



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

January 20, 2016

Mr. Ken Wittenauer
Britax Child Safety, Inc.
13501 South Ridge Drive
Charlotte, NC 28273

NVS-215KS
16C-001

Subject: Carry Handle May Crack and Fracture

Dear Mr. Wittenauer:

This letter serves to acknowledge Britax Child Safety, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

BRITAX/B-SAFE 35/9999
BRITAX/B-SAFE 35 ELITE/9999
BRITAX/B-SAFE 35 TRAVEL SYSTEM/9999

Mfr's Report Date: January 8, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16C-001

Components:

CHILD SEAT:HANDLE (INFANT)

Potential Number of Units Affected: 71,454

Problem Description:

Britax Child Safety, Inc. (Britax) is recalling certain B-Safe 35 child seats, models E9LU65M, E9LU65P, E9LU63F, E9LU66R, E9LS63F and EXLU65M, B-Safe 35 Elite child seats, models E9LS55T, E9LS56P, E9LS55U, E9LS66C and E9LS65U, and B-Safe 35 Travel Systems, models S914900, S915400, S915200, S921900 and S01635200, manufactured October 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015. The affected child restraints have handles that may develop cracks in, under, and around, the carry handle grip. The cracks may lead to the handle fracturing and the seat falling while being carried.

Consequence:

If the seat falls, there is an increased risk of injury to the infant in the child restraint.

Remedy:

Britax will notify all registered owners, and will ship them a remedy kit that includes a carry handle reinforcing bracket, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 22, 2016. Owners may contact Britax customer service at 1-800-683-2045 or Britax.Recall@Britax.com.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



We have received Britax's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement