

Rear-facing Child Restraint System

Owner's Manual Keep for future use.

1.4 to 13.6 kg (3 to 30 lbs)

40 to 81 cm (15.7 to 32 in.)

(See page 6 for complete requirements.)

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WARNING:

To reduce the risk of serious injury or death, read this owner's manual prior to installing and using this child restraint. © Evenflo Company, Inc. 25701873 05/24



More children are killed every year as passengers in car crashes than by any other type of injury.

To reduce the risk of **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH**, read this owner's manual and your vehicle owner's manual before installing and using this child restraint.

Using a child restraint makes a big difference. By properly using this child restraint and following these instructions (and the instructions that accompany your vehicle), you will greatly reduce the risk of serious injury or death to your child from a crash.

Do not be misled by the commonly used term "safety seat"; no restraint system can prevent all injuries in all crashes. Many properly restrained adults and children are injured in motor vehicle crashes, including relatively minor crashes.

A properly used child restraint is the best way to minimize injuries to your child and to increase the chances for your child's survival in most crashes.

U.S. Regulatory Notice This child restraint meets all the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213. <u>For Canadian Models</u> Canadian Regulatory Notice (Model Numbers Ending in "C") This child restraint meets all the applicable requirements of Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety

Standard 213 and 213.1.

Symbol Legend



information about airbag safety. **LATCH Symbol** – Alerts you to important information about LATCH safety. **Aircraft Symbol** – Alerts you to important information about aircraft safety.

Airbag Symbol – Alerts you to important

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CHILD REQUIREMENTS

Warning: Failure to follow these Child Requirements could result in serious injury or death.

This child restraint is designed for use by children in **rear-facing** orientation only. To use this child restraint properly, children **MUST** meet the size and age requirements below. In addition, Evenflo recommends consulting with your child's physician before allowing your child to transition from a **rear-facing** to **forward-facing** child restraint.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends keeping children **rear-facing** until they reach the maximum height or weight for their child restraint in **rear-facing** orientation. Additionally, some states' laws require children to be **rear-facing** until age 2.

Accordingly, you will see this guidance reflected in the Child Requirements. Please review any applicable local, state or provincial laws related to child passenger safety before installing and using this child restraint.

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Rear-facing Use

- 1.4 to 13.6 kg (3 to 30 lbs)
- 40 to 81 cm (15.7 to 32 in.) and top of child's head is at least 25 mm (1 in.) below the top of the child restraint seat back.



IMPORTANT: Once your child **exceeds** any of the size requirements above, they **MUST** discontinue use of this child restraint.

PREMATURE INFANT USE

Before using this child restraint for preterm or low birth weight infants, ensure the Child Requirements are met and follow the guidelines in this section.

According to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a properly installed child restraint reduces the risk of death by over 70% for infants involved in crashes. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 213 establishes design and dynamic performance requirements for child restraint systems. However, the standard has no minimum weight limit and does not address the special medical needs of preterm or low birth weight infants. To ensure that preterm and low birth weight infants are transported safely, the guidelines published by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in Pediatrics 2009;123:1424–1429 must be followed (reaffirmed June 2018). Preterm and low birth weight infants are at additional

risk of breathing difficulties and heart problems when placed in a child restraint. Evenflo requires that the evaluation recommended by the AAP be conducted for all infants born earlier than 37 weeks and all newborn infants who weigh less than 5 lb at birth before their first car trip to check for breathing difficulties or heart rate problems when traveling in a rear-facing child restraint. The AAP recommends that appropriate hospital staff observe your infant in the child restraint for a period of 90 to 120 minutes or the duration of travel, whichever is longer. This period of observation must be performed with the infant properly positioned as described in these instructions and with the child restraint placed at an angle that is approved for use in the vehicle. The hospital staff will check for any breathing difficulties or heart rate problems. Your child's pediatrician will let you know if there are any special considerations for travel. The number of trips and the duration of time the infant is seated in the child restraint should be minimized. A caregiver should ride in the back seat to monitor the infant during travel.

You can learn more about the AAP's recommendations as well as other resources for parents and medical professionals, at

https://www.healthychildren.org/english/safetyprevention/on-the-go/Pages/default.aspx

General Warnings

- Child restraints should be used only for travel. Potential adverse health effects from excessive use of infant child restraints have been documented. You should limit the time spent each day in a child restraint as much as possible. You must NEVER use your child restraint as a sleeping environment in the home. NEVER leave your infant unattended in a child restraint in or out of the vehicle.
 Failure to follow these installation instructions and the instructions and warnings on the product can result in your child striking the
- product can result in your child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash. Serious injury or death may result. These instructions and the instructions in your vehicle owner's manual must be followed carefully. If there is a conflict between the two, the vehicle owner's manual regarding child restraint installation must be followed.
- This child restraint **MUST ALWAYS** face the **rear of the vehicle**. Serious injury or death can occur if used forward-facing.

- Infants may have difficulty breathing when in a sitting position. Make sure they recline enough for their head to lie back comfortably and safely.
 Failure to properly recline the child restraint could increase the child's risk of serious injury or death.
- NEVER leave child unattended.
- **DO NOT** use child restraint if it is damaged, broken, or missing parts.
- **DO NOT** use this restraint if it has been involved in a crash. It must be replaced.
- **DO NOT** attach additional padding, toys or other devices not made by Evenflo, or described in these instructions, to the child restraint. Items not tested with the child restraint could injure the child.
- Be sure that the handle is firmly locked in *Position 1* (Carry) before lifting the child restraint (see pages 36-37).
- This child restraint must be securely belted to the vehicle at all times, even when unoccupied. An unsecured child restraint may injure someone if a crash occurs.

