Consumer Goods (Child Restraint Systems for use in Motor Vehicles) Safety Standard 2026

I, [name of maker], [title of maker], make the following safety standard.

Dated

Name of maker **EXPOSURE DRAFT ONLY—NOT FOR SIGNATURE**
Title of maker

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Part 1—Preliminary

1 Name

This instrument is the *Consumer Goods (Child Restraint Systems for use in Motor Vehicles) Safety Standard 2026*.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	**Column 2**	**Column 3**
Provisions	**Commencement**	**Date/Details**
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 104(1) of the Australian Consumer Law.

Note: The reference to the Australian Consumer Law is a reference to Schedule 2 to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* as it applies as a law of the Commonwealth, States and Territories: see section 140K of that Act and corresponding provisions of Acts of States and Territories applying that Schedule.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

5 Definitions

In this instrument:

Australian/New Zealand Standard means the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1754 *Child restraint systems for use in motor vehicles*, published jointly by, or on behalf of, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand, including its amendments.

Note 1: This standard could in 2026 be purchased from Standards Australia's website (https://www.standards.org.au), Intertek Inform's website (https://www.intertekinform.com) or the Accuris website (https://store.accuristech.com). The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission can make a copy of the standard (and any amendments) available for viewing at one of its offices, subject to licensing conditions.

Note 2: This standard is incorporated as in force or existing at a particular time, and from time to time (see sections 6 and 8).

Note 3: Australian/New Zealand Standard 2013 and Australian/New Zealand Standard 2024 are versions of the Australian/New Zealand Standard.

Australian/New Zealand Standard 2013 means the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1754:2013 *Child restraint systems for use in motor vehicles*, published jointly by, or on behalf of, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand, including its amendment as existing at the time this instrument commences.

Note: This standard could in 2026 be purchased from Standards Australia's website (https://www.standards.org.au), Intertek Inform's website (https://www.intertekinform.com) or the Accuris website (https://store.accuristech.com). The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission can make a copy of the standard (and any amendments) available for viewing at one of its offices, subject to licensing conditions.

Australian/New Zealand Standard 2024 means the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1754:2024 *Child restraint systems for use in motor vehicles*, published jointly by, or on behalf of, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand, including its amendments.

Note 1: This standard could in 2026 be purchased from Standards Australia's website (https://www.standards.org.au), Intertek Inform's website (https://www.intertekinform.com) or the Accuris website (https://store.accuristech.com). The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission can make a copy of the standard (and any amendments) available for viewing at one of its offices, subject to licensing conditions.

Note 2: This standard is incorporated as in force or as existing at a particular time, and from time to time (see sections 6 and 8).

booster cushion means a device which:

(a) raises a child's position in a motor vehicle; and

(b) is to be used with an adult seat belt to restrain a child; and

(c) has no back above the seating plane.

booster seat means a device which:

(a) raises a child's position in a motor vehicle; and

(b) is to be used with an adult seat belt to restrain a child; and

(c) has a back above the seating plane.

child restraint means a device to reduce the risk of bodily injury to a child passenger in the event of a motor vehicle impact that is not a booster seat or booster cushion.

child restraint system for use in a motor vehicle means a device, including its components, intended to reduce the risk of bodily injury to a child passenger in the event of a motor vehicle impact, and includes:

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(a) child restraints; and
(b) booster seats; and
(c) booster cushions.

incorporated instrument means any other instrument or writing applied, adopted or incorporated in this safety standard.

Note: The Australian/New Zealand Standard, the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2013 and the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2024 are incorporated instruments.

publication date, of a version of an incorporated instrument or an amendment to that instrument, is the date upon which that version or amendment was first:

(a) made available to the public for purchase or free of charge via the internet; and
(b) had commenced, come into force or effect, however expressed.

