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**Child Passenger Safety Forum
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Child Restraint Systems on Aircraft

- **1953 – Civil Air Regulations § 40.174: “A seat and an individual safety belt are required for each passenger and crewmember *excluding infants*”**
- **1979 – FAA Task Force on CRS recommends adoption of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 213 with provisions for aircraft.**
- **1985 – FAA and NHTSA agree on a single performance standard for aviation and highway safety for CRS (revised FMVSS No. 213).**
- **1990 – ATA petitions FAA to eliminate “lap child” exception; withdraws petition in 1995 at government’s request.**



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- **1992 – FAA amends regulations to require airlines to allow use of an approved CRS when a seat is purchased for the child.**
- **1994 – Study by FAA’s Civil Aeromedical Institute identifies problems with performance of some CRS in aircraft crashes.**
- **1996 – FAA withdraws certification for certain types of CRS, including belly belts, harness restraints and backless booster seats.**
- **2006 – FAA approves use of alternative CRS (CARES).**

Approved CRS (Rear- and Forward-Facing)



This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. **This Restraint is Certified for Use in Motor Vehicles and Aircraft.**

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. Send...



Alternative CRS (CARES)



**FAA APPROVED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH
14 CFR 21.305 (d)
APPROVED FOR
AIRCRAFT USE ONLY**



WARNING!
**NOT SAFE FOR USE IN
MOTOR VEHICLES**
Could result in serious injury

Not Approved for Use During Takeoff/Landing and Ground Movement



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Tips for Air Travel with a CRS

- **When purchasing a CRS, make sure it is labeled “Certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft”**
- **Make sure the CRS is appropriate for your child’s weight**
- **Check your airline’s web site for information about using a CRS**
- **Before selecting seats, check with the airline to see if there are any seats that might not accommodate your CRS**
- **Make sure the label is legible or that you have documentation that the seat is approved for use on aircraft**



“Securing children in child safety seats aboard the aircraft is a smart way to keep your kids safe – it's the right thing to do.”

Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood





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