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TRAVEL VEST GEN 5

Use beyond DOM of 11/2024



Model Numbers:
JD14001XXX



SIZE - EXTRA SMALL

For Children 26.5 to 40 lbs.
30-45 inches (76-114cm)

(12 to 18 kg for international)
and at least 2 years of age.

- Keep this manual for future use.
 - Store in pocket located on right front panel of vest.
- <https://ridesafer.net/>

Registration Information:

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Please register your child restraint by filling out and sending the postage-paid registration card that came with your child restraint.

Safe Traffic System, Inc.
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or call +01-847-233-0365 or fax +01-847-233-0384
or register online at <http://ridesafer.net/product-registration/>

For recall information:

- Call the U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153)
- Go to www.NHTSA.gov
- Call Safe Traffic System, Inc. at +01-847-233-0365
- Log onto <https://ridesafer.net/>

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⚠ WARNING: DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- Failure to follow these instructions and vest labels may result in the child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash.
- Use only for children who weigh between 26.5 to 40 lbs (12 to 18 kg internationally) and are at least 2 years old.
- Snugly adjust the vest and vehicle seat belts around the child. Refer to the seat belt adjustment instructions in the vehicle owner's manual.
- A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.
- Always position and snugly adjust the lap belt first, then adjust the top tether or shoulder belt. The lap belt must be positioned low on the hips, contacting the thighs, not the abdomen.
- LAP BELT ONLY USE:
 - Secure with the top tether strap and lap belt only.
 - Always fasten and snugly adjust the top tether strap provided with this child restraint, as specified in this instruction manual.
- LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USE:
 - The shoulder belt must always be positioned on the child's shoulder—never under the arm or behind the back.
 - Using the tether with the lap and shoulder belt is highly recommended.
- NEVER use only a lap belt without the top tether or shoulder belt.
- For the best protection for children between 2 and 4 years old, use this vest together with the TravelSmarter® Booster Seat.
- Follow all instructions in this manual and the labels on the child restraint.
- Register your child restraint with the manufacturer online or by postcard.
- DO NOT use the vest, top tether, or crotch strap after a crash unless all conditions for reuse are met as outlined in the "Re-use After a Crash" section.

SAFETY CHECK LIST

- ✓ Read and understand the instruction manual and vest labels.
- ✓ The child must be at least 2 years old and weigh at least 26.5 lbs (12 kg).
- ✓ Position and snugly adjust the lap belt first, then adjust the top tether or shoulder belt.
- ✓ The lap belt must be flat on the thighs or low on the hips, never across the abdomen.
- ✓ **LAP BELT USE:** Always use the top tether when using the vest with a lap-only belt.
- ✓ **LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USE:** Never place the shoulder belt under the child's arm or behind the child.
- ✓ Use the tether whenever possible.
- ✓ Secure the child in the back seat whenever possible.
- ✓ The top of the child's ears must be below the top of the vehicle seat back.
- ✓ Never leave the child unattended.
- ✓ Discontinue use when the child's weight exceeds 40 pounds (18 kg).
- ✓ Do not allow anyone (babysitter, relatives, etc.) to use the travel vest without first understanding all instructions.
- ✓ Add-on child restraint systems should be securely belted to the vehicle, even when they are not occupied, since in a crash an unsecured child restraint system may injure other occupants.
- ✓ Discontinue use after 5 years from the date of purchase.

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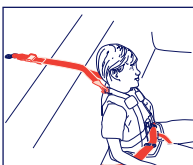
HEIGHT & WEIGHT INFORMATION

- Requirements for Use:
 - Weight: 26.5 to 40 lbs (12 to 18 kg)
 - Height: 30 to 45 inches (76 to 114 cm)
 - At least 2 years old

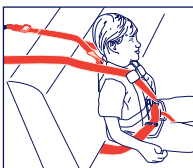
- Proper Fit of Vest on Child:
 - The vest **MUST** be adjusted to fit snugly around the child's chest.
 - The bottom front flaps of the vest must lie flat on the child's thighs.

- For Best Positioning:
 - If your child is between 2 and 4 years old, use this vest together with the TravelSmarter® Booster Seat.
 - The top tether is required when using a lap-only belt and recommended when using a lap and shoulder belt.

- Discontinue Use When:
 - The vest is too small to fit snugly around the child's chest.
 - The bottom of the front panels does not make contact with the top of the child's thighs when seated.



