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Remove VersaTether from pouch and loosely attach to an approved tetheranchorage point pg. 24. Locate the tether on rear of restraint and place up and over seat back while securing restraint. Secure child restraint by a seatbelt or LATCH system.IMPORTANT Regardless of whether loops have. To ensure LATCH connector is properly aligned with vehicle's LATCH anchor, the connector's red release button should face away from vehicle seat back, and the larger of the two connector sections is on top fig. NOTE Restraints are shipped from Britax with LATCH connectors in the storage slots. Recline Adjustment Pull recline handle restraint shell into desired position. A Releasing the Chest Clip Squeeze middle tabs together. Pull the two pieces apart Adjusting the Chest Clip Slide chest clip up or down harness so it is positioned at the middle of child's chest, level. Releasing the Harness Buckle Brace rear of harness buckle with one hand. Loosen harness by lifting harness adjuster lever located on front of restraint while pulling shoulder straps forward Release chest clip by squeezing tabs and sliding pieces apart Unfasten harness buckle by pressing. If not, harness buckle or adjuster area may be clogged with food, drink or other objects that need to be removed. It is unnecessary and dangerous to do so. Never remove the buckle tongues from the

harness. They cannot be reattached after removal. Remove infant body pillow. Loosen harness by lifting harness adjuster lever while pulling shoulder straps forward as far as possible. Locate the metalbuckle strap retainer on bottom of the restraint. Pull retainer away from child restraint to loosen. Turn the retainer so the short side will go through the slot in restraint shell. Push the retainer through slots in the shell and cover, to the top of the restraint.http://djarkitek.com/temp/vinney/HTML/userfiles/ctk-571-user-manual.xml

In no event will Britax, or the retailer selling this product, be liable for any damages, including incidental or consequential damages, arising out of the use or inability to use this product. This article is NOT talking about these seats. A Problem Emerges In September 2014 the CTC arrived on the market. We reached out to other child passenger safety professionals and learned that others, including Consumer Reports, were finding the same problem. We followed protocol and encouraged colleagues and parents to contact Britax AND complete a defect complaint form on NHTSA's website. Consumer Reports released the following video in November 2014, detailing what was known about the problem at the time, and instructing parents on how to check and fix their seats. In late March 2015, Britax sent the following email to parents who had sent in their registration cards AND had included their email address. It should be noted that the registration card specifically states that the email address is optional. Parents were not contacted via snail mail. Dear Registered Owner, During the initial production of our Click Tight convertible car seats, a small percentage of the car seats were assembled without properly attaching the lower harness straps. The products potentially affected by this condition include all Marathon, Boulevard and Advocate Click Tight convertible car seats manufactured between August 15 th and November 7 th, 2014. If you are receiving this notice then our registration records indicate that you may have purchased a Click Tight convertible that was produced during this period. Please confirm that your car seat's lower harness straps are correctly and securely attached to their anchor. You are not requested to take any further action. Instructions to inspect and attach the lower harness straps including an instructional video can be found on the Britax website by following this link or by contacting customer service at 18884274829.

This is not a notice of recall and you can continue to safely use your Click Tight convertible car seat. Britax Child Safety, Inc. Back in October 2014 The Car Seat Lady met with a father and taught him how to install his toddler's brandnew CTC rearfacing. Prior to and after installation, we carefully made sure that both lower harness straps were connected properly. On March 1, 2015 the father returned as he had a new baby on the way and wanted help installing the infant's seat. In the intervening months, the father had reinstalled the CTC, and had done a perfect job. It was necessary to remove the CTC to make room for the new baby's seat, and upon lifting up the ClickTight plate we were shocked to see that neither of the lower harness straps was connected to the ClickTight plate's metal anchors see picture below. It seems that during one of these routine reinstallations both lower harness straps detached from their metal anchors and due to how the straps were trapped under the ClickTight plate it allowed the parent to buckle the child into the seat without any indication that the lower harness straps were completely detached from their metal anchors. Nothing was sent to The Car Seat Lady, despite us being the first to bring the issue to Britax's attention. The Car Seat Lady has followed up with Britax and NHTSA on numerous occasions since October. As you are aware, we have also sent emails to registered consumers and updated our website to include a notice to consumers and inspection instructions. We received two emails from Otto Matheke, Acting Director of NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation. We want to thank him both for his thoroughness we asked MANY guestions and he answered ALL of them and willingness to let us share both emails publicly. I will now address your specific questions Your first question asks why the "assembly error" in these child seats did not "qualify" for a recall.

