



Information Bulletin IB-118J

Fitting Child Car Restraints

Child restraints and child restraint anchorage points must be correctly installed due to the large forces that are transmitted during a vehicle collision.

Summary

This bulletin provides advice on the following topics in relation to child car restraints:

- Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitting Service
- Type 2 Child Restraint Fitting Station Scheme
- Modification Plates
- List of Type 2 Child Restraint Fitting Stations

Background

For a child restraint to function properly in a crash it must:

- Be correctly fitted; and
- The vehicle must have child restraint anchorage points safely located and fitted.

This bulletin provides a list of businesses that are authorised to fit child restraint anchorage points.

Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitting Service

There is a network of trained Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitters throughout WA to provide advice and assistance with the installation of child car restraints. They are also able to provide information regarding the suitability of restraints according to the child's weight and size.

The 'Child Car Restraint Fitting Service' was launched in November 2005 and is currently administered by Roadwise.

Type 2 Child Restraint Fitting Station Scheme

The Type 2 Child Restraint Fitting Station Scheme complements the Type 1 Child Car Restraint Scheme to facilitate easier, faster and safer installation of anchorage points. The Department of Transport (DoT) has Authorised Fitting Stations to install and to approve the installation of child restraint anchorage points to vehicles at a cost to the consumer.

Under the scheme, DoT approved businesses are authorised to fit child restraint anchorage points and anchorage accessories. The businesses are known as 'Type 2 Child Restraint Fitting Stations' and the officers approved to do this work are known as 'Type 2 Fitters'. They are also able to approve anchorage points and accessories that have been installed by others.

No modification permit will need to be issued by DoT if an authorised modifier fits a modification plate.

If you are interested in becoming a Type 2 Fitting Station officer contact DoT on 13 11 56 who will send out a business pack.

Modification plate

Authorised Type 2 Fitting Station officers must affix this plate, example below, to a vehicle after they are satisfied that it complies with all required vehicle standards.

The image shows a grey rectangular modification plate with a white border. At the top left is the Government of Western Australia Department of Transport logo. The title 'MODIFICATION PLATE' is in large bold letters. Below it, 'ANCHORAGE POINTS FOR CHILD RESTRAINTS' is written. A line of text states 'Modifications were carried out in accordance with WA Vehicle Standard Regulations'. There are several fields for data entry: 'AUTHORISED MODIFIER:', 'VIN/CHASSIS NUMBER:', 'NUMBER OF ANCHORAGE POINTS ADDED:', 'SUPPLEMENTARY DEVICES FITTED:', 'MODIFIER JOB NUMBER:', and 'DATE:'. At the bottom, a bold warning reads 'THIS PLATE MUST NOT BE REMOVED'.

Further assistance

If you would like assistance in fitting a child restraint and do not need to modify your vehicle, you only need the services of a trained Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitter.

For more information about the Child Car Restraint Fitting Service and assistance to install a child car restraint, contact the Child Car Restraint Information Line by:

Phone: 1300 780 713

Website: www.roadwise.asn.au.

Find a Type 2 Child Restraint Fitting Station

Name	Phone Number	Address	Town / City
Evertrans	9841 2477	23 Kelly Street	ALBANY
Custom Cars	9279 3066	3 Fairford Street	BASSENDEAN
Technology for Ageing and Disability WA	9379 7400	371 Collier Road	BASSENDEAN
Seat Shop WA Pty Ltd	6117 9950	2/6 Cocus Drive	BIBRA LAKE
Bob's Workshop	9192 2449	45A Blackman Street	BROOME
Southwest Mechanical & Offroad	9721 4080	16 Rose Street	BUNBURY
Opposite Lock	9791 5717	6 Bourke Street	BUNBURY
Passmore Automotive	9754 1202	61 West Street	BUSSELTON
Omnibus Services	9256 3211	20 Coulson Way	CANNING VALE
Assured Automotive	9727 3402	89 Ilmenite Crescent	CAPEL
Darren's A1 Auto Pty Ltd	9071 3551	27 Shelden Road	ESPERANCE
Exmouth Service Centre	9949 4001	39 Welch Street	EXMOUTH
Axis Auto's Service Centre	9921 2411	284 Marine Terrace	GERALDTON
Clyde's Coatings	9964 4274	Unit 5, 3 Boyd Street	GERALDTON
T. L. Engineering (Aust) Pty Ltd	9279 5466	463 Bushmead Road	HAZELMERE
Abletek Mechanical	9021 6174	105 Forrest Street	KALGOORLIE
Double R Equipment Repairs	9185 2699	2493 Coolawanyah Road	KARRATHA
Coventry Machine Works	0407 728 486	16 Poincettia Way	KUNUNURRA
Automotive Inspection Services	9583 3133	1/3 Rouse Road	MANDURAH
Mandurah Diesel	9581 6572	27 Thornborough St	MANDURAH
Peel 4WD Centre	9581 6184	292 Pinjarra Road	MANDURAH
Auto Add Pty Ltd	0419 044 781	47 Sugarwood Drive	THORNLIE
Wesbar Vanquip	9458 9177	86 Ewing Street	WELSHPOOL
Seat Belt Solutions	9258 3666	1/35 Colin Jamieson Drive	WELSHPOOL
Como Paint & Panel	9367 2662	27 Welshpool Road	WELSHPOOL
M.A.L. Automotives Pty Ltd	9641 2000	4 Maxwell Street	YORK

Any qualified tradesman may carry out these modifications outside of this scheme, however the vehicles will be subject to an inspection and require a modification permit, fees apply. If you cannot attend a Type 2 fitter in your region, contact DoT.

Related Documents and Links

Road Safety Commission:

www.rsc.wa.gov.au

Roadwise:

www.roadwise.asn.au

DoT Fees and Charges:

www.transport.wa.gov.au

Enquiries

For enquiries contact the Department on 13 11 56.