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### **Britax Responds to Consumer Reports Retraction**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (January 18, 2007) – Britax Child Safety Inc. today applauded the decision by Consumer Reports to withdraw its recent report on infant car seats and acknowledge that the test results upon which the report was based may be significantly flawed.

Since the results were published in the February issue of Consumer Reports earlier this month, federal highway safety officials, car-seat manufacturers, and advocates have expressed skepticism about the results, which found all but two models unsafe in side-impact collisions at 38.5 miles per hour.

Today, Nicole Nason, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said in a statement that NHTSA re-tested the same child seats tested by Consumer Reports and found all were safe at speeds of 38.5 mph. NHTSA said that the Consumer Reports side-impact tests were erroneously conducted under conditions that would represent being struck at 70 mph.

In its own statement released today, Consumer Reports said it intended to conduct additional testing and publish a new report “with any necessary revisions,” and asked those who may have seen the car-seat report to “suspend judgment on the merits of individual products until the new testing has been completed and the report re-published.”

“Britax agrees with Consumer Reports that child safety is of paramount importance and is pleased that they have recognized substantive issues related to their recent testing,” said Jon Chamberlain, president of Britax Child Safety Inc. Britax has always met and exceeded the actual federal testing standard of 30 miles per hour.

Britax will continue to cooperate with NHTSA, Consumer Reports, and industry leaders to ensure ongoing and continuous improvement in the safe transport of children in motor vehicles.

“As an established leader in child-safety products, Britax has earned the trust of parents worldwide by consistently exceeding safety standards,” Chamberlain said. “We are committed to supporting regulations and standards that further enhance child passenger safety.”

#### **About Britax**

Britax Child Safety, Inc. is the North and South America operating company of Britax Childcare Group Limited, a global leader in the child car-seat and travel-system markets. Founded in 1996, Britax Child Safety, Inc. is headquartered in Charlotte,

N.C. It produces and distributes quality child seats ranging from rear-facing infant seats to seat-belt-positioning boosters for older, larger children. For more information, visit [www.britaxusa.com](http://www.britaxusa.com).

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