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## Britax boulevard 70-g3 expiration

The Advocate 70-G3 is the high-end model of Britax. But is it worth the extra expense compared to other models? Read on for my full review. Britax safety features is well regarded for the safety of their seats, and the 70-G3 Avocado is touted as their safest seat. The main safety feature that avocado adds to the Britax range is its side impact cushion technology. Looking at the photo of the seat, you will notice the large side cushions. Although it is not possible to find detailed data on NHTSA collisions on seats, Britax has a reputation for researching the best in child safety. If you are looking for better protection from side impact than the average seat, I would bet on the lawyer as a result of their claims. The seat also comes with HUGS chest pads that can be used for toddlers and older children to reduce tension in the event of an accident. Instead of using a fabric pad for driving comfort only, these pads compress to absorb energy. Hugs Chest Pads Like other Britax 70-G3 seats, the Advocate features steel reinforcement bars, an energy-absorbing versa-attache system and the recently added SafeCell system in the base to absorb crush forces. SafeCell Base You can't go wrong with a Britax seat in terms of security, in my opinion. If you are looking for the safest britax seat has to offer, the lawyer is there. Weights and Dimensions When selecting a car seat, it is important to look at the size to make sure it will fit your vehicle. Here are the specifications and how they compare to other seats: Depth: 21 - The depth is average. Fits well into most vehicles. Not recommended for small cars with large passengers in the front when the seat used in the rear-facing position. Width: 22 - It is currently the largest seat on the market. A large sedan, truck or SUV is recommended if the seat will be installed in the central position and there will be additional seats or passengers in the rear. Height: 26 - Average. The driver's rear visibility is not affected in most cases. Weight: 21.6 pounds - Not the heaviest seat out there, but it weighs more than most. If you plan to travel a lot with the seat, consider a Britax travel cart. Due to improved side impact protection, the Advocate 70-G3 is a wide seat. If you have a roomy vehicle, this is not a big deal. However, in small cars, this reduces the space available for additional car seats and passengers The back seat. The installation seats on the Britax 70-G3 line have the same installation procedures. The installation methods of the LATCH and seat belt for the rear and front facing positions are simple, the LATCH being easier to tighten to the point of having the required seat movement of 1 or less. The seat has a simple blue line to use as a levelling guide. It is recommended to stay in a 15-degree range; if the line is even with the ground it's at the center of this With this seat, you will need an eyeball if it is level, and use a pool noodle or coiled towel to lift one end if necessary. Some seats use a bubble level which is a better method than what is available on the Advocate 70-G3. The incurable position is based on the fact that the seat is used forward or backward and can easily be changed by pulling on the handle and turning the seat. As for the instruction manual, it is not the easiest to follow. Some illustrations and descriptions are better than others. If you are not clear on a particular step, I recommend calling Britax for more details. Backside When used in the rear-facing position, avocado can be used for children up to 40 pounds. This is a little above the average weight limit, and means that most children can be sitting in the back for about 4 years. The minimum weight for the avocado is 5 pounds, which is quite typical. Front-facing The minimum forward-facing for the avocado is 20 pounds, but as with any seat, I recommend using it in the rear-facing position well beyond 20 pounds. As the name suggests, the Advocate 70-G3 can be used for children up to 70 pounds, which is on the high side. The height limit is 49, which is more average. Most children will exceed this in height before weight - anywhere for 6 to 9 years. Adjustment It can be a little trickier than some seats to get your child sitting in the avocado. This is due to the large side impact protectors. Otherwise, it's an easy-to-use and adjust seat. The Advocate (with the Pavilion) adds a Click and Safe harness indicator. Once your child is seated and the harness loops are locked, just pull on the harness adjustment strap until the indicator clicks. You'll want to check the release in the harness, but this system usually does a good job of adjusting the belt properly with a tug. In some cases, the included harness straps may be exceeded before your child reaches the height/weight limit. If this happens, contact Britax