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**Restraint of children with disabilities, or  
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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CS-085 Child Restraints for Use in Motor Vehicles, to supersede AS/NZS 4370:1996.

The objective of this Standard is to enable a prescriber to assess the need, identify the available options and recommend the most suitable option for restraining a child, with one or more disabilities, or a medical condition, while travelling in a motor vehicle.

Changes in this edition include a new comprehensive assessment guide, including considerations for children with complex and challenging behaviours. Appendix A has been updated to reflect recent research and a new appendix is included providing a sample prescribing pro forma to assist the prescriber in complying with this Standard.

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE**

This Standard sets out options for restraining a child with one or more disabilities, or medical condition, while travelling in a motor vehicle, to minimize the risk of bodily injury in an impact.

**1.2 APPLICATION**

To enable a child to travel in a motor vehicle and to reduce the risk of bodily injury to both the child and other occupants in a vehicle impact, the guidelines in this Standard give restraint options in order of preference. They range from the most desirable (a compliant child restraint) to the less preferable (a customized restraint or other option).

The Standard covers children up to the age of 16 years. However, the Standard may be applicable for persons over 16 years of age. This Standard does not include design, construction and performance requirements for devices to restrain children in motor vehicles, or for wheelchair restraint assemblies.

In using this Standard, the prescriber and the parent(s) will need to be aware of applicable legislation regarding the use of a modified child restraint, special purpose child restraint, customized restraint or other option (may need to obtain medical certificate for an exemption from the relevant road rules).

**1.3 REFERENCED AND RELATED DOCUMENTS****1.3.1 Referenced Standards**

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS/NZS	
1754	Child restraint systems for use in motor vehicles
4535	Ambulance restraint systems
8005	Accessories for child restraints for use in motor vehicles

**1.3.2 Related Standards and documents**

Additional information may be found in the following documents:

AS/NZS	
2596	Seatbelt assemblies for motor vehicles (ECE Regulation No.16, MOD)
3629	Methods of testing child restraints
3629.1	Method 1: Dynamic testing
3629.3	Method 3: Dynamic testing of upper anchorage components