

Guide to Avoiding

Non-Compliant & Counterfeit Car Seats

Beware: Non-Compliant and counterfeit car seats are being advertised and sold online and are found on many ecommerce platforms. These car seats do not meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213 (FMVSS 213) and are potentially dangerous for children. Car seats that meet FMVSS 213 are made using a safe and tested design. Non-compliant car seats meet requirements of other countries. Counterfeit car seats are made with cheaper materials and untested designs, making these products unsafe. Pennsylvania law states that car seats used to secure children in vehicles must meet FMVSS 213.

Tips to Ensure a Car Seat Meets Federal Safety Requirements and Pennsylvania Law

Car seats that meet safety requirements will have:

- A car seat instruction manual and registration card.
- Required safety labels:
 - Name and address of the car seat manufacturer
 - Verification statement that it conforms to federal standards
 - Model number and date of manufacture
 - Basic instructions for correct use and installation
 - Airbag WARNING label on rear-facing car seats



✈ This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards. **When used with the harness system:** This Restraint is Certified for Use in Motor Vehicles and Aircraft. **When used without the harness system as a belt positioning booster:** This Restraint is Not Certified for Use in Aircraft. Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address, e-mail address if available and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to Nuna Baby Essentials Inc., 70 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Morgantown, PA 19543 or call 1-855-NUNA-USA (1-855-686-2872).
For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.NHTSA.gov>. Register your child restraint with the manufacturer. WL-0498A

Statement: "This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards".

- If a label with this statement is not present on the car seat, the car seat is non-compliant and could be counterfeit.

Label includes the car seat manufacturer's name and address.



Model Number & Manufacture Date Label



Registration Card

- Includes:
- Model Number
 - Manufacture Date

- Child weight and height ranges for each mode of use:
 - Rear-Facing
 - Forward-Facing
 - Belt-Positioning Booster Seat
- Basic instructions
 - Car seat use
 - Installation with seat belt or LATCH



Evenflo All4Stages Slim All-in-One Car Seat



Airbag warning label on rear-facing car seats

Car seats that are missing the required warning and safety labels, or have labels that are poorly worded with grammatical errors, should not be used.



Car Seat Instruction Manual and Car Seat Registration

Locate the car seat instruction manual and a car seat registration card: In addition to safety labels, car seats and booster seats are required to come with instruction manuals and a registration card. If your car seat is missing this essential paperwork, there is a high probability the car seat is counterfeit.

Car seat manufacturers use the registration information to contact owners about safety issues and recalls.

Register Car Seats with the Manufacturer:

- Every car seat has a model number and manufacture date.
 - Some counterfeit car seats will have a label with a model number and manufacture date. To be certain that the car seat meets safety requirements, register the car seat with the manufacturer.
- Registering your car seat allows the car seat manufacturer to contact you:
 - If there is an issue with the model number and date of manufacture, or
 - If there is a recall.



Car Seats Can Be Registered:

- Online at the car seat manufacturer's website using the model number and manufacture date found on the car seat label.

OR

- Online at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle-safety/car-seats-and-booster-seats#registration>.



- "SELECT BRAND/MAKE"
- Then select "GO TO WEBSITE"
- Complete the online form using the model number and manufacture date found on a car seat label and submit.

- It takes just a few minutes to register your car seat.

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Consumer: Just fill in your name and address.

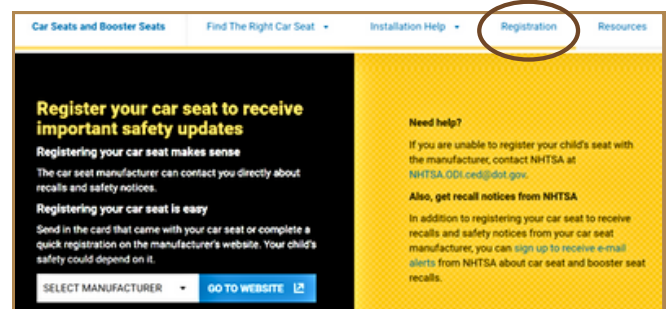
Your First Name _____
 Your Last Name _____
 Your street address (1) _____
 Your street address (2) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

CHILD RESTRAINT REGISTRATION CARD

MODEL NAME: KIDFIT MCO... 10840 T-01
 MODEL NO. 05 079014 570 070
 SERIAL NO. 19 12 12 0543
 MANUFACTURED IN: DEC 2019
 DO NOT USE AFTER: DEC 2027
 Patent info: chicoshop.com/patents.html

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OR



- By filling out the registration card that came with the car seat.
 - The registration card has the car seat's model number and manufacture date.
 - Mail the card; no postage required.

When there are any questions about whether a car seat is genuine, contact the car seat manufacturer through customer service by phone or through their website.

Tips to Avoid Non-Compliant and Counterfeit Car Seats

Look for obvious flaws.

- Non-Compliant car seats have labels that do not meet the labeling requirements of FMVSS 213.
- Counterfeit car seats were found to have:
 - Missing labels and registration card.
 - Poorly fitting harness for the child, with harness webbing width less than 1.5 inches.
 - A flimsy or plastic piece that attaches the car seat carrier to the base.
 - Plastic parts that deform easily with little pressure.



Example: Doona with required labels



Example: Doona with fake and missing labels

Buy in person: Go to a retail store to help ensure the car seat was manufactured to meet federal safety requirements.

Buying online? Ask these questions:

- Does the manufacturer of the car seat have a website?
- Does the cost of the car seat seem too good to be true?
- Is the car seat being sold by a trusted retailer, such as Target or Buy Buy Baby?