

Cleaning and Maintenance of Child Safety Restraint Systems (CSRS)

With regular use, all CSRS become soiled and must be properly cleaned before returning them to your inventory for future use. The most practical advice for the care and maintenance of a CSRS begins with the CSRS instructions. **Always follow the CSRS manufacturer's cleaning instructions.** Here are some additional tips to make the process more manageable.



Tips and Techniques for the Proper Care and Maintenance of Child Safety Restraint Systems

- Read the CSRS instructions and follow the step-by-step directions for disassembling and re-assembling all of the parts.
- Brush or vacuum the padding.
- Remove the harness and padding being careful to remember how they will need to be re-attached.
- Replace the padding if it is torn or too soiled. Follow the washing instructions for the padding. Many pads may be machine washable on a gentle cycle. Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Never use dry cleaning solution on the padding.
- Replace the harness if it is frayed or heavily soiled. The harness may be spot cleaned or surface cleaned with a mild soap. Do not immerse totally in water unless directed by the CSRS instructions.

- Wipe the plastic shell with a damp cloth or sponge and a mild soap. Never use bleach, harsh chemicals or household detergents. They can weaken the plastic.
- Avoid wetting the labels.
- Never place the shell under extremely high temperatures. This will cause deformation and deterioration of the plastic.
- The buckle may be cleaned with a damp cloth. Do not lubricate or immerse the buckle in water.
- When all of the parts are cleaned and dried, reassemble the CSRS following the manufacturer's instructions.



Lifespan of a CSRS

- Follow the manufacturer's direction as to when the CSRS need to be replaced. The lifespan of CSRS vary by manufacture. When in doubt contact the manufacturer.
- If the CSRS has any broken or missing parts that cannot be replaced or if the CSRS has been recalled, contact the manufacturer to determine if the seat should be repaired or destroyed.
- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions if the CSRS has been involved in a crash.

Additional Information

For additional information on the proper care and maintenance of CSRS, contact the manufacturer.