

NHTSA Ease of Use Rating Form – 2002

Complete if Booster or Transitional Mode

Date _____ Evaluated by _____ Seat # (on tag) _____

Manufacturer _____ DOM _____

Make & Model _____ Model # (on CRS) _____

- Type: Booster Only
- Combination (harness/booster)
- Other, energy absorbing restraint
- Style: No-back with non-removable shield
- No-back with removable shield
- No-back NO shield
- High back with soft back
- High back with hard back
- No base

Booster recommended for use with: Lap/shoulder Yes No not shown on seat

 Lap belt Yes No not shown on seat

If shield booster, recommended shoulder belt position: front of child behind child

not shown on seat n/a

Measurements

Seat height (from seat bight) n/a (no back-booster)

Size range given in owner's manual: _____ Date on manual: _____

	WEIGHT (kg and lb) (Optional for belt-positioning seats)		HEIGHT (cm and inches)	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Booster				

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Assembly (When first out of box)

	A	B	C	Notes
All functional parts including seat pad or cover attached and ready to use	Yes*	No, tools not required	No, tools required	*parent may still need to adjust system to fit child n/a if combination seat
Owner's manual easy to find when taken out of box	Attached to child restraint in a clearly visible location	Attached to child restraint but not clearly visible	In box, but not attached	
Storage system for manual	Manual removed and replaced easily		Manual cannot be removed and replaced easily	

Evaluation of Labels

	A	B	C	Notes
Clear indication of child's size range e.g., picture of child in seat weight and height range	Separate clear text with illustrations of child in upper range		Separate clear text Independent paragraph	Belt positioning seat may show height only
Mode of use clearly indicated (i.e. with lap belt or lap/shoulder belt, and if transitional seat, booster v. FF with harness)	CRS illustration in complete vehicle seat (not FSP) Mode/s clear, No need to read text	CRS illustration in outline vehicle seat (could be front seat) Need to read text	No illustration, text only May be illustrated, but not all modes shown	
Instructions for routing lap/shoulder belt and lap if applicable	Illustrated clearly with CR in vehicle seat Lap/shoulder belt in illustration No need to read text	Illustrated, outlined or no vehicle seat Need to read text	Not all modes illustrated, unclear or incorrect instructions	Whether or not OK for both lap and lap/shoulder seat belt
Visibility of seat belt routing (for lap and lap/shoulder belts) when CRS in position in vehicle i.e. Is seat belt routing obvious?	Clear routing illustration or clear contrast belt path marking No need to read text	Markings or some form of routing illustration Need to read text	Illustrations do not match CRS or belt direction or hidden by seat cover	
Durability of labels	Sticky label not peeling or other method of technology label not peeling		Sticky label if one or more are already peeling when restraint removed from box	

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Evaluation of Instructions

	A	B	C	Notes
Clear indication of child's size range	Separate clear text with illustrations of child in upper range		Separate clear text Independent paragraph	
Mode of use clearly indicated (i.e. with lap belt or lap/shoulder belt, and if transitional seat, booster v. FF with harness)	CRS illustration in complete vehicle seat (not FSP) Mode/s clear, No need to read text	CRS illustration in outline vehicle seat (could be front seat) Need to read text	No illustration, text only May be illustrated, but not all modes shown	
Air bag warning in written instructions	Separate, highlighted & illustrated	Separate & highlighted	Buried in other text or no warning	
Instructions for routing both lap belt and lap/shoulder belt	Illustrated clearly with CR in vehicle seat Lap, lap/shoulder belt in illustration No need to read text	Illustrated, outlined or no vehicle seat Need to read text	Not all modes illustrated, unclear or incorrect instructions	Whether or not OK for both lap and lap/shoulder seat belt
Information in written instructions and on labels match (size measurements)	Yes		No	

Securing the Child

	A	B	C	Notes
Ease of conversion forward facing to booster or highback to backless	Easy to access illustrations provided on seat showing mode change	Easy access no illustrations provided on seat	Access difficult or need instructions	n/a

Installing in Vehicle

	A	B	C	Notes
Ease of use of any belt-positioning hardware on CRS	One hand to use	Two hands to use	Detachable or multiple steps	n/a, no belt positioning hardware
Does belt-positioning device allow slack to occur	No		Yes	n/a, no belt positioning hardware