and they should send you longer straps for free. Fabric and Design Britax has five different fabric options for avocado - Anna, Onyx, Opus Gray, Serene, and Zebra. One thing to keep in mind is that the Onyx seat uses a different material from the others. It uses a fabric that is a bit like a canvas bag. It's not as fluffy as the others, but it's easier to wipe clean and will be less hot for your child if you live in a Hot. The other fabrics are very soft and fuzzy - they are a good choice if the seat will often sit in a cold car during the winter as they will feel warmer. Guarantee and Customer Service The lawyer has a one-year manufacturer warranty, which is typical for car seats. Britax has a very good reputation for their customer service, even beyond warranty, which is a big reason why Britax seats come so strongly Lifespan Avocado 70-G3 has an expiration date of 7 years. This is a year longer than most seats on the market, which is useful if you start using it when your child is a toddler or if you plan to use it later for another child. Some models of Clek, Diono and Chicco can be used safely even longer if this is a big concern for you. Value Although avocado is quite expensive, it also has some of the best security features available. It is still far from being the most expensive seat on the market. I recommend buying from Amazon - they price britax seats at 15-25% less than stores like Babies 'R Us and Buy Baby. Accessories included A removable insert is included with the seat for use with small babies. That's all that's included as far as the accessories go. Optional accessories Britax has a good line of accessories, but they do come at an extra cost. The added modules include a cup holder, seat protector, kick mats, travel bag and travel cart. Benefits Some of the best safety features available Simply Installation Good rear and forward facing size limits Harness is easy to attach and adjust the large choices of fabric Excellent customer service Britax Good value overall Disadvantages The widest of all convertible car seats heavier than most seats Basic leveling system No goblet holder included Conclusion If you are looking for the best in terms of safety features of a well-regarded company, the Britax Advocate 70-G3 is my first choice. Keep in mind that it may not fit smaller cars when larger passengers are seated in the front, and in all cars it takes up more width in the back seat than most convertible car seats. If you have cabin space in your car, truck or SUV, the Advocate 70-G3 is the best Britax has to offer. If the price is out of your budget, Britax Boulevard, Marathon, and Pavilion are also excellent choices that have many of the same security features at a lower cost. Heather December 8, 2010 Comments, I'll admit right away that I have a penchant for Britax seats. The first convertible seat I bought was a roundabout with a DOM from May 2000. However, if you have read my other comments here and in other places, I hope I have shown that I am capable of being fair and impartial. I like all :). And to be quite fair, I have to admit that I have been very skeptical of the lawyer since it was introduced to the market because of the cost and side impact. I never played with one in person in depth until it landed at my door, so actually having it was a learning experience for me. The Advocate 70 and Boulevard 70 are both convertible child restraints (rear-facing and forward-facing) for children 5 to 70 lbs under 49 inches. The two rear-facing models are rated between 5 and 40 lbs. Forward-facing, they can be used for children over one year of age who weigh between 20 and 70 lbs. Britax has redesigned their convertible line last summer and all have some of the same features, namely the base, LATCH, and PPE foam. Kecia did a great 3-part review of the Marathon 70 when he was released for the first time. UPDATE: The new version of the Advocate 70 CS is the Britax Advocate 70 G3. The new version of Boulevard 70 CS is now called Pavilion 70 G3. For more information on Britax G3 updates, see our blog here. This review will focus on the Advocate 70 model, but most of the details and comments also apply to Boulevard 70 CS and Pavilion 70. All Advocate, Boulevard and Pavilion models are adorned with an infant body support cushion, a ventral cushion and harness strap covers. Features and benefits of the Advocate 70 CS Probably the biggest safety feature that the Advocate boasts that you immediately see are the white side impact cushions on the sides of the seat. These look like airbags and Britax claims they reduce lateral collision energy by 45% for the child in the seat and provide protection for any passenger seated next to the seat. The cushions are not as soft as pillows and do not deploy like airbags. Other safety features include the energy-absorbing EPP foam that lines the entire seat and head holding area, SafeCell