

# VIB16: Child Restraints

## Background

Child restraints are designed to provide a high level of occupant protection for children travelling in vehicles.

Restraints used in vehicles must comply with Australian Standards, and anchorages must meet relevant Australian Design Rule requirements.

For a child restraint to provide the protection it is designed for, it must be correctly installed, fastened and adjusted in the vehicle.

## Policy

Child restraint anchorages and child restraint devices must be fitted in accordance with both the child restraint manufacturer's instructions and the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

Refer to Information Bulletin V25 "*Child Restraints*".

<https://nt.gov.au/driving/industry/vehicle-information-bulletins-and-forms>

## Requirement

Where fitted, child restraint anchorages and child restraint devices are to be checked in accordance with the NT Inspection Manual for Light Vehicles.

[https://nt.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/165647/light-vehicles-inspection-manual.pdf](https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/165647/light-vehicles-inspection-manual.pdf)

## Action

If the child restraint anchorages and child restraint devices are not fitted in accordance with the child restraint manufacturer's instructions and the vehicle manufacturer's instructions, the vehicle must not be passed fit for registration.

## Inspection Procedures

Refer to NT Inspection Manual for Light Vehicles.

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