DECLARATION OF GREG ALLEN

I, Greg Allen, state as follows:

1. I am the creator and publisher of Daddy Types: the weblog for new dads that was active at daddytypes.com from 2004 until 2017.

2. The purpose of Daddy Types was to provide advice, news, and product information that encouraged fathers to be more involved and effective parents.

3. Blog posts were authored by myself and approximately 25 other parent contributors over the years, but all were edited and published by me.

4. Blog posts also contained category tags that I assigned, to allow users of the blog to easily search by category tag to see relevant blog posts to their interests. These category tags appear at the beginning of each article, as "filed under."

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6. All blog posts had a comments section which allowed readers to interact with the blog post and each other. The comment feature published each commenter's inputted name, comment, and a time stamp indicating when the comment was submitted.

7. On September 13, 2004, I posted the blog post titled "In The Beginning was the Bugaboo" available at https://daddytypes.com/2004/09/13/in_the_beginning_was_the_bugaboo.php (hereinafter the "Bugaboo blog post"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1.

8. The Bugaboo blog post featured images of Bugaboo products I obtained from bugaboo.us and posted with Bugaboo's permission.

9. Exhibit 1 shows the Bugaboo blog post contained a category tag of "strollers."

10. On September 24, 2004, I posted the blog post titled "Bebe Confort Twin Club Looks Great" available at https://daddytypes.com/2004/09/24/bebe_confort_twin_club_looks_great.php (hereinafter the "Bebe Confort Twin blog post"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2.

11. The Bebe Confort Twin blog post featured an image of the Bebe Confort Twin Club stroller that I obtained online prior to posting blog post:

12. Exhibit 2 shows the Bebe Confort Twin blog post contained a category tag of "strollers."

13. Further, Exhibit 2 shows Daddy Types readers commenting in April 2005-April 2010.

14. On July 7, 2006, I posted the blog post titled "How Sweet Is The iCandy Apple Stroller?" available at https://daddytypes.com/2006/07/07/how_sweet_is_the_icandy_apple_stroller.php (hereinafter the "iCandy Apple blog post"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3.

15. The iCandy Apple blog post featured an animated GIF showcasing various images of the iCandy Apple stroller that I obtained online prior to posting blog post. The pictures included in the GIF are below:

16. Exhibit 1 shows the iCandy Apple blog post contained a category tag of "strollers."

17. Further, Exhibit 3 shows Daddy Types readers commenting in July 2006-November 2008.

18. On August 10, 2007, I posted the blog post titled "Whassa Uppa With Uppa Baby?" available at https://daddytypes.com/2006/08/10/whassa_uppa_with_uppa_baby.php (hereinafter the "Uppababy launch blog post"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4.

19. The Uppababy launch blog post featured an image of the Uppababy G-Lite stroller (left) and Uppbaby Vista stroller (right), both mentioned in the article, that I obtained online prior to posting the blog post:

20. Exhibit 4 shows the Uppababy launch blog post contained a category tag of "strollers."

21. Further, Exhibit 4 shows Daddy Types readers commenting in August 2006-February 2013.

22. On October 7, 2007, I posted the blog post titled "The iCandy Pear Will Have Another 200 Configuration Options By November" available at https://daddytypes.com/2007/10/03/the_icandy_pear_will_have_another_200_configuration_options_by_november.php (hereinafter the "iCandy Pear blog post"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 5.

23. The iCandy Pear blog post featured an image of the iCandy Pear stroller that I obtained online prior to posting blog post:

24. Exhibit 5 shows the iCandy Pear blog post contained a category tag of "strollers."

25. Further, Exhibit 5 shows Daddy Types readers commenting in October 2007-November 2009.

26. On October 9, 2007, I posted the blog post titled "Special Collection Metallic Silver Bugaboo Cameleon. At Neiman Freakin' Marcus." available at https://daddytypes.com/2007/10/09/special_collection_metallic_silver_bugaboo_cameleon_at_neiman_freakin_marcus.php (hereinafter "Bugaboo Cameleon blog post"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 6.

27. The Bugaboo Cameleon blog post featured an image of the Special Collection Bugaboo Cameleon for Neiman Marcus that I obtained online prior to posting the blog post:

28. Exhibit 6 shows the Bugaboo Cameleon blog post contained a category tags of "strollers," "bugaboo," and "neiman-marcus."

29. Further, Exhibit 6 shows Daddy Types readers commenting in October 2007-July 2009.

30. On September 10 2008, I posted the blog post titled "With New RumbleSeat, Uppababy Makes Room For Lowababy," available at https://daddytypes.com/2008/09/10/with_new_rumbleseat_uppababy_makes_room_for_lowababy.php (hereinafter the "Uppababy RumbleSeat blog post"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 7.

31. The Uppababy RumbleSeat blog post featured an image of an Uppababy stroller with a Uppababy Rumble Seat attached that I obtained online prior to posting the blog post:

32. Within the Uppababy RumbleSeat blog post, I referenced other websites, such as pishposhbaby and uppababy.com, that were available prior to posting the blog post.

33. I also included a link to "a real life photo of the RumbleSeat from Mommieswithstyle's photostream" and linked the flickr photo available at https://www.flickr.com/photos/24570716@N06/2844563925/. The linked image was available for access as of the date of posting the blog post, and may be seen below:

34. Exhibit 7 shows the Uppbaby RumbleSeat blog post contained category tags of "strollers," "ABC Kids Expo," "double strollers," "phil & teds," and "uppababy."

35. In the article, I discuss how the RumbleSeat "allows you to stack your kids Phil & Teds-style, only they're facing you." (Exhibit 7.)

36. I had posted about Phil & Teds double stroller, which was a double stroller having a second seat located on the handle-side of the stroller, multiple times on the Daddy Types blog prior to this post. An exemplary sampling of those articles, including those found at https://daddytypes.com/2008/06/12/phil_teds_the_real_slim_but_not_shady.php (attached as Exhibit 8), https://daddytypes.com/2006/09/25/abc_report_phil_teds_steve_jobs.php (attached as Exhibit 9), and https://daddytypes.com/2008/04/08/from_the_phil_teds_vibe_unboxing.php (attached as Exhibit 10).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 07 November 2024

EXHIBIT 1
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THE WEBLOG FOR NEW DADS

September 13, 2004

In The Beginning was the Bugaboo

filed under: strollers

While Bugaboo the Company launched in 1999, and Bugaboo the Frog only made it to the US in late 2001, Bugaboo the Concept began over ten years ago.

With some help from Bugaboo US' marketing department, Daddy Types put together a brief illustrated history of the evolution of the Dutch stroller that launched a thousand...whatever, it's a cool, expensive, well-designed stroller.

It all started in 1994 when...

little Max Barenbrug was working on his graduate 'mobility' project at the Design Academy in Eindhoven, where he followed in the footsteps of contemporary Dutch design stars like Marcel Wanders and his Droog collaborators. [To get an idea of the reigning ethic, the Academy's site notes that, after functionality, "the main characteristic of Dutch design is generally its restraint and austerity."

Anyway, the resulting study was a versatile rethinking of the stroller which shows several design features--the basic X-shape, off-road tires, the wheelbarrow conversion (which is so unique, I've never seen or heard of anyone ever doing it outside the Bugaboo demonstration video; maybe it's a Dutch thing.)--that carried through to the commercial version. It won some award, and Max presumably became famous and envied among his graduate student peers.

Max teamed up with his brother-in-law, Eduard Zanen, MD, to develop the rig into a product, which the pair introduced at the 1997 Cologne Design Fair. This prototype showed marked ergonomic improvements for the seat, which was still low, an integral part of the overall X-structure.

With the introduction of the Classic (the black model at the top of the page) in 1999, the design evolved to incorporate safety features that raised the seat up above the crossbars. And besides the addition of a bassinet, the only significant changes so far have been aesthetic and brand-related (i.e., colors, new logo, new model name, accessories).

A used Classic now sells for ❓325-400 on Dutch sites like marktplaza.nl. No word on the availability of the prototypes. Tempted? Check out the Bugaboo Frog at babystyle.com. [If everyone in China just buys *one* Bugaboo, they'll be the biggest corporation in the world.]

Thanks to Kari and the Bugaboo US office for digging up these images.

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EXHIBIT 2
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THE WEBLOG FOR NEW DADS

September 24, 2004

Bebe Confort Twin Club Looks Great

filed under: strollers

I stopped a couple pushing one of these on the street last night. (It's a weblog-induced habit that no doubt embarasses some people in my family.)

Almost before I could ask what it was, the mother said, "It's not from here. It's French." As if they've had to answer this question a lot on the streets of New York. "Bebe Confort?" I asked, and they smiled with relief, as their explaining job just got easier. "Yes."

It's called the Twin Club, and they really loved it, and it apparently works great for twins in the city. Fairly light and easy to work with; I didn't ask about the subway, though. The Twin Club holds two types of Bebe Confort car seats; they had the smaller, more manageable Elios, not the giant egg-shaped Creatis. You can also snap on regular stroller seats (the front one seems to dangle in space) or a seat/bassinet.

Check out the Twin Club at the flash-heavy Bebe Confort site, or try buying it from Ireland's baby.ie site for EUR 535.00 (seats included, not car seats, which are EUR 125 each)

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Liz Haydon-Turner | April 9, 2005 3:57 PM

Check out the Jane Powertwin if you think that's cool

Maria Castel Branco | April 27, 2005 6:16 PM

Please send me your best quotation for:
Chassi Twin Club+ 2 creatis+ 2 seats.
I am writing from Portugal and would like to compare the prices.

Thank you

carla | May 19, 2005 12:19 PM

hello i`m from argentina i would like to know if i could buy the twin club by bebe confort in ny ny city *[no, I don't think so. Just in France. -ed.]*

Jen Smith | September 9, 2005 4:00 PM

Can you find the Jane Car Seat in the US? Does it have the latch system?

Tina | October 14, 2005 8:12 AM

Can we use the Bebe Confort Loola and Creatis Car Seat in the US?

giuseppe | May 30, 2006 5:13 PM

Hi, I'm from Italy.
I have an High Treck chassis with cocoon, baby seat and creatis, is possible to buy only the Twin Club chassis?

My Best
Giuseppe Genchi

Kate | October 21, 2007 6:57 AM

where can you buy the twin club in the UK? how much is it?

josaine | October 5, 2009 6:38 AM

i am from brazil and i would like to buy this stroller twin with the seats included.
is it possible to shipping to brazil?

Stefania replied to comment from giuseppe | October 9, 2009 4:06 AM

ti hanno dato risposta? Sono nella tua stessa condizione e la fabbbrica Bebe Confort non ha nulla nemmeno nei magazzini, magari però la situazione nei mercati internazionali è diversa....

najat | April 8, 2010 9:11 AM

I have this one also, it is perfect to use. And if later on you want just one seat, it is possible to change this

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EXHIBIT 3
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THE WEBLOG FOR NEW DADS

July 7, 2006

How Sweet Is The iCandy Apple Stroller?

filed under: strollers

Besides the fact that it will never be sold in the US with a name like iCandy Apple--and I'm surprised the Beatles and/or Apple haven't gone after them already, never mind the Bugaboo folks--I don't know much about this UK stroller.

iCandy appears to be a premium brand created by Little Shield, an otherwise unassuming, third-generation, family-owned British baby gear company who likes to do things the old-fashioned way. Like making you send the brougham down to the dry goods outfitter to collect your iCandy--or even to find out the price; they don't allow their products to be sold online, and they make you call even to find out the stockists. Needless to say, there's almost no product info or reviews out there, either, beyond the chirpy catalogue copy.

So if anyone has any firsthand experience shopping for or using an iCandy Apple pushchair/stroller, by all means, please share. Otherwise, here's what catches my eye:

- The style is nice enough, but then, it's meant to look like a Bugaboo. [One DT reader has said they were pitched the iCandy as a "Bugaboo alternative which costs 100 pounds less."
- That'd put the Apple at around 400 pounds, well above a Quinny Buzz (which goes for 330, but can be found for 270), and a little more than a Phil & Ted's (370). [Apparently, the UK is a whole other country, with its own currency and stroller safety regs, which makes prices crazy high. And which drives 5-10 Brits to email me each week asking if I know any US retailers who'll ship them a Bug. (No.)]

- But if we're going to start down the lookalike road, how about putting an Apple next to the First Wheels City Elite [left, red], which itself looks like the i'Coo/Hauck Infinity/Rock Star Baby stroller, and which sells for under 200 pounds?
- What the iCandy Apple loses in price, it makes up in volume. With the stroller seat, the Apple weighs in at 13.6kg, about 30 lbs. I hope there are no stairs between where you are and where you're going. Both the Cameleon and the Phil& Ted's are 9kg, or 20lbs. Still, it's lighter than a Mt Buggy Urban, which is 35lbs.
- One unique feature of the iCandy Apple is its 3- or 4-wheel conversion option. From the look of it, the front wheels fold toward each other and lock for "3 wheel jogger mode." Please correct me, real joggers, but I've always thought that these small, solid front tire rigs are just not good for actual running.
- Other things like Maxi-Cosi carseat adapters, a carrycot option, and front/back-facing seat all seem familiar. The round Apple logo on the footmuff looks familiar, too, especially at a distance.

Two "Internet" sites? Poppycock, just change the colour a trifle! iCandy UK site, Little Shield site [icandyuk.com, littleshield.co.uk]
Baby Boom 2000--no name change yet!--has boilerplate on the iCandy Apple [babyboom2000.co.uk]

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Ana | July 7, 2006 10:04 PM

First Wheel is available in Canada at TJ's

Liv N | September 11, 2006 7:58 PM

Hi there,

I have seen one or two of these iCandys about in the U.K and one of my friends actually owned one was very disppointed with it and sold it on ebay after only using it twice. It does indeed look cute but it is very heavy and it is also cumbersome and bulky when folded. To get it into 3 wheel mode from 4 you have to remove the bar and slide the 3 wheels off and slide on the other set so not as the picture perceives.

I have to say I am a very happy Bugaboo Cameleon owner and I was very reluctanat before buying it and I did test the First wheels city elite out but to be honest the only thing is if you want a bugaboo the feeling never goes away til you get one. I knew I just wouldn't be happy with a look alike and I also thought other would think I was a bugaboo wannabe with a look a like. The bugaboo has been well tested when i have taken it to Norway and it has out performed any other pushchair I have owned (which is quite a few!) over various terrains.

My daughter is 2 now and it is still my daily pram of choice and she loves it so much she climbs in with herself with her snuggle blanket and will easily have a 2 hour nap. It is a price tag i wouldn't hesitate with now, it is worth the investament and when you check out the second hand seeling price of them you can almost recoupe most of your money back, they don't depreciate much at all.

HTH

Liv

Jeff Frank | September 26, 2006 3:50 AM

Here is a report from an actual iCandy Apple owner as I do feel there is too much speculation here!

Greg has not seen the product and Liv (I thought this was a Daddy site!) talks about her "friends"

My sister-in-law was brand-washed into buying the Cameleon in January but we saw the iCandy and fell in love with (dare I say it!) its sexy styling. What really put us off the Cameleon was the slope of the carrycot towards the babies head (to which the retailer replied - put a couple of bricks at the foot end to balance!) The iCandy has Carrycot stabilisers.

We have been so happy with the iCandy and the everyday admiring glances and comments that we get certainly testify to this. It has been 100% reliable and has met every challenge including two rigorous holidays (vacations.)

I admit that if I were getting on and off buses every day I might not want such a large pushchair but that would be the same with a Bugaboo. However with its larger dimensions and my growing son the iCandy will be used for much longer than my sister-in-laws Bugaboo which is already showing signs of being outgrown.

If anyone would like any further information from a non-brand washed Dad then please ask!!

Oh - I also paid less than a Buzz!!

