

## Counterfeit or Knock off Car Seats

**S:** St Luke's Children's Hospital in Boise came across TWO counterfeit (knock off) car seats last week when doing car seat checks on new babies. A hospital in Tri Cities reported they had come across a knock off car seat with Chinese lettering on all the labels, no base and flimsy plastic.

**B:** These TWO car seats in Boise were purchased on line from Amazon.

**A:** When examined these **counterfeit car seats:**

- All seat parts were made of plastic; including buckles.
- The harnesses did not fit the training baby and did not have a chest clip.
- The harness adjuster on the underside was situated on a loose piece of plastic
- The piece of the seat meant to attach to the base was very flimsy and almost snapped with very little pressure.
- Seat did not have an owner's manual, registration card, any safety labeling or a manufactured date.
- Plastic is so flimsy it can be bent by hand.

Legitimate car seats will have:

- An owner's manual and registration card attached.
- Will have all the required safety stickers applied to seat.
  - Passed safety for child with a minimum & maximum weight listed.
  - Clear manufactured date
- Chest safety clips are required on all seats in the US.
- Harness components are generally made of metal.

**R:** Be aware that counterfeit or knock off car seats have been being sold by on line stores like Amazon. Flimsy construction and missing or nonsensical labeling are giveaways.

<https://www.ktvb.com/mobile/article/news/health/boise-hospital-warns-of-knock-off-car-seats-theres-no-way-a-child-would-survive-a-crash-in-a-seat-like-this/277-c1db11e9-0489-44bb-85f2-a2b7bd362080>

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