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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. ⁴~~01E~~-019 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: April 26, 2001

MANUFACTURER: Evenflo Company, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Russel Buston
Director of Product Safety

FAX: 937-415-3127

SUBJECT: 3,756,910 Evenflo Joyride® infant restraints manufactured and sold in the United States from January 1988 through December 1998 model numbers beginning with 203, 205, 210, 435, and 493. When the infant restraint is used as a carrier (outside of a motor vehicle), the handle locks on each side of the restraint can unexpectedly release, causing the seat to flip forward. The Joyride® infant restraint was sometimes sold together with a detachable convenience base as a Travel Tandem™, and was sometimes sold as a travel system (together with a matching stroller.) If the carry handle were to unexpectedly release, the child could be thrown to the ground, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

If you have any questions, please call:

Kelly Schuler, Safety Defect Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief
at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX (202) 366-7882
Defect and Recall Information Analysis Division

Faxed on 5/1/01

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Mr. Russell Butson
Director of Product Safety
Evenflo Company, Inc.
707 Crossroads Court
Vandalia, OH 45377

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Dear Mr. Butson:

We have reviewed Evenflo Company, Inc.'s (Evenflo) Defect Information Report dated April 26, 2001, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 3,756,910 Evenflo Joyride® infant restraints manufactured and sold in the United States from January 1988 through December 1998 model numbers beginning with 203, 205, 210, 435, and 493. When the infant restraint is used as a carrier (outside of a motor vehicle), the handle locks on each side of the restraint can unexpectedly release, causing the seat to flip forward. The Joyride® infant restraint was sometimes sold together with a detachable convenience base as a Travel Tandem™, and was sometimes sold as a travel system (together with a matching stroller.) If the carry handle were to unexpectedly release, the child could be thrown to the ground, possibly resulting in serious injury or death. *The assigned NHTSA identification number for this campaign is 01E-019.*

Evenflo is responsible for the remedy of this equipment from this date forward, regardless of age or ownership. This safety recall campaign is the result an investigation, EA01-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The calendar quarter began on April 1 and ends on June 30, 2001. Since owner notification will begin during this time period, your first quarterly report is due in this office by July 30, 2001.

The following chart provides due dates for each of the six quarterly reports.

<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>QUARTER BEGINS</u>	<u>QUARTER ENDS</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
1 st Quarter	April 1, 2001	June 30, 2001	July 30, 2001
2 nd Quarter	July 1, 2001	September 30, 2001	October 30, 2001
3 rd Quarter	October 1, 2001	December 31, 2001	January 30, 2002
4 th Quarter	January 1, 2002	March 31, 2002	April 30, 2002
5 th Quarter	April 1, 2002	June 30, 2002	July 30, 2002
6 th Quarter	July 1, 2002	September 30, 2002	October 30, 2002

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Defect and Recall Information Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
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