

# RideSafer®

TRAVEL VEST



Keep this manual  
for future use.  
Store in pocket located  
on inside of vest.

**SIZE - SMALL**  
For Children  
35 to 60 Lbs.  
(15.9 to 27.2 kg)

Para instrucciones en Español,  
llamar al: 1-847-329-8111 o  
<http://www.safetrafficsystem.com>

## Registration Information:

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Fill out the registration card attached to vest and mail today or send your name, address, and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to:

Safe Traffic System, Inc.  
6600 Lincoln Ave., Suite 410  
Lincolnwood, IL 60712, USA  
or call 1-847-329-8111  
or fax 1-847-329-8112  
<http://www.safetrafficsystem.com>

For recall information:

- Call the U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153)
- Go to [www.NHTSA.gov](http://www.NHTSA.gov)
- Call Safe Traffic System, Inc. at 1-847-329-8111
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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 35 and 60 pounds (15.9 and 27.2 kg) and whose height is between 38 and 52 inches (96.5 and 132 cm).
- Snugly adjust vest and vehicle seat belts around child. See seat belt adjustment instructions in vehicle owner's manual.
- Always position and snugly adjust lap belt, then adjust top tether or shoulder belt.
  - Lap belt must be low on hips, contacting thighs, not on abdomen.
- LAP BELT ONLY USE:
  - Secure with top tether strap and lap belt only.
  - Always secure and snugly adjust the top tether strap 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.
- Never use with ONLY a lap belt, without top tether or shoulder belt.
- Do not use with the vehicle lower anchorages of the child restraint anchorage system or LATCH system.
- Follow all instructions in this manual and on the child restraint.
- Register your child restraint with the manufacturer.
- DO NOT allow any use of vest or top tether after a crash unless crash, vest, and top tether meet all conditions in "Re-use After A Crash" section.

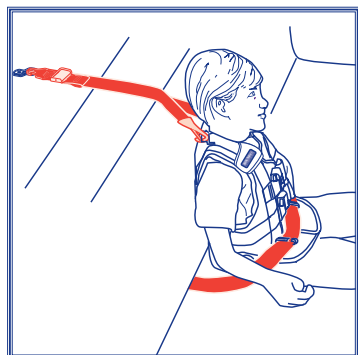
## Safety Check List

- ✓ Read and understand instruction manual and vest labels.
- ✓ Position and snugly adjust lap belt, then adjust top tether or shoulder belt.
- ✓ Lap belt must be low on hips, contacting thighs, not on abdomen.
- ✓ LAP BELT USE:
  - Always use top 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.
- ✓ 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 60 pounds (27.2 kg).
- ✓ Do not allow anyone (babysitter, relatives, etc.) to use travel vest without first reading and understanding all instructions.
- ✓ Secure or store this vest when not occupied. An unsecured child restraint system can injure other occupants in a crash.

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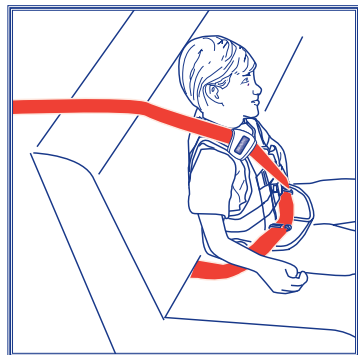
## Height & Weight Information

- ◆ Weight between 35 and 60 lbs. (15.9 and 27.2 kg).
- ◆ Height between 38 and 52 inches (96.5 and 132 cm).
- ◆ Fit of vest on child:
  - Vest MUST adjust to fit snugly around child's chest.
  - Length - bottom of vest must contact top of child's thighs when sitting.
- ◆ 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 pounds (27.2 kg).



