

**P R E S S   R E L E A S E****Competence Center Child Safety**

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**Thanks to RECARO Start!****Marktleugast, June 2006 – The RECARO ‘Start’ Child Safety Seat, with its unique aluminium frame construction, proves it’s “real world” safety yet again!**

In January 2006, Mrs. Gabriele W. was on the way to Salzburg (Austria) with her two sons Franz and Maximilian, driving down the A1 motorway when the following accident occurred:

Mrs. W. was passing some vehicles in the overtaking lane when the offside front wheel caught a bank of snow by the central reservation; Mrs W. lost control of the car and it span several times, crossing both lanes of the motorway, the forces involved ripping the tyres from the wheels. As the car, with it’s three passengers, left the motorway, it crashed through a safety fence, finally stopping at the bottom of the embankment.

Both children survived the accident uninjured, with only some minor bruising from the seatbelts, thanks to their child safety seats. The vehicle, a Saab 95 estate car, was totally destroyed.

After proving its safety and reliability, the RECARO Start will be chosen by Franz’s parents again – and later on Franz’s younger brother Maximilian will also enjoy the benefits of travelling in a RECARO Start.



The RECARO Start which was involved in the accident



Franz W.



Maximilian W.



The damaged vehicle

## About the Company:

A worldwide company with 36 locations, Recaro is an autonomous part of the international Keiper-Recaro Group. Some 8.000 employees in the three divisions of Keiper, Recaro and Recaro Aircraft Seating guarantee top-quality products in mobile seating for vehicles and aircraft. In 2005, Recaro achieved total sales of some 135.5 million Euro with just under 670 employees.

Recaro has a long tradition: Founded in 1906 by master sadler Wilhelm Reutter - initially as a bodyshop - Recaro can reflect on 100 years of company history. Reuter made bodies for vehicles such as the Porsche 356, VW Beetle, BMW 328, Horch and many other renowned brands. The Recaro brand was created from the names REutter and CAROsserien (the German word for car body). The first Recaro sport seat made its debut in 1965. Since the merger with Keiper in 1969, Recaro has been an independent member of the Keiper Recaro family and has redefined occupant seats through revolutionary 'always something new' innovations.

In 2004 the Competence Center Child Safety was founded in Marktleugast due to the fusion of RECARO GmbH & Co. KG with Storchenmühle Kinderausstattungen GmbH & Co. KG.

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