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## NHTSA Recalls of Interest March 13, 2014

### **RECALL Subject : Buckle may not Unlatch , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)**

**Report Receipt Date:** FEB 10, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14C001000

**Component(s):** CHILD SEAT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 4,176,601

Child Restraints Brand Name	Model
• GRACO	ARGOS 70
• GRACO	ARGOS 70 ELITE
• GRACO	CLASSIC RIDE 50
• GRACO	COMFORT SPORT
• GRACO	COZY CLINE
• GRACO	MY RIDE 65
• GRACO	MY RIDE 65 W/SAFETY SURRO
• GRACO	MY RIDE 70
• GRACO	MY SIZE 70
• GRACO	NAUTILUS
• GRACO	NAUTILUS 3-IN-1
• GRACO	NAUTILUS ELITE
• GRACO	NAUTILUS PLUS
• GRACO	READY RIDE
• GRACO	SIZE 4 ME 70
• GRACO	SMART SEAT
• GRACO	SMART SEAT W/SAFETY SURRO
• GRACO	STEP 2

**Manufacturer:** Graco Children's Products Inc.

### **SUMMARY:**

On February 7, 2014, Graco Children's Products, Inc. (Graco) informed NHTSA that it would be recalling model year 2009 through 2013 toddler and booster child restraints, models Cozy Cline, Comfort Sport, Classic Ride 50, My Ride 65, My Ride w/Safety Surround, My Ride 70, Size 4 Me 70, Smart Seat, Nautilus, Nautilus Elite, and Argos 70. On March 7, 2014, Graco

informed NHTSA it would be including an additional 403,222 seats in this recall, including certain model year 2006 through 2014 Argos 70 Elite, Ready Ride, Step 2, My Ride 65 with Safety Surround, My Size 70, Head Wise 70 with Safety Surround, Nautilus 3-in-1, Nautilus Plus, and Smart Seat with Safety Surround. The defect involves difficulty in unlatching the harness buckle. In some cases, the buckle becomes stuck in a latched condition so that it cannot be opened by depressing the buckle's release button.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

It may be difficult to remove the child from the restraint, increasing the risk of injury in the event of a vehicle crash, fire, or other emergency, in which a prompt exit from the vehicle is required.

**REMEDY:**

Graco is offering to replace the buckle with a new design, free of charge. Registered owners will be notified beginning around early April 2014, and offered the free replacement buckle. All other owners may contact Graco at 1-800-345-4109 (toll-free) or 1-330-869-7225, or online at [www.consumerservices@gracobaby.com](mailto:www.consumerservices@gracobaby.com).

**NOTES:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov). Note: For a complete list of the production dates of the affected seats, please click on "Associated Documents" and then "Defect Notice(Part 573) - Amended March 7, 2014"