

Safety warning issued for 260,000 infant car seats

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Transport Canada says there are potential safety issues with Designer 22 infant car seats.

The seats are sold under the brand names of Cosco, Eddie Bauer, Safety 1st and Quinny.

Transport Canada says the seat meets the mandatory safety standards, but testing beyond existing standards has shown that the seat may separate from its base or the base may crack during a severe frontal collision.

To avoid the possibility of separation, Transport Canada is recommending that seat owners follow the manufacturer's "without base" method of installing the infant seat in a vehicle.

The Designer 22 is a rear-facing infant car seat, designed to be used in a vehicle with or without a detachable base.

The warning affects about 260,000 units manufactured between Jan. 1, 2001, and March 19, 2009.