

## Century Products

Dear Valued Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Century Products has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the Century convertible child seat.

Our records indicate that you are a registered owner of a Century convertible child seat. We hope that the child seat has served you well.

A number of child seats were manufactured with defective a-locks. The a-lock is the harness adjustment locking mechanism that was supplied to Century by a third party supplier.

The harness adjustment locking mechanism on the affected models may allow the harness webbing to slip through the device during a serious motor vehicle collision when the restraint system is in the forward facing mode. The child may not be properly restrained, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.

To check if your harness adjustment locking mechanism is affected, look at the rear of the child seat, on the crossover point of the seat belt, you will see a white tag with the imprint IMMI on it. The second line printed on the tag begins with the word Lot ID # followed by an 8 digit number. ONLY lot # 637571-01 is affected.

If your child seat lot # is affected, please call Century Consumer Affairs at 1-800-445-6881 so that Century may send you a replacement car seat and make arrangements to have the affect car seat repaired.

If you have given the car seat to someone else, please forward this notice to the new owner.

You may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 if you believe that Century has failed or is unable to remedy without charge within a reasonable time.

Thank you for using Century products.

**GRACO.**Children's Products  
P.O. Box 100 Elverson PA 19320

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**IMPORTANT SAFETY ALERT – CENTURY BRAND  
CONVERTIBLE CHILD SEATS**

Dear Graco Retail Buyer:

A press release is scheduled to be issued on Monday June 18, 2001 announcing the recall of certain Century brand convertible car seats. Graco Children's Products Inc. is reworking certain models which may be in retailers inventory and is also recalling certain models which may be with consumers.

6,509 Century brand Encore, Bravo, Accel and Smartmove convertible child seats shipped between April 10 and May 10, 2001 with certain model numbers are affected.

The models which may be involved are: Encore 44612 GTN and 4662 WSC01; Bravo 44622 LTG, 44630 LTH, 44631 PFN and 44662 WSC; Accel 45100 CHT, 45100 MTE, 45100 STH, 45200 MXM, 45600 JTL, 45600 MTE, 45600 MTO, 45600 MXM, 45600 SAF, 45700 GSD, and 45700 LFT; and Smartmove 44709 MTE and 44709 SVR.

Consumers who own a Century brand convertible child seat should call the toll-free number, 1-800-575-6097 to determine if their product is affected.

Your cooperation in helping to notify parents and caregivers is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Graco Children's Products Inc.

## **Century Products**

In cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Century Products announces a recall of 6,509 convertible child seats equipped with an A-lok assembly shipped between April 10, and May 10, 2001.

The models are: Encore (44612 GTN and 4662 WSC01); Bravo (44622 LTG, 44630 LTH, 44631 PFN and 44662 WSC), and Accel (45100 CHT, 45100 MTE, 45100 STH, 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 harness adjustment locking mechanism on the affected restraint system models may allow the harness webbing to slip through the device during a serious motor vehicle collision when the convertible restraint system is in the forward facing mode. The child may not be properly restrained, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.

Consumers with Century car seats manufactured between April 9, 2001 and May 10, 2001 should contact Century at **1 800 575 6097** regarding the arrangements to replace the car seat. Consumers should have the model name, model number and date of manufacture of the car seat when making the call to the company. The information is located on the label adhered to the car seat.

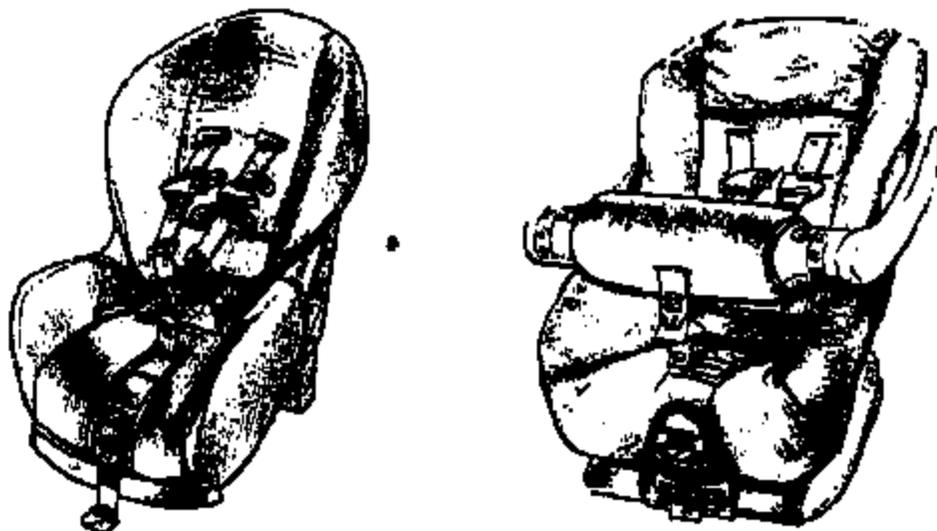
Consumers with questions about this recall campaign should call NHTSA's toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 or visit NHTSA's web site: [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov).

# **SAFETY RECALL**

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## **Encore, Bravo, Accel and Smartmove Convertible Child Seats**

The harness adjustment locking mechanism may allow the harness webbing to slip during a serious motor vehicle collision when the restraint system is forward facing.



6,509 units shipped between April 10 and May 10, 2001 with certain model numbers are affected. Contact Century to determine if your restraint system is affected.

**1-800-575-6097**

**[www.centuryproducts.com](http://www.centuryproducts.com)**

**Post Until October 31, 2002**