

Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training



FMVSS 213, FMVSS 213a and FMVSS 213b Overview

	PRE-JUNE 30, 2025	JUNE 30, 2025 – DEC. 4, 2026*	DEC. 5, 2026, AND AFTER*
MINIMUM REQUIREMENT	Child restraint must meet FMVSS 213.	Child restraint must meet FMVSS 213 updates and FMVSS 213a.	Child restraint must meet FMVSS 213a and FMVSS 213b. Note: FMVSS 213 sunsets (ends) after this date.
EARLY COMPLIANCE	NA	Allowed, if all 213 updates and/or FMVSS 213a are met in full.	NA
REGISTRATION CARD FMVSS 213 & 213b	REGISTRATION CARD: An information card and postage-paid mail-in registration card with very specific design standards are required on all child restraints.	REGISTRATION CARD: An information card and postage-paid mail-in registration card are required on all child restraints but design rigidity is removed. A field for the owner's phone number must be added to the registration card.	REGISTRATION CARD: An information card and postage-paid mail-in registration card are required on all child restraints but design rigidity is removed. A field for the owner's phone number must be added to the registration card.

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USE LABELS AND INSTRUCTIONS FMVSS 213 & 213b	USAGE RANGE: Manufacturers must fill in the blanks and include this statement on labels: "Use only with children who weigh between ___ and ___, and whose height is between ___ and ___."	USAGE RANGE: Manufacturers may eliminate the use of the statement "Use only with children who weigh between ___ and ___, and whose height is between ___ and ___." Instead, they may use their own words (or words and pictograms) to express not just the overall use range of child height and weight, but also the use range that applies to each mode.	USAGE RANGE: Manufacturers may eliminate the use of the statement "Use only with children who weigh between ___ and ___, and whose height is between ___ and ___." Instead, they may use their own words (or words and pictograms) to express not just the overall use range of child height and weight, but also the use range that applies to each mode.
	TURNAROUND MINIMUM: For car seats that may be used in harness mode both rear- and forward-facing, manufacturers must fill in a weight and include this statement on labels: "Use only in a rear-facing position when using it with an infant weighing less than (insert a recommended weight that is not less than 20 lbs.)."	TURNAROUND MINIMUM: "Use only in a rear-facing position when using it with an infant weighing less than (insert a recommended weight that is not less than 20 lbs.)" statement is no longer required. Instead, the manufacturers must state a minimum forward-facing child weight of at least 26.5 lbs. in the instructions and on labels.	TURNAROUND MINIMUM: "Use only in a rear-facing position when using it with an infant weighing less than (insert a recommended weight that is not less than 20 lbs.)" statement is no longer required. Instead, the manufacturers must state a minimum forward-facing child weight of at least 26.5 lbs. in the instructions and on labels.
	BOOSTER SEAT MINIMUM: Manufacturers must state a minimum child weight of ≥ 30 lbs. for booster seat use.	BOOSTER SEAT MINIMUM: Manufacturers must state a minimum child weight of ≥ 40 lbs. for booster seat use.	BOOSTER SEAT MINIMUM: Manufacturers must state a minimum child weight of ≥ 40 lbs. for booster seat use.

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SIDE IMPACT CRASH TESTING FMVSS 213a	A side impact crash test is not part of the standard.	TESTED PRODUCTS: Child restraints for use up to 40 lbs. or up to 43.3 inches. Infant seats with a detachable base are tested when attached to the base. Safety harnesses/vests and car beds are exempt.	TESTED PRODUCTS: Child restraints for use up to 40 lbs. or up to 43.3 inches. Infant seats with a detachable base are tested when attached to the base. Safety harnesses/vests and car beds are exempt.
		TEST BENCH AND SLED TEST: Side Impact Seat Assembly (SISA) represents a modern vehicle's rear seat environment. The sled test simulates the vehicle acceleration and intruding door typical of a near side impact.	TEST BENCH AND SLED TEST: Side Impact Seat Assembly (SISA) represents a modern vehicle's rear seat environment. The sled test simulates the vehicle acceleration and intruding door typical of a near side impact.
		SEAT BELTS: Tests run with child restraints installed using lap-and-shoulder belts.	SEAT BELTS: Tests run with child restraints installed using lap-and-shoulder belts.
		LOWER ANCHOR ATTACHMENT SYSTEM: Tests run with child restraints installed using the lower anchor attachment system.	LOWER ANCHOR ATTACHMENT SYSTEM: Tests run with child restraints installed using the lower anchor attachment system.
		TETHER: Tests run with the tether attached for forward-facing child restraints with a tether.	TETHER: Tests run with the tether attached for forward-facing child restraints with a tether.

