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### ***Recall on Alpha Omega and Eddie Bauer "3-in-1" Child Restraints***

NHTSA announced that the Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. (DJG), is recalling approximately 86,000 Alpha Omega and Eddie Bauer "3-in-1" brand child restraints manufactured from November 17, 2000, to January 10, 2001, Models 02-331, 02-332, 02-531, 02-533, 02-537, and 02-555.

Crash tests conducted by NHTSA demonstrated that the tether webbing could be cut and separate in a crash, which constitutes a failure to meet the requirements of FMVSS 213. In the event of a crash, the child may not be properly restrained, increasing the risk of injury.

DJG will mail a free repair kit along with easy-to-follow installation instructions to owners who have returned their registration cards. Owners who have not registered their product should contact DJG's toll-free number (866-611-3022) Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM EST or fax to 800-207-8182. They may also e-mail DJG at [alpharecall@djgusa.com](mailto:alpharecall@djgusa.com).

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### ***NHTSA Announces New Curriculum Date***

NHTSA recently announced that the newest curriculum for Child Passenger Safety will be introduced in March of 2004.

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## ***National SAFE KIDS Transition from AAA***

As you know, National SAFE KIDS is taking over the CPS Certification process from AAA. Among their new improvements will be:

- o Two-year certification as a CPS technician (contingent on passing the hands-on and written tests)
- o A newsletter containing technical and program updates
- o Free updates to the training manual, as necessary
- o Online, password secure, access to a personal certification and CPS experience profile
- o Email notification for recertification timing
- o Ongoing administrative support related to certification

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## ***Graco Announces New Line of Crash Tested Car Seat Accessories***

This fall, Graco Children's Products announced its new line of crash tested car seat accessories. The new line includes such items as entertaining mobiles, padded harness covers and a combination cold weather boot and blanket. These car seat accessories have been crash tested at Graco's Crash Simulation Center located in Macedonia, Ohio.

Graco's new car seat accessory line became available at major retailers on October 1, 2003. Consumers can look for the crash tested sticker on the packaging. For more information on Graco products, please visit [www.gracobaby.com](http://www.gracobaby.com).

You can check out the accessories (crash tested) that can be used with Graco car seats here:

<http://www.gracobaby.com/products/subcategory.asp?No=18&N=46+94&act=A20>

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## ***Classes and Updates***

### **Connecticut Child Passenger Safety Update**

Fairfield County SAFE KIDS will be holding a CPS Update-Refresher Course in Norwalk on January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm. Please contact Bob Cordes of Fairfield County SAFE KIDS at 203-853-7115 for more details.