[thanks for the hands-on account. We're at 2.5yo and our Cameleon still fits fine, And we never had this head tilt problem, either, so our Bugaboo bricks went unused. As for the daddy site thing, I'd think a dads-only site might

bug women as much as a moms-only site bugs me. keep'em coming -ed.]
David | November 12, 2006 5:43 AM

As I'm a first time 6'3" tall father we're having trouble deciding on a pram that will be tall enough for me to push comforably. Any suggestions? At the moment we're trying to decide between the iCandy Apple, Buzz, Bugaboo Cameleon, Gracco Quatro Tour TS, and Chicco Trio S3. If anyone has views on the relative merits of these or has an alternative suggestion it would be much appreciated. We are also keen on the maxi-cosi carseat and would like to be able to slot it into the pushchair.

MikeC | January 29, 2007 3:32 PM

Hi. My sister has just got a 2nd Hand Apple which seems to be jammed and won't fold down. Is there a simple explanation for this which we're missing? Ta in advance

Mike

Jeff Frank | February 22, 2007 9:20 AM

The iCandy Apple is still brilliant - now coming up to nearly 1 years use and it is really fantastic! The fold is a little specialised - like the Mutsy and Speedy SX. Push towards chrome hub NOT DOWN towards the floor. It is a bit like a trombone action - handle needs to go in on itself until you hear a click - you will feel the springs click into place.

I have heard that iCandy is launching a new addition to the Apple which will be the Pear (a tandem) and I cant wait for that as we are expecting number two later this year which will be perfect as we will be able to convert our Apple to a Pear!

Alissa | May 7, 2007 12:22 PM

Hi -

Another 'Mum' review of the iCandy Apple from a 'Real life' user. We chose the iCandy Apple as it seemed to have more features like forward / rear facing pushchair, the handlebar is moveable (which is good for short & tall people because you can adjust it depending on who is pushing), you can lock the car seat onto the frame with no hassle, a large shopping basket, great design etc

We have found the icandy very good as we are 4 months in. The downsides are; our daughter has nearly outgrown the carrycot so we are having to put her in the pushchair early (she doesn't seem to be complaining), poor instructions - someone had to show us how to put the puchchair into the recline position, the foot bar of the pushchair doesn't lie flat therefore when it is in recline mode our daughters feet are in the air. Finally the art of collapsing took a while as it really is a knack but once you have mastered it is a doddle (just do as Jeff says).

We paid £399 for the pushchair, carrycot combo and an additional £99 for the maxi cosi car seat and think this was good value.

We hope this helps.

Alissa | May 7, 2007 12:25 PM

sorry...I stand corrected...my husband says we paid £299 for the iCandy Apple and not £399 (that was the total with the carseat)

chris | July 6, 2007 2:17 AM

The iCandy Apple looks exactly like the Valco Rad, expect of course the Rad doesn't do the 3 wheel conversion.

The iCandy Pear they have coming out soon looks like a super cool way(s) to carry 2 kids.
Zoe | July 16, 2007 5:34 PM

We bought an icandy becasue it did everything that we wanted (allowed baby to lye flat when first born, when sitting the baby can face pusher) - It has been brilliant, we've taken it on the beach - on sand, round the city, through country tracks, deep mud and grass.

The basket below the pram is big and quite easy to access - I managed to take my holiday packing all under the pram - and it;s big enough for all my local food shopping including a big veg shop.

Now my Baby is bigger he's sitting up facing me - here is the only snag... The recline position is not flat and my baby has to sleep with his feet in the air! (he's never in there for long when sleeping - so he;s alright and when he wakes up it;s easy to allow him to look around again.

The buttons on the side of the pram are awkward to manouver - they require alot of pressure.

This is a great pram for tall people, the hand rail can extend and the baby is not too low (like the bugaboo - which was at my husbands knees).

Although we'd have loved the pram in a different colour - it hasn;t got dirty yet (7months later).

Overall we like a lot and I'm pleased we bought it.

clare | August 18, 2007 6:35 AM

I'm looking for some advice on the icandy apple. Am expecting baby nuber three and whilst my existing Quinny Speedi is in ok condition, it is looking a bit tired. Also the seat does not go fully upright and the shopping basket is woefully inadequate - two things which have annoyed me since purchase. I'm considering the apple as I already own a barely used maxi cosi car seat which was bought as a package with my speedi when baby two was 6 months old. Also in the package was a dreami carrycot, again unused. I know that the maxi cosi car seat fits the icandy, has anyone tried to fit the dreami on as well? I know that the adapters for the speedi are the same for both carrycot and car seat, it seems a shame to pay extra for an icandy carrycot when i have a brand new dreami already.

Kim | August 20, 2007 10:51 PM

We have the Valco Rad (and indeed I cannot see any difference except for the wheel conversion) and it is great. I am 6ft tall and have the push bar fully extended and dh lowers the pushbar to accommodate his 5ft8 height.

We love this pram and tall people always ask me where we got this pram because they can see me push the pram without looking like the hunchback of the NotreDame.

It is indeed not a small pram to put in the car, but if you are out a lot with your child then you really need to give them a good solid pram with excellent suspension.

martin | December 5, 2007 10:07 AM

we got the icandy in a nice john major beige and, similarly to his government, second time we took it out a wheel fell off.

[sorry to hear it, but I love the nostalgic political references! -ed.]

Cue | December 8, 2007 7:12 AM

You may not have had the wheels fixed in correctly - they are removable, if you had them in correctly then speak to iCandy directly, i'm sure they'll sort it out.

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Kayleigh | December 16, 2007 12:11 PM

I have just bought the iCandy Apple for my second child (a girl) who is due in 8 weeks so as far as using it, it's not happened yet but as soon as I saw it i knew it was the pram i wanted and had to have. In my opinion, the bugaboo and buzz look a lot cheaper than the apple and look as thoguh they would become jammed quite easily. At least with the 'heavyweight' of the apple you're gonna be losing a lot more weight if you were just pushing a feather around.

I bought the stroller and carrycot combi and the price of it was £399 but the shop had a 10% day so i got it for £360 and got the maxi cosi car seat off ebay for £30. It was quite easy to buy as i went to an independent nursery shop and they had it in there. It was easy really! I haven't seen many (1 or 2, literally) so it's not so common as the buzz or bugaboo which seems to be on a conveyor belt out of mothercare and vice versa with all their problems. I'll come back here after i've had the baby and let you all know how i'm getting on with it....

heres to hoping it's a good pram!!

Debbie | March 1, 2008 4:45 PM

We have had the iCandy Apple for about 2 months and have had a mixed experience.

It really is quite hefty but the main difficulty is the fold-down size. One trick we've learned is to pop off the front and back wheels which makes it a much smaller beast!

Out handle got stuck too almost immediately after we got it and we couldn't fold the thing for weeks! We found after trial and error that a good shot of WD40 into the joints did the trick beautifully and now we have no problems. It was probably stuck up with sand and dust as we live in Cairo!

On that note, it really is a very smooth ride for our 1 year-old daughter. WE switched to the 3 wheel mode as the streets here make the pot-holed British roads look like olympic race tracks!

I would really recommend this pushchair, and we are especially pleased that we will be able to make it a very classy double when we have baby number 2! Has anyone bought the iCandy Pear converter kit yet? What's it like? How much is it? Etc Etc!

kelly | April 5, 2008 4:47 AM

I got my I candy from my catalogue - additions direct to those of you in the uk. It was £499 I think? I cot the bag and muff free as I brought the carry cot.

I love my pushchair its so stylish and practical

Gavin Rowson | June 27, 2008 5:38 AM

We've had the iCandy for 12 months and after a few initial teething problems are more than happy with the product. You do need to give all the joints a good quirt with WD40 before you start to try and fold down. Its not essential but does help. Its an adaptable and robust product and the customer service is excellent. They are a good, traditional British family business. We're in the process of buying the convertor which will turn the single pram into a double - new baby on the way. That flexibility is great.

Laura | November 6, 2008 10:23 PM

Hey all, I have been researching doubles for what seems like forever!! I was in a shop today, the last baby shop in my town and was introduced to the icandy name. They are possibly bringing it into Canada in the new year (2009) So I have quickly changed my focus to this wee number. The pear is what I am most interested in. Who has it? What do you think? Can you share your thoughts please. I'm so intrigued. Thank you.