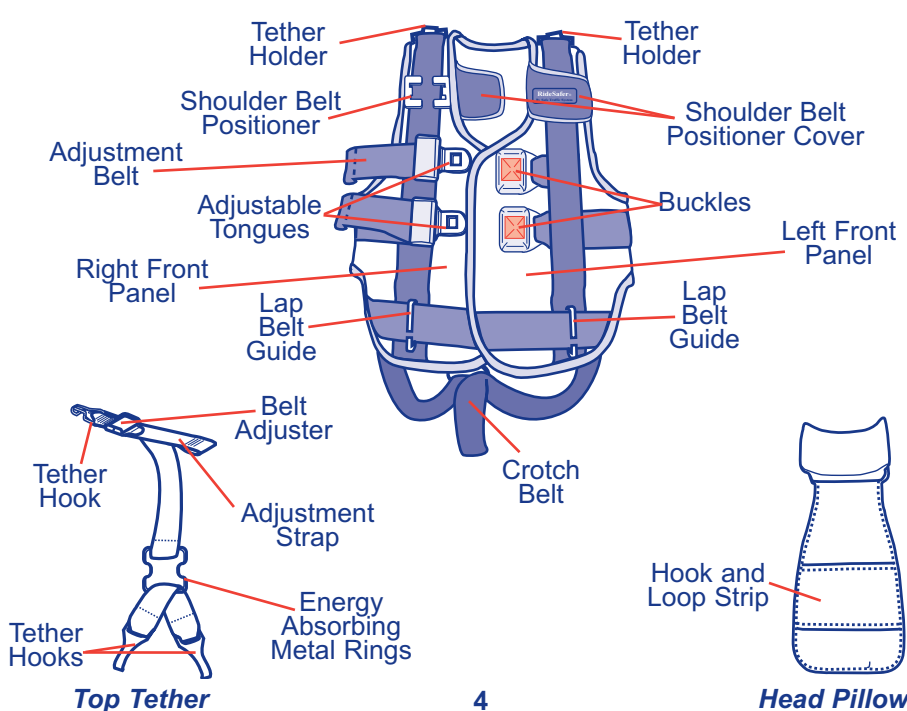
Use with top tether  
and lap belt only.

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Use with lap and  
shoulder belt.

## RideSafer® Travel Vest Parts



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## Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

The RideSafer® Travel Vest is designed for use with either a vehicle lap belt and top tether or vehicle lap and shoulder belt. How you use the vest depends on the vehicle seat location used, the vehicle seat belt system and availability of a top tether anchor in the vehicle.

- Refer to vehicle and vehicle owner's manual for the type of vehicle seat belts and availability of top tether anchors. If the vehicle does not have a top 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.

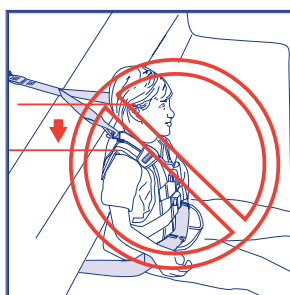
Review and follow the information below when selecting the seating location to be used.

### Seating Locations:

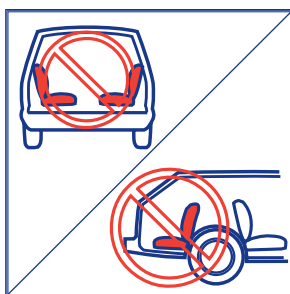
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) alerts vehicle owners that according to accident statistics, children up to age 12 are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions rather than the front seating positions. For vehicles with air bags, refer to vehicle owner's manual for child restraint installation information.

#### 1. Seating Locations That Can Not be Used:

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



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



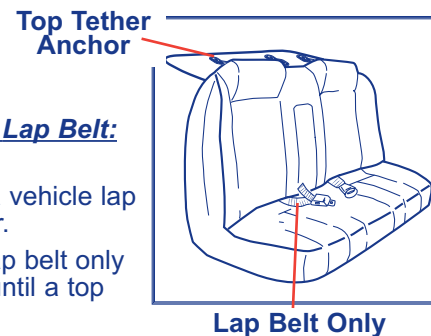
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### Vehicle Seat Belts:

#### 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 top tether anchor.
- Do NOT use seating locations with lap belt only that do not have top tether anchors until a top tether anchor has been installed.