technology™ in the base, built-in steel bars, versa-Tether rip-stitch®, new built-in locks and the old standby, the rubbery HUGS pads on the harness. Safety Features of Advocate and BLVD 70 Models CS: SafeCell™ Technology: These cells compress into an accident, lowering the child's center of gravity and reducing the excursion of the head. Built-in steel bars: The steel bars are on either side of the seat (the LATCH straps are attached to it, just like the old Marathon/Boulevard/Advocate models), but in this new seat, the bars are integrated from the front of the seat to the top of the seat. The bars strengthen the seat and prevent it from flexing forward in the event of an accident. Built-in locks: Note that these are built-in and non-integrated locks: there is a distinction between the two. The new style locks are built-in flushing into the belt paths and using them is different from using the old style lock-offs, or any lock-offs if you've ever used a lock-off before. The seat belt is loosely threaded through the lock, the lock is closed, and the seat belt is tightened. The lock stays tight above the seat belt while the belt is pulled through it. It's an interesting concept and more comments on this when I talk about my facilities. If your seat belt has a locking option, such as a lock retractor or a lock plate, you don't have to use the lock if you don't want to. Other features high rear-facing weight limits: A typical child will not be able to cope back at the age of 4 in the 70s Lawyer (so this is not the seat for you super extended back face), but a one the heavy child may be accommodated in the seat due to the 40 lb weight limit. 10 harness positions: There are ten harness slot positions on the advocate 70 CS. The lowest harness slot height is 9 and the top slot is about 17 when measured with the lid on. The seat is overtaken face to rear when a child's head is less than 1 from the top of the hull (not the mobile head restraint). A child will exceed this seat by height when he or she exceeds the height limit of 49 or when the top of his ears is above the top of the shell (not the moving headrest) or when the shoulders are above the position of the upper harness. The height of the harness can be easily adjusted during the installation of the Advocate 70 CS. Squeeze the grey handle at the top of the headrest and pull up or push down. When I was adjusting the height of the harness in the highest position for the first time, I really had the finagle in position. In fact, I had to

manually adjust it to the back of the seat and push it into position. After this initial fight, every time I adjusted the seat in the highest position, it easily went that position and locked there. Incurrability settings: There are 3 recoil positions for the front and 1 for the rear side. The incurycellement is achieved by pulling the grey incurse handle under the front of the hold. Click and Safe Harness Adjuster: OK. Skeptical Sally here (my apologies to all of you named Sally!). It was a feature I had heard was a waste of money, a don't buy if you have a choice (you don't have on this seat - it's included, whether it looks like it or not), a I've never seen it work properly! sort of feature. So once the Advocate 70 was installed, I put the doll in the seat, tied it up, and pulled the harness adjuster tight. Click click! I tested the harness comfortably-Hey! Not bad! I loosened the harness and did it again, this time pulling the slack out of the thigh straps so that the harness would start tight on the thighs. Click click! The harness was even comfortable - my kind of comfortable, the kind of comfortable that actually leaves red marks on my kids. I did it with other dolls (I didn't have a living doll to practice with, unfortunately) and the results were the same. So I guess we'll have to see how it goes with the real kids, but with my fakes, the results were nice. The goal for the C S is really for parents who might not know how tight to make the harness. It's supposed to be tight enough that can't take a pinch in the strap over the chest clip (which is called a chest clip because it's supposed to be at chest height, or armpit level). The trick to use it properly is to pull the slack out of the thigh straps first: curl the child in the harness, pull the release up the thighs, then tighten the harness until you hear and feel the 'igle' in the harness fitter strap. LATCH: LATCH connectors are push-on luxury connectors and are not hands-on, which means you don't have to reposition them when you change seats between rear-facing and forward-facing. There are clearly designated storage areas at the back of the base to store the LATCH connectors and the tether strap when not in use (or you can use the fabric pouch at the top of the seat to store the fastener, plus there is an elastic band to wrap the excess length so that you won't accidentally roll over it if