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS

Air Bag Warnings



DO NOT place rear-facing child seat on front seat with air bag. DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY can occur. The back seat is the safest place for children 12 and under.

DO NOT use this restraint in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with an air bag. Interaction between a rearfacing restraint and air bags may cause serious injury or death. If your vehicle has an air bag, refer to the vehicle owner's manual for child restraint installation. If the rear seat of your vehicle is equipped with side air bags, refer to the following information for proper usage. Vehicles built prior to the 2002 model year:

DO NOT use this restraint in a vehicle seating position equipped with a side air bag unless authorized by the vehicle manufacturer.

Model year 2002 and newer vehicles:

Refer to your vehicle owner's manual before placing this restraint in a seating position equipped with a side air bag.

 DO NOT place any objects between the restraint and the side air bag, as an expanding air bag may cause the items to strike your child.

The forward facing back seat is the safest place for children 12 and under.



WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur Location Warnings

- ALWAYS read and follow exactly the instructions that accompany your vehicle and child restraint.
- According to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in a rear seating position than in a front seating position. Generally, the center rear is safest and should be used if available. Children 12 and under should ride in the back seat of the vehicle.
- If you are unable to use the center rear seating position and have to install this child restraint directly behind a front vehicle seat, ensure that there is at least 38 mm (1.5 inches) of space between any part of the child restraint and the vehicle seat that is closest to the child's head. This space may be necessary for the child restraint to properly perform in certain types of crashes.
- ONLY use this child restraint on forward-facing vehicle seats. DO NOT use on vehicle seats which face the rear or side.



- ONLY use this child restraint on vehicle seats with backs that lock into place.
- Some child restraints do not fit all vehicles or all seating locations. There are thousands of combinations of vehicle makes, models, child restraint configurations, seat belt designs and seat cushion shapes. The easiest way to determine whether your child restraint is suitable for a particular seating position is to check for a tight installation. If the child restraint cannot be properly installed, **DO NOT** use this child restraint. Consult vehicle owner's manual, try a different seating location or call Evenflo at 1-800-233-5921 (U.S), or 1-937-773-3971 (Canada).

<u>VEHICLE TYPES WHICH THE RESTRAINT</u> SYSTEM CAN NOT BE USED:

This child restraint is not to be used in vehicles that do not have vehicle seat belts or UAS lower anchorages.

Vehicle Seat Belt Warnings

To help prevent serious injury or death:

 ALWAYS read your vehicle owner's manual to determine what vehicle belts and retractors are used in your vehicle belt. The vehicle belt MUST lock and MUST NOT loosen after the seat belt is tightened.



- **DO NOT** use this child restraint if it moves more than 25 mm (1 in.) side to side or front-to-back at either the rear-facing or forward-facing belt path on the child restraint. Serious injury or death may result from poor installation. If you cannot tightly secure the child restraint, try again or move it to another location.
- **DO NOT** loosen the vehicle seat belt to provide more leg room as this will prevent the child restraint from protecting your child.
- DO NOT use this child restraint in a seating position with door-mounted seat belts.



- DO NOT use this child restraint in a vehicle with seat belts that automatically move along the vehicle frame when the door is opened.
- **DO NOT** use this child restraint in a vehicle equipped with lap belts that only lock during a sudden stop or crash (emergency locking retractor – ELR). You must use a seating location with a locking seat belt. Check your vehicle owner's manual to see if you have lap belts with ELRs.
- **DO NOT** use on vehicle seats when both portions of the vehicle belts are positioned forward of the seat crease.







WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS

Vehicle Seat Belt Warnings

• **DO NOT** use with lap/shoulder belts with two retractors. If the vehicle seat belts are not routed and fastened correctly, the child restraint may not protect the child in a crash.



- **DO NOT** use with inflatable seat belts.
- Check your vehicle owner's manual to determine how to lock your seat belt for child restraint installation. The seat belt must be locked to properly secure the child restraint.
- **DO NOT** allow the vehicle seat belt release button to touch the child restraint. Accidental contact may cause the seat belt to release. If necessary, turn the seat belt release button away from the child restraint or move the child restraint to a different location.
- Failure to adjust the harness or vehicle seat belts snugly around the child may result in the child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash. Serious injury or death may occur.

- This child restraint must be securely belted to the vehicle, even when it is unoccupied, since in a crash an unsecured child restraint system may injure other occupants.
- Fold-down armrests could pose a hazard to a rear-facing child in certain types of collisions. Consult your vehicle owner's manual before installing any rear-facing child restraint in front of a fold-down armrest.
- The headrest on the vehicle seat that the child faces should be placed in the lowest position. Vehicle seats are regulated by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. The seatback that the child faces must not be altered in any way. DO NOT attach or hang additional items from the vehicle seat back that are not approved by the vehicle manufacturer. Items not tested with the vehicle seat could injure the child or interfere with car seat performance.

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur Vehicle Seat Belt Warnings

If you have any of these types of vehicle belt systems listed, these are SAFE to use to install your child restraint in the vehicle. Review vehicle owner's manual for specific instructions on child restraint installation. *LATCH* can be used IN PLACE OF these vehicle belt types. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for *LATCH* locations.

Lap Belt with Locking Latch Plate

Once buckled, the vehicle belt is tightened by pulling on the free end of the strap until the belt is tight.



Lap Belt with Automatic Locking Retractor (ALR)

The automatic locking retractor does not allow the lap belt to get longer once it is buckled. The vehicle belt is tightened by feeding seat belt webbing into retractor.



