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TRAVEL VEST GEN 5

Use for Beyond DOM of 2024/11

Model Numbers:
JD14101XXX

- Keep this manual for future use.
- Store in pocket located on right front panel of vest.

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SIZE - SMALL

For Children 26.5 to 50 lbs and 34 to 49.2 inches (12 to 22.7 kg and 86 to 125 cm for international) and at least 3 years of age.

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 or mail to:

Safe Traffic System, Inc.
10201 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, IL 60131 USA
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), or go to www.NHTSA.gov.
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⚠ WARNING ⚠ DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

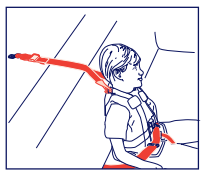
- Failure to follow these instructions and vest labels can result in child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash.
- Use only with children who weigh between 26.5 - 50 lbs (12 - 22.7 kg for international) and at least 3 years of age.
- Snugly adjust vest and vehicle seat belts around child. See seat belt adjustment instructions in 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 lap belt, then adjust tether or shoulder belt - Lap belt must be low on hips, contacting thighs, not on abdomen.
- **LAP BELT ONLY USE:**
  - Secure with tether and lap belt only.
  - Always secure and snugly adjust the tether provided with this child restraint as specified in this instruction manual.
- **LAP and SHOULDER BELT USE:**
  - Shoulder belt must always be positioned on child's shoulder. NOT under arm or behind back.
  - Use the tether whenever possible.
- NEVER use with ONLY a lap belt without tether or shoulder belt.
- Do not use with the vehicle lower anchors of the child restraint anchorage system or LATCH system.
- 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, tether or crotch strap after a crash unless all conditions for reuse are met in "Re-use After a Crash" section.

SAFETY CHECK LIST

- ✓ Read and understand the instruction manual and vest labels.
- ✓ Child is at least 3 years of age and weighs at least 26.5 lbs (12 kg for international).
- ✓ Position and snugly adjust lap belt, then adjust tether or shoulder belt.
- ✓ Lap belt must be flat on thighs or low on hips, not across the abdomen.
- ✓ **LAP BELT USE:** Always use tether when using the vest with a lap belt only.
- ✓ **LAP and SHOULDER BELT USE:** Never put shoulder belt under child's arm or behind child.
- ✓ Use tether whenever possible
- ✓ Secure child in back seat whenever possible.
- ✓ Top of child's ears must be below top of vehicle seat back.
- ✓ Never leave child unattended.
- ✓ Discontinue use when child's weight exceeds 50 lbs (22.7 kg for international).
- ✓ Do not allow anyone (babysitter, relatives, etc.) to use 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.

HEIGHT & WEIGHT INFORMATION

- Requirements for use:
  - Weight between 26.5 - 50 lbs (12 - 22.7 kg)
  - Height between 34 - 49.2 inches (86 - 125 cm)
  - At least 3 years of age
- Fit of vest on child:
  - Vest MUST adjust to fit snugly around child's chest
  - Bottom front flap of vest must be flat on the thighs of the child.
- Discontinue use when:
  - Vest is too small to fit around child's chest
  - Bottom of front panels do not contact top of child's thighs when seated
  - Child's weight exceeds 60 lbs (22.7 kg for international)



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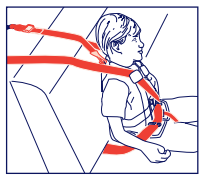
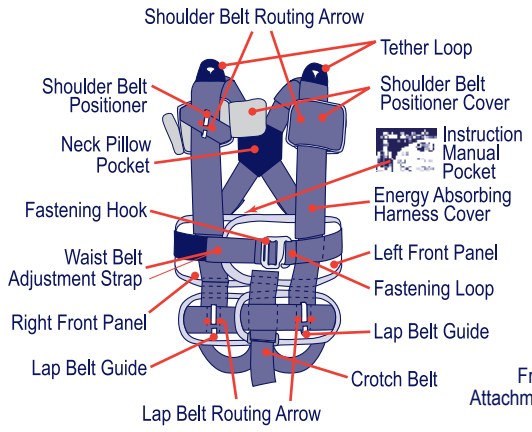
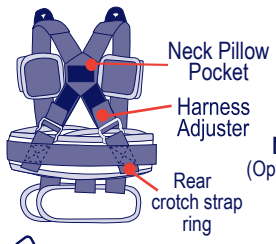


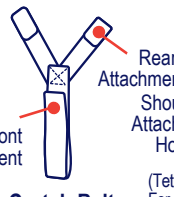
Use with tether, lap and shoulder belt.

RIDESAFER TRAVEL VEST & PARTS



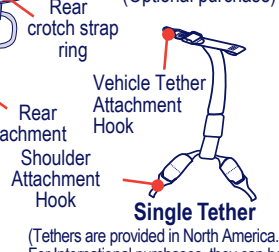
RideSafer® Travel Vest Gen-5





Crotch Belt

Neck Pillow
(Optional purchase)



Single Tether
(Tethers are provided in North America. For International purchases, they can be purchased as an accessory.)