Answer NHTSA's authority to compel manufacturers to perform a recall is limited to those situations where the existence of a defect poses an "unreasonable" risk to safety. Britax has supplied NHTSA with test data indicating the defect does not pose a safety risk because of the inherent redundancy of the 5 point harness configuration and the performance of the system with the hip belts unattached and partially attached. We are continuing to examine the issue and will be taking additional steps in the immediate future to further evaluate Britax's position. You also ask if there is a place on NHTSA's website where I can read about what criteria qualify or don't qualify for a recall Answer No. We do not follow set criteria in evaluating potential defect cases. Doing so is both an art and a science. As a physician, you undoubtedly understand that these two fields overlap and call for the exercise of judgement. We have not opened a formal investigation and are continuing to examine this issue. We are not done and have no statement at this time. Why is Britax not responsible for notifying all parents who registered their seats not just the ones who gave their email address. Shouldn't Britax have to mention this on their website at least. Answer Although it is clear that a manufacturing defect exists in some Britax seats, neither Britax nor NHTSA have yet made a determination that this defect poses an unreasonable risk to safety. Until the Agency or Britax makes a determination that a safetyrelated defect exists, Britax is not obligated under the Safety Act to notify owners of a defect and the availability of a free remedy. NHTSA encouraged Britax to email known owners about the issue and the way to fix it, but cannot require the company to do more at this time. When it says that NHTSA "confirmed the performance" of the Click Tight seats, does this mean that the seats were crash tested. Did Britax do all the testing, or did NHTSA do their own as well.

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Answer The statement that NHTSA has "confirmed the performance" of the seats at issue was apparently made by Britax without the Agency's knowledge or consent. While Britax has shared test data with us that appears to show there is no safety risk, it does not speak for the Agency. As noted above, NHTSA's analysis of this issue is not complete. What about the Click Tight that I saw where after reinstallation the leg straps had both detached, but in a way that could not be detected while harnessing the child in the seat you could only notice by uninstalling the seat and lifting up the Click Tight plate. Answer Our analysis is not complete. Britax has submitted test data supporting the contention that the seats perform adequately with the condition you describe. We are evaluating this data and taking additional steps to determine if the condition creates a safety risk. In closing, I would like to thank you for your contributions to child safety and your determination to make a difference. Please feel free to call me if you have any guestions or wish to discuss the matter further. We have reviewed the sled test data submitted by Britax and have conducted our own testing with the "side" or "hip" straps unfastened, including where both ends of the unfastened straps were hidden below the seat. We found that the seat met the existing performance requirements of FMVSS No. 213 in all configurations. While NHTSA's position is that compliance with an applicable safety standard does not preclude a finding that a safety related defect exists, we do not currently have any evidence suggesting that the Britax seats at issue, which become threepoint seats when the "hip" straps are not anchored, are unreasonably dangerous. Otto Matheke Acting Director NHTSA Office of Defects Investigation We do not believe the government's recall or investigation process into potential safety defects is transparent enough to consumers or child passenger safety advocates.

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We believe this process needs to be overhauled to support greater ease of reporting potential defects by consumers and greater transparency at all stages in the investigation process. We also believe that when a manufacturer makes a change in response to a potential safety issue that some notification of consumers with the older design be required. What should you do if you own a CTC. First, understand that this is not a recall, and as such, there is no "recall repair kit" to "fix" this

issue as would be required if there was a recall. Britax DID make changes to the lower harness straps' metal anchors. While Britax initially denied making any changes, they confirmed to Consumer Reports that they "made a slight modification to the angle of the brackets for the lower harnesses to make it easier to assemble. So, here's what to do if you own a Britax CTC Check to make sure that BOTH lower harness straps are properly connected to the ClickTight plate's metal anchors. If your child is 24 months or younger, you MUST connect the lower harness straps in the "standard position" as shown here. If your child is at least 24 months AND you need extra harness to get him in and out more easily, you may connect the lower harness straps in the "extra hip room position" as shown here. If you reinstall the seat, make sure AFTER EVERY REINSTALLATION that you double check that BOTH lower harness straps are properly connected. If the dial is even slightly turned like 4 o'clock and 10 o'clock the ClickTight plate is NOT locked even if it seems to be. Keep pushing down really hard on the plate until the writing on the dial is exactly at 3 and 9 o'clock. If you are uncomfortable using the seat, we suggest that you call Britax at 18884BRITAX and voice your concerns. We have not apologized, and will not apologize. Everything above is the truth and we stand behind it. Comments are closed. Book Appointment. Remember, kids who sit rearfacing are 5 times safer than those who sit forwardfacing.

