

Is Your Car Seat Safe and Approved to Use?

Some car seats sold online may not be safe because they are not approved or tested for use. Here are things to look for when selecting a car seat for your child.

Approved

Non-Approved

1

A five point harness with hip straps and a chest clip



2

Government-required airbag and safety warning labels



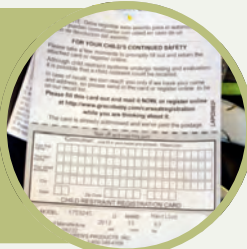
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Manufacturer's name or logo easily visible



4

Government-required registration postcard on every new car seat



1

Missing a five point harness or chest clip



2

Missing required warning labels, or labels with more images than text



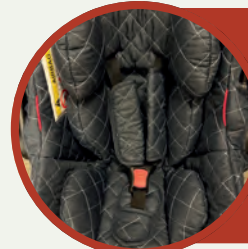
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Missing brand name



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Missing or basic registration card



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How to Avoid Non-Approved Products



Choose trusted brands available at U.S. retail stores or the brand's website.

When buying online, avoid independent or unknown sellers on sites like Amazon. Items marked "sold by [third-party name]" are from unknown sellers.



Is the seat priced lower than in stores or the manufacturer's website? Many non-approved car seats are copycats of expensive brands. If the price seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Only use the accessories that came with your car seat. Extra padding, shades, mirrors, toys, and other products may seem helpful, but they can make the seat less safe in a crash.



Looking for more information? Scan here!

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