Note: Both of paragraphs (a) and (b) must be satisfied for there to be a publication date.

relevant version*,* of an incorporated instrument, is a version of that instrument that meets the requirements of subsection 8(2).

transitional period means a period of 12 months beginning on the day this instrument commences.

updated version*,* of an incorporated instrument, means a version of an incorporated instrument with a publication date after the day this instrument commences.

version, of an incorporated instrument, does not include a version as effected by a published amendment.

6 References to other instruments

In this instrument, unless the contrary intention appears:

(a) a reference to any other legislative instrument is a reference to that other legislative instrument as in force from time to time; and

(b) a reference to any other kind of instrument or writing is a reference to that other instrument or writing as in force, or existing, from time to time.

Note 1: For references to Commonwealth Acts, see section 10 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*; and see also subsection 13(1) of the *Legislation Act 2003* for the application of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* to legislative instruments.

Note 2: All Commonwealth Acts and legislative instruments are registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

Note 3: See subsection 104(5) of the Australian Consumer Law.

7 Application

(1) This instrument applies to consumer goods that are child restraint systems for use in motor vehicles.

Note: Goods include any component part of, or accessory to, goods: see paragraph (g) of the definition of goods in section 2 of the Australian Consumer Law.

(2) However, this instrument does not apply to child restraint systems for use in motor vehicles:

(a) designed for children with a disability or complex medical needs; or

(b) which are an integrated feature of a motor vehicle.

8 Compliance with a relevant version of an incorporated instrument required

(1) Where this instrument requires compliance with a relevant version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard, compliance may only be achieved by complying with a relevant version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard as defined by subsection (2), including as affected by subsection (3).

(2) A ***relevant version*** of the Australian/New Zealand Standard is:

(a) the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2013, until 2 years and 6 months after the publication date of the first updated version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard; and

(b) the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2024, until 2 years and 6 months after the publication date of the second updated version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard; and

(c) an updated version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard, from 6 months after the publication date of that updated version until 2 years and 6 months after two further updated versions have been published.

Note: There will be at least two relevant versions of the Australian/New Zealand Standard at one time. An updated version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard becomes a compliance option 6 months after it is published. The oldest version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard is no longer a compliance option 2 years and 6 months after the next version is published.

(3) Except for the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2013, compliance with a relevant version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard may be achieved by complying with that Australian/New Zealand Standard as initially published, or as affected by one or more amendments to that standard with a publication date at least 6 months prior to the date of supply of the relevant child restraint.

Note: Except for the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2013, an amendment to a relevant version becomes a compliance option 6 months after publication of that amendment, but does not prevent the relevant version without that amendment from being a compliance option.

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Part 2—Basic requirements

9 Requirements during the transitional period

(1) During the transitional period, a child restraint system for use in a motor vehicle must comply with either:

(a) the requirements in Part 3 of this instrument; or

(b) the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010 - Consumer Protection Notice No. 3 of 2014 - Safety Standard: Child Restraint Systems for use in Motor Vehicles* as in force immediately before the commencement of this section.

(2) This section is repealed at the end of the last day of the transitional period.

10 Requirements after the transitional period

After the transitional period, a child restraint system for use in a motor vehicle must comply with the requirements in Part 3.

Part 3—Details of requirements

11 Compliance with the Australian/New Zealand Standard

(1) Subject to subsection 12(1), a child restraint system for use in a motor vehicle complies with the requirements in this Part if it:

(a) is of a type designated by a relevant version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard as modified by subsection 12(2), section 13 or section 14; and

(b) complies with the requirements for that type of child restraint system for use in a motor vehicle, as set out in that relevant version as modified by subsection 12(2), section 13 or section 14.

12 Modification of compliance requirements and modification of the Australian/New Zealand Standard

(1) For the purposes of this Part, a child restraint system for use in a motor vehicle need not comply with requirements in a relevant version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard that relate to, however phrased:

(a) child restraint systems for disabled children; and

(b) child restraint systems for use in an aircraft; and

(c) the flammability of any component of a child restraint system; and

(d) the toxicity of any component of a child restraint system; and

(e) the plastics stabilization of any component of a child restraint system; and

(f) ongoing product conformity; and

(g) the use of a rebound test method to achieve prescribed testing.

