FlexSeat
with Lap-Shoulder Seat Belt Restraints
For occupants greater than 40 lbs. (18 kg) and 40 in. (102 cm) tall

Standard Seat
with Lap-Shoulder Seat Belt Restraints
For occupants greater than 40 lbs. (18 kg) and 40 in. (102 cm) tall

Upper Torso Control Device
(Special Needs Restraint)
For occupants greater than 40 lbs. (18 kg) and 40 in. (102 cm) tall

Integrated Child Seat
For occupants over 1 year of age, between 22 - 85 lbs. (10 - 39 kg) and 49 in. (124 cm) tall or less

LATCH Attachments
(Lower Anchors & Tether)
For use with add-on child seats
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Store this instruction manual behind the ICS removable seat pad (if equipped) or with the vehicle for future reference.

General Information

The SafeGuard team truly cares about child passenger safety and is committed to providing innovative restraints that offer the utmost in safety and ease of use. While no restraint can prevent injury in every situation, proper installation and use of a restraint can substantially reduce a child’s risk of serious injury or death.

It is critical to read and understand these instructions and the vehicle manufacturer’s instruction BEFORE using this restraint. Failure to properly use this restraint may result in serious injury or death of the child being transported. If you have any questions after reviewing the instructions, please contact us at:


This restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

Registration Information

Please fill out the prepaid registration card attached to the bus seat and mail it today or register online at the website listed below.

Restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address, and the restraint’s model number, manufacturing date, and serial number to IMMI, 18881 U.S. 31 North, Westfield, IN 46074 or call 1-877-447-2305 or register online at www.safeguardseat.com/register.

For recall information, call the U.S. Government’s Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to http://www.NHTSA.gov.

The restraint model number and manufacture date are located on a label on the buckle strap (for integrated child seats) and/or on a label on the lower portion of the lap-shoulder seat belt.

General Warnings

⚠️ WARNINGS

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

- DO NOT USE THIS RESTRAINT UNTIL YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL.
- FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BUS SEAT AND IN THIS MANUAL.
- DO NOT MODIFY THIS RESTRAINT OR USE ANY ACCESSORIES OR PARTS SUPPLIED BY OTHER MANUFACTURERS. USE ONLY SAFEGUARD REPLACEMENT PARTS.
- NEVER USE THE RESTRAINT SYSTEM IF IT IS DAMAGED OR MISSING PARTS. DO NOT USE A CUT, FRAYED, OR DAMAGED HARNESS OR SEAT BELT.
- DO NOT USE BLEACH OR HARSH CLEANSERS ON SEAT CUSHIONS, WEBBING, OR BUCKLES. NEVER LUBRICATE THE SEAT BELT BUCKLES.

Features

FlexSeat

Standard Seat
**Warning!** DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur:

- Follow all instructions on the restraint and in this manual. Failure to follow the manufacturer’s warnings for proper use of this restraint system can result in serious injury or death.

**With 2 Children:**
Use only with occupants who are at least 4 years old and weigh 40 pounds (18 kg) or more and whose height is 40 inches (102 cm) or more.

**With 3 Children:**
- Use outside positions only with occupants who are at least 4 years old and weigh 40 pounds (18 kg) or more and whose height is 40 inches (102 cm) or more.
- Use center position only with occupant who weighs 40 - 70 pounds (18 - 32 kg).
- Shoulder height adjuster must be at or above the top of occupant’s shoulder.

- The hip of the child in the aisle seat must not extend beyond the edge of the seat cushion.
- Backpacks must be removed before using the lap-shoulder seat belt restraints.
- Snugly adjust the belts provided with this restraint around the occupant.

**The SafeGuard FlexSeat allows the use of two or three children on a 39” school bus seat.**

1. **USE FOR 2 CHILDREN:** Position left side buckle in cushion pocket, slide two buckles on right side all the way left to create two seating positions. **A1**

   **USE FOR 3 CHILDREN:** Lift buckle from cushion pocket, slide two buckles located on right side all the way right to create three seating positions. **A2** & **A3**

2. **Place the occupants in the bus seat such that the occupant’s back is flat against the back of the seat.**

   The occupants should sit as flat against the seat back as possible to achieve the best possible fit of the lap-shoulder seat belt on the occupant’s lower torso.

3. **Place the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint around the occupant and insert the latch plate into the seat belt buckle. B1 & B2**

   Listen for an audible click when the latch plate is fastened.

   Check the buckle connection is secure by pulling on the shoulder portion of the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint.

4. **Pull up on shoulder portion of the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint to tighten the lap portion.**

   Position the shoulder height adjuster at or just above the occupant’s shoulder. **C**

   Make sure the belts are snug and lie flat against the occupant.

   The lap portion of the belt must be low and snug over the bony structure of the occupant’s hips.