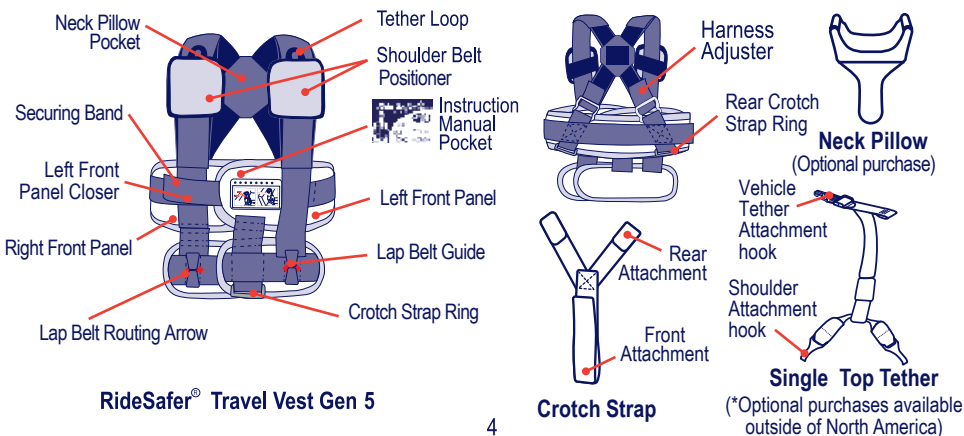
Use with top tether and lap belt only.



Use with a top tether, lap belt, and shoulder belt.

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RIDESAFER TRAVEL VEST & PARTS



RideSafer® Travel Vest Gen 5

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Crotch Strap

SELECTING A VEHICLE SEATING LOCATION

The RideSafer® Travel Vest is designed for use with either a vehicle lap belt and top tether or a vehicle lap and shoulder belt. Use of the top tether is highly recommended whenever possible.

How the vest is used depends on the vehicle seat location, the seat belt system, and the availability of a top tether anchorage in the vehicle.

- Refer to the vehicle owner's manual to determine the type of seat belts available and whether a top tether anchor is present. If a top tether anchor is not available in a seating location, one may be added. Consult the vehicle owner's manual or contact the vehicle dealer for more information.
- Refer to the vehicle owner's manual for guidelines on securing children and proper vehicle seat belt use. Review and follow the information below before using the vest.

Seating Locations:

In a vehicle with rear designated seating positions, according to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions than in the front seating positions.

Seating Locations That Can Not be Used

1. Low Vehicle Seat Back:

- Do not use seating locations where the top of the vehicle seat back is below the top of the child's ears.

Top of vehicle seat below top of ears

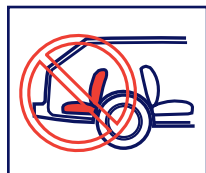


2. Seats Facing the Side or Rear:

- DO NOT use seating locations that face the rear or sides of the vehicle.



Side Facing Vehicle Seats



Rear Facing Vehicle Seat

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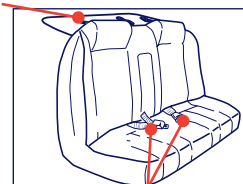
Vehicle Seat Belts:

1. Lap Belts:

Vehicle Seating Locations With Only a Lap Belt:

- A seating location equipped with only a lap belt must also have a top tether anchor.
- DO NOT use seating locations with a lap belt only unless a top tether anchor is installed.

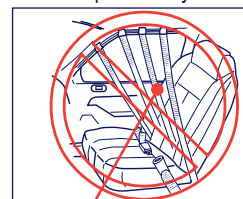
Top Tether Anchor



Lap Belt Only

2. Passive Restraint Systems: Motorized Shoulder Belts:

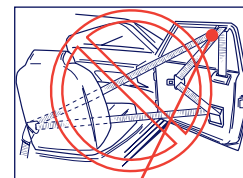
- DO NOT use seating locations equipped with motorized shoulder belts.
- Door-Mounted Lap and Shoulder Belts:
 - DO NOT use front seating locations where seat belts are mounted to the door.



Motorized Shoulder Belt

3. LATCH Anchorage System (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children):

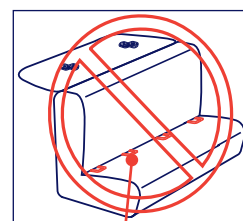
- DO NOT use the vehicle's lower anchorages of the LATCH system with this vest.



Belts Mounted To Front Door

⚠ WARNING ⚠

Avoid serious injury or death: DO NOT use the vest with vehicle lower anchorages from the Child Restraint Anchorage System (LATCH System).



Lower Anchorages

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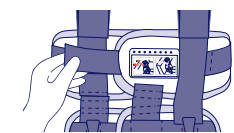
SECURING VEST ON CHILD

- This vest is designed for use with children who weigh between 26.5 to 40 lbs (12 to 18 kg for international) and at least 2 years of age.

⚠️WARNING⚠️

- Snugly adjust vest around child.
- Discontinue to use vest when:
 - Vest is too small to fit around child's chest.
 - Bottom of front panels do not lie flat and contact child's thighs when seated.