SELECTING A VEHICLE SEATING LOCATION

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

How you use the vest depends on the vehicle seat location used, the vehicle seat belt system and availability of a tether anchor in the vehicle.

- Refer to vehicle owner's manual for the type of vehicle seat belts and availability of tether anchors. If the vehicle does not have a tether anchor in a seating location, a tether anchor may be added. Refer to vehicle owner's manual or contact vehicle dealer.
- Refer to vehicle owner's manual for information on securing children and vehicle seat belt use.

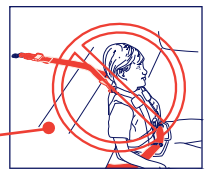
Review and follow the information below before using.

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 rather than in the front seating positions.

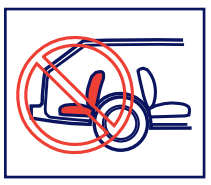
Seating Locations That Can Not be Used

1. **Low vehicle seat back.**
   - Do not use seating locations in which the top of vehicle seat back is below top of child's ears.



2. **Seats facing side or rear.**
   - DO NOT use seating locations that face the rear or sides of the vehicle.

Side Facing Vehicle Seats

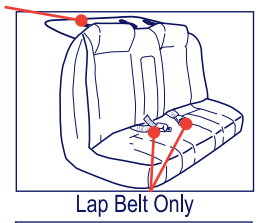


Rear Facing Vehicle Seat

Vehicle Seat Belts:

1. **Lap Belts:**

   Vehicle Seating Locations With Only A Lap Belt:
   - A seating location equipped with only a vehicle lap belt must also have a tether anchor.
   - DO NOT use seating locations with lap belt only that do not have tether anchors until a tether anchor has been installed.

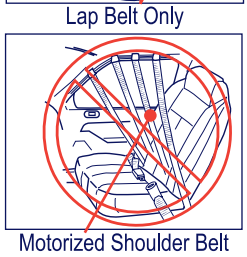


Lap Belt Only

2. **Passive Restraint Systems:**

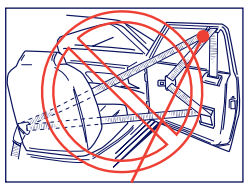
   Motorized Shoulder Belts:
   - DO NOT use seating locations with motorized shoulder belts.

   Door Mounted Lap And Shoulder Belt:
   - DO NOT use front seating locations where seat belts are mounted to the front door.

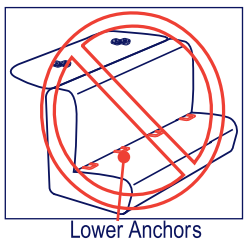


Motorized Shoulder Belt

3. **Child Restraint Anchorage System/LATCH**
   - DO NOT use the lower anchors of the vehicle child restraint anchorage system/LATCH with this vest.



Belts Mounted To Front Door



Lower Anchors

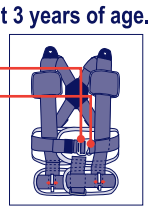
⚠ WARNING ⚠

Avoid serious injury or death: DO NOT use vest with vehicle lower anchors for the Child Restraint Anchorage System or LATCH System.

SECURING VEST ON CHILD

- **This vest is designed for use with children who weigh between 26.5 to 50 lbs (12 to 22.7 kg for international) and at least 3 years of age.**

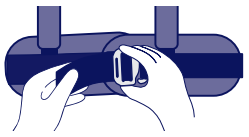
Fastening Hook
Fastening Loop



⚠WARNING⚠

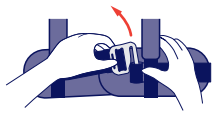
- **Snugly adjust vest around child.**
- **Discontinue use when:**
  - **Vest is too small to fit around child's chest.**
  - **Bottom of front panels do not lie flat and contact child's thighs when seated.**

To Open Vest:



Detach Velcro. Pull the fastening hook to loosen the waist belt.

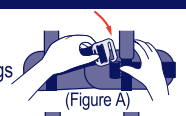
Push the fastening hook against the loop and rotate slightly upward to remove the arm of the hook from the loop.



Lift the fastening hook through the loop to remove.

Place Vest On Child:

- To lengthen belt: pull the fastening hook out of the loop.
- 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.
- Insert the fastening hook into the loop. (Figure A)
- Pull the adjustable belt snug and lock with Velcro to secure the fastening hook.(Figure B)
- If the child's hip size is smaller than the standard, it can be adjusted as shown in Figure C.
- 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.



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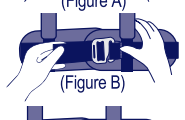
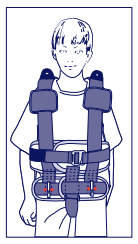
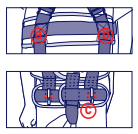


(Figure B)

(Figure C)



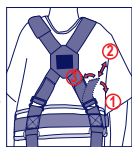


To Attach the Crotch Strap:

1. Open Velcro on all 3 ends.
2. Thread the 2 rear straps through plastic ring ⓐ then ring ⓑ on the back of the vest, then close Velcro.
3. Pass strap between child's legs.
4. Attach to ring ⓒ on the front bottom flap.