Michaela replied to comment from chris | November 12, 2008 6:53 PM

Jop, the ICandy Apple looks exactly like Valco RAD stroller that I have....I love my Valco RAD stroller. Not only that it looks great, but it has big basket, adjustable handle(I'm short, husband tall), it is light, very easy to fold, easy to take apart to wash(dries quickly too)...The only negative that I can think of: Not for Offroad use...small front wheels are not cutting it thru sand, rocks & dirt trails...
I'm happy with my choice, my son is 1,5 years old and RAD is in condition to handle second one!
Take care

Terrence | January 6, 2009 10:09 AM

And we are considering the iCandy Pear as we are expecting our second in a few months. We presently have an Uppababy Vista which is very similar to the iCandy Apple. We are quite satisfied with it but it doesn't have a double stroller conversion kit like the Apple does.

We live in Canada and no one here sells iCandys here so were wondering if anyone has any experiences or know of resellers that would deliver overseas (or Canada in particular)?

anne | April 16, 2009 3:59 PM

I'm from Holland and trying to buy the converter online (by email). I have a childwheels c-max, which is similar to the iCandy Apple.

for delivery overseas:
http://www.katiesplaypen.co.uk/
http://www.bumpsbabiesandbeyond.co.uk/

Good luck!

Sandy | June 28, 2009 4:56 PM

I have my iCandy Pear stroller for sale. if anybody is interested they can contact me at

sandraschuster@comcast.net

Sandy

David Tudor | August 28, 2009 9:33 AM

Just been shopping for prams in Cheltenham and one shop had a good selection including Quinnys, Silver Cross, Mamas and Papas and also the iCandy.
Of all the prams we liked the look of, the iCandy was the lightest and easiest to fold and unfold (assuming we are talking about the frame only here).
The only issue we have is the need for converter pegs needed to fit the maxi cosy car seat. They are not fixed to the stroller or the car seat and so will be easily lost. They also cost 30 pounds bringing everything to a tidy 530 pounds.
We have subsequently looked at the Mothercare "Spin" which looks excellent.
If we read negative reviews we'll be back for the iCandy.
Hope this helps.

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August 10, 2006

Whassa Uppa With Uppa Baby?

filed under: strollers

Maybe this is more a question for the retailers in the audience: Where'd Uppa Baby come from? I saw they were at JPMA, but I confess, I don't remember seeing them. From what I can gather, it's a US-based, parent/inventor-driven start-up in the Boon mode, just without the fat distribution deal at Target yet.

Their website says they're launching in September with some safety and convenience products [stretchable nylon sunshades, safety gate adaptors], and there's a patent application on file for an "Illuminated security gate unit" [inspired, no doubt, by a disastrous 2AM visit to the kitchen]. But the big products are the strollers:

The G-Lite looks like a Volo with a kickstand, basically, and two hooks on the back for...I don't know, hanging it on the wall? [But why do you need the kickstand if you can hang it? It's a mystery.]

And then there's the Vista, which looks to have kind of a Bugaboo-meets-Graco Quattro Tour-meets Safety 1st Avila thing going on. Not an unattractive rig; it certainly photographs well [except for the menacing bag bracket sticking out next to the rear wheels in one pic]. The Vista is designed for the discerning parent who "is seeking a premium product alternative with the focus on relevant and logical features," which is great, but definitely not untargeted segment in this, The Year Of Our Lord Bugaboo 0005 [or 5 A.B., for short.]

Uppa Baby [uppababy.com via dt reader mark]

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Noisette's Maman | August 10, 2006 12:14 PM

Speaking of Boon...a big pile of their frog bath scoop/storage thingies is currently in the clearance area at my local Target for 30% off. Sad...

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chocho50 | August 16, 2006 8:32 PM

The vista looks exactly the same as ABC Design Astro from Germany!

They've got the 3 wheeler version too~

[no way. it's exactly the same. I love this t-shirt-worthy warning: "This pushchair is not a piece of sports equipment!" -ed.]

travelfix | March 27, 2007 11:37 AM

We just received ours in the mail (from modernnursery.com) and can't wait to use it. It was easy to put together, rolls around smoothly and is easy to fold up, change seats, etc.

noglesby08 | May 5, 2007 1:28 AM

I checked out the G-lite today at a local dealer. It does compare to the Maclaren Volo, but I found some distinct differences that are worth noting. First, the fold-up method is completely different. It folds from a hook on one of the handlebars...pretty cool. No more using your foot (and splitting a toenail) to push up a lever to break the stroller down. Second, the wheels are distinctly wider, i.e., stronger than Maclaren. Although I think both brands use some type of plastic wheel, the Maclaren wheel is just like one of those cheap umbrella Costco-like strollers. Uppa Baby's wheel is wider and seems more durable. Third, G-lite comes with a cushion that's easy to take on and off. And my 19-month-old son seemed to like the cushion. In fact, he didn't want to get out of the stroller! Maclaren cushions are extra. Both strollers have the carry strap. When I lifted the G-lite, I could noticably tell that is was a bit heavier...but just a tiny bit. I also noticed that it seemed longer, which may be an issue for smaller folks. I'm 5'9", so the length didn't bother me too much. And speaking of height, the handlebars seemed to be made for tall people. I wasn't bending my back at all to push the stroller. And my toes didn't kick the wheels as I walked, which was another plus. Lastly, the G-lite frame seemed a bit stronger and more durable than the Maclaren. Yet, the mesh seat in the Maclaren seemed a tiny tiny bit more reclined than the Uppa Baby, which I like because my son tends to sleep in the stroller. On the other hand, I've read reviews that some babies slide down to a slump in the Maclaren because of this seat, so the seat cushion is a necessity for these babies. (My son didn't have this problem). In conclusion, two days ago I was set on purchasing a Maclaren Volo for an upcoming trip. But after today, I've totally switched to buying a Uppa Baby G-lite. It was obvious to me that you get much more for the money with the G-lite. I just wish there was a better selection of colors to choose from. So find a local dealer and check it out for yourselves! It's worth the effort!

Eric | February 2, 2008 3:33 AM

My wife and I are expecting our first in May. Being a gadget guy, the stroller quickly became my new "it" gadget to have. Hey, if I'm gonna walk around town with all of my tech-geek gadgets, I've gotta have a hip-dad stroller. Or at least a geek-dad stroller. That all being said, I was undecided between a few and in the end it came down to the Peg Skate, Bug Chameleon, and the Uppababy Vista. The Vista won hands down. Honestly, it's not even a contest, which is sad because the Bug and Skate are both significantly more expensive.

First of all the stroller just moves better. It's smoother. I also love the sneaker rubber tires. Not that I can't do it with the others, but it was incredibly easy to move this stroller with even one hand. The woman in the boutique put an 10 pound weight in the stroller for us and it was just unreal how smooth it moved around. The Skate was most disappointing. Pushing the Vista and the Skate was like picking something heavy up in water or on land. Completely different. Also, the bassinet on the Vista is the best we've seen. We like it so much we took the bassinet we registered for off of our registry. The only bassinet that came close was the dreami by Quinny, but their stroller, for all its promise when researching, was honestly a piece of garbage. I could go on forever on how great the Vista is. If I could make one criticism it would be that they should make a few more car adapters so that a MaxiCosi or Britax car seat would fit. Right now you can only use Peg or Graco with an adapter. Also, a

cupholder(coming in late February '08) would have been nice. One final thing is that it's made in the USA in Massachusetts. The bottom line is that Bugaboo laid the groundwork, Uppababy perfected it.
RarJ | April 23, 2008 12:40 AM

It also firmly resembles the Steelcraft Strider 4 (available in Australia)
http://www.britax.com.au/Websites/Business/brproddb.nsf/LUPages/Strollers-Strider%204. . .

Meredith | June 12, 2008 3:52 PM

I live in Brooklyn and basically walk everywhere. The Uppa Vista looks great and is great for going up and down sidewalks and curbs but it is extremely heavy to carry up and down the six stairs that go up to my building and it doesn't really have a carrying handle if you have the seat in when you collapse it. Also, it's very wide. Not too good for shopping... but if you are just walking around the neighborhood it's great. If we were to buy another stroller I would go for something similar but more narrow and easier to collapse and carry. I have not been suggesting this one to friends. Looks great but I overall wouldn't say it's very easy to use day to day.

