

Criteria for Purchase of Child Restraint Systems for the State of North Carolina

Following are specifications that must be met for child restraint systems (CRS) purchased with funding by the State of North Carolina:

Rear Facing Only (Infant Seats) Models

1. With the exception of comfort and convenience items¹, CRS must be ready to use out of the box with no assembly required.
2. Harness adjustment must be visible and accessible when installed².
3. Harness adjustment cannot require back-threading (re-looping) in order to lock the harness length.
4. Harness may be either 3-point or 5-point. No shields or harness shield combinations allowed.

Convertible Models

1. Upper weight limit for the rear-facing position must be at least 30 pounds.
2. With the exception of comfort and convenience items¹, CRS must be ready to use out of the box with no assembly required.
3. Harness adjustment must be visible and accessible when installed².
4. Harness adjustment cannot require back-threading (re-looping) in order to lock the harness length.
5. Harness may be either 5-point or T-shield.
6. Must be equipped with an attached tether with a tilt-lock adjustment for the tether. Single or double O-ring tether adjustments are prohibited.

Combination Models

1. With the exception of comfort and convenience items¹, CRS must be ready to use out of the box with no assembly required.
2. Harness adjustment must be visible and accessible when installed².
3. Harness adjustment cannot require back-threading (re-looping) in order to lock the harness length.
4. Harness may be either 5-point or T-shield.
5. Must be equipped with an attached tether with a tilt-lock adjustment for the tether. Single or double O-ring tether adjustments are prohibited.
6. Shoulder belt guide must be open loop or other design that does not restrict the movement of the shoulder belt through the guide.

High Back Belt Positioning Booster

1. With the exception of comfort and convenience items¹, CRS must be ready to use out of the box with no assembly required.
2. Shoulder belt guide must be open loop or other design that does not restrict the movement of the shoulder belt through the guide.

Backless Belt Positioning Booster

1. With the exception of comfort and convenience items¹, CRS must be ready to use out of the box with no assembly required.
2. Must be equipped with a shoulder belt guide.

NOTES

¹ Comfort and Convenience Items

- Detachable bases for installation of rear-facing only restraints. Bases that can be removed for use as a front-facing restraint are not included in this exclusion.
- Sunshade canopies
- Cup holders
- Head positioning accessories provided with the restraint

² Harness adjustment visible and accessible when installed, not out of sight or inside a compartment. When the CRS is used front facing, adjustment cannot be behind the CRS.

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