U S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE10-009
Date Opened: 03/05/2010
Principal Investigator: John Abbott
Subject: Harness Slippage

Manufacturer: Dorel Juvenile Group
Products: 2008 Safety 1st Vantage
Population: Confidential

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

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	2		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other:	0		

Description of Other:

Action: Open Investigation

Engineer: *John Abbott* JA Date: *03/05/2010*
Div. Chief: *D. Scott Yon* Date: *03/05/2010*
Office Dir.: *Kathleen C. DeMeter* Date: *03/05/2010*

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation has received two reports from the same consumer alleging the center front adjuster (CFA) on two of his Dorel vantage child seats would not hold the harness securely. The CFA is a locking mechanism that is spring loaded to a normally closed position. Once the harness is adjusted, the release lever in the adjuster must be pushed to release or loosen the harness adjustment.

The consumer reported that after adjustment of the harness the CFA did not close completely, allowing the harness webbing to slip through the adjuster.