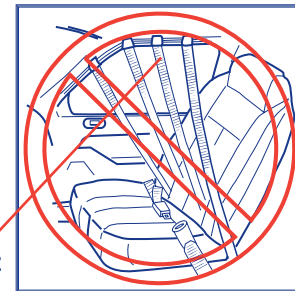


#### 2. Passive Restraint Systems:

##### Motorized Shoulder Belts:

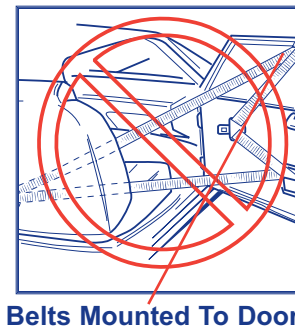
- Do not use seating locations with motorized shoulder belts.

Motorized  
Shoulder Belt



##### Door Mounted Lap And Shoulder Belt:

- Do not use front seating locations where seat belts are mounted to the front door.



Belts Mounted To Door

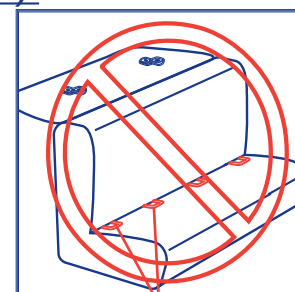
#### 3. LATCH Anchorage System

##### (Lower Anchorage and Tether for Children):

- Do not use the vehicle lower anchorages of the LATCH system with this vest.

## WARNING

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



Lower Anchorages

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## Securing Vest On Child

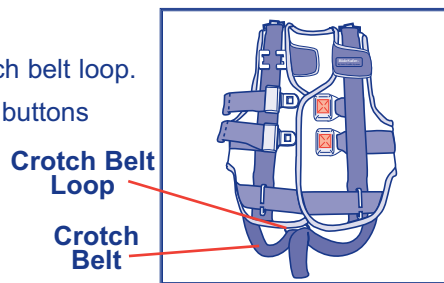
This vest is designed for use with children who weigh between 35 and 60 lbs. (15.9 and 27.2 kg).

### ⚠ WARNING ⚠

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

#### To Open Vest:

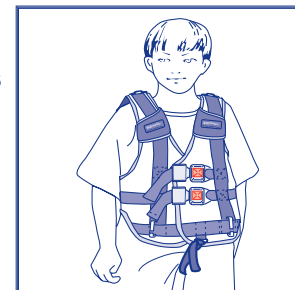
- Open crotch belt and pull belt out of crotch belt loop.
- Open buckles by depressing red release buttons on buckles.



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#### Place Vest On Child:

- To lengthen belts: tip and pull out on adjustable tongues.
- 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 and insert adjustable tongues into buckles. You should hear the buckles click when locked.
- Check that buckles are locked by pulling on the buckle tongues.
- Snugly adjust vest by pulling adjustment belts.
- Position crotch belt between child's legs, route belt through crotch belt loop and snugly adjust.



#### Secure Head Pillow To Vest :

- Position head pillow at desired position behind child's head and press hook and loop strips together.

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## Securing Child In Vehicle

### ⚠ WARNING ⚠ DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- To avoid injury, this restraint, vehicle belts, and top 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 Vehicle Top Tether and Lap Belt :

### ⚠ WARNING ⚠ DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

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

1. Locate end of tether with single tether hook and belt adjuster. Attach single tether hook to the vehicle top tether anchorage behind the seating location where child will be seated.
2. Position child on vehicle seat with child's rump 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 two tether hooks on the free end of the top tether strap, to the tether holders located at the top of the shoulders.
5. Snugly adjust top 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 top tether, retighten vehicle lap belt, and then snugly adjust tether again.



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#### Securing Child With Top Tether And Vehicle Lap Belt (continued):

##### To remove child from top tether and lap belt:

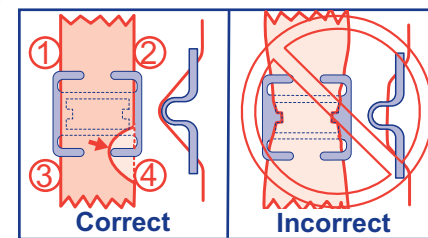
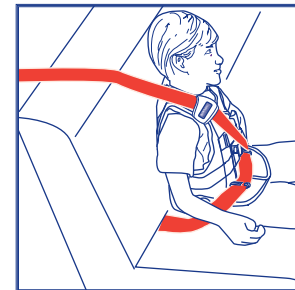
1. Loosen top tether and unhook tether hooks from both shoulders.
2. Unbuckle and remove vehicle lap belt from lap belt guides at bottom of front panels of vest.

#### Securing Child With Vehicle Lap Belt and Shoulder Belt:

### ⚠ WARNING ⚠ DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- Use only with the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt. DO NOT use with a lap belt only or lower anchorages of the LATCH system.
- Position and snugly adjust lap belt, then position and adjust shoulder belt.
  - Lap belt must be low on hips, 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 rump and back against vehicle seat back cushion.
2. Route vehicle 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 be low on hips and contacting thighs, should not be on abdomen.
3. Open shoulder belt positioner cover.
4. Snugly adjust shoulder belt and route shoulder belt under all (4) tabs of shoulder belt positioner.
  - See vehicle owner's manual for instructions on use and adjustment of the vehicle lap and shoulder belt.
5. Check position of shoulder belt.
  - Shoulder belt should be in contact with child's chest.
  - Shoulder belt should be centered on child's shoulder, not contacting the neck or face or off shoulder. To relocate the shoulder belt, slide shoulder belt positioner up or down and retighten shoulder belt. Check position of shoulder belt again.



If shoulder belt can not be centered on child's shoulder, move child to another seating position.

##### To remove child from lap and shoulder belt:

1. Remove shoulder belt from shoulder belt positioner.
2. Unbuckle and remove vehicle lap belt from lap belt guides at bottom of front panels of vest.

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## Re-use After A Crash

### ⚠ WARNING ⚠ DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- 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 top tether meet all of the conditions listed on both the NHTSA and Safe Traffic System websites.

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The materials used to construct the RideSafer® Travel Vest and top 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: [www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/childps/ChildRestraints/ReUse/RestraintReUse.htm](http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/childps/ChildRestraints/ReUse/RestraintReUse.htm).

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](http://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.

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## Additional Information

#### Top Tether And Anchorage Information:

- Use of top tether is required when using a vehicle lap belt only.
  - Proper tether anchor hardware is required in the vehicle. Check vehicle owner's manual, call your vehicle dealer or call Safe Traffic System, Inc. for information on tether anchorages and hardware.
  - If your vehicle dealer is unable to assist you or you have additional questions, call the vehicle manufacturer or Safe Traffic System, Inc.

#### Certification:

- Motor Vehicle - This child restraint meets or exceeds all applicable requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213 for use in motor vehicles.
- Aircraft - This Restraint is Not Certified for Use in Aircraft. Aircraft seats do not provide a top tether anchorage or lap and shoulder belt system.

#### Warm Weather:

- Vest parts can get very hot in the sun or warm weather.
- To avoid burns, always check before putting child in vest.**

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#### Instruction Manual Storage:

- Store instruction manual in pocket located on inside of vest.

#### Care And Cleaning:

##### Vest:

Surface wash with mild solution of soap and water. Air Dry. Do not machine wash.

##### Buckle:

Rinse buckle with warm water. DO NOT use household detergents. Never lubricate buckle.

##### Top Tether:

Surface wash with mild solution of soap and water. Air Dry. Do not machine wash.

##### Crotch Belt:

Surface wash with mild solution of soap and water. Air Dry. Do not machine wash.

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