Lap/Shoulder Belt with Locking Latch Plate

The lap portion of this belt does not loosen once the belt is buckled.

The vehicle belt is tightened by pulling up hard on shoulder belt and feeding the extra webbing into the retractor.



Lap/Shoulder Belt with Sliding Latch Plate with Locking Retractor

The latch plate slides freely along the lap/shoulder belt. Vehicle belts with sliding latch plates are typically locked at the shoulder belt retractor by buckling the belt and pulling all of the webbing out slowly to switch the retractor.

Check vehicle owner's manual for specific instructions. The vehicle belt is tightened after switching the retractor by pulling up on shoulder belt and feeding the webbing into the retractor.

LATCH /UAS Warnings What is LATCH?

LATCH is an acronym for (Lower Anchors and Tethers for **CH**ildren) and refers to a pair of fixed Lower Anchors (or bars) and a Top Tether anchor that are built into your vehicle, in vehicles built after September 1, 2002. Vehicle Top Tether Anchor Points

The lower LATCH

anchors are located in the crease, or bight, between the vehicle seat back and seat cushion, and if not visible, will typically be

Vehicle Vehicle Seat Lower Crease Anchors

and if not visible, will typically be indicated by Symbols. Top tether anchors are located in various places behind the rear vehicle seat.

Center installation in a non-standard LATCH position:

Center installation of this child restraint is permitted using inner Lower Anchor Bars from the outside seating positions if:

- 1. your vehicle manual allows such installation; and
- 2. the inner Lower Anchor Bars from the outside seating positions are 28-51 cm (11-20 in.) apart.

LATCH typically offers an easier and more consistent installation. However, this child restraint can be safely installed using either LATCH or vehicle belts and meets the requirements of Federal Safety Standard FMVSS 213 with either installation method. Either method is safe for your child when installed correctly.

DO NOT install this child restraint with LATCH and the vehicle's seat belts at the same time. Your vehicle owner's manual may refer to this system as ISOFIX, Universal Anchorage System (UAS), or Lower Universal Anchorage System.

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur LATCH /UAS Warnings

- The LATCH system is intended to be used ONLY as described in these instructions. Serious injury or death may result from misuse. Refer to your vehicle Owner's Manual for lower anchor bar positions in your vehicle.
- In addition to these instructions, read and follow your vehicle owner's manual regarding installation of the child restraint and LATCH. If there is a discrepancy, follow your vehicle owner's manual.
- **ONLY** use for securing convenience base to vehicle lower anchor bars.



Science / UAS Warnings - continued

- NEVER attach two lower anchor assembly connectors to one vehicle lower anchor bar.
- **NEVER** use the vehicle seat belts when using the lower anchor connector assembly. Using both together can cause slack in a sudden stop or crash.
- When not in use, the lower anchor connector assembly should be securely stored in the storage area located under the convenience base. Keep out of reach of children.
- ALWAYS be sure that the lower anchor connectors are fully engaged onto the vehicle anchor bars by pulling hard on the lower anchor connector assembly harness. If they are not totally engaged, the lower anchor connector assembly will not secure your child restraint. Serious injury or death may result.
- **DO NOT** use this child restraint if it moves more than 25 mm (1 in.) side-to-side or front-to-back at the vehicle belt path. Serious injury or death may result from poor installation. If you can not tightly secure the child restraint, try again or move it to another location.

<u>Usage Warnings</u>



Children have **STRANGLED** in loose or partially buckled harness straps. Fully restrain the child even when carrier is used outside the vehicle.

- ALWAYS check the restraint and buckle for hot surfaces before putting a child into the restraint. Your child could be burned.
- In cold weather, DO NOT dress the child in bulky clothing, like snowsuits, if the child is riding in a child restraint. This clothing makes it difficult to properly tighten the harness to the child, which may allow the child to be ejected from the restraint during a crash.

Usage Warnings - continued

- ALWAYS place the handle in Position 1 or 3 (U.S. models) or Position 1 (Canadian models) when using this child restraint in a vehicle (p. 36).
- When using this restraint in Position 4 (Stand) (p. 38), ONLY use on level ground and NEVER prop the restraint up with any object.
- NEVER place this child restraint on beds, sofas, or other soft surfaces. The child restraint can roll over on soft surfaces and suffocate the child.
- **NEVER** place this child restraint near the edges of counter tops, tables, other high surfaces, or in shopping carts. The child's movements can cause the child restraint to slide and fall.
- The canopy is not intended to provide UV protection.

Safe Practices

- Everyone rides buckled up or the vehicle does not go. Make no exceptions for adults or children. If someone unbuckles, stop the vehicle. Being firm and consistent right from the start will mean fewer discipline problems as children get older. Besides, an unrestrained child or adult can be thrown into and injure other passengers.
- **NEVER** try to tend to a crying baby's needs while driving. **NEVER** take a baby out of a child restraint for comforting while the vehicle is moving.
- Always place the handle in Position 3 or 4 before removing infant from carrier (p. 38).
- **DO NOT** allow a child to have objects such as lollipops or ice cream on a stick. The object can injure the child if the vehicle swerves or hits a bump.
- **DO** NOT feed an infant who is riding in a child restraint.
- Anything loose can be deadly in a crash. Put sharp or heavy items in the trunk.
- **DO NOT** dress the child in blanket sleepers or other clothing that would prevent the buckle strap from fitting snugly up against the child.

 Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address, e-mail address (optional), phone number (optional), and the restraint's model number, and manufacturing date to:

Evenflo Company, Inc. 1801 Commerce Dr. Piqua, OH 45356 or call 1-800-233-5921. or register online at www.evenflo.com/registercarseat

Consumer: Just fill in your r and phone number (optional		-mail address (optional)	
Your Name			
Your Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
E-mail Address (optional)			
Phone Number (optional)			
CHILD RESTRAINT REGISTRATION CARD			

 For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY:1-800-424-9153), or go to: <u>http://www.NHTSA.gov</u>

Public Notice for Canadian Customers

 Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a public notice. Send your name, address, e-mail address, and the restraint's model number, and manufacturing date to:

Evenflo Company, Inc. 1801 Commerce Dr. Piqua, OH 45356 or call 1-937-773-3971 or register on-line at https://registration.evenflo. com/evenflo/ca/carseats





• For public notice information, call Transport Canada at 1-800-333-0510 or go to <u>www.tc.gc.ca</u>

Motor Vehicle/Aircraft Usage

When used with the internal harness and properly installed pursuant to these instructions,

this restraint is certified for use only in passenger and multi-purpose passenger motor vehicles, buses and trucks equipped with either lap belts only or lap/shoulder belt systems, and in aircraft.



Refer to pages 100 to 105 for complete instructions on installing your child restraint in aircraft.

Child Seat Features*



- 1. Handle
- 2. Canopy
- 3. Seat Pad
- 4. Body Pillow
- 5. Chest Clip
- 6. Buckle
- 7. Harness Release Button

- 8. Harness Adjuster Strap
- 9. Harness Slots
- 10. Harness Straps
- 11. Vehicle Belt Guides
- 12. Carrier
- 13. Level Indicator
- 14. Sport Base (see pg. 34)

Child Seat Features*



Handle Release
 Harness Straps
 Splitter Plate
 Carrier Release Handle
 Harness Slots
 Buckle Strap Anchor

*Not all features are available on all models. Styles may vary.



1. Angle Indicator

- 2. Leveling Foot
- 3. Belt Path
- 4. Vehicle Belt Clip

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Using the Handle

To change handle positions, squeeze *both Handle Releases* and rotate the handle to the desired position until it locks into place.



*IMPORTANT: NEVER use Positions 2 or 4 when traveling in a vehicle. U.S. and Canadian models differ in acceptable handle positions for travel (see illustration above and page 37-38).
Using the Handle

IMPORTANT: Always secure the child in the carrier. Refer to "Securing your Child in the Carrier" on pages 74 - 77.



Position 1 (Carry and Travel – U.S. and Canada)

This position is to be used to carry your child. For Canadian models, you **MUST** place the handle in this position when traveling in a vehicle.



Position 2 (Convenience) NEVER use this position to carry your child in the carrier. **NEVER** use this position in the vehicle.



Position 3 (Travel – U.S.) For U.S. models, you

may place the handle in this position while traveling in a vehicle.



Position 4 (Stand) Place the handle in this position when you set the carrier

on the floor. **NEVER** use this position in a vehicle.

Proper Installation WITH the Sport Base

Child Requirements

- Weight: 1.4 13.6 kg (3 30 lbs)
- *Height:* 40 81 cm (15.7 32 in.) and top of child's head is at least 25 mm (1 in.) below the top of the child restraint seat back.



IMPORTANT: Once your child **exceeds** any of the size requirements above, they **MUST** discontinue use of this child restraint.

Installation Checklist

1. Secure Sport Base to the vehicle seat.

- Sport Base is securely installed with lower anchor connector assembly (shown) (pages 42-52).
 OR
- Sport Base is securely installed with vehicle seat belt (pages 53-60).

IMPORTANT: A properly secured Sport Base does **NOT** move more than 25 mm (1 in.) from side-to-side or from front-to-back **at the belt path**.

- Sport Base is adjusted so that level indicator is in correct color zone for your child (pp. 44 and 53).
- If necessary, a towel/small blanket is rolled up and placed beneath the front edge of the base for additional leveling (p. 62).

Installation Checklist

2. Secure child to the carrier. Refer to p. 74.

- ✓ Harness straps are at, or below, shoulder level (p. 39).
- ✓ Both buckle tongues are fastened (p. 75).
- Chest clip is connected and positioned at armpit level (p. 76).
- Harness straps are snug against the child and you should not be able to pinch the harness (p. 76).
- Buckle strap is snug against the child but NOT under the child's bottom (p. 83).
- Waist straps are snug against the child but NOT under the child's legs (p. 87).

3. Check your work.

- The Sport Base does NOT move more than 25 mm (1 in.) from side-to-side or from front-to-back at the lower anchor connector assembly/vehicle belt path.
- The base is level when level indicator is in the correct color zone for your child (pp. 44 and 53).
- The handle is in Position 1 or 3 (U.S. models ONLY), or Position 1 (Canadian models ONLY) (p. 36).



WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- This lower anchor connector assembly is intended to be used ONLY as described in these instructions. Serious injury or death may result from misuse.
- In addition to these instructions, read and follow your vehicle owner's manual regardin g installation of the child restraint and LATCH. If there is a discrepancy, follow your vehicle owner's manual.
- **ONLY** use for securing convenience base to vehicle lower anchor bars.
- NEVER attach two lower anchor assembly connectors to one vehicle lower anchor bar.
- **NEVER** use the vehicle seat belts when using the lower anchor connector assembly. Using both together can cause slack in a sudden stop or crash.
- When not in use, the lower anchor connector assembly should be securely stored in the storage area located under the Sport Base or on the side of the base (see page 97). Keep out of reach of children.



WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- ALWAYS be sure that the lower anchor connectors are fully engaged onto the vehicle lower anchor bars by pulling hard on the lower anchor connector assembly harness. If they are not totally engaged, the lower anchor connector assembly system will not secure your child restraint. Serious injury or death may result.
- **DO NOT** use this child restraint if it moves more than 25 mm (1 in.) side-to-side or front -to-back at the vehicle belt path. Serious injury or death may result from poor installation. If you can not tightly secure the child restraint, try again, move it to another location, or install with vehicle belts instead of LATCH.
- This child restraint **MUST** face the rear of the vehicle.
- The carrier **MUST** be locked firmly into the base. Check by lifting up on the carrier.
- **NEVER** use this child restraint in the forward-facing position.



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Before you begin, be sure the vehicle is on a level ground. Remove lower anchor connectors, see page 95 - 96. Place base rearfacing on an approved vehicle seat location.



White indicator line **MUST** be in the correct color zone for your child.

Using your full weight, push the base into the vehicle seat and check the level indicator.



Blue: 1.4 - 9 kg (3 - 20 lbs)

Green: 9 - 13.6 kg (20 - 30 lbs)

Note: **NEVER** allow white indicator line to appear in red zones.



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Installing the Sport Base with the Lower Anchor Connector Assembly

Recline base until white indicator line is in the correct color zone for your child.





To use the leveling foot:

(a) Turn base over and rotate leveling foot up, as shown.



(b) Push leveling foot down until the locking tabs snap in place, as shown.





(c) Base shown with leveling foot extended.



To store the leveling foot:

(a) Turn base over. While holding the base down with one hand, pull leveling foot up to disengage the locking tabs.





(b) Rotate leveling foot to stored position.



(c) Base shown with leveling foot in stored position.







Your child restraint is equipped with a SecureRight lower anchor connector assembly.



Lower Anchor Storage is located on both sides of the sides of the base.





Remove both lower anchor hooks.





Refer to your vehicle owner's manual to locate the lower anchor bars on your vehicle seat. Attach the right hook, or clip, to the right anchor bar and the left hook, or clip, to the left anchor bar. **DOUBLE CHECK** that the lower anchor connector hook, or clip, is fully engaged by pulling hard on the lower anchor connector strap.



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Using your full weight, push the base into the vehicle seat, while pulling up on the strap to remove all slack from the lower anchor connector assembly.



Important: Make sure both lower anchor connectors are facing upward and the straps are not twisted.



WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur



Make sure the lower anchor connector assembly harness is tight. Grab the base at the areas. as shown. If you can move the base more than 25 mm (1 in.) side-to-side or front-toback, the harness is not tight enough. You will need to try again, find another location for your convenience base, or install with vehicle belt.

Place carrier on base, re-check level, see page 61 - 62.

To remove lower anchor connector, see page 95.



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Before you begin, be sure the vehicle is on level ground. Store the lower anchor connectors, see page 96-97.



Using your full weight, push the base into the vehicle seat and check the level indicator.



White indicator line **MUST** be in the correct color zone for your child. Blue: 1.4 - 9 kg (3 - 20 lbs)

Green: 9 - 13.6 kg (20 - 30 lbs)

Note: **NEVER** allow white indicator line to appear in red zones.



Installing the Sport Base with the Vehicle Seat Belt

2 Recline base until white indicator line is in the correct color zone for your child.



Note: **NEVER** allow white indicator line to appear in red zones.



To use the leveling foot:

(a) Turn base over and rotate leveling foot up, as shown.



(b) Push leveling foot down until the locking tabs snap in place, as shown.





Installing the Sport Base with the Vehicle Seat Belt

(c) Base shown with leveling foot extended.



To store the leveling foot:

(a) Turn base over. While holding the base down with one hand, pull leveling foot up to disengage the locking tabs.





Installing the Sport Base with the Vehicle Seat Belt

(b) Rotate leveling foot to stored position.



(c) Base shown with leveling foot in stored position.





Installing the Sport Base with the Vehicle Seat Belt - Lap/Shoulder Belt



twisting.

Secure the base to your vehicle seat by routing the *lap/shoulder belt* through the belt path openings on the sides of the base and through the vehicle belt clip. *Fasten the buckle.*



Belt path

opening

Vehicle

belt clip

LAP/SHOULDER BELT Pull the shoulder belt tightly to remove all slack from the lap portion of the belt, at the same time use your full weight to push down on the base. IMPORTANT: Make sure the lap/shoulder belt lies flat without

If your vehicle was built **prior to model year 1996**, and has a lap/shoulder belt that is equipped with an emergency locking retractor (ELR) AND sliding latch plate, you **MUST** use a Locking Clip (see pg. 73).



Installing the Sport Base with the Vehicle Seat Belt - Lap Belt Only



Secure the base to your vehicle seat by routing the *lap belt* through the belt path openings on the sides of the base and through the vehicle belt clip. *Fasten the buckle.*



LAP BELT

Pull the seat belt tightly to remove all slack from the lap portion of the belt, at the same time use your full weight to push down on the base.



IMPORTANT: Make sure the lap belt lies flat without twisting.



Installing the Sport Base with the Vehicle Seat Belt

4 **A WARNING**!

DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

- Check your vehicle owner's manual to determine how to lock your seat belt for child restraint installation. The seat belt must be locked to properly secure the child restraint.
- Make sure the vehicle belt is tight. Grab the base as shown. If you can move the base more than 25 mm (1 in.) side-to-side or frontto-back, the vehicle belt is not tight enough. You will need to try again, find another location for your Sport Base, or install with LATCH.