To Open Vest:



Detach Velcro and pull to open



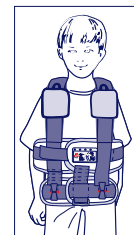
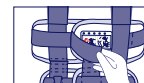
Keep pulling the velcro
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Pull all the way to open completely

Place Vest On Child:

- Detach Velcro and pull to open
 - Place vest behind child's back and insert child's arms through arm openings of vest.
 - Close vest by placing left front panel over right front panel
 - Pull up to close vest.
- Attach the crotch strap to the front crotch strap ring, route the belt between the child's legs. Attach the 2 rear loops to the rear crotch strap rings by opening the Velcro, feeding the webbing through the rings and securing the Velcro closed.

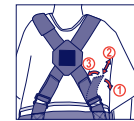


Place Neck Pillow On Vest: (optional)

Locate neck pillow pocket at back of vest. Place neck pillow into pocket. Position neck pillow to support child's neck by adjusting inserting depth.

To Adjust Harness Height:

Disengage fabric fastener on back of vest ①, adjust length of harness belts as needed ②, and secure harness belts with fabric fasteners ③.



SECURING CHILD IN VEHICLE

⚠️WARNING⚠️ DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- To avoid injury, this restraint, vehicle belts, and top tether should be secured and adjusted by an adult. NEVER allow child to buckle or adjust belts.
- Snugly adjust the vehicle seat belt around child according to the instructions in the vehicle owner's manual.
 - Vehicle lap belt must be low on hips and contacting the thighs. An improperly positioned vehicle lap belt can cause serious abdominal injury or death.
 - Do not allow child to slide down in vehicle seat which could position vehicle lap belt across child's abdomen or shoulder belt over neck or face.
 - Vehicle belts MUST be flat against child and MUST NOT be twisted.

Securing Child With Vehicle Top Tether and Lap Belt

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- Always use top tether and crotch strap when using a lap belt only.
- Never use vest with only a lap belt.
- Position and snugly adjust lap belt, then attach and snugly adjust top tether.
- DO NOT over tighten top tether. Over tightening the top tether can raise the vehicle lap belt up on child's abdomen exposing the child to the risk of abdominal injury in a crash.
- Only use the top tether provided with this travel vest. Do NOT use top tether with other products.

- Locate end of tether with single tether hook and belt adjuster. Attach single tether hook to the vehicle top tether anchorage behind the seating location where child will be seated.
- Position child on vehicle seat with child's bottom and back against vehicle seat back cushion.
- Route lap belt through both lap belt guides at lower edge of vest front panels and over child's thighs. Snugly adjust lap belt. Lap belt MUST contact thighs, and should not be positioned up on abdomen.
- Attach the two tether hooks on the free end of the top tether strap, to the tether loops located at the top of the shoulders.
- Snugly adjust top tether to remove all slack.
- Check that vehicle lap belt is low on child's hips, touching the top of the thighs. If vehicle lap belt is not low on the hips, touching the top of the thighs, loosen top tether, retighten vehicle lap belt, and then snugly adjust tether again.



Top Tether Anchorage
Lap Belt and Tether

To remove child from top tether and lap belt:

- Loosen top tether and unhook tether hooks from both shoulders.
- Unbuckle and remove vehicle lap belt from lap belt guides at bottom of front panels of vest.

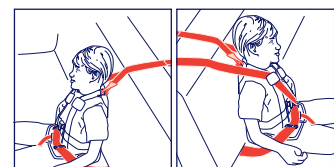
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Securing Children with Lap and Shoulder Belt with Tether

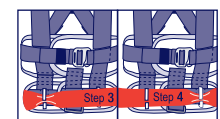
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- Use in this mode only with the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt. DO NOT use with a lap belt only or lower anchorages of the LATCH system.
- Position and snugly adjust lap belt, then position and adjust shoulder belt.
 - Lap belt must be low on hips, flat and contacting thighs.
 - Shoulder belt must be centered over shoulder (NOT up on neck or low, off shoulder).
 - Do not use shoulder belt loose, positioned under child's arms, or behind child.

- Position child on vehicle seat with child's rump and back against vehicle seat back cushion.
- Route vehicle lap belt through both lap belt guides at lower edge of vest front panels and over child's thighs. Snugly adjust lap belt.
 - Lap belt MUST be low on hips and contacting thighs, should not be on abdomen.
- Open shoulder belt positioner cover.
- Snugly adjust shoulder belt and slide shoulder belt under tabs of shoulder belt positioner (see step 1).
 - See vehicle owner's manual for instructions on use and adjustment of the vehicle lap and shoulder belt.
- Check position of shoulder belt.
 - Shoulder belt should be in contact with child's chest.
 - Shoulder belt should be centered on child's shoulder, not contacting the neck or face or off shoulder. To relocate the shoulder belt, slide shoulder belt positioner up or down and retighten shoulder belt. Check position of shoulder belt again. If shoulder belt cannot be centered on child's shoulder, move child to another seating position.
- Close shoulder belt positioner cover (see step 2).
- Attach tether to shoulder belt by placing the hooks onto each tether loop on the shoulders then attach the end of the tether to the tether anchor directly behind the child's seating position.



