

# PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS

## 2007-2008 Hyundai Santa Fe / Veracruz Vehicles

**Description:** Hyundai is recalling certain model year 2007-2008 Santa Fe vehicles manufactured from April 19, 2006 through March 20, 2008, and 2007-2008 Veracruz vehicles manufactured from December 26, 2006 through March 21, 2008. The clock spring contact assembly for the driver's air bag supplemental restraint system may become damaged over time causing the driver's air bag electrical circuit to experience a high resistance condition.

**Hazard:** If the clock spring develops high resistance, in the event of a crash, the driver air bag will not deploy, increasing the risk of injuries.

**Remedy:** Hyundai dealers will replace the vehicle's driver's air bag clock spring contact assembly as necessary free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during September 2011. Owners may contact Hyundai Customer Connect Center at 1-800-633-5151.

## 2009-2011 Honda Pilot Vehicles

**Description:** Honda is recalling certain model year 2009-2011 Pilot vehicles manufactured from March 13, 2008 through August 30, 2011. There is a possibility that the stitching that secures the end of the driver and front passenger lap section of the seatbelt may be incomplete or missing.

**Hazard:** If the stitching is incomplete or missing, the seatbelt may detach from the anchor webbing, which would increase risk of injury in a crash.

**Remedy:** Honda dealers will conduct a specialized inspection of the driver and front passenger seatbelts, and if necessary, replace the seatbelts, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to be on or about October 3, 2011. Owners may contact Honda at 1-800-999-1009.

## B.O.B. Trailers Jogging Strollers

**Description:** This recall involves all B.O.B. strollers manufactured between November 1998 and November 2010. Strollers manufactured after October 2006 have a white label affixed to the back of the stroller's leg with the manufacturing date. Strollers with no manufacturing date listed were produced prior to October 2006 and are included in this recall. The strollers were sold in single seat and double-seat models. The BOB®, Ironman® or Stroller Strides® brand name is embroidered on the canopy of the strollers.

**Hazard:** The stroller canopy's embroidered logo's backing patch can detach, posing a choking hazard to babies and young children.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled strollers until they remove the embroidery backing patch from the interior of the canopy's logo. Consumers should contact B.O.B. Trailers for instructions on removing the backing.

## Fisher-Price's Little People Builders' Load 'n Go Wagons

**Description:** This recall involves Fisher Price's Little People Builders' Load 'n Go Wagon, which includes a red wagon with a yellow handle, multi-colored plastic blocks and a dog figure. "Fisher Price" is embossed on the handle. The model number is P8977 and is located on the bottom of the wagon.

**Hazard:** The back of the wagon's plastic handle has molded-in reinforcement. This design adds stiffness and facilitates children gripping the handle. The handle poses a laceration hazard if a child falls on it.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled wagons away from children and contact Fisher-Price for instructions on how to obtain a free repair kit.

## Little Tikes expands August 2009 Recall of Toy Workshops

**Description:** This recall involves the toy nails sold as part of 11 additional models of Little Tikes Workshop and tool sets listed below. The toy nails are oversized, plastic, and about 3/4 inches long by 1/4 inch in diameter. The nails are either red or blue and have a large round head. These products were sold by mass merchandise retailers nationwide from 1990 through 2004.

**Hazard:** The recalled workshop and tool sets have oversized, plastic toy nails that can pose a choking hazard to young children.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the toy nails away from young children and contact the firm for free replacement toy nails. Consumers can contact Little Tikes at (800) 321-0183 or visit [www.littletikes.com](http://www.littletikes.com).

## Target Recalls Chefmate 6-Speed Blenders

**Description:** This recall affects all Chefmate 6-speed blenders, model BL-10. These blenders were sold exclusively at Target stores nationwide from September 2007 to February 2011. The blender consists of a six-inch tall, white electrical base and the word "Chefmate" in black letters on the front.

**Hazard:** While in operation, the plastic pitcher can separate from the blade assembly, leaving the blade assembly in the base and exposing the rotating blades. This poses a laceration hazard to consumers.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the blenders and return them to any Target store to receive a full refund.

## Macy's Recalls Martha Stewart Collection Cast Iron Casseroles

**Description:** The recall involves Martha Stewart Collection Enamel Cast Iron Casseroles in 7, 5.5 and 2.75 quart sizes, with exterior enamel finishes in red, cobalt blue, sand, green, blue, white, mustard, brown and teal with cream colored interior finishes. The casseroles are embossed with "Martha Stewart Collection" on the bottom and lid handle.

**Hazard:** The enamel coating on the cast iron casseroles can crack or break during use. This can cause the enamel to crack and fly off as a projectile, posing a risk of laceration or burn hazard to the user or bystanders.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the casseroles and return them to any Macy's store for a full refund.