Kristin | July 25, 2008 9:39 AM

I have the Uppa Baby Vista and my 7 week old and I mostly love it:

PROS: can handle any sort of bumps, gravel, grass, brick road that Northern VA has to offer, very smooth steering, great shocks. My husband is 6'3" and I am 5'6" and we both push it very comfortably without him having to hunch over. I have gone running downhill with this thing and my 7 week old stayed asleep! The bassinet is luxurious and supportive. The price and included accessories are great.

The customer service and warantee are unbeatable. They sent me a new frame in 4 days after I called to complain about some squeaking.

CONS: heavy - I have to climb 8 outdoor steps to get out of our townhome, and it is difficult. Not good for mall shopping, being in/out of small cars to run errands. The brake is a little hard to operate if you're wearing sandals. No cup holder included (although you can buy it as an added extra) and they need more stylish colors!

Jonathan replied to comment from Eric | January 10, 2009 6:34 PM

Eric,

What makes you think it's made in Massachusetts? The company is based here, but nowhere do they say they manufacture anything here. In fact, they just mention having two warehouses here and an headquarters in MA. Believe me, if this thing was actually made in Massachusetts using local labor, it would cost about as much as a Honda Civic.

IB Wow | February 26, 2013 5:27 PM

I hope Eric was able to secure his hip dad setup. The stroller itself looks awesome and worth considering when looking to purchase a baby stroller.

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October 3, 2007

The iCandy Pear Will Have Another 200 Configuration Options By November

filed under: strollers

DT reader Colleen asked about new double stroller coming soon from iCandy, the Pear, almost three days ago; I've had the iCandy site open in my browser since then, and I *still* haven't seen the animation of all the configuration possibilities repeat itself. How is that possible?

The Pear is essentially the original iCandy Apple with a double conversion kit, including larger double wheels in front to support the added weight of twins or older/younger siblings. The Pear can be configured as an Apple-style, single-seat stroller [rear- or forward-facing]. But when you add the Breuer Chair-shaped element to the frame, it transforms into a double: a double capable of holding seats, carrycots, and carseats [Maxi-Cosi only at the moment] in almost any combination or configuration.

A few of the twin options remind me of the French BebeConfort twin strollers and car seat carriers, only compacted into a single-stroller footprint. A few of them also remind me of flying coach in the middle seat on a crap airline with no kneeroom.

If anyone's actually seen--or driven--a Pear with actual kids in it, I'd love to hear about it. Though with the website still promising "autumn delivery," I suspect there aren't that many on the road yet.

Rather brilliantly, the Pear conversion kit--the wheels and the Breuer bracket--are sold separately for £249. The full Pear set up is £479 with VAT [carrycots are extra]. The USD/GBP exchange rate never looked so grim, did it?

iCandy Pear double stroller/travel system [icandyuk.com via dt reader colleen]
Previously: How sweet is the iCandy Apple stroller?

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Chimay | October 4, 2007 1:24 AM

Given the history of "what things cost in Britain vs. Rest of the world", if this thing ever makes it to US distribution, I wouldn't be at all surprised to see the same set up sold for "only" $479.

Typically, as you probably know well, things there tend to cost in pounds what we'd pay in dollars, as if the exchange rate were one for one.

[very true, though a Big Mac is $3 and 2 pounds... -ed.]

Tim | October 4, 2007 10:48 AM

You obviously haven't spoken with any Radiohead fans recently. We were stunned to realize that the dollar had become next to worthless for buying their albums this week.

[but I thought you could totally buy the album for a dollar if you wanted... -ed.]

Rachel | October 4, 2007 8:36 PM

I'll admit, that's pretty sweet looking. We have the Quattro tour duo and LOVE it (granted we only use it for daily walks and never put it in the car or take it shopping). I do think the seats on this look very short... shorter even than the new Kolcraft double stroller with similar seats and there have been many complaints about those seats being too small. So I have to wonder.

[good point. the early versions of the bugaboogy fisher-price stroller at target had similar seat with the same problem. -ed.]

Kristin | July 31, 2008 1:34 AM

I wanted this stroller. I live in the us so I got an email address for a store in the uk to get pricing. It was going to be over $1000 for the stroller then what ever shipping was. My husband would not let me spend that much so I ended up getting the Phil and teds sport.

Sandy | August 11, 2009 9:04 PM

Here are photos of my iCandy Pear which i have for sale
Thanks

http://icandypearforsale.shutterfly.com/

sandraschuster@comcast.net

sandy | November 6, 2009 2:38 PM

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October 9, 2007

Special Collection Metallic Silver Bugaboo Cameleon. At Neiman Freakin' Marcus.

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Neiman Marcus, I wish I knew how to quit you.

Here, I just this morning promised everyone I'd stop posting about your 100th anniversary and your nonsensical Christmas catalogue items, and then the Bugaboo publicists drop this in my inbox, and it's like I'm back up on Brokeback with you all over again.

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The Special Collection Cameleon for Neiman Marcus's 100th anniversary has metallic silver fabric over a dark grey base. The canopy and bassinet ziptop cover are also silver. From what I can tell, it's the same material as the breezy sun canopy, which, as you know, is the most awesome canopy Bugaboo has ever made. The Special Collection canopy does not have vents. The chassis appears to be the new&improved version, with the easier-to-adjust handle.

There's also a Special Collection Cup Holder [special = a silver embossed Bugaboo logo] and a Special Collection microfleece blanket, a Bugaboo first [black w/silver embroidered logo], included absolutely free. Or as close to free as $1,199 gets, which is not very close. Availability: November 2007.

Gratuitous canopy/bassinet, etc. shot after the jump

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Luisa | October 9, 2007 9:52 PM

Sweet ride.

Off-topic: We saw you in the NYT Business Day; P & I got quite a thrill!
alex | October 9, 2007 10:05 PM

Where is the crappy "safety" strap we are forced to deal with in the States? A very nice special edition...just needs a Mercedes logo mixed in for good measure.

[it comes with a safety valet. Actually, I thought the safety strap was on every stroller, not just US. -ed.]

lummels | October 9, 2007 11:23 PM

Crappy safety strap??????!!! Granted it fell apart relatively quickly, but I replaced it with a climbing doo-dad from REI that I stitched to function the same way as the original strap. That aside, the strap is a great idea and indispensible here in SF with the hills. I wouldn't dream of rolling without it. It also made a great leash to push and pull the 'boo to rock the boy to sleep.

Jet'set | October 10, 2007 1:51 AM

Tangent:
Have you heard about the new breezy canopy for the frog?
It's silver, was released late Aug. & I can't find it ANYWHERE.

Melanie | October 10, 2007 6:14 AM

I'd love to get a canopy for my Cameleon made wholly of the same silvery fabric as the sunshade, not just fleece with vents...

And I use the safety strap more often than not. After a year, it could use a wash, but is otherwise in perfect condition. We bought our Bug in Canada, but I've seen it on every Bug here in Europe, too.

MJ | October 10, 2007 11:57 AM

Oooh, shiny!!!

chris moseley | October 10, 2007 12:45 PM

Have you heard about the new breezy canopy for the frog? It's silver, was released late Aug. & I can't find it ANYWHERE.

There is NO breezy canopy for the Frog and Bugaboo customer service says they do not plan to release one. [great "customer service", huh]?

James | October 10, 2007 12:50 PM

Just don't like it too shiney! Being a gadget freak Dad-to-be i'm really into my strollers at the moment. To start with i loved the Cameleon/Frog as did the misses, now as its every other stroller I see i'm slowly being put off. There is obviously a reason for it being every other stroller I see! DT any thoughts on the Quinny buzz? (DT search is not working for me!?)

Jet'set | October 10, 2007 4:11 PM

"There is NO breezy canopy for the Frog and Bugaboo customer service says they do not plan to release one. [great "customer service", huh]?"

Moseley- It exists.
I received an email about it in Aug. from Bug customer service.