   The shoulder portion of the belt must be snug across the chest and in the center of the occupant’s shoulder. **C**

**Important:** The hip of the child in the aisle seat must not extend beyond the edge of the seat cushion. **D**

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**Improper Use of Lap-Shoulder Seat Belt Restraint**

- Seat belt under the arm
- Seat belt behind the back
- Seat belt shoulder height adjuster too high
- Seat belt with backpack
**Standard Seat with Lap-Shoulder Seat Belt Restraints**

This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

**WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur:**

- Follow all instructions on the restraint and in this manual. Failure to follow the manufacturer’s warnings for proper use of this restraint system can result in serious injury or death.
- Use only with occupants who are at least 4 years old and weigh 40 pounds (18 kg) or more and whose height is 40 inches (102 cm) or more.
- Backpacks must be removed before using the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint.
- Snugly adjust the belts provided with this restraint around the occupant.

1. Place the occupant in the bus seat such that the occupant’s back is flat against the back of the seat. A

   The occupant should sit as flat against the seat back as possible to achieve the best possible fit of the lap-shoulder seat belt on the occupant’s lower torso.

2. Place the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint around the occupant and insert the latch plate into the seat belt buckle located in the bottom seat cushion. B

   Listen for an audible click when the latch plate is fastened.

   Check the buckle connection is secure by pulling on the shoulder portion of the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint.

3. Pull up on shoulder portion of the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint to tighten the lap portion.

   Position the shoulder height adjuster at or just above the occupant’s shoulder. C

   Make sure the belts are snug and lie flat against the occupant.

   The lap portion of the belt must be low and snug over the bony structure of the occupant’s hips.

   The shoulder portion of the belt must be snug across the chest and in the center of the occupant’s shoulder. C

**Improper Use of Lap-Shoulder Seat Belt Restraint**

- Seat belt under the arm
- Seat belt behind the back
- Seat belt shoulder height adjuster too high
- Seat belt with backpack

**Upper Torso Control Device option**

This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

**WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur:**

- Follow all instructions on the restraint and in this manual. Failure to follow the manufacturer’s warnings for proper use of this restraint system can result in serious injury or death.
- Use only with occupants who are at least 4 years old and weigh 40 pounds (18 kg) or more and whose height is 40 inches (102 cm) or more.
- Never use the Upper Torso Control Device without the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint.
- Snugly adjust the belts provided with this restraint around the occupant.

1. Place the occupant in the bus seat such that the occupant’s back is flat against the back of the seat.

   Place the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint around the occupant and insert the latch plate into the seat belt buckle located in the bottom seat cushion. A

   Listen for an audible click when the latch plate is fastened. Check the buckle connection is secure by pulling on the shoulder portion of the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint.

2. Fasten the buckle of the upper torso control device to the attachment location at the top of the seat. B

3. Position the first upper torso strap without the warning label behind the occupant’s shoulder and attach the connector to the lower LATCH anchor located directly below the upper attachment point. C

   Listen for an audible click when the connector is attached.

   Pull the free end of the first upper torso strap to tighten and remove any slack. C

4. Position the second upper torso strap with the warning label over the occupant’s shoulder and attach the second connector to the lower LATCH anchor located on the opposite side of the occupant as shown. D

   Listen for an audible click when the connector is attached.

   Position the shoulder height adjuster on the upper torso control device at or just above the occupant’s shoulder. Pull the free end of the second upper torso strap to tighten and remove any slack. D

   A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child’s flesh or push the child’s body into an unnatural position.
Integrated Child Seat option

This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

**WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur:**

- Follow all instructions on the child restraint and in this manual. Failure to follow the manufacturer’s warnings for proper use of this child restraint system can result in serious injury or death.
- Use only with children who weigh between 22 and 85 pounds (10 and 39 kg) and whose height is 49 inches (124 cm) or less and who are over 1 year of age.
- Snugly adjust the belts provided with this child restraint around your child.

1. Activate the restraint system by lowering the two-piece seat cushion. **Fold the top portion of the cushion under the bottom portion to form a seating surface for the child.** A Be sure seat belt buckles (if equipped) are NOT beneath the two-piece cushion. Failure to fold the seat cushion under can result in damage to the restraint and thus improper restraint of the child.

   - Open chest clip by squeezing middle tabs and pulling chest clip apart.
   - Unbuckle harness buckle by pressing down on red release button.
   - To loosen harness, push harness adjuster button and pull up on shoulder strap. Repeat with second shoulder strap.

2. Place the child in the restraint with the child’s back flat against the back of the bus seat cushion. Position shoulder straps over the child’s shoulders.

   - Buckle harness by inserting buckle tongues into harness buckle. B
   - Listen for an audible click when each buckle tongue is fastened.
   - Check the buckle connection is secure by pulling on the shoulder straps.

3. To tighten harness, pull free end of harness strap, located on the outside of the child’s leg, until the harness is snug around the child. C Repeat with second harness strap.

   - A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child’s flesh or push the child’s body into an unnatural position.
   - Position each shoulder height adjuster at or just above the child’s shoulder. C

4. Fasten chest clip by pushing both sides together.

   - Position chest clip at middle of the child’s chest, at armpit level. D
   - Be sure harness is snug and tight on child’s thighs and chest.

