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# Introducing i-Size

## New safety regulation for child car seats

On 9 July 2013, a new child seat safety regulation came into force.

### *What is the new regulation and how will it affect you and your children?*

The current child car seat regulation has been in place since the early 80s, but since this time the cars we drive have changed radically. We also have a better understanding of what actually happens during a collision. The new regulation takes this into account and is designed to make child car seats safer, as well as easier to buy, fit and use.

### *Better protection for your child*

Side impact collisions account for around 25% of road accidents in Europe. Despite this, the current regulation takes no account of side impact protection. The new legislation specifies that all regulation 129 child car seats must be tested to ensure that a child remains secure in their car seat in the event of a side impact.

### *Advanced technology*

The improved tests have been made possible by a new generation of child crash test dummies known as the Q-series. The new high-tech Q-series dummies behave in a more realistic way and provide much more information than was previously possible, such as the effect of an impact on a child's chest, neck, head and abdomen.

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## Key points to remember

### *The key points you now need to consider when buying a new child car seat:*

- ➊ All child car seats with regulation 129, designed for children younger than 15 months, **must** now be rear facing.
- ➋ All regulation 129 child car seats will now be limited to total combined weight of 33kg, to include the car seat and occupant.
- ➌ All regulation 129 child car seats will feature a new sizing system. Called i-Size, it grades car seats based on a child's height and weight, and is much more accurate than the previous system.
- ➍ All new vehicles will have 'i-Size-ready' seating positions. This means that any i-Size child car seat will fit into any i-Size position in a car, regardless of make or design.
- ➎ A vehicle fitting list (showing which vehicles a child car seat will fit) will no longer be required. For seats being used in pre-July 2013 vehicles, a vehicle fitting list will still be required.



To check whether a car or child car seat conforms to the new regulation, look out for the new i-Size label.

- ➏ **The new regulation will initially only be applicable to ISOFIX child restraints with an internal harness. However, it will eventually apply to all child car seats.**
- ➐ **Known as Regulation 129 (Reg. 129), the new regulation will eventually replace the current regulation (Reg. 44), which is to be slowly phased out.**
- ➑ **Child car seats approved under the old regulation will still be legal for use.**

**For further information on the i-Size regulation and advice on keeping your child sitting safely, please visit:**

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