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Placing the Carrier in the Base

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

NEVER use this child restraint in the forward-facing position.





Secure the carrier to the base by placing it into the base and pressing down on the front and back.

The carrier MUST be locked firmly into the base. Check by lifting up on the carrier handle to make sure it's locked in place.

Placing the Carrier in the Base



The level indicator must be in the correct color zone for your child. If you have fully adjusted the Sport Base and the level indicator is still not level, use a tightly rolled towel or small blanket beneath the front edge of the base.

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

Infants may have difficulty breathing when in a sitting position. Make sure they recline enough for their head to lie back comfortably and safely. Failure to properly recline the child restraint could increase the child's risk of serious injury or death. Placing the Carrier in the Base



Squeeze both handle releases and move the handle to the travel position: **Position 1 or 3 (U.S. models ONLY) OR Position 1 (Canadian models ONLY)** until it locks in place.

Releasing the Carrier from the Base

Move the handle to **Position 1 (Carry)** by squeezing in on both handle releases and rotating the handle until it locks into place above the carrier.

Squeeze the carrier release handle while lifting up the carrier.



To remove base, unfasten the vehicle belt then open the lock-off.

Proper Installation WITHOUT the Sport Base

Child Requirements

- Weight: 1.4 13.6 kg (3 30 lbs)
- *Height:* 40 81 cm (15.7 32 in.) and top of child's head is at least 25 mm (1 in.) below the top of the child restraint seat back.



IMPORTANT: Once your child **exceeds** any of the size requirements above, they **MUST** discontinue use of this child restraint.

1. Place the child in the carrier.

- The child's back and bottom are flat against the back and bottom surfaces of the carrier.
- Top of child's head is at least 25 mm (1 in.) below the top of the child restraint seat back.

2. Secure child to the carrier. Refer to p. 74.

- Harness straps are at, or just below, shoulder level (p. 65).
- ✓ Both buckle tongues are fastened (p. 75).
- Chest clip is connected and positioned at armpit level (p. 76).
- Harness straps are snug against the child and you should not be able to pinch the harness (p. 76).
- Buckle strap is snug against the child, but NOT under the child's bottom (p. 83).
- Waist straps are snug against the child, but NOT under the child's legs (p. 87).

3. Secure child restraint to the vehicle seat.

- Carrier is securely installed with vehicle seat belt (p. 69-72).
- The shoulder strap portion of the seat belt is above the polished area on rear of child restraint (p. 69).
- Locking clip is installed, if necessary (p. 73).
- ✓ The level line is level with ground (p. 68).
- The handle is in *Position 1 or 3* (U.S. models ONLY), or *Position 1* (Canadian models ONLY) (p. 36).
- If necessary, a towel/small blanket is rolled up and placed beneath the front edge of the carrier so the child's head lies back comfortably (p. 72).

4. Check your work.

 To properly protect your child, the carrier MUST NOT move more than 25 mm (1 in.) from side-to-side or from front-to-back at the belt path.





After securing the infant, place the restraint into your vehicle. Adjust the restraint so that the level line is level with the ground.

Note: This infant restraint **MUST** face the rear of the vehicle.



2 LAP BELT

Route the lap belt through the vehicle belt guides on the carrier, *then fasten buckle.*

LAP/ SHOULDER BELT

DO NOT

route the shoulder belt through the vehicle belt guides. Route the lap belt

the lap belt Click! through the belt guides, wrap the shoulder belt around the back as shown, **then fasten buckle**.



Shoulder belt must be above the polished area NOT under the child restraint.

If your vehicle was built **prior to model year 1996**, and has a lap/shoulder belt that is equipped with an emergency locking retractor (ELR) AND sliding latch plate, you **MUST** use a Locking Clip (see pg. 73).



3 A WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- NEVER use this child restraint in forward-facing position.
- **DO NOT** use this carrier if it moves more than 25 mm (1 in.) side-to-side or front-to-back at the vehicle belt path. Serious injury or death may occur. Move the child restraint to another seating location, or try to tighten the vehicle belt again.



The vehicle belt must be as tight as possible. Put your full weight into the seat as you tighten the vehicle belt. If you can move the child restraint more than 25 mm (1 in.) side-to-side or front-to-back at the vehicle belt path, the vehicle belt is not tight enough, and you need to try again.



Squeeze both handle releases and move the handle to the travel position: Position 1 or 3 (U.S. models ONLY) OR Position 1 (Canadian models ONLY) until it locks in place.





If the level line is not level with the ground, use a tightly rolled towel or small blanket beneath the front edge of the child restraint to provide enough recline for an infant's head to lie back comfortably.

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

IMPORTANT: Infants may have difficulty breathing when in a sitting position. Make sure they recline enough for their head to lie back comfortably and safely. Failure to properly recline the child restraint could increase the child's risk of serious injury or death.

To remove, unfasten the vehicle belt.
Locking Clip installed properly



Install Locking Clip (not included), if necessary. If your vehicle was built prior to model year 1996, and has a lap/ shoulder belt that is equipped with an emergency locking retractor (ELR) AND sliding latch plate, you MUST use a Locking Clip.

Check your vehicle owner's manual to identify which vehicle belt system is in your vehicle. If your vehicle is **model year 1996 or newer**, it likely has a vehicle belt system that can be locked when tightened, and will not require use of a Locking Clip. **Consult your vehicle owner's manual before installing a locking clip.**

If your vehicle requires a Locking Clip, please call ParentLink at 1-800-233-5921 (U.S.) or 1-937-773-3971 (Canada) to obtain a Locking Clip and instructions on how to install and use it.

