

# Warning: Vehicle Safety Belt Recall

Owners of newer vehicles from several major manufacturers are warned to take note of a recall affecting more than 135,000 vehicles that may make it difficult to install a child restraint safely.

The recall affects passenger safety belts made by parts supplier Autoliv between 10/26/20 and 1/27/21.



The retractor is attached to the vehicle frame within the seat structure at the end of the shoulder belt.

The fault is with a component in the safety belt called the automatic locking retractor(ALR). The retractor is a reel that spools extra belt webbing.

Affected retractors are designed to “lock” when installing a child restraint. This is done by extending the belt all the way until it ‘clicks’; once it is locked the belt cannot be pulled out any farther. In many cars, belts must be locked in this way to install a child safety seat correctly.

Because of a faulty lever in the ALR, the belt may become unlocked even after it has been locked into place. This could mean that a child safety seat installed with the belt is not fixed firmly in place and may not protect a child properly in a crash.

Vehicles affected to date include some 2021 and 2022 models from the following manufacturers:

- Audi
- Bentley
- BMW
- Ford
- Lamborghini
- Mini
- Mitsubishi
- Nissan
- Porsche
- Rolls-Royce
- Toyota
- Volkswagen

Vehicles from the following manufacturers may also be affected:

- Alfa Romeo
- Chrysler
- Dodge
- Fiat
- Jaguar
- Jeep
- Land Rover
- Maserati
- Mercedes-Benz
- Ram
- Volvo

## What to do next:

- Check to see if your vehicle is affected by this recall by entering your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls>. (Look on the lower left of your vehicle windshield for your 17-character VIN.)
- Make an appointment with your dealership for a free repair.
- In the meantime, move any safety seats into an unaffected seating position, use the lockoff on your safety seat, or, if your child is within allowed weight limits for the lower connectors, install your safety seat using the lower anchors, and always attach the top tether if the seat is forward facing. Contact SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. for additional advice.

**Child Passenger Safety Technicians and other professionals and community advocates are urged to distribute this flyer to families using 2021/2022 vehicles made by these manufacturers.**

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