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01E-025

Dear Mr. Rice:

We have reviewed the Defect Information Report submitted on behalf of Graco Children's Products, Inc. (Century), dated June 1, 2001, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 6,509 Century Convertible child seats equipped with an A-Lok assembly shipped between April 9 and May 10, 2001. The models are: Encore (44612 GTn and 4662 WSC 01); Bravo (44622 LTG, 44630 LTH, 44631 PFN, and 44662 WSC); Accel (45100 CHT, 45100 MTE, 45100 STH, 45200 LFT, 45200 MXM, 45600 JTI, 45600 MTE, 45600 MTO, 45600 MXM, 45600 SAF, 45700 GSD, and 45700 LFT); and Smartmove (44709 MTE and 44709 SVR). The A-Loks on these seats may allow the webbing to slip. In the event of a vehicle crash, the child may not be properly restrained, possibly resulting in serious injury or death. *The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 00E-058.*

Century is responsible for the remedy of this equipment from this date forward, regardless of age or ownership.

#### QUARTERLY STATUS 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 begins. The current calendar quarter began on July 1 and ends on September 30, 2001. Since notification began late in the second quarter, Century's first quarterly report will be due in this office by October 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 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	July 1, 2001	September 30, 2001	October 30, 2001
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	October 1, 2001	December 31, 2001	January 30, 2002

3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	January 1, 2002	March 31, 2002	April 30, 2002
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	April 1, 2002	June 30, 2002	July 30, 2002
5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	July 1, 2002	September 30, 2002	October 30, 2002
6 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	October 1, 2002	December 31, 2002	January 30, 2003

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

Sincerely,

*J. S.*  
 Jonathan D. White, Chief  
 Defects and Recall Information Analysis Division  
 Office of Defects Investigation  
 Safety Assurance

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF  
DEALER/OWNER NOTIFICATION DOCUMENTS  
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 577.6**

Assigned Recall No. 01E-025 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**JUL 10 2001**

**Part 577 Report Date:** July 9, 2001

**MANUFACTURER:** Graco Children's Products, Inc.

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT:** Ms. Barbara J. Riggins, Manager Legal Affairs  
Mr. Paul Jackson Rice, Counsel for  
Graco Children's Product, Inc.

**FAX:** 610-286-2894/202-857-6395

**SUBJECT:** 6,509 Century Convertible child seats equipped with an A-Lok assembly shipped between April 9 and May 10, 2001. The models are: Encore (44612 GTn and 4662 WSC 01); Bravo (44622 LTG, 44630 LTH, 44631 PFN, and 44662 WSC); Accel (45100 CHT, 45100 MTE, 45100 STH, 45200 LFT, 45200 MXM, 45600 JTI, 45600 MTE, 45600 MTO, 45600 MXM, 45600 SAF, 45700 GSD, and 45700 LFT); and Smartmove (44709 MTE and 44709 SVR). The A-loks on these seats may allow the webbing to slip. In the event of a vehicle crash, the child may not be properly restrained, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.

**NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS**

We have reviewed Graco's purposed owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. In the third paragraph, please remove the word "small" from the sentence. In accordance with Part 577, this is considered a disclaimer because it diminishes the significance of the safety recall.

Also, a paragraph should be added to describe to the consumer exactly what Graco will do to correct this safety defect.

Once you have made these edits, please provide us with another draft for review.

If you have any questions, please call:

Kelly Schuler, Safety Defects Analyst on (202) 366-5227  
or Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226  
or by FAX (202) 366-7882  
Defects and Recall Information Analysis Division  
Faxed 6/10/01

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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF  
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

**Assigned Recall No. 01E-025 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

Part 573 Report Date: June 1, 2001

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Manufacturer Contact: Ms. Barbara J. Riggins, Manager Legal Affairs  
Mr. Paul Jackson Rice, Counsel for Graco Children's Product, Inc.

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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.

**NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS**

*In accordance with Part 577, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted to this office for review prior to mailing.*

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