it's taken outside your back door). The tether strap is used facing backwards or forwards. Keep in mind that when you attach a rear-facing Britax seat, you don't need to attach yourself to a designated attachment anchor — Britax includes a tethering strap (ring D) that you wrap around a non-moving metal part, such as a front seat leg, to which you connect the fastener. Note: Britax prohibits the use of the LATCH system for a child weighing more than 40 lbs, unless your vehicle allows a higher weight limit. This is a problem with almost all child restraints that have a harness rated above 40 lbs. At some point, it will be necessary to use the seat belt for installation. Seatbelt installations are just as safe as LATCH, provided you can get a good waterproof installation. Check your vehicle owner's manual for more accurate information. You can use LATCH in the center position of the back seat if the distance between the LATCH bars is 11 and 20 AND your vehicle allows it. Installation card: There is a pocket in the part of the cover that you pull forward when you install the Advocate 70 facing backwards and in this pocket is an installation card with diagrams showing you how to install it- a cheat sheet! Crotch strap adjustment: There are two crotch strap positions located about 5 and 7.5 from the back of the seat without the baby cushion being in place. It adjusts easily by turning the strap sideways and moving between positions; however, it will not move the position on its own ;). Padding, comfort and appearance: The blankets on the restraint I tested are called Opus Gray and the fabric has a soft, luxurious plush feel. The support of the infant's body is reversible and matches well. There is a thick grey comfort foam pad attached (but removable to facilitate installation) to the lid in the lid The child's living area. It adds a lot of extra padding. A common complaint of previous britax convertible models is that the ventral trim has been frequently lost (mine included!). They added a elastic band to the back of the trim that gives it a little more living power on the crotch strap! The car seat cover and head restraint completely diss disable from the front of the seat without having to undo the harness or uninstall the car seat. It literally takes off right away! To clean cover, wash by hand with fresh water and mild soap. The strap covers and support pillows of the infant's body are entirely optional. Fake Out!: For little fingers who like to explore and loosen harnesses, the cover has a fake flap on the harness fitter and the harness adjuster has a solid plastic cover on it to keep kids' fingers out. 7-year expiry: The Advocate 70 CS has a 7-year expiration. Britax states in the manual that there is no need to replace the seat after a minor accident if it meets the following criteria: - The vehicle may drive from the accident site. The door of the vehicle closest to the child seat was not damaged. No occupants of the vehicle were injured. There is no visible damage to the child's seat. The airbags (if present) did not deploy. If you are unsure of the severity of an accident, call Britax or replace the car. Aircraft Certification: The Advocate 70 CS is approved by the FAA for use in aircraft. It's also a heavy and wide restraint weighing 21.2 lbs., so if you're traveling with it, you'll want to use a Britax carseat or Kidz Travelmate gogo to avoid having to carry it. Construction: The Advocate 70 is typical of Britax quality and made in the Us! Installation I installed the Avocado 70 CS a lot because I waited a long time to play with the new Britax seats with the new lock-off design. So how did I install it first? With LATCH, of course! How long did it take for my 2005 Sienna? About five seconds! Easy to polka dots, typical Britax LATCH install. Solid rock, perfect installation, what else can I say about it? If you want a seat that fits easily with LATCH, Britax is it. Because my seat has a manufacturing date (DOM) of 10/2010, I only used one lock-off when I installed the car seat (all the new Britax convertible seats manufactured 7/29/10 and earlier use both lock-offs, all new convertibles manufactured after 7/30/10 use the one closest to the loop- see Darren's blog for more information). As I mentioned earlier in the section about the built-in locks, I put on the seat belt loosely through the lock, closed it, and then tightened the seat belt. As I pulled the belt tight and pushed down on the car square near the buckle, I noticed that the car place remained in that position. So while the lock-off has done its job of holding the belt tight, you will need to reposition the seat so that it does not lean towards the buckle. Don't worry, you won't loosen the installation at all — remember that the lock still holds the belt tight, it's just sliding the seat along the seat belt. A note on the locks: there are 2 arms for locks that need