

August 25, 2008

Ms. Kelly Schuler
Recall Management Division, NVS-215
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Recall 08C-007; Bases Used In KeyFit And KeyFit 30 Child Restraint Systems

Dear Ms. Schuler:

Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c)(10), enclosed please find a representative copy of the letter sent by Chicco USA, Inc. (Chicco), to its retailers to notify them of the subject recall and to instruct them to stop the sale of the defective products covered by the recall. As an enclosure to that letter, Chicco provided each of its retailers with a placard to be posted in the store to help publicize the recall to those purchasers that did not submit a registration card to Chicco and thus did not receive an owner notification letter from the company.

This letter satisfies the dealer notification requirements of 49 CFR 577.13. However, please be aware that Chicco had previously provided informal notice of the recall to its dealers at about the same time that submitted its Part 573 Report to NHTSA.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 717 735-7903.

Sincerely,

Steve Gerhart
Compliance and Quality Manager
Chicco USA, Inc.

Enclosures

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Dear Dealer:

Chicco USA, Inc. (Chicco) has determined that some of the bases for KeyFit and KeyFit 30 child restraint systems (CRS) and Cortina Travel Systems manufactured between February 26, 2008 and March 17, 2008, contain a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety, and it has initiated a voluntary recall program to address that defect. Our records indicate that some of the Chicco CRSs and/or bases covered by this recall may have been provided to your company for resale.

The defect can prevent the base from being tightly secured to a vehicle when the lower LATCH attachments are used as the method of installation. Specifically, when a defective base is installed with the lower LATCH attachment straps, the webbing used to tighten the base to the vehicle seat can slip through the adjustment lock. If the webbing were to slip during a vehicle crash, the base could move, possibly increasing the risk of injury.

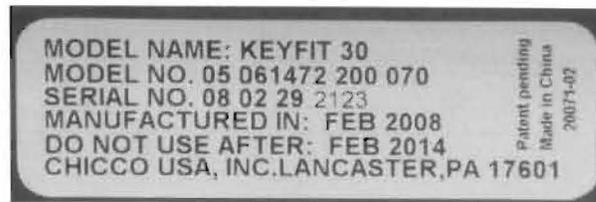
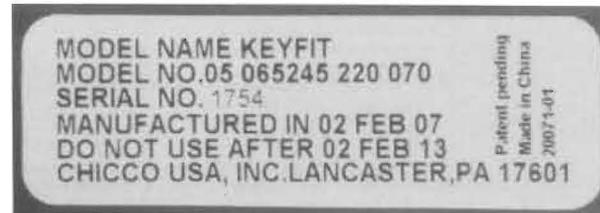
Chicco will honor all returns of the covered items and will refund the full price that you paid for them.

The bases covered by this recall were included with the following CRSs and are also sold separately:

<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Product Code</u>	<u>SKU</u>
Cortina Travel System – Sahara	06065245970070	242885
Cortina Travel System – Discovery	05065245220070	579820
Cortina Travel System – Explorer	04065245860070	837110
Cortina Travel System – Manhattan	05065245020070	580964
Cortina Travel System – Adventure	06060796650070	81041
KeyFit 30 – Extreme	05061472200070	678737
KeyFit 30 – Adventure	06061472650070	80646
KeyFit and KeyFit 30 Base	06061551990070	24773

Please check the date of manufacture of your inventory of these items to determine whether you currently have any items covered by this recall. **ONLY CRSs AND BASES THAT WERE MANUFACTURED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 26, 2008 AND MARCH 17, 2008 ARE BEING RECALLED.** The date of manufacture can be found on a white label on the outside of the box in which the unit is packaged.

For CRSs and bases manufactured after November 1, 2007, the date of manufacture can be determined from the Serial Number, which can be found on the third line of the label, as shown below as Example A. If the Serial Number is between 08 02 26 (corresponding to February 26, 2008) and 08 03 17 (corresponding to March 17, 2008), the item is covered by this recall. Please note that items manufactured before November 1, 2007 have a label similar to that shown below as Example B, on which the date of manufacture is on the fourth line. **HOWEVER, NONE OF THE BASES WITH THIS TYPE OF LABEL ARE COVERED BY THIS RECALL.**

EXAMPLE A:**EXAMPLE B:
(Unaffected Product)****What You Should Do**

If you have any CRSs or bases covered by this recall in your current inventory, please call Chicco at 717-735-6200 ext. 246 to make arrangements to return those items for a full refund.

In addition, to help us to get information about this recall to individual retail consumers who may have purchased the recalled items, please post the enclosed placard in a prominent manner in an area near where CRSs are sold. The placard contains information and photographs that will allow a consumer to determine whether he or she has a recalled CRS or base, as well as instructions on how to contact Chicco to obtain a replacement base or for more information.

Please note that it is a violation of Federal law to sell any of the items covered by this recall unless the defect has been remedied.

If you have any questions about this recall, please call us at 717-735-6200 ext. 246.

Child Safety Is Critically Important To Chicco

Chicco sincerely regrets this defect and any inconvenience this recall may have caused. The safety of children is our primary concern, and our goal is work with you to resolve this issue quickly and to your satisfaction and the satisfaction of your customers.

Sincerely,

Tom Gwiazdowski
Vice President – Administration

Enclosure: Placard for posting in retail outlets

Post until: Nov. 5, 2008

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

This Safety Recall Notice concerns the **Base** for **KeyFit** and **KeyFit 30 Car Seats** manufactured between February 26, 2008 and March 17, 2008. This recall involves only the Base, which is included with the following products and is also sold separately:

<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Product Code</u>	<u>SKU</u>
Cortina Travel System – Sahara	06065245970070	242885
Cortina Travel System – Discovery	05065245220070	579820
Cortina Travel System – Explorer	04065245860070	837110
Cortina Travel System – Manhattan	05065245020070	580964
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The Problem

Chicco USA has determined that some of the Bases manufactured between February 26, 2008, and March 17, 2008, have a manufacturing defect that can prevent achieving a tight fit when the lower LATCH attachment straps are used to install the Base in a vehicle.

Please Note: The affected Bases can still be used safely when installed using the vehicle's safety belts instead of the lower LATCH attachments.

What You Should Do

To determine whether you have one of the defective Bases, please identify the date of manufacture, which can be found on a white label attached to the Base and on the outside of the box in which the unit came. Bases manufactured before November 1, 2007, have a label similar to that shown below as Example A, in which the date of manufacture is shown on the fourth line. **NONE OF THE BASES WITH THIS TYPE OF LABEL ARE COVERED BY THIS RECALL.** For bases manufactured after November 1, 2007, the date of manufacture can be determined from the Serial Number, which can be found on the third line of the label as shown below as Example B.

If the Serial Number is between 08 02 26 (corresponding to February 26, 2008) and 08 03 17 (corresponding to March 17, 2008), your Base is covered by this recall.

EXAMPLE A:
(Not covered by this Recall)



EXAMPLE B:



If your Base was manufactured during the period in question, please call 1-800-807-8817 or visit www.chiccocarseatrecall.com for more information on this recall and to learn how to obtain a replacement Base at no charge.