I've called them 2X since, & the Model #:
8717447010869

It's silver like the gecko's & I wish it came in colors like the cameleon's. More so, I just wish I could find one... Ideas anyone?
marya | October 11, 2007 10:50 PM

I am completely confused about the breezy-canopy, frog, thing. We got an advertisement for the breezy canopy last year, which said it was only for the cameleon. The manager at our local right start however, swears that it should fit the frog just fine too. Unfortunately, we didn't have the frog with us the last time we shopped there, so we couldn't give it test. The ones she was showing us were the multicolored, cameleon, ones. Now here, you guys are saying that if there is one for the frog, it's only in silver. At any rate, having a model number helps. Thanks Jet'set. I guess this will remain a conundrum until next year, since it's almost footmuff weather anyway...

Gabster | October 24, 2007 5:43 PM

I wish they sold the metallic silver fabric separately as I would love to replace the existing fleece on my cameleon. Any word from bugaboo on whether they will sell the metallic separately (as they did with the denim collection?)

[no word, but I wouldn't expect it until Neiman Marcus turns at least 101. -ed.]

mommyncami | August 1, 2008 2:28 AM

The breezy sun canopy for the Frog is available at strollers.com for 34.95

Stella Brookes | July 23, 2009 5:08 AM

if anyone is looking for these fabrics i am selling some on ebay,auction ends sunday july 26th 2009, thanks

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With New RumbleSeat, Uppababy Makes Room For Lowababy

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Though the details are still shrouded in flash glare--or cropped out of the photo entirely, Pish Posh Baby has the scoop from ABC Kids Expo in Las Vegas, where Uppababy debuted a poster of a removable underseat seat for their flagship stroller, the Vista. The RumbleSeat allows you to stack your kids Phil & Teds-style, only they're facing toward you, so it's totally different.

Uppababy also announced a foldaway buggy board called the piggyBack [not the PiggyBack?], which looks like a little skate deck; it's even made of wood. Check PPB's photos and stay tuned for details.

The All New 2009 Uppa Baby Vista Stroller with Rumble Seat and Piggy Back [pishposhbaby]
Nothing yet on Uppababy's Vista site [uppababy.com]
a real life photo of the RumbleSeat from Mommieswithstyle's photostream [flickr, thanks sharon]

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Kristina | September 10, 2008 7:01 PM

I really like that the lower kiddo is on the other side of the stroller from my knees.. However, With my P&T I get comments from strangers all the time about how the "poor little one can't see", or "How can he stand riding down there" (BTW both my kids like to sit in the back) So I can't imagine what kind of comments I would get with the child in the rumble seat being low AND facing backwards. Also they, like P&T, ignored the fact that parents want both kids out of the sun. And how much extra are all these new goodies... I'm sure that the end price will end up more than the vibe.. and will have to be disassembled in order to put in your car. I think the Uppa comes apart like the Bugaboo already.. so you have to remove two seats and then fold the frame. I'm not so impressed...

cynthia | September 11, 2008 7:22 AM

Part of the benefit of taking kids out in a stroller is so that they can see the world. Blocking their view rather completely seems like a poor choice, even if the kids don't mind it.

I had a narrow (inline) twin stroller which I arranged so the kids could see as much as possible; they really liked it.

tom | September 11, 2008 10:22 AM

I think that facing towards you would be worse for the children, they cannot see what's going on! My 2 love their P&T buggy also and facing forward, mind you I have to face the right way on a train. lol

Kristen | September 11, 2008 10:55 AM

While I am not sure I would go out and buy an uppababy just for this toddler seat, I think its great for those of us that already own an uppababy. I just hope it works with my 1st-gen stroller.

Eric | September 13, 2008 10:51 PM

I've had hands-on with the 2009 Vista and just wanted to offer some additional details/correction to the comments.

All Vista models - including 2009 - have always folded in one piece... no need to remove the seat from the frame when folding.

Note that the UPPAbaby PiggyBack (the kiddie-board) has been out for most of 2008 and is currently available from UPPAbaby dealers.

Targeted for release in spring 2009, the Rumble Seat mounts directly above the front wheels by clipping on/off the frame. It will come with a foot rest that gets placed in the bottom of the basket. The Rumble Seat must be removed before folding the Vista. When mounted, it feels quite sturdy with durable breathable canvas stretched across a frame.

According to UPPAbaby, a parasol type of sun protection may be available with the release of the Rumble Seat. It hasn't been finalized or shown yet.

Also, while it may be tough to tell from the limited photographs at this time, UPPAbaby designed the Rumble Seat to keep a buckled toddler high enough so there is no way his/her fingers can reach the turning wheel spokes.

Mounting the Rumble Seat on the front (rather than in back) doesn't take away legroom from the pushing parent.

Enjoli replied to comment from Eric | September 14, 2008 10:20 PM

Do you know if the accessories will work for the 2008 Vista. I will be having a baby in January and I am looking into getting the Vista.

Eric replied to comment from Enjoli | September 15, 2008 9:37 AM

All current accessories will work with a 2008 Vista.

According to UPPAbaby, though the Rumble Seat design hasn't been finalized, it probably won't work with a 2008 Vista model.

Jill | September 16, 2008 5:03 PM

I just emailed Uppa about compatibility of the Rumble seat with older model vistas (I have an '07). They said they hope to have a mounting kit available that will allow the seat to work on older vistas. They said they are aiming for the beginning of '09 for a release date but nothing is definite.

dani | September 19, 2008 4:24 PM

can the rumbleseat face forward? or only backwards?

Mike Vieira | September 25, 2008 5:06 PM

The Rumble Seat will only face forwards. Easy snap on/snap off assembly...no pinch points or recalls (Like the Phill & Ted's)

Christine | October 22, 2008 4:55 PM

I also contacted Uppababy about the Rumble seat - I have an '07 model and was told their will either be an adapter or you will have to buy a new frame - which sounds like a pricey option. I wrote back and said from a parents point of view the adaptor would be the way to go.

Mike Vieira | November 25, 2008 4:56 PM

The adapter option is not available, however, we will offer to upgrade your existing frame for a flat fee that will include shipping back to you. The upgrade to an existing frame will be around $50.00.

We will also offer a frame exchange program that will be the wholesale cost of a new 2009 frame. (around $200.00)

Mike Vieira
Uppababy

moshe replied to comment from Mike Vieira | November 27, 2008 2:57 PM

what about the '08 vista?
will the rumble seat work with the '08 vista, or its the same like the '07, and I will have to change the frame

Christy Smith replied to comment from Mike Vieira | December 7, 2008 8:19 PM

So to clarify, if you have a 2007 frame, you will only have to pay $50 to upgrade to a frame that will accept the rumble seat?

I don't get what the $200 option is.

Thanks
Mike Vieira | December 30, 2008 1:22 PM

To Clarify:

The $50.00 option will upgrade your existing frame to accept the Rumble Seat. We will make the modification in our service area.

The $200.00 option will give you a brand new 2009 frame. You would be require to send in your old frame for refurbishing or disposal.

Mike

tim | January 8, 2009 9:12 PM

This seems like a great feature; however, my understanding is that the weight limit of the 2009 Vista is 50lbs. Would it be increased with the second seat? If not, it would be difficult to get much use out of the two seat option unless the two kids are very close in age. P&T is 55lbs + 33lbs in the second seat.

Jamie | February 5, 2009 11:06 AM

My understanding is that the weight limit of the toddler seat on the 2009 is 50 lb and the weight limit for rumble + toddler seat will be 85 lbs (50 in toddler seat +35 in rumble seat).

Nicole Feliciano | February 26, 2009 10:54 PM

I just wrote a post on this for Babble.com. It's got some updated info. and a much better picture. I've attached the link above, but here it is again:

http://www.babble.com/CS/blogs/droolicious/archive/2009/02/18/first-look-uppababy-rumbleseat.aspx

D Urman | April 1, 2009 9:32 PM

Can this be used with bassinet, I am guessing there is not enough room.

Or can the main seat be positioned the other way - to look at the child in the rumble seat? That would be a great feature so they can look at each other.

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June 12, 2008

Phil & Teds: The Real Slim, But Not Shady

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It's the city parent's dream: a double stroller the size of a single. Just not if you use it when the sun's out. While the sun canopy on the Phil & Teds has certainly improved over the years, it still feels kind of small and un-shady to me. And if you don't believe me, just ask the kid in back with the lobster-red scalp and the vultures circling over his head.

