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OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

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Investigation: PE 10-009
Date Opened: 03/05/2010
Date Closed: 07/02/2010
Investigator: John Abbott
Reviewer: Scott Yon
Approver: Scott Yon
Subject: Harness Slippage

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: DOREL JUVENILE GROUP
Products: 2008 SAFETY 1ST VANTAGE
Population: Confidential

Problem Description: The center front adjuster for the occupant harness doers not close completely and can allow the harness to loosen

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	3	3	6
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	5	0	5

***Description of Other:** Reports on other models (Alpha Omega, Scenera, and onBoard 35)

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Close PE 10-009 and open Engineering Analysis (EA 10-005)

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) opened this investigation based on two reports from the same consumer alleging the center front adjuster (CFA) on two different Dorel Vantage child seats would not hold the harness securely. The consumer reported that after adjustment of the harness the CFA did not close completely, allowing the harness webbing to slip through the CFA.

ODI is upgrading this investigation based on information provided by Dorel and additional consumer reports on other model Dorel child seats.