Before installing your forwardfacing car seat, move the front seats all the way up. This will give you more room to move around the back seat. If your car has tether anchors Place your car seat on the vehicle seat. Before attaching it, set up the tether strap by attaching the hook to the tether anchor. Don't tighten it, just make sure the strap and tightening mechanism are accessible, and keep an eye on them as you install the car seat using the lower anchors or the seat belt. This way the tether strap won't get caught under or behind the car seat during installation. Check your vehicle owner's manual and your car seat instruction manual to make sure that you are attaching your car seat in an approved seating position and using an approved method. For example, not all forwardfacing seats can be used with the lower latch anchors in every vehicle seating position. Many require that you use the seat belt to install the car seat in the center seating position. Pull the seat belt or latch belt from inside the car seat, not from outside the seat. This means that if you dropped the latch belt, it should fall down on top of where the child goes, not outside the car seat. We have found this especially helpful with the Britax Frontier and Frontier 85. Generally we find that putting one or two knees in the car seat helps sink it down into the vehicle seat. Don't get out of the car seat until you have finished installing it If you are in an SUV, hatchback, station wagon or minivan, you may find it easier to tighten a Y shaped tether strap if you pull from inside the trunk area. Leave a Reply Click here to cancel reply. You must be logged in to post a comment. Book Appointment. You must have JavaScript enabled in your browser to utilize the functionality of this website. The ClickTight Installation System gives you the safest and easiest installation every time so you can be certain your little one is well protected.

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This seat safeguards your child with side impact protection, an impactabsorbing base and steel frame. It also wraps your child in comfort with premium padding and fabrics. Purchase includes the car seat and a removable pillow. We have been in the industry since 1989 and we specialize in safe and reliable baby products and accessories. Read More. Always use the lockoff closest to your seat belt buckle. Britax states in their manual that for rear facing the strap needs to be in the inner slot when installing via seat belt and the slot closest to but not under the child when installing via lower anchors. For forward facing, the crotch strap needs to be in the outer slot for children over 30 pounds. You also use the outer slot if the buckle is under the child when using the inner slot. Britax Boulevard has 3 recline positions Three adjustable recline positions make it easy to get installed at the correct angle rear facing. Only position three fully reclined can be used rear facing. Position 1 or

2 can be used forward facing, but position one has to be used for children over 40 pounds when installing via lap belt only. Britax Boulevard push button lower anchor connectors and storage Push button lower anchor connectors make lower anchor installation a breeze. Attach the connector on to the lower anchor in the vehicle and pull the webbing tight. The storage area of the lower anchors are on the back of the seat base. They clip in nicely for out of the way storage when installing via seat belt. Britax Boulevard harness positions No rethread harness 10 positions allows the caregiver to move the harness without uninstalling the seat and rethreading the harness. Britax Boulevard antirebound bar Antirebound bar is available to purchase separately via Britax not to be used with the rear facing tether. This is a nice addon that Britax has recently added to their online store.

Britax Boulevard rear facing tether Rear facing tether available on certain model dates, if stated in the user manual not to be used with the antirebound bar. Some older models that still allow rear face tethering come with a metal dring. Newer models that still allow it will come with a loop on either end of a strap. The instruction manual shows how to use the connector strap. Note Many vehicles no longer allow rear facing tether use. Britax Boulevard infant positioning pillow Infant positioning pillow is required for infants who weigh up to 22 pounds and not permitted for children who weigh more than 22 pounds. This insert improves the fit for the tiniest of passengers. Updated Features Britax has taken a back to basics approach with their newest convertibles and updated several features to make them more userfriendly. Britax Boulevard descriptive wording Descriptive names for safety features, updated logos and boxes Britax has moved away from acronyms to spelling out the full features. HUGS, for example, are now referred to as impact absorbing chest pads. They've updated their labels and their boxes to match this change. Britax is also moving away from the white boxes to a brown box that doesn't show the wear and tear a box goes through in shipping. Britax Boulevard red adjustment levers Different colored adjustment levels The recline and head support adjustment levers have also switched from grey to red to make them easier to find and thus more userfriendly. Britax Boulevard lower anchor limits Lower Anchor limits As of February 2014, car seats must have labels stating the child's weight limit for the use of lower anchors. The new Britax seats have these updated labels with the current lower anchor limits clearly listed on the side for both rear facing and forward facing. Britax Boulevard tether and antirebound bar Tethers and Antirebound bar Britax has shortened their tether straps, but do offer a tether extension if needed.