## Slim Xtreme Herbal Slimming Capsule – 30 Capsules/Bottle

**Description:** Globe All Wellness, LLC has been informed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that one of the company's weight loss dietary supplements that were sold by a seller not authorized by Globe All Wellness, LLC to sell the product contains an undeclared drug ingredient.

**Hazard:** FDA lab analyses of this dietary supplement were found to contain undeclared Sibutramine which has not been approved. FDA advises this product poses a threat to consumers because Sibutramine is known to substantially increase blood pressure and/or pulse rate and may present a significant risk for patients with a history of coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, arrhythmias or stroke.

**Remedy:** With abundance of caution, Globe All Wellness, LLC is voluntarily recalling all lots of SLIM XTREME™ from the market as a precautionary measure. Consumers are advised to return the above product to: Globe All Wellness, LLC, 2854 Stirling Rd Suite G, Hollywood, FL 33020.



## New standards needed for underride guards, IIHS says

Recent crash tests conducted by an auto insurance research organization show that underride guards on tractor-trailers can fail in relatively low-speed crashes, with deadly consequences.

Now the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) is petitioning the federal government to require stronger underride guards that will remain in place during a crash, and to mandate guards for more large trucks and trailers.

According to the IIHS, rear guards are supposed to reduce underride deaths and injuries when a passenger vehicle crashes into the back of a tractor-trailer. Without an effective guard, death or serious injury can result if the trailer body crushes the passenger vehicle's occupant compartment

"Cars' front-end structures are designed to manage a tremendous amount of crash energy in a way that minimizes injuries for their occupants," says Adrian Lund, IIHS president. "Hitting the back of a large truck is a game changer. You might be riding in a vehicle that earns top marks in frontal crash tests, but if the truck's underride guard fails – or isn't there at all – your chances of walking away from even a relatively low-speed crash aren't good."

### Crash Tests

The IIHS recently conducted crash tests involving a

2010 passenger car crashing into the rear of three parked trailers. All three trailers had underride guards that complied with U.S. standards.

"Damage to the cars in some of these tests was so devastating that it's hard to watch the footage without wincing," Lund said. "If these had been real-world crashes there would be no survivors."

Decapitation is a serious threat in underrides, the IIHS says. In three of the crash tests, the heads of the dummies in the car made contact with either the intruding trailer or the car's hood after it tore free and pushed into the occupant compartment. The weakest guard tested involved a trailer whose underride guard bent forward, sheared its attachment bolts, and broke after the car hit it in the center rear at 35 mph.

In contrast, the best performing trailer successfully prevented underride of the car's passenger compartment in a center-rear test at 35 mph, and was viewed as a survivable crash.

"Under current certification standards, the trailer, underride guard, bolts, and welding don't have to be tested as a whole system," Lund says. "That's a big part of the problem. At the least, all rear guards should be as strong as the best one we tested."

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#### Question:

Is it illegal to unknowingly sell a recalled product at a garage sale?

#### Answer:

YES. Selling products, even used ones, which have been recalled or banned is a violation of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. Besides individuals holding garage or yard sales, this law applies to thrift or consignment stores, charities, flea markets, and to people to who sell on auction websites.

"Ignorance of the law is not an excuse," warns a 27-page Consumer Product Safety Commission reseller's handbook. This handbook is available at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). It summarizes the law for everyday people who sell used products.

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## Keep Children Safe in the Car

School is back in session which means you are busy shuttling your kids not just to and from school, but to gymnastics, soccer practice, football games, etc. Safety is your No. 1 concern when it comes to driving, and it's even more important when you're traveling with children. The proper car seat is crucial. Here are some safety professionals' recommendations on how to protect your most precious cargo:

Some can be converted to hold a child up to about 40 pounds. Otherwise, you'll need a front-facing safety seat capable of holding children until they reach 40 pounds, and after that a booster seat can be used until they hit about 80 pounds, if necessary or desired. Keep careful track of how big your children grow.

- **Check the safety label.** Make sure it meets or exceeds federal safety requirements for carrying children.
- **Be wary of used seats.** A previously owned seat that is more than six years old may not be safe. Look for missing parts, cracks, or other signs of wear and tear. Call the manufacturer to ask about durability and recalls.
- **Get the seat that fits your child.** Infant seats are designed for children from birth to about 20-35 pounds.
- **Learn the safety belt test.** Do the child's knees bend at the edge of a regular car seat? Does the belt ride low on his or her hips? Does the shoulder belt lie on the child's collar or shoulder? Does the child sit comfortably with a seat belt and shoulder strap correctly fastened? If any of the answers to these questions are no, keep the child in a safety seat until he or she has grown sufficiently enough to ride along with only a safety belt.



It is also important to remember that as your children grow, they learn how to unbuckle themselves from car seats, which proves to be not just dangerous for the child, but a distraction to the driver. Double-check that your child's seat is installed properly, and that children are fastened securely.

Following these simple steps when choosing and using a child's safety seat will keep your little ones as safe as possible and will keep you a happy parent.

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