to be opened. We have covered this in previous blog posts and have even covered the sweet spot on where to push to close it. One trick I found to get the lock-off to close more easily is to push down on the lower arm of the lock pinch, if you follow along your manual) first, then close the upper arm (lock tab) on top of it. This kind of crimping the belt a bit in the lock channel so it's easier to close the lock on it. The rear-facing installations in my Sienna and 2004 Lexus RX 330 were easy to britaxer with the LATCH. With the seat belt using the lock in each vehicle, I got rock-the-vehicle solid installations. The problem with using only 1 lock is that the person installing the seat is going to have to reposition it so that it is upright and does not lean towards the loop, even facing forward. I had nice facilities without using the lock-offs as well. There was about 1 1/2 of space between the Advocate 70 at its full inclinity and the front seat pushed all the way back into the RX 330. I've never been able to do it with my old-time marathon! The forward-facing facilities in both vehicles were also pleasant. The hull is short (hmm, more or less?) so it fits easily under my vehicle headers, which I usually turn back or remove completely when I install convertible hwh careats. Because of the side impact cushions, the only way to get 3-through with the Avocado 70 is if you drive a Lincoln Towncar or have the other 2 rear-facing carseats. I tried it in the central position of my RX 330, which has a tight rear seat to be a small midsize SUV, and I could get 2 boosters without backs on either side. I guarantee you that the kids wouldn't want to buckle up like that on a daily basis, though. Bulk cons: At 21.2 lbs, the Advocate 70 CS is a heavy seat and it's something to consider if you move it from one vehicle to another often, but it's easy to install. Seat height: It is short and Britax says that the seat is overtaken facing the back when the child's head is less than an inch from the top of the shell. Facing forward, it is overtaken when the child's ears reach the top of the shell. We know they make a seat, the Frontier 85, which has a headrest that has support to handle children larger than the seat hull, so why not put that technology on convertibles? Lid: Although the lid is extremely easy to remove for washing, it has also jumped 'all the time' from the elbows of the seat (this crook on either side of the seat where the horizontal edge of the armrest meets the vertical edge of the torso). Just another 1/2 of fabric would have kept the lid on the seat in that area. Instruction Manual: I've read instructions, it is my job both for contract work and as part of being a technician. I've read a lot of Britax manuals over the years and unfortunately they've taken a step back with this lot. They went back to illustrations for the installation sections, which I think will be terribly confusing for parents who will try to decipher what's going on in belt path while looking through the dotted lines of the vehicle seat with arrows pointing everywhere (yes, it's that clear). Other illustrations are very clear, it's something of a mishmash. I like the boards listed everywhere and it is particularly clear about the basic amount can be out of the seat (no more than 20% or 3). I would be remiss if I did not point out that Britax prohibits the use of inflatable belts with their car seats and that it is in the seat belt section of the manual. Conclusion The 70 CS lawyer has many pros and cons, I'll have to call it a wash in my book, I think. I still like Britax quality and user-friendly features: I think the Click feature Safe worked well when I tried it, the harness height adjuster is a big step forward on the old turn-the-knob-twist-my-hand-into-a-claw system they had with the old Boulevard 65 and Advocate 65 CS, the cover is soft and fluffy and padded, and the harness is not twisted. The lock-offs have received some negative press, but especially from technicians who are put in their way. My biggest beef is the shortness of the shell, I'm not convinced it will carry big kids long enough to bring them to the booster preparation. But it has a lot of great safety features and you can always buy a forward-facing combination seat only like the Britax Frontier 85 SICT if your child exceeds that seat before you're ready for a booster. Since we don't have secondary impact tests mandated in the U.S. to give us standards that we can apply to all careats, only you can decide whether the features specific to the Advocate 70 CS are worth the premium. The Advocate 70 CS webpage [www.britaxusa.com/car-seats/advocate-70-cs](http://www.britaxusa.com/car-seats/advocate-70-cs) thanks to Britax USA and The Reynolds Communication Group for providing CarseatBlog.com the Advocate 70 CS used in the review. Review.

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