New shoulder Height Markers – what are they? How do they work?

Shoulder height markers will soon be added to all child restraints. The shoulder height markers will make it easier for parents and carers to determine if a child restraint is suitable for their child and when the child needs to move to the next type of restraint. On some restraints it will determine when the restraint needs to be changed to the next mode. This new system, along with approximate ages, will replace the old system of using weight to determine the right restraint and the right mode of use.

The image on the right shows what these markers will look like on a restraint:

The upper height marker indicates the maximum shoulder height for a child in the restraint. When the child’s shoulder is at the top marker they are ready to move to the next type of restraint.

The lower height marker indicates the minimum shoulder height for a child in the restraint. If the child’s shoulder is below the marker they are too small for the restraint.
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