

Car Seat Safety Checklist

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2	Does the seat have a label with date of manufacture and model name/number?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – continue	<input type="checkbox"/> No – DESTROY
3	Is the seat less than 5 years old?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – continue	<input type="checkbox"/> No – DESTROY
4	Does the seat have a label showing that it meets all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – continue	<input type="checkbox"/> No – DESTROY
5	Has the seat been recalled for a safety defect?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – continue to 5b	<input type="checkbox"/> No – continue to 6
5b	Has the defect been corrected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – continue to 6	<input type="checkbox"/> No – do not use until defects are corrected or DESTROY
6	Has the seat been involved in any vehicle crash (even a minor one)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - DESTROY	<input type="checkbox"/> No – continue
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8	Has the metal frame rusted, bent or broken?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – DESTROY	<input type="checkbox"/> No – continue
9	Do you have a copy of the manufacturer’s instructions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – continue	<input type="checkbox"/> No – continue
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11	Are the harness straps worn or frayed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Obtain replacements and continue or DESTROY	<input type="checkbox"/> No – continue
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Car Seat Recalls: www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/childseat.cfm

Car Seat Check-List: www.cpsafety.com/articles/usedseat.aspx

Crib (& everything else) Recalls: www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prerel.html