Brooklynite & DT reader Amy jury-rigged some kind of canopy for the rear seat, but her mom kept stepping on it. [don't get her wrong; it's great to have grandparents close by. She's just saying...] So she flew in a Tandem Shade for the P&T from Protect-A-Bub in Australia, and now they couldn't be happier. Assuming, of course, that they didn't go outside this week; it was like 110, even in the imported shade.

Has anyone else figured out a shade solution for the Phil & Teds?

Tandem Shade for Phil and Ted Jogger, $AU44 + s/h[protect-a-bub.com.au]
An eBay Store has some, too: Protect-a-Bub UPF 50+ Back Seat Tandem Sunshade Black, about $42 shipped [ebay]

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David Traver Adolphus | June 12, 2008 10:29 AM

Perhaps a Kiddopotamus & Co Rayshade® Uv Protective Stroller Shade For Strollers, Joggers And Prams like the one I use on our InStep Safari Swivel Stroller would work fine. It's held up well, repels the occasional light shower.

It's quite long, and should offer sufficient sun cover for a small tandem.

[ah, so over both seats? might work. maybe something to attach to the handle... -ed.]
kristina | June 12, 2008 11:23 AM

Kiddopotamus & Co Rayshade® is what I rigged up to fit on the back of my Vibe. See DT post..
http://daddytypes.com/2008/04/08/from_the_phil_teds_vibe_unboxing.php

It's not long enough for both seats on the Vibe... but I think the sport has a different shade setup. Maybe worth a try. Or you can do what I did...Clip the extra material to the main seat. You can get one of these really cheep at secondhand kids stores (in any town that you see lots of Maclarens in) Or Ebay.

kristen | June 12, 2008 6:08 PM

How about the double sun shade from Phil & Ted themselves? We've had good success with it although it does make it look as though you're pushing a big black secret down the street.

Amy | June 13, 2008 7:25 AM

My older son (just turned 3) will not tolerate the all-encompassing sunshade. He barely handles using the boy in the bubble raincover when it is pouring. So it wasn't an option for us and I didn't waste the money on it.

The Kiddopotamus Rayshade was what we had rigged that didn't really work well and then Mom put the baby in the carriage, couldn't figure out how to attach it properly again, had a tether hanging down, stepped on it and trashed the whole system under the carriage wheels...

Took my boys to the park the other day with the new shade and all of the other P&T riders where quite intrigued by the shade. We got multiple comments/questions.

I also discovered other day that Babystyle now carries the Protect-a-Bub tandem shade.

[thanks for chiming in, Amy. -ed.]

Amy | June 13, 2008 7:33 AM

Kristina- I just looked again at how you set up the Rayshade on the Vibe; the Vibe has that extra bar that is further up than the Sport. What you have setup looks pretty clean and workable, but we couldn't configure ours even close to that so it was a more complicated to work and sloppy looking.

DK | June 13, 2008 3:30 PM

We just stick to the shadows. We're a bright orange ninja on 3 wheels. We also buy sunscreen in bulk!

When we were in London a few years back I seem to recall seeing bugaboos with a nifty little adjustable sun umbrella attached to the stroller. Maybe you could jimmy rig one of those to attach to a Phil & Teds.

sjg | June 16, 2008 1:25 PM

Nice to see someone addressing some of the flaws in the Phil & Ted's. We recently picked up a Sport to replace our Mountain Buggy Urban Single as we awaited #2. We've been using the Sport for about a month as a single stroller and are five days into Toddler/Newborn mode. I'll start by saying that the stroller does one thing that no other stroller I know of can do: it fits two kids in relative comfort in the same footprint as other three wheelers. Now I'll say that it doesn't do this in a way that justifies its price or ubiquity in neighborhood among other parents of two (or for reasons that are even less clear, parents of one). My frame of reference includes the MB Urban Single, MacLaren Triumph and MacLaren Ralley Twin. Each of these have pros and cons but I can say that the designers got about as much as they could out of each. I hesitate to recommend strollers to people because I think there are too many personal factors that go into this decision and I will not try to talk anyone out

of a Phil & Teds Sport (I'd probably still decide to get one today) but I'll make the following points about some flaws in the Sport because the Sport's ubiquity may lead some to think it's all roses:

- I'll start with the sunshade to stay relevant to the post. It would be nice if there was a good option for the rear child but there's no excuse for the Sport's primary canopy. First, it provides very little shade -- comparable maybe to a smaller MacLaren but this is a large, heavy stroller. Why couldn't they fit a larger canopy. It's small so it must be easy to use? Wrong. What other stroller requires the use of two eyeholes and two buttons to open the canopy? Mountain Buggy's just flop into place. MacLarens flop down and can be quickly locked/unlocked with levers. The Sport doesn't really fit right until you engage all the eyeholes and buttons and you need to undo them all to flip it up. I will say that the sunshade looks pretty cool when open but it's a pain and it doesn't block much sun. I've read that the Vibe is somewhat better in this regard but I haven't tried it.

- The fold: this thing folds like a mouse trap. Other strollers seem to move in a relatively smooth or at least predictable manner. On the Sport you need to find the two levers (they tend to get turned around so they're not the easiest to find), depress them and hope for the best. Hope no kids are around. Hope you're fingers are clear (they did add some plastic guards to help address this issue). Hope there's nothing in the basket below that will keep it from folding flat. Most strollers don't fold so well with stuff in the basket but you can usually get away with something down there. The Sport is not as forgiving.

- The Sport drives like crap. Yes it has air filled tires (love the whitewalls) so the ride is pretty smooth but this stroller is a disaster to steer. It handles better than some shopping carts but anyone who thinks this thing steers well has never been behind a Mountain Buggy. It is a challenge to keep the Sport going where you want. It doesn't track well in a straight line and it doesn't respond well when you want it to turn. I've tried to figure out what's behind this and can think of two culprits. 1) There is more weight over the front wheel than other three wheelers. 2) The pivot point for the front wheel is just barely ahead of the axle. Other strollers that handle better typically pivot from a point that's well ahead of the front axle(s) giving the driver a bit more leverage and control. I'll give the designers a pass on (1) but (2) is unacceptable. It's pathetic that it's harder to drive the P&T with one hand than my Triumph which is cheaper, flimsier and can't be steered from the center because it has two handles.

- Play in the handlebars. There's a good deal of play between the handle bar height positions. Not a big deal when you're pushing on flat ground but try to smoothly maneuver this thing up/down steps. Make sure you're not looking at your newborn down below as you crash onto each step...maybe I'm extra sensitive having just seen the shaken baby video at the hospital but it's not a pretty sight.

- Recline of the seat. A couple brands have zippered reclines (Valco also comes to mind). Why is this. Zippered reclines suck. Maybe they make the fabric fold a little neater (an upright Mountain Buggy seat gets a little sloppy around the edges) but they are a pain. They are challenge to zip up with a kid in the seat. They can only be set at specific points. Spend 20 seconds with the incredibly easy, infinitely adjustable web straps that recline a Mountain Buggy and tell me why P&T couldn't do something similar.

I'll stop now. I've got a 6-day old to enjoy and a stroller to try to learn to love. Again, P&T are have a stroller that offers something that other companies aren't but my impression is that this fact has made them a bit lazy on the engineering and design side. They've got the marketing and hip factor down...I just wish they put a little more time into fixing some pretty glaring and correctable flaws.
Mike | June 17, 2008 1:56 PM

While I agree with some and disagree with some other points SJG did above the P&T has one huge advantage going for it. If you have a third child in preschool age let him sit in front on top of the front wheel. Triple stroller right there. Hard to steer but the kids love it.

kristina | July 31, 2008 11:06 AM

I made a shade for my double seat using a square of courdura nylon. A row of buttons on the top allow me to attach it to my Vibes sun shade. (where you attach the plastic thing for the bassinet) A couple of velcro tabs to

attach to the double seat frame. The best part is I can just set it in the bottom of the basket and still fold the stroller.
You could probably do this for the Sport too.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/25090861@N03/2715224000/
Baby Go Round | September 2, 2008 2:24 PM

You can purchase it direct from Protect a Bub http://protect-a-bubusa.com/backseattandemsunshade.shtml

jessica replied to comment from sjg | December 9, 2008 4:53 AM

I totally agree with every single thing that you have commented on about the P & T pram.
I too owned a mountain buggy before purchasing this pram and I think that we may have been spoilt.
I do now like the P & T pram but it did take some time to adjust, I also can't stand how the pram colapses, the basket has to be empty and that clip on the side seems to always get stuck.
But like someone commented you just can't beat the fact that it fits 2 children, shame that the MB can't design something similar.

