

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting From These Information Collections and Requests for Comments

Experimental Participants:

Approximately 6,000 roadway users drawn from the general driving population.

Frequency: This approval request is for 30 studies over a 3 year period.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: FHWA estimates data acquisition from persons participating in research will require on average about 1 hour per person.

Estimated Total and Annual Burden Hours: Assuming 20 studies will be Laboratory based (Simulator), and 10 will be Field based (Field Research Vehicle), the burden is calculated as follows:

Laboratory Experiments: 20 Simulator * 210 participants * 1 hour = 4200

Field Experiments: 10 studies * 180 participants * 1 hour = 1800 hours

Estimated Total Burden Hours: = 6000 hours

Estimated Annual Burden Hours (over 3 years) = 2000 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of these information collections, including: (1) Whether the proposed collections are necessary for FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. FHWA will respond to your comments and summarize or include them when requesting clearance from OMB for these information data collections.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Acting Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on March 3, 2011 (76 FR 11848). No comments were received.

This document describes the collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval. The collection of information described is the "Consolidated Child Restraint System Registration, Labeling and Defect Notification." (OMB Control Number: 2127-0576)

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 18, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Cristina Echemendia at U.S. Department of Transportation, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Room W43-447, NVS-113, Washington, DC 20590. Mrs. Cristina Echemendia's telephone number is (202) 366-6345 and fax number is (202) 366-7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Title: Consolidated Child Restraint System Registration, Labeling and Defect Notifications".

OMB Control Number: 2127-0576.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Child restraint manufacturers are required to provide an owner's registration card for purchasers of child safety seats in accordance with title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 571.213, "Child restraint systems." The registration card is perforated into two-parts (see Figures 1 and 2). The top part contains a message and suitable instructions to be retained by the purchaser. The bottom part is to be returned to the manufacturer by the purchaser. The bottom part includes prepaid return postage, the pre-printed name/address of the manufacturer, the pre-printed model and date of manufacture, and spaces for the purchaser to fill in his/her name and address. Optionally, child restraint manufacturers are permitted to add to the registration form: (a) Specified statements informing CRS owners that they may register online; (b) the Internet address for registering with the company; (c) revisions to statements

reflecting use of the Internet to register; and (d) a space for the consumer's e-mail address. For those CRS owners with access to the Internet, online registration may be a preferred method of registering a CRS.

In addition to the registration card supplied by the manufacturer, NHTSA has implemented a CRS registration system to assist those individuals who have either lost the registration card that came with the CRS or purchased a previously owned CRS. Upon the owner's request, NHTSA provides a substitute registration form that can be obtained either by mail or from the Internet¹ (see Figure 3). When the completed registration is returned to the agency, it is then submitted to the CRS manufacturers. In the absence of a substitute registration system, many owners of child passenger safety seats, especially any second-hand owners, might not be notified of safety defects and noncompliances, and would not have the defects and noncompliances remedied.

Child seat owner registration information is retained in the event that owners need to be contacted for defect recalls or replacement campaigns. Chapter 301 of title 49 of the United States Code specifies that if either NHTSA or a manufacturer determines that motor vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment contain a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety or fail to comply with an applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standard, the manufacturer must notify owners and purchasers of the defect or noncompliance and must provide a remedy without charge. In title 49 of the CFR, part 577, defect and noncompliance notification for equipment items, including child restraint systems, must be sent by first class mail to the most recent purchaser known to the manufacturer.

Child restraint manufacturers are also required to provide a printed instructions brochure with step-by-step information on how the restraint is to be used. Without proper use, the effectiveness of these systems is greatly diminished. Each child restraint system must also have a permanent label. A permanently attached label gives "quicklook" information on whether the restraint meets the safety requirements, recommended installation and use, and warnings against misuse.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 39,247 hours.

