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## FAQ \*

\* Responses from MIM Sweden the manufacturer of the MIM Safe - Variocage.

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\* What makes the MIM Safe - Variocage the safest Animal Transport Cage compared to others on the market?

~ Steel Construction - MIM Safe - Variocage is made of Steel. Most other cages are made of Wire Mesh, Plastic, or Aluminum. These materials do not provide the same level of protection, durability, or strength as the MIM Safe - Variocage.

~ Escape Hatch - MIM Safe - Variocage features an emergency escape hatch. This important feature allows you to fold down your rear seats and get your Dog out of the cage after a rear end collision. In many cases, especially after a severe impact; the rear hatch or door of a vehicle cannot be opened. This critically important feature allows you the ability to get to your dog, remove them from the vehicle, and tend to them if need be after a collision.

~ Crash Tested - MIM Safe - Variocage is the only cage on the market that has been tested for both front and rear collisions. Variocage has also been evaluated in a drop test that simulates a vehicle rollover. \*

\* Crash testing & evaluation performed by *The Technical Research Institute of Sweden*.

~ Crumple Zone Protection - MIM Safe - Variocage is the only cage designed to work with your vehicles crumple zone protection. The crash testing and crumple zones are critically important. These care for both the dog and the human in the car. A rigid cage can be dangerous to the rear seat if pushed into it.

~ Adjustable Fit - MIM Safe - Variocage is designed to be adjustable. The adjustability is not only crucial for safety (crumple zones), but is also allows flexibility for placement in your vehicle or across multiple vehicles, a new vehicle, or a vehicle you may have access to or use on a regular basis. MIM Safe - Variocage will fit your lifestyle and provide you with many years of reliable and safe service.

\* What type of vehicle is best suited for use with the MIM Safe - Variocage

~ MIM Safe - Variocage is suitable for use in Station Wagons, Hatchbacks, Minivans, and SUV's.

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\* What is the correct way to install the MIM Safe - Variocage in my vehicle?

~ MIM Safe - Variocage is designed for placement behind the rear seat (or a barrier similar to it), with the sidebars travelling in the direction of the car. This placement allows the cage to follow the crumple zones of the car if in a crash.

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\* Why is it recommended that the cage be up against a rear seat back when installed in a vehicle?

~ MIM Safe - Variocage is designed to stand behind the rear seat for added support in case of a crash. There are also tied downs that come with the cage to keep it secured to your vehicle's tie-down points. If the rear seat is folded down, and only the tie-down straps are used to keep it in place, it could present a danger to the driver in the event of a severe impact.

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\* Can I carry two (2) dogs in a double cage and keep them separated from each other?

~ MIM Safe - Variocage includes a removable divider with all Double Model Cages. The divider is recommended for traveling with Two (2) Dogs. The divider will partition the cage so you can travel safely with two (2) dogs ... one on each side. Also, when traveling with one dog, the other side is very useful for luggage, groceries, supplies, and materials storage. In the event of a crash, these objects will be contained and not present a hazard to occupants in the vehicle.

\* Can I carry more than two (2) dogs in a double cage and is it safe?

~ MIM Safe - Variocage Double Models have only been tested with two dog dummies. If you have smaller dogs you can transport them if they are all small enough to fit comfortably in a larger MIM Safe - Variocage. In fact, it is better that smaller dogs in a larger cage have less room to tumble around in in the event of a crash. Transporting Two (2) smaller dogs in a larger cage is better than putting One (1) smaller dog in a larger cage. However, if you put a small terrier breed in a Double XXL Cage by itself, and have a crash, the potential for harm is greater. Again, a single dog in a smaller cage is better than a single dog in a larger cage. Our cages are not that big that it would work for more than Two (2) of the larger breeds.

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\* Are there any breeds you do not recommend putting in the MIM Safe - Variocage?

~ MIM Safe - Variocage have are not yet designed for the very, very small breeds. The dogs are so small that the head of the animal may get stuck between the tubes. This is a potential cause of injury related to the very, very small breeds. We will be offering Pet Safety Harnesses for these dogs very soon.

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\* What if I have a Minivan or SUV with 2nd row Captain's Chairs?

~ MIM Safe - Variocage can be installed in a Minivan or SUV with the 3rd row seats folded down or removed. The 2nd row Captain's Chairs would then act as the rear seat. This should work even if there is a gap between the Two (2) Seats. Please make sure the MIM Safe -Variocage is strapped down properly to the anchor points in your vehicle and that you have support from the 2nd row seats for the cage.

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\* Safety & Installation Notes

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**Important information concerning all discussions about Variocage safety!!**

A crash can happen at any speed with many variables with respect to circumstance. Predicting every possible scenario and outcome is impossible. Depending on your vehicle, speed and circumstance, it might be possible that nothing can protect all occupants from injury or fatalities. Please drive safely and always use your MIM Safe - Variocage for transporting your animals.