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

• Remove Locking Clip from vehicle seat belt when not used with a child restraint, or the vehicle seat belt will not properly restrain an adult or child. Serious injury could occur.

Securing the Child in the Carrier



Place the baby into the carrier. Baby's bottom and back should be flat against the seat. If there is a gap, baby will not be comfortable.



Slide each harness strap over the child's shoulders.



Insert the buckle tongues into the buckle. Pull up on the harness straps to ensure the buckle tongues are engaged.

IMPORTANT: The buckle strap should **ALWAYS** be as close as possible to, but **NEVER** under, the child's bottom. Adjust the buckle strap if necessary (p. 83).

The waist straps should **ALWAYS** be as close as possible to, but **NEVER** under, the child's legs. Adjust the waist straps if necessary (p. 87).

Securing the Child in the Carrier



Align the two sides of the chest clip and snap them together. The chest clip must be positioned at armpit level.



The harness straps must be snug against the child. A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position. Check the harness straps near the shoulders for slack. You should **NOT** be able to pinch the harness (see illustration). Adjust as needed.

Securing the Child in the Carrier



To tighten the harness straps, pull the harness adjuster strap on front of the restraint, as shown.

Removing the Child from the Carrier

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Press the red buckle release, and remove the buckle tongues.

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Push the release button and pull the chest clip apart.

To loosen the harness straps, press the harness release button while pulling upward on the harness straps.

As your child grows, you will need to change the harness strap position so they are routed through the slots closest to the child's shoulders. The shoulder harness straps should **ALWAYS** be as close as possible to, but **NEVER** above, the child's shoulders.

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Loosen the harness straps by pressing the harness release button while pulling on the straps.





Slide the harness straps off of the splitter plate.



Pull both harness straps through the front of the child restraint.



Insert both harness straps into the new harness position slots.

IMPORTANT: When inserting harness straps through the slots in the seat pad, make sure you route them correctly through their corresponding slots in the seat shell.

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

Failure to properly attach the harness strap to the splitter plate may result in a loose harness and serious injury or death to your child.

Make sure the harness strap is installed **completely** on the splitter plate as shown, then repeat steps 2-5 for other side. Both straps must be in the same configuration for proper use.

Note: There are two positions on the harness strap which can be adjusted for use as your child grows.





Tighten the harness straps by pulling the adjustment strap on front of the restraint.

Note: Final adjustment of the harness straps must be completed with the baby in the child restraint.



As your child grows, you will need to change the buckle strap position so that it is in the slot closest to your child. The buckle strap should **ALWAYS** be as close as possible to, but **NEVER** under, the child's bottom.





Buckle Strap in the Newborn Position NEVER use this position for children weighing more than 3.6 kg (8 lbs).





Buckle Strap in the Rear Slot

Buckle Strap in the Middle Slot





Buckle Strap in the Front Slot





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To reposition buckle strap, loosen the harness straps (p. 78) and move the strap out of the way.

Remove the buckle strap anchor from its position on the bottom of the carrier, and push the anchor up through the slot to the top of the seat.



Insert the buckle strap anchor into the slot that is the closest to the child, but **NEVER** under the child's bottom.



Make sure the anchor is completely through and is lying flat against the bottom of the seat. Pull up on the buckle strap to make sure it is securely fastened.

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For newborn position, place the anchor through the rear slot, then feed it through the middle or front slot.

Make sure the anchor is completely through the middle or front slot and is lying flat against the bottom of the seat.

NEVER use this position for children weighing more than 3.6 kg (8 lbs).

Rear to Middle



Rear to Front

As your child grows, you will need to change the waist strap position so that it is in the slot closest to your child. The waist strap should **ALWAYS** be as close as possible to, but **NEVER** under, the child's legs.

Middle Middle	Approximate Waist Strap Child Size: Position:	
	Small	1.4 - 2.7 kg (3 - 6 lbs) Inner
	Medium	2.7 - 9 kg (6 - 20 lbs) Middle
	Large	9 - 13.6 kg (20 - 30 lbs) Outer

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To reposition waist straps, loosen the harness straps by pressing the harness release button while pulling on the harness straps.





Push the buckle strap through the slot in the seat pad





Unhook the front of the child restraint's seat pad and move it out of the way to expose the waist strap slots and anchors.

Remove the waist strap anchor from its position on top of the seat, and push the anchor down through the slot to the bottom of the seat. Then push anchor up through the slot to the top of the seat pad. Repeat on other side.



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Push the anchor down through the appropriate slot to the bottom of the seat. Then push anchor up through the appropriate slot to the top of the seat.

Note: See images (pp. 91 and 93) to find the appropriate waist strap slots for your child's size.



Medium size baby



Medium size baby



Large size baby





Removing the Lower Anchor Connector Assembly

Press the adjuster release button to loosen the lower anchor connector assembly





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To remove the hook, press the tab and twist, then remove from anchor.





Removing the Lower Anchor Connector Assembly

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When the lower anchor connector assembly is not in use, you **MUST** securely store it in the area provided on the bottom or side of the base depending on which style base you have. Make sure the lower anchor connector assembly strap is routed through the belt path on top of the base.





Removing the Lower Anchor Connector Assembly

Attach the hooks to the posts located on each side of the base.

A loose lower anchor assembly connector harness and hook may injure your child.



Using as an Infant Carrier

Secure the child in the carrier by following "Securing the Child in the Carrier" on page 74.



Position 4

To use as a stand: Squeeze both handle releases and rotate the handle to **Position 4 (Stand)** until it locks into place and the carrier rests on a level surface.