Lap and Shoulder Belt
Shoulder belt positioner cover



Shoulder Belt Routing
Lap Belt Routing

To remove child from lap and shoulder belt:

- Open shoulder belt positioner cover and remove shoulder belt from shoulder belt positioner.
- Unlock and remove vehicle lap belt from lap belt guides at bottom of front panels of vests.

Note: When removing belt, pinch the belt and pull out.

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Pinch and Pull Out

RE-USE AFTER A CRASH

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- DO NOT allow any use of this child restraint after a crash unless crash and child restraint meet ALL conditions in this "Re-use After A Crash" section. Do not sell or allow others to use a child restraint that has been in a crash and does not comply with ALL of these conditions.
- This child restraint must be destroyed and replaced if it does not comply with ALL conditions defined by the NHTSA and Safe Traffic System, Inc.

Child restraints are often damaged in vehicle crashes and in many cases, the child restraint must be destroyed and replaced. However, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Safe Traffic System advise that if a child restraint has been used in a minor crash that the child restraint can continue to be used with your child if the crash, vest and top tether meet all of the conditions listed on both the NHTSA and Safe Traffic System websites.

The materials used to construct the RideSafer Travel Vest and top tether are designed to deform and absorb energy during a crash. The vest must be fully inspected after a minor crash to identify which components need to be replaced. This information can be found on the Safe Traffic System website.

For NHTSA information on car seat re-use after a crash, check the NHTSA website at: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/car-seats-and-booster-seats/car-seat-use-after-crash>

For additional information from Safe Traffic System on re-use of the RideSafer® after a crash and for replacement parts, check the Safe Traffic System website at: www.safetrafficsystem.com

Damage to child restraints may be difficult to see or it may be difficult to verify the damage to the child restraint. For those situations where any of the NHTSA Child Restraint Re-Use criteria has not been met, or if there is uncertainty whether damage to the child restraint has occurred, NHTSA and Safe Traffic System advise parents or caregivers to contact their automobile insurance company regarding its policy on replacement of child restraints. Using any child restraint when uncertain whether it is damaged puts your child at risk for injury or death.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Top Tether And Anchorage Information:

- Use of top tether is required when using a vehicle lap belt only and recommended with lap and shoulder belt.
- Proper tether anchor hardware is required in the vehicle. Check vehicle owner's manual, call your vehicle dealer or call Safe Traffic System, Inc. for information on tether anchorages and hardware.
- If your vehicle dealer is unable to assist you or you have additional questions, call the vehicle manufacturer or Safe Traffic System, Inc.

Certification:

- Motor Vehicle** - This child restraint conforms to all Federal motor vehicle safety standards.
- Aircraft** - This Restraint is Not Certified For Use in Aircraft.

Using with TravelSmarter® Booster Seat

RideSafer® Travel Vest can be used with TravelSmarter® Booster Seat to increase convenience. In order to use TravelSmarter® Booster Seat with RideSafer® Travel Vest, please follow the directions and warning included with TravelSmarter® Booster Seat. The weight range requirement defaults to the weight requirement on the RideSafer® Travel Vest.

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Always follow direction of TravelSmarter® Booster Seat and RideSafer® Travel Vest to avoid any injury by impact in case of accident or sudden stop.

Emergency Escape (One Touch Escape System use mode)

- Step by Step for Lap Shoulder Belt use Mode** Step 1- Unlock the vehicle seat belt buckle and quickly remove vehicle lap and shoulder belt from belt guides of the vest by pulling forcefully up through the guides. Step 2- Exit from the vehicle wearing the vest
- Escape Step by Step for Lap & Tether use Mode** Step 1- Loosen top tether and remove tether hook from both shoulders. Step 2- Hold unbuckled vehicle lap belt and quickly remove the belt from the guides at bottom of front panels of the vest by pulling forcefully upward. Step 3- Exit out from the vehicle wearing the vest

Warm Weather:

- Some of the metal vest parts can get very hot in the sun or warm weather. To avoid burns, always check before putting child in vest.

Instruction Manual Storage:

- Store instruction manual in pocket located on front of right front panel of vest.

Care And Cleaning:

- Vest:** Spot clean with mild soap and water Air Dry. Or machine wash (vest only) in laundry bag with gentle detergent. Air Dry. Go to ridesafer.net/FAQ for detail.
- Locking Device:** Rinse with warm water. DO NOT use household detergents.
- Top Tether:** Surface wash with mild solution of soap and water. Air Dry.
- Crotch Belt:** Surface wash with mild solution of soap and water. Air Dry.

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