

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

23C-004

Manufacturer Name : Baby Trend, Inc.

Submission Date : MAY 25, 2023

NHTSA Recall No. : 23C-004

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Baby Trend, Inc.

Address : 13048 Valley Blvd

Fontana CA 92335

Company phone : 909-773-0018

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 2,600

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Child Restraint Information :

Make 1 : Baby Trend

Model : Hybrid 3-in-1 Combination Booster Seat - Desert Blue

Seat Type : BOOSTER SEAT

Model No. : FB49E14A 12/21

Platform Name / No. : FB49E14A

Brand Name : Baby Trend

Descriptive Information : Production Lot of 2600

Production Dates : DEC 06, 2021 - DEC 06, 2021

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : This report involves a reported technical noncompliance that the webbing used to secure the child restraint system to a vehicle's lower anchorages did not comply with the minimum initial breaking strength in FMVSS No. 213 S5.4.1.2 (a). This was without verification due to use of a test fixture with apparatus (grips) that cannot be determined to meet the specifications set forth in NHTSA's regulation and Test Protocol.

FMVSS 1 : 213 - Child restraint systems

FMVSS 2 : 209 - Seat belt assemblies

Description of the Safety Risk : Due to such reported technical noncompliance, If the webbing became frayed, which could reduce its strength, it may fail to restrain the seat if only installed using the lower anchor Latch strap in the event of a vehicle crash posing a risk of injury.

Description of the Cause : Non specification webbing used with some production within the identified production lot not currently sold.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Involved Components :

Component Name : Lower Anchorage Webbing Assembly

Component Description : Webbing

Component Part Number : N/A

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Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

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Country : NR

Chronology :

6/6/22, received NHTSA email alleging noncompliance based upon testing by NHTSA contracted lab SGS; Halted production and distribution of identified lot while investigated. All like product in the supply chain 100% checked and verified compliant prior to resuming distribution; 6/16-17 Calspan tests; frontal, oblique and far side to 64 kph delta V and 32g peak. 6/23/22 webbing testing at SGS. 6/28/22 meeting with NHTSA to discuss results and confidential test data. 6/29/22 requested extension of time to respond; granted to 7/15/22. 7/1/22 determination of inconsequential, alleged technical noncompliance based upon erroneous testing by SGS, not affecting crashworthiness; 7/6/22 573 Report submitted based upon assumed validity of testing. Report proved not to be applicable do to invalid testing; 8/1/22 Petition for Determination of Inconsequential Non-compliance filed; 10/1/22 expert inspects pictures of SGS Grips used for NHTSA commissioned testing which reveals suspected lab nonadherence to FMVSS 213 & 209 test procedure and fixture specification s; 1/31/23 Company tests at SGS with expert noting lab nonadherence to NHTSA-required test procedure; thereafter experts reviews test fixture for compliance to required regulations noting nonadherence; 2/21/23 NHTSA Denies Petition for Determination of Inconsequential Non-compliance and stays filings pending meetings and qualified submission of CBI ; 2/27/23 Virtual meeting to disclose findings related original testing by NHTSA lab SGS; 3/7/23 In person meeting to disclose findings and address questions; 3/24/23 Ambiguities in existing regulations uncovered as Company attempts to procure its own fixture and finds it is impossible to do so; 3/27/23 Inquiry seeking clarification of fixture specifications from

NHTSA to resolve ambiguities; 4/13/23 NHTSA Counsel Notified Company that its stay on action expires on 4/14/23 and requests a new 573 Report be filed resulting in this filing with a disclaimer as to noncompliance.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Baby Trend, Inc. is recalling from consumers a specific LATCH assembly strap on certain past production of 2,600 Baby Trend Hybrid 3-in-1 car seat, model number FB49E14A, 12/06/2021 date coded product only. No current retail or online inventory is involved. The LATCH webbing strap allegedly failed the minimum initial breaking strength requirements under Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 209. Most importantly, Baby Trend has received ZERO reports of incidents in connection with the use of the car seats subject of this recall. Owners can continue to safely use the car seat as instructed and should replace the LATCH assembly as soon as the replacement strap becomes available from the Company. The vehicle seat belt may also be used safely in lieu of the LATCH assembly as outlined in the current product instruction manual.

Baby Trend will directly provide owners with a replacement LATCH assembly strap free of charge. Owner notification letters will be mailed within 60 days of publication. In the meantime, owners of the specific model and date code can visit the Baby Trend website and click the "Recall and Safety Notices" button for more information and Owners of the specific model and date code should register their car seats online at <https://babytrend.com/pages/product-registration> if they have not already done so. For additional questions, please email to info@babytrend.com.

1. Baby Trend will replace the suspected technical noncomplying LATCH webbing assembly with a webbing assembly that meets all FMVSS 209 requirements.
2. Baby Trend will send a recall notice directly to all registered owners of the suspect car seats. The recall notice will advise owners of the recall and inform them that a replacement assembly will be sent to them free of charge when it becomes available.
 - a. Baby Trend will send the replacement assembly with a cover letter directly to all registered owners once they become available.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : 1. Baby Trend will send owner notification letters along with replacement Latch assemblies and instructions to all registered owners on 6/30/2023.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAY 25, 2023 - MAY 25, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 26, 2023 - JUL 03, 2023

Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : NR

Address : NR

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Country : NR

Company Phone : NR

* NR - Not Reported