

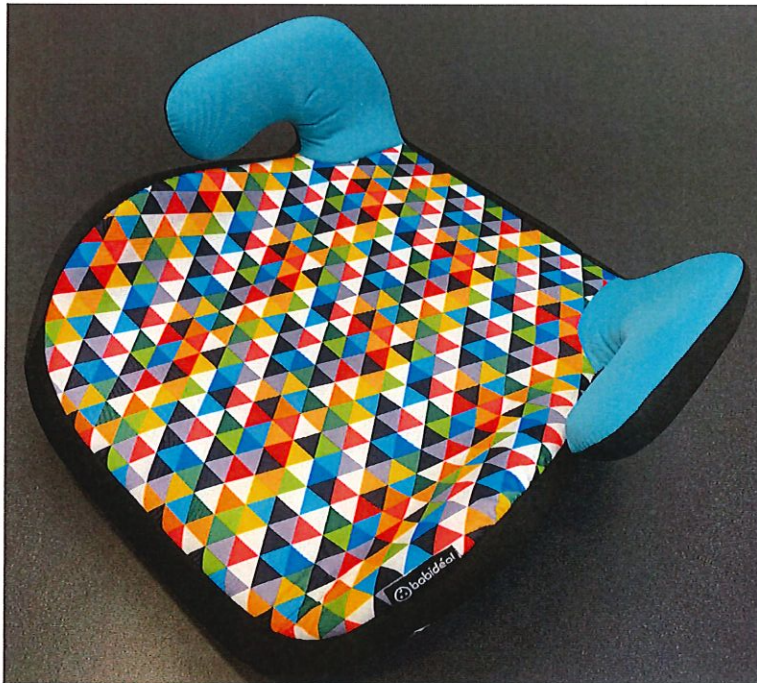
October 17, 2019

U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigations
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter serves as notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by Dorel China America, Inc. (DCA) that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 49 CFR 571.213 (FMVSS 213) S5.5 labeling requirements exists on certain babidéal™ Storm Booster Child Restraint Systems (CRS). DCA determined that this noncompliance existed on this motor vehicle equipment on October 9, 2019.

The babidéal™ Storm Booster CRS is a backless belt positioning booster CRS with a multi-colored triangle pattern textile cover. Intended for use by children 40-100 lbs. and 43"-57" in height. The recalled lot of products were sold exclusively at Family Dollar Stores in the United States. See product image below.



DCA has determined that 28,800 units of the babidéal™ Storm Booster CRS have been manufactured with a warning label that is not compliant with FMVSS 213. The recalled lot of products were sold

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exclusively at Family Dollar Stores in the U.S. and have the model number BC901BPXL with a date of manufacture of 2/28/2019.

Because the safety warnings and instructions required by FMVSS 213 are not provided, caregivers do not have the benefit of that information and could potentially use the CRS inappropriately. Another risk is that the caregiver will be confused by the warning language (which comes from ASTM F2640 for use on indoor booster seats such as might be used in a dining room), because the incorrectly provided warning language states "NEVER use this product as a car seat..." and "Do not use in motor vehicles." For those consumers who are continuing to use the booster seat in a motor vehicle, DCA confirms that the product will perform appropriately and as intended because it remains compliant with all other performance requirements of FMVSS 213.


The contract manufacturer that produces the babidéal™ Storm Booster CRS for DCA was incorrectly provided warning label artwork that is noncompliant with FMVSS 213, which was then used in production on the specific lot being recalled. All other lots of the babidéal™ Storm Booster CRS were produced with a compliant warning label and were imported and sold using different model numbers to a different retailer.

See image below of the warning label location on the product.




The noncompliant label found on the recalled lot of products is shown in the image below.


Belt-Positioning Booster:



40-100 lbs
(18.1-45.4 kg)
43-57 in.
(110.1-144.8 cm)



DO NOT USE
with lap belt
only.



DO NOT
place
shoulder belt
under the
armrest.

! WARNING!


Children have suffered head injuries, including skull fractures, after falling with or from booster seats.

- Check that booster seat is securely attached to adult chair before each use.
- Always use restraints until child is able to get in and out of booster without help. Adjust to fit snugly. • Never allow child to push away from table. • Never lift and carry child in booster seat. • Stay near and watch your child during use. • ALWAYS fasten seat and back straps securely to adult chair. • This booster seat is only to be used with standard kitchen or dining room chairs. NEVER use this product as a car seat or bath seat, on a tabletop, stool, swivel chair, or any other seating surface where the straps cannot secure it properly. Prevent serious injury or death. Do not use in motor vehicles.


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The label that is present on all other lots of the babidéal™ Storm Booster CRS which complies with FMVSS 213 and will be present on the free replacement fabric pads which will be sent to owners and purchasers as the recall remedy is shown in the image below.


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DO NOT USE
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DO NOT
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under the
armrest.

! WARNING!
DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY
can occur:

- Use only with children who weigh between 40 and 100 pounds (18.1 and 45.4 kg) and whose height is between 43 and 57 inches (110.1 and 144.8 cm), and who are at least 4 years old. • Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this booster seat. • Secure this child restraint with a vehicle belt. • Follow all instructions on this child restraint and in the written instructions located under the pad on side of shell. • Register your child restraint with the manufacturer. • DO NOT USE this child restraint if the tops of your child's ears are above the top of the vehicle's seat back or vehicle's headrest.

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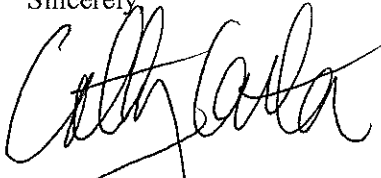
DCA has confirmed that there are currently no open orders for the babidéal™ Storm Booster at the contract manufacturer. DCA has requested the contract manufacturer to destroy all printed labels and artwork files for the noncompliant warning label. If new orders will be placed for the product in the future, DCA will confirm the compliant labels are used in production.

Family Dollar Stores were contacted by DCA to stop sale of all babidéal™ Storm Boosters in their possession on 10/16/2019.

In anticipation of NHTSA's immediate approval of the customer notification letter, DCA will begin the recall program as soon as the free replacement fabric covers with the compliant FMVSS 213 label are available. DCA anticipates sending the notification letter and free replacement fabric covers to registered owners no later than 12/9/2019.

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter sent to the retailer, Family Dollar Stores.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Carter', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Cathy Carter

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