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

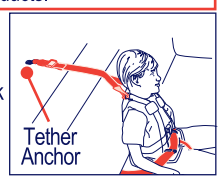
- To avoid injury, this restraint, vehicle belts, and tether should be secured and adjusted by an adult. NEVER allow child to buckle or adjust belts.
- Snugly adjust the vehicle seat belt around child according to the instructions in the vehicle owner's manual.
  - Vehicle lap belt must be low on hips 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 Tether and Lap Belt

⚠WARNING⚠
DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- Always use tether when using a lap belt only.
- Always use crotch strap.
- Never use vest with only a lap belt.
- Position and snugly adjust lap belt, then attach and snugly adjust tether.
- DO NOT over tighten tether. Over tightening the 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 tether provided with this travel vest. Do NOT use tether with other products.

1. Locate end of tether with single tether hook and belt adjuster. Attach single tether hook to the vehicle tether anchor behind the seating location where child will be seated.
2. Position child on vehicle seat with child's bottom and back against vehicle seat back cushion.
3. 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, should not be positioned up on abdomen.
4. Attach the shoulder attachment hooks on the free end of the tether strap, to the tether loops located at the top of the shoulders.
5. Snugly adjust tether to remove all slack.
6. 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 tether, retighten vehicle lap belt, and then snugly adjust tether again.



Lap Belt and Tether

To remove child from tether and lap belt:

1. Loosen tether and unhook shoulder attachment hooks from both shoulders.
2. Unbuckle and remove vehicle lap belt from lap belt guides at bottom of front panels of vest.

Securing Child with Lap and Shoulder Belt with Tether

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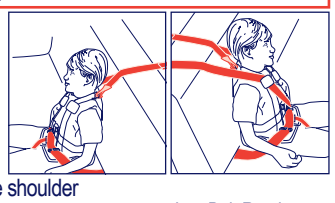
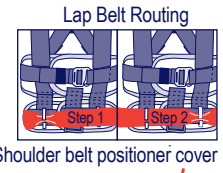
- Use in this mode only with the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt. DO NOT use with a lap belt only or lower anchors of the child restraint anchorage system.
- Position lap belt through guides, adjust to be snug and adjust shoulder belt.
  - Lap belt must be low on hips, flat and contacting thighs.
  - 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.

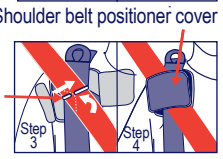
1. Position child on vehicle seat with child's bottom against vehicle seat back cushion.
2. Route vehicle lap belt guides on the bottom flap of the front panels as shown in steps 1 and 2. Snugly adjust the lap belt.
   - Lap belt MUST be low on hips and contacting thighs.
   - The lap belt should NOT be on the abdomen.
3. Open the shoulder belt positioner cover.
4. Snugly adjust shoulder belt and slide shoulder belt under the tabs of the shoulder belt guide, as shown in step 3.
   - Refer to the vehicle owner's manual for instructions on use and adjustment of the vehicle lap and shoulder belt.
5. Check position of the shoulder belt.
   - Shoulder belt should be in contact with the child's chest.
   - Shouder belt should be centered on child's shoulder.
   - Shoulder belt shoudl NOT be contacting the child's neck, face or be off the shoulder on the arm.
   - To relocate the shoulder belt, slide the belt positioner up or down, then retighten the shoulder belt to be snug.
   - Recheck the position of the shoulder belt. If the shoulder belt cannot be centered on the child's shoulder, move the child to another seating location.
6. Close the shoulder belt positioner cover as shown in step 4.
7. Attach the tether to the vest by placing the shoulder attachment hooks onto each tether loop on the shoulders, then attach the tether to the tether anchor directly behind the child's seating position.



Lap Belt Routing



Shoulder belt positioner cover



Shoulder Belt Routing

To remove child from lap and shoulder belt:

1. Open shoulder belt positioner cover and remove shoulder belt from shoulder belt positioner.
2. 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.

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.

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 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 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

Tether And Anchor Information:

- Use of tether is required when using a vehicle lap belt only and recommended with lap and shoulder belt.
- The tether hook on the tether that is provided with this child restraint is marked with a tether symbol, shown in this figure.
- You should look for a corresponding symbol in your vehicle to locate a tether anchor to attach the tether hook.
- See your vehicle owner's manual for more information on the child restraint anchorage system and location of the tether anchors in your vehicles.

(Tether Symbol)

Certification:

- **Motor Vehicle - This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.**
- **Aircraft -** This Restraint Is Not Certified For Use in Aircraft because aircraft seats do not have a tether anchor or shoulder belt that are needed for a safe install.

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)

1) 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. Step2- Exit from the vehicle wearing the vest

2) Escape Step by Step for Lap & Tether use Mode Step1- Loosen tether and remove shoulder attachment hooks 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. Step3- Exit out from the vehicle wearing the vest

- Discontinue use after 5 years from the date of purchase.

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.
- **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.