Katie | February 4, 2010 10:18 PM

I don't like how the protecta-bub sticks out at the back - I knock my legs enough on the doubles seat as it is.

I've been using a BlueCamo custom made sun shade on my Phil & Teds Sports for the last few months & love it! I highly recommend it. It doesn't eat into any precious leg room but is still able to extend back to cover bubs when the rear seat is in recline mode. I think they also fit the Classic & newer Urban & Vibe but not sure - has anyone else tried these? The shades are designed & made by an Aussie SAHM (which I love) & you can get them on ebay for a decent price. I have the Blue Camo & get compliments everywhere I go!

Katie | February 4, 2010 10:22 PM

Here's the ebay link for the custom made BlueCamo Sun Shades but there are other colours too:
http://cgi.ebay.com.au/SUN-SHADE-for-Phil-Teds-Pram-Doubles-Toddler-seat_W0QQitemZ180465429417QQcmdZViewItemQQptZAU_Prams_Strollers?hash=item2a0493eba9

Nicole | February 21, 2010 2:48 AM

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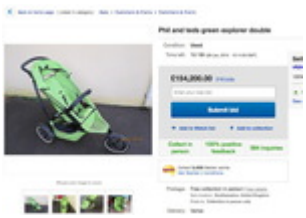

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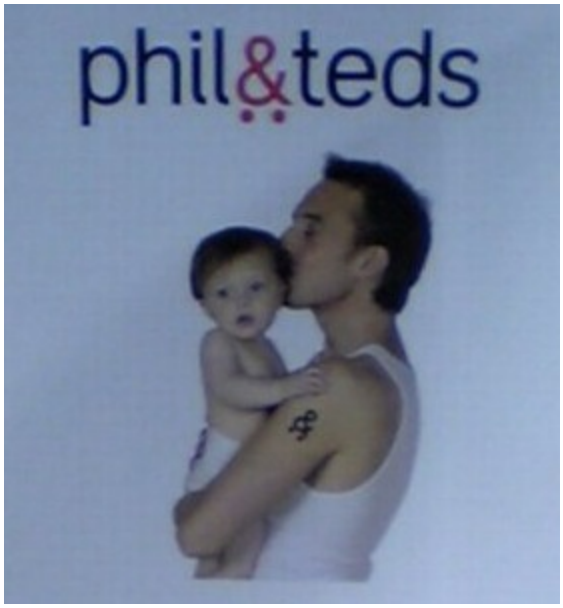

It was evident at JPMA, and again at ABC Kids: in two short years, Phil & Teds is really &ing up their brand presence and their offerings. I first heard of Phil & Teds when I walked into a Right Start store in 2004. While I was asking about some other double stroller, the clerk asked if I didn't mean the Phil & Teds? That's the one people ask for, but they could never get shipments, and parents snapped them up as soon as they came in. I could get on the waitlist if I wanted, never mind there wasn't even a picture, much less a floor model to look at first.

Well, it turns out that the original Phil and Ted got bought out by one of their backers; they hooked up with Regal Lager to get a handle on distribution and marketing in the US, and then they proceeded to launch a major, comprehensive in-store brand push. One retailer in LV told me the P&T pitch was, "We take Apple as our model, whatever they do, we'll do. We're selling a lifestyle, not just a stroller."

From sleek in-store fixtures with self-consciously sexy packaging, to an array of accessories and additional products, to a new, tattoo-friendly logo, they appear pretty serious about that, too. I guess Phil & Teds stores where you can hang out and surf the web all day are just around the corner.

The biggest reveal: the GT, a completely retooled, deluxe aluminum version of the E3 stroller. Think of it as a Cameleon to the E3's Frog. Or to the E3's Gecko, frankly, because the one hurdle I could never clear on the earlier E3's was the slightly off-the-shelf, workshoppy construction finish, as if Phil had built it and Ted had packed it, or vice versa. The GT looks great structurally; the fabric didn't sound like a home run, though. At first I'd heard it was a done deal, but by the time I visited the P&T Zone two days later, I was told it was just being tested, and they'd finalize it later. I hope that means there's a minimalist, logo-free version, unless they're planning on J. Lo to buy them all.

Phil & Ted's also unveiled a veil, or a particulate and UV stroller cover, called the Pollution Solution [logo fabric and kitchen table inventor rhymes? Do you get the sense that P&T hasn't quite got the Apple cloning thing down cold yet?]. I'm sure it's effective, but it's also kind of big, like a stroller muumuu or a stroller burka. Still, I can see some tasty possibilities: if you'd like to discuss putting a Daddy Types ad on the side of your Pollution Solution, C-A-L-L M-E.

The booth was stuffed full with stuff; every accessory got a sleek package, like the Cuddle & Carry newborn carrycot insert, which has a dad with a P&T logo tattooed on his bicep [do you get free strollers for life for that tat?]. P&T turn out to have bought out the makers of the sweet, aluminum Me Too Portable Chair, which we loved, but haven't ever really used [It's in the trunk, though, just in case.] And Bengt of Regal Lager did a quick demo of the P&T Latte Shaker, a one-hand, no-mess bottle for mixing formula on the go.

One thing I still need to investigate, though, was in this photo I forgot I'd taken: two mysterious DVD/CD-ROM's, "Phil & Teds Survival of the Hippest" and "Phil & Teds Newborns." Not sure if they're new parents guides, marketing materials, or products, but they sound like a baby gear blogger's gold mine, in any case.

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The shaker is just a re-coloured Umix bottle. http://www.umix.com/Umix_Travel_Bottle.html
How is that a prototype? They do work well though, despite being a bitch to clean

islamoyankee | September 25, 2006 3:28 PM

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From The Phil & Teds Vibe Unboxing

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Vibe with rayshade on double seat, originally uploaded by sibergirlblue.

DT reader Kristina took delivery of a new Phil & Teds Vibe last week. She's put photos of the various configurations, including the bassinet-&seat-on-top as well as the not-officially recognized car seat-on-top, toddler-in-the-back.

There's also a side-by-side comparison with a folded Bugaboo Frog, for size comparison.

And with that, I've run out of hyphens.

Phil & Ted's Vibe Double stroller [flickr]

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Linus | April 10, 2008 6:34 AM

Hmmm, isn't the original model better looking? Is that aluminum as easily scrathcable as on the Bugaboo?

[hmm, I just checked, and there are some scuffs, probably from the gatechecking, but I never noticed that the Bugaboo scratches much at all. -ed.]

Jai | April 10, 2008 12:49 PM

Can I reasonable gather that if the newborn is in the back the toddler in the front cannot lie down?

And yes the Bug does scratch but they are well earned scratches. Better to scratch than to crack.

J

[the lie down setting is only for the main seat, which, when it's reclined flat, blocks the 2nd seat from going underneath. Thus it has to be perched on top/front. -ed.]

N | May 5, 2008 5:10 PM

Pushed my friend's almost-2-yo to preschool the other day in a Vibe. Twas a dream. Except that the top handlebar isn't round and makes your hands start to ache after 10 minutes of pushing (with or without a kid in it). Other than that, it also had the most padded seats I've ever seen in a stroller (and I've seen lots). Finally a company with sense enough to pad little tushies!

Bizybeemoms | July 29, 2008 2:32 PM

Who makes that rayshade that is covering the double seat? Super Thanxs!!!

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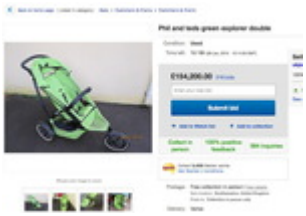

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