo. If a caregiver must use a seating position equipped with an inflatable seat belt, the only approved installation of the car seat in that position would be using the LATCH system. In the case of the Foonf convertible car seat, forward-facing installation using both LATCH and the vehicle belt is not allowed if the seating location is equipped with an inflatable seat belt.

This list is not comprehensive and is subject to change without notice. Always check with manufacturers for updates. LATCH weight limits: <u>http://cpsboard.org/cps/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/VM-LATCH-Anchor-Weight-Limits.pdf</u>

Clek will continue to review new data as it becomes available and will update recommendations as appropriate. Please contact customer service at <u>1-866-656-2462</u> for the most up to date information.

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 manufacturerdesignated 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: <u>www.CombiUSA.com</u> or Customer Service phone number (1-800-992-6624)

Cybex

http://cybex-online.com/us

Inflatable seat belts may not be used with any of CYBEX's harnessed child restraints. If a seating position has an inflatable seat belt, CYBEX restraints may be installed in this location only using the lower anchors in accordance with all applicable child restraint and vehicle instructions.

CYBEX child restraints used in booster mode may not be secured with an inflatable seat belt.

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

For more information: <u>http://cybex-online.com/us/contact.html</u> or 1-877-242-5676.

Diono

www.diono.com

As of September 2016, Diono has approved the use of all current models of Diono convertible car seats and booster seats with Ford Motor Company's Inflatable Seat Belts. This allowance is retroactive to previous Radian convertible, Monterey and Monterey XT booster models.

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

Doona

http://simpleparenting.co/car-seat/ http://www.happykidssmartparents.com/

The Doona infant car seat has now been tested and approved for use with Ford Motor Company inflatable seat belts. All Doona infant car seats, with any date of manufacture, can be used with Ford and Lincoln inflatable seat belts. Specific instructions related to use with an inflatable seat belt are provided in a revised instruction manual that can be found by going to the support tab on the simple parenting web site and selecting user guides or going to: <u>https://simpleparenting.co/user-guides/</u>

For more information: JT Viehweg, (844)477-9539 ext. 106 or it@happykidssmartparents.com

Dorel Juvenile Group

www.doreljuvenile.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.

This list is not comprehensive and is subject to change without notice. Always check with manufacturers for updates. LATCH weight limits: <u>http://cpsboard.org/cps/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/VM-LATCH-Anchor-Weight-Limits.pdf</u>

Evenflo

www.evenflo.com

Inflatable seat belts may not 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 Lower Anchors and tether following child restraint vehicle instructions.

Evenflo child restraints used in booster mode may be secured with an inflatable seat belt.

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

For more information: ParentLink Consumer Resource Center: <u>http://www.evenflo.com/support/contact_us/</u> or 1-800-233-5921

Goodbaby

http://gbchildusa.com/

Inflatable seat belts may not be used with any of Goodbaby's rear-facing-only child restraints. If a seating position has an inflatable seat belt, Goodbaby child restraints may be installed in this location only using the lower anchors in accordance with all applicable child restraint and vehicle instructions.

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

For more information: http://gbchildusa.com/contact-us/

Graco

www.gracobaby.com

Graco has analyzed recent testing conducted by the Ford Motor Company on its inflatable seat belt system. Based on the data, Graco updated its car seat recommendation for use in Ford vehicles with inflatable seat belt systems.

Graco now allows the use of Ford vehicle lap shoulder inflatable seat belts with rear-facing only infant car seats when installed without the base. Convertible car seats are also approved, but when installing do NOT use the shoulder belt lock-off with inflatable belt systems. All models of Graco booster seats may continue to be used with Ford inflatable seat belts. This includes all Turbo Booster models, Nautilus used as a Belt Positioning Booster (both with and without back) and Smart Seat, 4Ever and Milestone All-in-One car seats used as a Belt Positioning Booster.

At this time, Graco still does NOT allow the use of inflatable vehicle belts for installation with rear-facing only infant car seats installed with a base. Graco strongly encourages consumers to utilize the LATCH system for rear-facing only infant car seats installed with a base. **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 thoroughly evaluate the interaction between inflatable seat belts and child restraint systems. We recommend the use of LATCH in seating positions equipped with the inflatable seat belts.

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

Hauck

www.hauckusa.com

If the lower anchor attachment cannot be used for installation, it is permissible to use an inflatable seat belt made by Ford Motor Company to install this child restraint.

For more information: <u>http://www.hauckusa.com/contact</u>

Kiddy

www.kiddyusa.com

Do not use these child restraints with an inflatable seat belt. Use a suitable seat belt in another position or, if appropriate, install using lower anchors.

For more information: Call 855 925 4339 or <u>customerservice(at)kiddyusa.com</u>

Kids II (Ingenuity)

<u>www.kidsii.com</u>

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Do not install the CR using an inflatable seat belt. Install using LATCH instead, or move the CR to a position with a suitable seat belt type.

For more information: consumerservices@kidsii.com

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: <u>http://www.nuna.eu/car-seat-headquarters</u>

Orbit Baby

www.orbitbaby.com

Do not install the child restraint using an inflatable seat belt. Install using LATCH instead, or move the child restraint to a position with a suitable seat belt type. When installing with LATCH, the unused seat belt should not be buckled behind the child restraint 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 <u>cps@orbitbaby.com</u>.

Peg Perego

www.pegperego.com

Peg Perego allows the use of inflatable seat belts on all car seat products manufactured after May 2014, but does require specific shoulder belt routing on rear-facing infant seats. Te inflatable shoulder belt may not be routed through the integral Right Tight lock-off clip.

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.safetrafficsystem.com

Safe Traffic System, Inc. does permit the use of Inflatable Seatbelts with the Generation 2 and newer Ride Safer Travel Vests. Please contact Customer Service for a replacement shoulder belt guide that will allow for correct fit with the inflatable seatbelt: <u>www.safetrafficsystem.com</u> – click on "Contact Us."

Generation 1 vests cannot be retrofitted with the ISB Seat Belt Guide.

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

Summer Infant

http://www.summerinfant.com

Do not install the child restraint using an inflatable seat belt. Install using LATCH instead, or move the child restraint to a position with a suitable seat belt type.

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

UPPAbaby

www.uppababy.com

UPPAbaby prohibits the use of inflatable seat belts with the MESA. We will continue to study the compatibility of this technology and revise recommendations as new data becomes available.

For more information: Refer to the website <u>www.uppababy.com</u> or contact <u>daniella@uppababy.com</u>.

Urbini

http://urbinibaby.com/product/carseat/

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

For more information: http://urbinibaby.com/consumer-care/