¹ <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/register/childseat/csregfrm.pdf>.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department,

including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Departments estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A Comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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Christopher J. Bonanti,
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The diagram illustrates a registration form for child restraint systems, divided into two main sections: the top section for product identification and the bottom section for purchaser information. The top section is titled "FOR YOUR CHILD'S CONTINUED SAFETY" and contains instructions for registration, a recall notice, and a call to action. The bottom section is titled "CHILD RESTRAINT REGISTRATION CARD" and contains fields for consumer information. The form is designed to be 5 inches wide and 3 inches high. A dashed line indicates a fold/perforation line. Arrows point to various features and annotations.

FOR YOUR CHILD'S CONTINUED SAFETY

Please take a few moments to promptly fill out and return the attached card [or register online using the direct link to the manufacturer's registration website provided].

Although child restraint systems undergo testing and evaluation, it is possible that a child restraint could be recalled.

In case of recall, we can reach you only if we have your name and address, so please send in the card [or register online] to be on our recall list.

Please fill this card out and mail it NOW, for register online at (insert manufacturer's registration website) while you are thinking about it.

The card is already addressed and we've paid the postage.

Tear off and mail this part

Consumer: Just fill in your name and address and e-mail address (optional).

Your Name _____

Your Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address (optional) _____

CHILD RESTRAINT REGISTRATION CARD

RESTRAINT MODEL XXX
SERIAL NUMBER YYYY
MANUFACTURED ZZ-ZZ-20ZZ

References to online registration are optional.

Preprinted message to consumer; bold typeface, caps and lower case minimum 12 point type.

FOLD/PERFORATION

References to e-mail address are optional.

Minimum 10% screen tint.

Preprinted or stamped child restraint system model name or number and date of manufacture.

Figure 1 – Registration form for child restraint systems – product identification number and purchaser information side

5-inch minimum

3" minimum

IMPORTANT

In case of a recall, we can reach you only if we have your name and address. You **MUST** send in the attached card or register online to be on our recall list.

We've already paid the postage.

Do it today.

Block letters (sans serif)-Bold minimum 48 point type, caps.

Minimum 10% screen tint.

Preprinted message to consumer; bold typeface, caps and lower case minimum 12 point type. Reference to online registration is optional.

FOLD/PERFORATION

Indication that postage is prepaid.

Reference to online registration is optional.

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES

Preprinted or stamped name and address of manufacturer or its designee.

MANUFACTURER
POST OFFICE BOX 0000
ANYTOWN, ST 12345-6789

3" minimum

Figure 2 – Registration form for child restraint systems – address side

Form Approved: O.M.B. No. 2127-0576

**CHILD SAFETY SEAT REGISTRATION FORM
FOR YOUR CHILD'S CONTINUED SAFETY**

Although child safety seats undergo testing and evaluation, it is possible that your child seat could be recalled. In case of a recall it is important that the manufacturer be able to contact you as soon as possible so that your seat can be corrected.

All child safety seats manufactured since March 1993 have a registration form so that owners can provide their names/addresses to the manufacturer. In case of a safety recall, the manufacturer can use that information to send recall letters to owners. Also, child safety seat manufacturers have agreed to maintain owner names/addresses for child safety seats manufactured before March 1993, so they can notify those consumers in the event of a future safety recall. However, in order for the manufacturer to know which child safety seat you own, all of the information on the lower half of this page must be provided.

If you would like the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to give your name and address to the manufacturer of your child safety seat, so that you can be notified of any future safety recalls regarding your child safety seat, fill out this form. Please type or print clearly, sign and mail this postage-paid, pre-addressed form.

If you have any questions, or need help with any child safety seat or motor vehicle safety issue, call the U.S. Department of Transportation's toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-424-9393 (Washington DC AREA RESIDENTS, 202-366-0123).

Your Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Your Street Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

IMPORTANT: The following information is essential and can be found on labels on your child seat.

Child Seat
Manufacturer: _____Child Seat Model
Name & Number: _____Child Seat
Date of
Manufacture: _____

I AUTHORIZE NHTSA TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE CHILD SAFETY SEAT MANUFACTURER.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please mail to:
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
DOT Vehicle Safety Hotline
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579, As Amended: This information is requested pursuant to the authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

Figure 3 – Illustration of Child Safety Seat Registration Form

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