

PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION NO.44
(Child restraints)

Transmitted by the Technical Services Group on Reg. 44

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 4.3., insert to read:

"4.3.... methods of use. In any illustrations of the belt route on the product, the orientation of the child restraint relative to the vehicle must be clearly indicated. Belt route diagrams that do not show the vehicle seat are not acceptable."

Paragraph 4.3., delete the second paragraph and insert here to read:

"4.3. On both the safety belt routing diagram and the safety belt contact points on the product there must be a clear differentiation between the intended routes for the lap section and the diagonal section of the safety belt. Colour coding and/or words shall distinguish each of the separate routes of the lap and the shoulder section of the safety belt."

Paragraph 4.4., delete

Paragraph 4.5., renumber as paragraph 4.4 and amend to read:

"4.4 On the visible inner surface (including the side wing beside the child's head) in the approximate area where the child's head rests within the child restraint, rearward facing restraints shall 60 x 120 mm. The label shall be stitched to the cover around its entire perimeter and/or permanently bonded to the cover over its entire back surface. Any other form of attachment that is permanent and not liable to removal from the product or to becoming obscured is acceptable. Flag type labels are specifically prohibited.

If sections of the restraint or any accessories supplied by the child restraint manufacturer are able to obscure the label an additional label is required. One warning label shall be permanently visible in all situations when the restraint is prepared for use in any configuration."

Paragraph 4.6. to 4.8., renumber as paragraph 4.5. to 4.7.

Paragraph 7.2.2.1., replace the word "throughout" by "with all manikins of"

B. JUSTIFICATION

The labels (4.3-4.8) need to contain more information and need to become permanently visible and attached. The deletion of paragraph 4.4 was already concluded at the last session of GRSP.

The adjusters (7.2.2.1.) did sometimes not suit for all manikins of the respective mass group.