The biggest change they've instituted is moving away from a rear facing tether to an antirebound bar ARB. The ARB is available separately via Britax.com. Many vehicles no longer allow seats to tether rear facing due to occupant detection systems, so Britax has decided the ARB is an easy fix no more having to figure out if your vehicle allows a rear facing tether or not. This is a rolling change to the non ClickTight convertibles, so some will still allow you to tether while rear facing; others will not. If your manual allows it, please make sure to check with your vehicle manufacturer to make sure they allow it as well. This means that one strap doesn't have to be pulled tight through the seat which can sometimes cause it to bind up in the belt path. The individual adjusters make for an easy lower anchor installation. Lower anchors can be used until the child weighs 40 pounds. This means the seat can always be installed with the lower anchors when rear facing if your seating position allows. The Boulevard does not allow for borrowing lower anchors from outboard seating positions. It does allow for overhang for those with shallow vehicle seats. Britax Boulevard rear facing lockoffs If a seat belt installation is preferred, that method is easy as well with Britax's seat belt lockoffs. They are found by lifting the cover. Just open the lock off closest to your seat belt buckle, thread the belt through the rear facing belt path, buckle and tighten. Then flip the lock off over the seat belt to lock it into place. The Britax lock offs can sometimes be difficult to clip all the way. One tip for using the lock offs is to use the palm of your hand to close them, not your fingers. Recline needs to be in position three for rear facing installation no matter the installation method. The crotch buckle needs to in front of, not under the child. For seat belt installation, the crotch buckle needs to be in the

closest position for threading the seat belt through.

For lower anchor installation, the crotch buckle can be in either position as long as the buckle isn't under the child. Forward Facing Installation Lower anchor weight limits Forward facing child weight of 50 pounds Britax Boulevard forward facing installation Lower anchor installation is allowed up to child weight of 50 pounds for forward facing. Recline positions one or two can be used forward facing. Recline position one must be used for children over 40 pounds, when installing with lap belt only. Both lower anchor and seat belt installations are just as easy forward as they are rear. For seat belt installation, thread the belt through the lockoff closest to the buckle. Buckle, tighten, then close the lockoff over the seat belt locking it into place. Fit to Child Rear Facing Rear facing weight range 540 pounds Rear facing height range 49 inches or less, or 1 inch from the top of the head to the top of the shell not head support head support Britax recently amended the manual on G4.1 seats manufactured after Oct 2014 to include the head support Britax Boulevard Newborn doll, 7 pounds, 17 inches Our newborn Huggable Images doll weighs 7 pounds and is 17 inches long. She fit very well with the infant positioning pillow in place. It bumped her up just enough so that her shoulders were just barely above the bottom harness slots. I was pleasantly surprised to find that she fit nicely with the impact absorbing chest pads. These pads are highly recommended for forward facing, but can be removed rear facing to ensure a snug fit for small infants. The Boulevard also fits him very well without the infant positioning pillow. He's on the third harness position and has the crotch strap in the outer position. He frequently sleeps in this seat with no complaints of being hot or uncomfortable. Britax Boulevard, 3 years old, 25 pounds, 34 inches Our 3 year old model also fits well rear facing in the Boulevard. She weighs 25 pounds and is 34 inches tall.

At 3 years old, she's still safer rear facing than forward facing. She is actually on the same harness position as our younger model but has the crotch buckle on the smaller position. She has plenty of leg room in the seat. She fits as well in the seat forward facing as she fit in it rear facing. She has about three or four more harness positions to grow. I could see this seat lasting her for a long time to come. We're not terribly surprised that she barely fits in the Boulevard. Her shoulders are right at the highest harness position and her legs are hanging over the edge of the shallow seat pan. She still seemed to fit width wise well, although a typical child of this height and weight might be a bit snug. At her age, if she can sit properly, switching to a dedicated booster would be a safe choice. Expiration is 7 years and can be found on page 5 of the instruction manual. Britax Boulevard FAA certification FAA approval label is on the outside of the seat's base, and on page 6 of the instruction manual. The only downfall to this Boulevard, and other previous Britax convertibles, is the short shell and shallow seat pan. None of these are a safety concern, but if you have larger children these complaints mean the child could outgrow the seat before they're ready for the next step. Britax has addressed these issues with their newest convertible line up, the ClickTights. Read our review on the Britax Advocate ClickTight for more information on those. Overall, I'm pleased with the Britax Boulevard. They can be found on Amazon.com. Britax provided the Boulevard used in this review, CSFTL was not otherwise compensated and opinions, as always, are all our own. Originally written by Angela Tastad. Edits maintained by CSFTL. However, our reviews and educational materials are OUR opinions and are not that of Safe Kids, NHTSA, or anyone other than us. We are not liable for anything anyone says or does as a result of reading our opinions on this site.

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