



**The Seatbelt Convincer**



**Description**

The Seatbelt Convincer (“Convincer”) was developed to illustrate the beneficial use of seatbelts even when involved in a low speed collision. The Convincer simulates a low impact crash and the benefit of seatbelts and airbags. The participant/passenger is restrained and sits in a carriage at the top of a slide. The slide is released, allowing gravity to pull the carriage forward, eventually reaching a speed of at least 5 miles per hour before colliding with bumpers at the front of the system. The Convincer allows riders to experience the force generated in a low speed collision.

**Restrictions**

To ride the Convincer you:

Must be at least 80 pounds in weight ■ and must be at least 4’9” in height.

Should not have any objects in your pockets ■ Should not be wearing eyeglasses ■ Should keep your mouth closed and head back against the seat and be facing forward during the entire demonstration ■ Must be at least 18 years of age or at least 12 years of age and have the permission of a parent or a guardian to participate ■ and must be of sufficient height and weight as determined herein for proper adjustment of the seatbelt.

**Special Considerations**

Do **NOT** ride the Convincer if you:

Have any heart conditions ■ Have any head, neck, leg, spine, or back problems ■ Have had any recent surgeries or long-term illnesses ■ Have any physical injuries or problems known to you that will or may be affected by participation ■ Have any history of a heart condition ■ Have high blood pressure ■ Have a hernia ■ Have ever been treated for cancer ■ Are pregnant or think you might be pregnant ■ or are recovering from any recent injuries, illnesses, surgeries, or medical procedures.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

In consideration for the offer and permission by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) to participate in a demonstration of and to ride in or upon the Convincer, the undersigned voluntarily assumes all risks in connection with such participation. As further consideration for such participation, the undersigned hereby exempts, releases, and discharges MDOT and the Mississippi Transportation Commission (“MTC”), their owners, directors, officers, trustees, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, costs, damages, expenses, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damage, loss, or injury to the person or property of the undersigned or the undersigned’s child or ward caused either directly or indirectly or arising in any way out of participation in or through the use or operation of the Convincer.

Furthermore, the undersigned hereby grants MDOT and the MTC ownership of, and the absolute right and permission to use, modify, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, and/or distribute, my photograph and/or photographic image, my likeness in a photograph, and/or any digital or other reproduction thereof regarding my participation or presence in or at a Convincer event or an event demonstrating the Convincer in any and all of its publications and promotions and for any of its official purposes, including use in print, electronic media, and Internet, Intranet, and website entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity.

**I hereby represent to MDOT that I and/or my child/ward do and will comply with the above-referenced Special Considerations and Restrictions and with all requirements for participation that are presented herein. I further certify that I have read this release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and significance of this release.**

Participant Name: (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian if participant is under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_