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FRONTAL CRASH TESTING FMVSS 213 & 213b	TESTED PRODUCTS: Child restraints for use up to 80 pounds.	TESTED PRODUCTS: Child restraints for use up to 80 pounds.	TESTED PRODUCTS: Child restraints for use up to 80 pounds.
	TEST BENCH: Use of a test bench that is based on a vehicle seat from the 1970's.	TEST BENCH: Use of a test bench that is based on a vehicle seat from the 1970's.	TEST BENCH: Use of an updated test bench to simulate a modern vehicle.
	SEAT BELTS: Use of lap belts to test all child restraints, except for booster seats, which are tested using lap-and-shoulder belts.	SEAT BELTS: Use of lap belts to test all child restraints, except for booster seats, which are tested using lap-and-shoulder belts.	SEAT BELTS: Use of simulated lap-and-shoulder belts to test all child restraints and booster seats, except those in the standard's harness/vest category, which continue to be tested using a lap belt and tether.
	LOWER ANCHOR ATTACHMENT SYSTEM: Testing required using the lower anchor attachment when the combined anthropomorphic test dummy (ATD) and child restraint weight is less than 65 pounds.	LOWER ANCHOR ATTACHMENT SYSTEM: Testing required using the lower anchor attachment when the combined anthropomorphic test dummy (ATD) and child restraint weight is less than 65 pounds.	LOWER ANCHOR ATTACHMENT SYSTEM: Testing required using the lower anchor attachment when the combined anthropomorphic test dummy (ATD) and child restraint weight is less than 65 pounds.
	TETHER: Must meet head excursion requirements for tether-nonuse and tether-allowed scenarios.	TETHER: Must meet head excursion requirements for tether-nonuse and tether-allowed scenarios.	TETHER: Must meet head excursion requirements for tether-nonuse and tether-allowed scenarios.

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ANTHROPOMORPHIC TEST DUMMIES (ATDs) FMVSS 213, 213a & 213b	NEWBORN: Frontal testing with the non-instrumented newborn dummy required for a child restraint that may be used by a child weighing less than 22 lbs. or 33.5 inches.	NEWBORN: Frontal testing with the non-instrumented newborn dummy required for a child restraint that may be used by a child weighing less than 22 lbs. or 33.5 inches.	NEWBORN: Frontal testing with the non-instrumented newborn dummy required for a child restraint that may be used by a child weighing less than 22 lbs. or 29.1 inches.
	TWELVE-MONTH-OLD: Frontal testing using the CRABI 12-month-old ATD for tests of rear- and forward-facing child restraints, except booster seats, labeled for use over 11 and up to 40 lbs. or over 25.6 to 43.3 inches.	TWELVE-MONTH-OLD: Frontal testing using the CRABI 12-month-old ATD for tests of rear- and forward-facing child restraints, except booster seats, for use over 11 and up to 40 lbs. or over 25.6 to 43.3 inches. Side impact testing using the CRABI 12-month-old for child restraints used by children 22 to 30 lbs. or over 26.5 to 34.3 inches.	TWELVE-MONTH-OLD: Frontal testing using the CRABI 12-month-old ATD required only for the rear-facing mode of child restraints for use from over 11 and up to 30 pounds or over 26.5 to 34.3 inches. Side impact testing using the CRABI 12-month-old for child restraints used by children 22 to 30 lbs. or over 26.5 to 34.3 inches.
	THREE-YEAR-OLD: Frontal testing using the HIII 3-year-old ATD for child restraints labeled for use over 22 and up to 40 lbs. or over 33.5 to 43.3 inches.	THREE-YEAR-OLD: Frontal testing using the HIII 3-year-old ATD for child restraints labeled for use over 22 and up to 40 lbs. or over 33.5 to 43.3 inches. Side impact testing using the Q3s ATD for child restraints for use over 30 pounds to 40 lbs. or over 34.3 to 43.3 inches.	THREE-YEAR-OLD: Frontal testing using the HIII 3-year-old ATD for child restraints labeled for use over 30 and up to 40 lbs. or over 34.3 to 43.3 inches. Side impact testing using the Q3s ATD for child restraints for use over 30 pounds to 40 lbs. or over 34.3 to 43.3 inches.
	SIX-YEAR-OLD: Frontal testing using the HII or HIII 6-year-old ATD for child restraints for use over 40 and up to 65 lbs. or over 43.3 to 49.2 inches. Tests using a weighted 6-year-old must also be conducted for car seats for use from over 50 to 65 lbs.	SIX-YEAR-OLD: Frontal testing using the HII or HIII 6-year-old ATD for child restraints for use over 40 and up to 65 lbs. or over 43.3 to 49.2 inches. Tests using a weighted 6-year-old must also be conducted for car seats for use from over 50 to 65 lbs.	SIX-YEAR-OLD: Frontal testing using the HIII ATD for child restraints for use over 40 and up to 65 lbs. or over 43.3 to 49.2 inches. The HII ATD is no longer an option. Tests using a weighted HIII 6-year-old ATD must also be conducted for car seats for use from over 50 to 65 pounds.
	TEN-YEAR-OLD: Frontal testing using the HIII 10-year-old for child restraints for use by children over 65 lbs. or over 49.2 inches.	TEN-YEAR-OLD: Frontal testing using the HIII 10-year-old for child restraints for use by children over 65 lbs. or over 49.2 inches.	TEN-YEAR-OLD: Frontal testing using the HIII 10-year-old for child restraints for use by children over 65 lbs. or over 49.2 inches.

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