**LATCH (Lower Anchors & Tether) option**

For Use with Add-On Child Seats

**WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur:**

- Follow all instructions on the child restraint and in this manual. Failure to follow the manufacturer’s warnings for proper use of the child restraint system and LATCH attachments can result in serious injury or death.

**Location and Use of Lower LATCH Anchors**

Some SafeGuard Bus Seats are equipped with lower LATCH anchors for the attachment of add-on child seats. The lower LATCH anchors (if available) are located in the lower portion of the back seat cushion. A

**Location and Use of Tether Anchors**

SafeGuard Bus Seats equipped with lower LATCH anchors are also equipped with tether anchors for add-on child seats. This includes a tether routing loop at the top of the seat C and a bracket on the side of the seat. D

**Installing Tether**

For the attachment of an add-on child seat tether, extend the tether on the child seat and thread the snap hook end through the tether routing loop located under the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint at the top of the SafeGuard Bus Seat. C Extend the tether and connect the snap hook to the tether bracket located on the side of the seat. D

Adjust the tether to a snug and tight fit by pulling on the free end of the strap at the adjuster. D
Installation of Add-On Child Seats

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur:
- Follow all instructions on the child restraint and in this manual. Failure to follow the manufacturer’s warnings for proper use of the child restraint system can result in serious injury or death.
- If the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint is used to secure an add-on child seat, the locking clip supplied with the add-on seat must be used. Failure to use the locking clip can result in death or serious injury to the child.

Rear Facing Infant orConvertible Child Seats
Attach the infant or convertible child seat with the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint according to the child seat manufacturer’s instructions.
Caution: The SafeGuard Bus Seat utilizes a sliding latch plate on the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint and requires the use of the child seat manufacturer’s supplied locking clip. A Carefully read and follow the add-on seat manufacturer’s instructions for the correct belt path for the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint, installing the locking clip, and how to tighten the seat down.

Using the Lower LATCH Anchors
If the child seat is equipped with LATCH straps, secure the child seat using the SafeGuard lower LATCH anchors according to the child seat manufacturer’s instructions. The use of the locking clip is not necessary if the add-on child seat is equipped with LATCH and installed with the SafeGuard lower LATCH anchors. B

WARNING!
NHTSA seating space guidelines must be followed if a rear facing child seat is installed.

Forward Facing Child Seats
Attach the forward facing child seat with the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint according to the child seat manufacturer’s instructions.

WARNING!
The SafeGuard Bus Seat utilizes a sliding latch plate on the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint and requires the use of the child seat manufacturer’s supplied locking clip. C

Carefully read and follow the add-on seat manufacturer’s instructions for the correct belt path for the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint, installing the locking clip, and how to tighten the seat down.

It is recommended to use the tether with forward facing add-on child seats to provide a more secure attachment to the SafeGuard seat. See page 7 for tether attachment.

Using the Lower LATCH Anchors
If the child seat is equipped with LATCH straps, secure the child seat using the SafeGuard lower LATCH anchors according to the child seat manufacturer’s instructions. The use of the locking clip is not necessary if the add-on child seat is equipped with LATCH and installed with the SafeGuard lower LATCH anchors. D

Care and Maintenance
- Care and maintenance of the SafeGuard Bus Seat is the responsibility of the owner of the SafeGuard Bus Seat.
- Clean seat cushions, webbing and buckle with a damp sponge using mild soap solution and lukewarm water. Never use bleach or cleansers.
- Never lubricate the seat belt buckle.
- If cushion becomes damaged, it will need to be replaced by an authorized SafeGuard Bus Seat replacement /parts dealer.

Seat Belt Inspection
Lap-shoulder seat belt restraints on the SafeGuard Bus Seat should be regularly inspected for damage including cuts, fraying, extreme or unusual wear, significant discoloration due to ultraviolet exposure, extremely dusty or dirty conditions, abrasion to the seat belt webbing, damage to the buckle, latch plate, retractor, hardware or any other obvious problem. If any of these conditions develop or exist on the SafeGuard Bus Seat belt system, it will require replacement of the seat belt(s) immediately regardless of the age of the seat. See your authorized SafeGuard Bus Seat dealer or service center for seat belt replacement.

Seat Belt Lock-Up Correction
If during the seat installation process the lap-shoulder seat belt restraint becomes locked-up and cannot be pulled out, perform the following steps.
1. Move the shoulder height adjuster down.
2. Grasp the top strap of the shoulder belt webbing between the shoulder height adjuster and the belt exiting from the top of the seat.
3. Hold and pull the top strap tightly with a constant even force.
4. Release the top strap. The seat belt will unlock and is now ready to use.

User Assistance
For assistance on usage of the SafeGuard Bus Seat, contact the OEM Bus manufacturer or IMMI SafeGuard Consumer Service at 1-877-447-2305.

SafeGuard Bus lap-shoulder seat belt restraints and child restraints are certified to applicable U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards FMVSS 209, 213, and 302.
The SafeGuard Bus Seat, when properly installed per the instructions and with applicable hardware, allows the bus to meet U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards FMVSS 210, 222, and 225.