

NHTSA Ease of Use Rating Sample

Evaluation Category	Feature	Possible Points for Feature	Example Rating	Example Rating: Points for Each Feature	Feature Weight	Example Rating: Weighted Points for Each Feature	Category Point Range for C Rating	Category Point Range for B Rating	Category Point Range for A Rating	Example Rating: Result for this Category
Assembly	All functional parts including seat pad or cover attached and ready to use	1, 3	C	1	2	2				
	Tether attached to child restraint	1, 3	C	1	2	2				
	Owner's manual easy to find	1, 2, 3	A	3	1	3				
	Obvious storage (pocket) for manual	1, 2, 3	C	1	2	2				
	Total					9	7 to 11	12 to 16	17 to 21	C
Labels/Instructions	Clear indication of child's size range	1, 2, 3	A	3	2	6				
	All mode/s of use clearly indicated e.g., rear-facing only or forward- and rear-facing if convertible	1, 2, 3	A	3	2	6				
	Air bag warning in written instructions	1, 2, 3	A	3	2	6				
	Show harness slots okay to use for occupant size	1, 2, 3	C	1	3	3				
	Instructions for routing for both lap belt and lap/shoulder belt in all modes	1, 2, 3	A	3	2	6				
	Visibility of seat belt routing (for lap belt and lap/torso) when CRS in position in vehicle i.e., is seat belt routing obvious	1, 2, 3	C	1	3	3				
	Visibility of tether use	1, 3	A	3	2	6				
	Information in written instructions and on labels match	1, 3	A	3	2	6				
	Durability of labels	1, 2, 3	B	2	2	4				
	Total					46	20 to 33	34 to 47	48 to 60	B
Securing the Child	Buckle can be secured in reverse	1, 2, 3	C	1	3	3				
	Harness adjustment easy to tighten or loosen when child restraint installed	1, 2, 3	B	2	3	6				
	Number of harness slots/usable slots	1, 2, 3	B	2	1	2				
	Ease of attaching/removing base (infant restraint systems only)	1, 2, 3	C	1	3	3				
	Ease of conversion rear-facing to forward-facing or forward-facing to booster and back again	1, 2, 3	A	3	3	9				
	Visibility of harness slots	1, 2, 3	A	3	2	6				
	Ease of changing harness slot positions	1, 2, 3	A	3	2	6				
	Ease of reassembly if pad/cover removed for cleaning	1, 2, 3	C	1	3	3				
	Ease of adjusting/removing shield	1, 2, 3	A	3	1	3				
Total					41	21 to 35	36 to 49	50 to 63	B	
Installing in Vehicle	Separation of vehicle belt path	1, 2, 3	B	2	3	6				
	Ease of vehicle belt routing (hand clearance)	1, 2, 3	B	2	2	4				
	Ease of seat belt routing (boosters)	1, 2, 3	B	2	2	4				
	Ease of use of any belt-positioning hardware on CRS, including lock-off	1, 2, 3	A	3	1	3				
	Tether easy to tighten (& release)	1, 2, 3	C	1	3	3				
	Does belt-positioning device allow slack to occur	1, 3	C	1	3	3				
	Ease of tightening belt around CRS	1, 2, 3	A	3	2	6				
Total					29	16 to 26	27 to 37	38 to 48	B	
Overall Rating									B	
Qualifiers:										
To be rated B, no more than one out of four categories can be rated C										
To be rated A, no more than one out of four categories can be rated less than A										