(2) For the purposes of this Part, a relevant version of the Australian/New Zealand Standard is modified such that each reference to a child restraint, booster seat or booster cushion (within the meaning given to those terms by that Australian/New Zealand Standard) in that Australian/New Zealand Standard is taken to be a reference to a child restraint, booster seat or booster cushion within the meaning of those terms given by section 5 of this instrument.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to:

(b) the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2013; and

(a) the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2024 as existing at the time this instrument commences.

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13 Modification of the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2013

For the purposes of this Part, the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2013 is modified by:

(1) replacing the definition of a 'booster seat' in clause 1.4.10 with the definition for a booster seat within the meaning given by section 5 of this instrument; and

(2) replacing the definition of a 'child restraint' in clause 1.4.12 with the definition for a child restraint within the meaning given by section 5 of this instrument; and

(3) deleting the text "passenger cars and their derivatives" and replacing with "motor vehicles" in the first sentence of clause 1.1; and

(4) deleting the second sentence of clause 1.1; and

(5) deleting clause 1.6; and

(6) deleting clauses 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5; and

(7) deleting clauses 3.13, 5.2.2(b), and 6.3(h); and

(8) deleting clauses 3.14, 4.6, 5.8, 6.3(r), 6.4.3(o)(v), 6.4.3(oo), 6.6(n)(i)E, and 6.6(x); and

(9) deleting the following texts in Table 5.1:

  (a) 'For aircraft testing TNO P¾'; and

  (b) 'For aircraft testing TNO P1½'; and

  (c) 'For aircraft testing TNO P3'; and

  (d) 'For aircraft testing TNO P6'; and

(10) deleting figures 3.17 and 6.5; and

(11) deleting the second paragraph of clause 5.1; and

(12) deleting Appendix F.

14 Modification of the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2024

For the purposes of this Part, the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2024 as existing at the time this instrument commences is modified by:

(1) replacing the definition of a 'booster seat' in clause 1.3.8 with the definition for a booster seat within the meaning given by section 5 of this instrument; and

(2) replacing the definition of a 'child restraint' in clause 1.3.10 with the definition for a child restraint system for use in a motor vehicle within the meaning given by section 5 of this instrument; and

(3) deleting the text "passenger cars and their derivatives" and replacing with "motor vehicles" in the first sentence of clause 1.1; and

(4) deleting the second sentence of clause 1.1; and

(5) deleting clause 1.5; and

(6) deleting clauses 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5; and

(7) deleting clauses 3.13, 5.2.2(b), 5.9, 6.2.4(h) and 6.5.1(dd); and

(8) deleting the note in clause 4.1 and note 1 in clause 6.1.1; and

(9) deleting section 7; and

(10) deleting clauses 3.14, 4.5, 5.8, 6.2.4(r), 6.5.1(n)(v), 6.5.3, 6.7.1(n)(i)(E) and 6.7.1(x); and

(11) deleting the second sentence in clause 4.2.1; and

(12) deleting the following texts in Table 5.1:

(a) 'For aircraft testing TNO P¾'; and

(b) 'For aircraft testing TNO P1½'; and

(c) 'For aircraft testing TNO P3'; and

(d) 'For aircraft testing TNO P6'; and

(13) deleting note 5 and the words "Fit within gauge in Figure 3.18" in the Table 5.1; and

(14) deleting figures 3.18 and 6.6; and

(15) deleting the second and third paragraphs of clause 5.1; and

(16) deleting Appendix F.

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Schedule 1—Repeals

Competition and Consumer Act 2010 - Consumer Protection Notice No. 3 of 2014 - Safety Standard: Child Restraint Systems for use in Motor Vehicles (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2014L01252)

1 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument