



USED CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECKLIST

1. **Does the seat have a label showing it was manufactured less than six years ago?**
 - YES: Continue
 - NO: Contact the manufacturer to find out when it expires
2. **Does the seat have a label showing that it meets all federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS 213)?**
 - YES: Continue
 - NO: DISCARD the seat!
3. **Has the seat been recalled for safety defect? (go to www.nhtsa.dot.gov or call 1-800-424-9393 to check for recalls).**
 - NO: Continue
 - YES: DISCARD the seat!
4. **Has the seat been involved in a car crash?**
 - YES: DISCARD the seat!
 - NO: Continue
5. **Are there any visible cracks, bends, or breaks in the plastic shell or metal frame?**
 - YES: DISCARD the seat!
 - NO: Continue
6. **Do you have a copy of the manufacturer's instructions?**
 - YES: Continue
 - NO: Call Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393 for manufacturer's telephone number to request instructions OR go to the manufacturer's web site to request instructions.
7. **Does the seat have all its parts: harness straps, buckle, retainer clips, original padding, tether straps and bolts? (Please refer to the manufacturer instructions for a complete listing.)**
 - YES: Continue
 - NO: DISCARD the seat! OR obtain replacement from the manufacturer
8. **Are the harness straps worn or frayed?**
 - YES: DISCARD the seat! OR obtain replacement from the manufacturer
 - NO: Continue
9. **Do the buckle area and/or latch plates show signs of rust or damage?**
 - YES: DISCARD the seat! OR obtain replacement from the manufacturer
 - NO: Continue
10. **Does the buckle mechanism latch remain latched and unlatch smoothly?**
 - YES: Continue
 - NO: DISCARD the seat! OR obtain replacement from the manufacturer
11. **Can the harness straps be tightened according to manufacturer instructions?**
 - YES: Continue
 - NO: DISCARD the seat!
12. **Is the child seat manufacturer still in business?**
 - YES: USE the seat!
 - NO: DISCARD the seat!