



U.S. Department
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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 12-031
Date Opened: 10/15/2012
Investigator: John Abbott **Reviewer:** Scott Yon
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Child Seat Harness Buckle

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: GRACO CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS INC
Products: 2009-2011 My Ride and Nautilus
Population: Confidential
Problem Description: Difficulty in unlatching the harness buckle. Several complainants reported cutting the harness to remove their child.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	25	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	0	Confidential	Confidential

*Description of Other: Manufacturer supplied Early Warning Reporting (EWR) field report data

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open Preliminary Evaluation

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation has received 25 reports from consumers alleging difficulty in unlatching the harness buckle on their subject child seat, some stating that excessive force and/or effort was required to unlatch the harness. Nine of the complainants reported that they could not unlatch the buckle at all. Three complainants ultimately cut the harness to remove their child, while the other six managed to remove their child by pulling them through the still buckled harness.

The ODI reports can be reviewed at <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/complaints> under the following identification (ODI) numbers: 10454450, 10454393, 10428246, 10421053, 10418155, 10413817, 10406827, 10397449, 10466250, 10463507, 10455029, 10454295, 10444493, 10413648, 10475529, 10444593, 10433600, 10410574, 10383056, 10366522, 10361369, 10475529, 10366645, 10477267, and 10478809.