To use as a carrier: Squeeze both handle releases and rotate the handle to **Position 1 (Carry)** until it locks into place. Carry at your side, using the handle as shown.

IMPORTANT The harness **MUST** be securely buckled *at all times.*



WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- NEVER place this carrier near the edges of counter tops, tables, or other high surfaces. The child's movements can cause the carrier to slide and fall.
- NEVER leave the child in this carrier when the harness straps are loose or undone. Children have STRANGLED in loose or partially buckled harness straps. Fully restrain the child even when carrier is outside the vehicle.
- Fall Hazard: The carrier can fall from the shopping cart. Do not use on shopping cart.



• DO NOT carry on your hip.



The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recommends that you secure your child for air travel in an appropriate child restraint based on your child's weight and size. Turbulence can happen with little or no warning. When turbulence occurs, the safest place for your child is in a properly installed child restraint, not in an adult's lap or on the aircraft seat with its seat belt. Keeping your child in a child restraint during the flight will help ensure your family arrives safely at your destination.

The FAA recommends that a child weighing:

- more than 18 kg (40 lbs) use an aircraft seat belt;
- less than 9 kg (Ž0 lbs) use a rear-facing child restraint; and
- from 9 to 18 kg (20 to 40 lbs) use a forward-facing child restraint.

Please note that these FAA recommendations may vary from those applicable to the use of your child restraint in a motor vehicle.

IMPORTANT

You must use the internal harness when installing the child restraint in aircraft.

Before installing the child restraint, make sure the **aircraft seat is** in a fully upright position.

DO NOT use the convenience base when installing child restraint in aircraft.

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Installing Carrier WITHOUT Sport Base in Aircraft



Squeeze both handle releases and move the handle to *Position 3*.

Installing Carrier WITHOUT Sport Base in Aircraft



Route the aircraft seat belt through the belt slots on the carrier, as shown above.



Installing Carrier WITHOUT Sport Base in Aircraft



Fasten the aircraft seat belt.







The aircraft seat belt must be as tight as possible. Route the excess seat belt strap back through the belt slots, as shown above. Using your full weight, push the child restraint firmly onto the aircraft seat while pulling on the excess seat belt strap to tighten.

Check your work. Try to move the child restraint in all directions. If you can move the child restraint more than 25 mm (1 in.) side-to-side or front-toback at the belt path, the aircraft seat belt is not tight enough, and you MUST install again until the seat belt is tight.



Installing Carrier WITHOUT Sport Base in Aircraft

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Squeeze both handle releases and move the handle to *Position 1*.

Installing the Canopy



Insert front canopy end into the holder until it clicks into place. Repeat on the other side.

Installing the Head/Body Pillows*

The optional head pillow and/or body pillow is used to help support your child by placing it in the restraint as shown.



WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

Support the child's head. Infants may have difficulty breathing when in a sitting position. Using additional padding or pillows behind the infant's head, or failure to properly recline the child restraint could increase the child's risk of serious injury or death.

Removing the Seat Pad

- 1. Move handle to Position 4 (p. 36).
- 2. Unfasten chest clip and buckle (p. 78).
- 3. Remove harness straps from splitter plate on back of child restraint (p. 81).

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- 4. Pull harness straps to front of child restraint (p. 80).
- 5. Remove body pillow (p. 107).



 Remove two J-clips from front of child restraint and pull bottom of seat pad off front of child restraint.



7. Remove J-clips from both sides of child restraint.


Removing the Seat Pad





Removing the Seat Pad



10. Push both harness straps through seat pad.



11. Push buckle through seat pad.



12. Push seat pad up and over child restraint.



Removing the Seat Pad



To replace seat pad, reverse these steps.

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

Make sure both harness straps are installed **completely** on the splitter plate, as shown (p. 81). Failure to properly attach the harness straps to the splitter plate may result in a loose harness and serious injury or death to your child.



Replacement Parts*

To order replacement parts you can order online at <u>www.evenflo.com</u> or contact Evenflo. When you contact us, please have the product model number and date of manufacture (found on the back of the child restraint).



Chest Clip



Head Foam (Canada only)



EPS Foam



Head Pillow





Body Pillow

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Seat pad

Not available on all models. Styles may vary.

Replacement Parts*





Buckle Assembly





- **DO NOT** lubricate or immerse in water the LATCH connectors, the buckle, or any other part of this child restraint, unless rinsing is permitted, as stated on the back of the buckle for your restraint.
- Plastic and metal parts may be wiped clean with mild soap and water and dried with a soft cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- Take care not to damage any labels.
- The harness can be wiped clean with mild soap and water. Allow harness to air dry.
- Machine wash the seat pad separately in cold water, delicate cycle. Tumble dry 10 to 15 minutes on low heat.
- NEVER use child restraint without the seat pad.
- To protect the child restraint from damage caused by weather, rodents, and other elements common to garages, the outdoors, and other storage locations, remove the seat pad and thoroughly clean the restraint and pad prior to storage. Take care to clean in the areas where crumbs and other debris tend to accumulate.



When this child restraint reaches the expiration date found on the date of manufacture label, Evenflo encourages you to dispose of it properly. Most components of this child restraint are recyclable.

- 1. Remove all fabric and padding.
- 2. Remove all screws and disassemble the restraint.
- 3. Recycle all fabric, padding, plastic, foam and metal parts, if accepted by your local recycling center. Responsibly discard the rest.
- If your local recycling center won't accept the padding, you may dispose of it in the landfill.

To prevent injury due to hidden damage, lost instructions, outdated technology, etc., discontinue use of this restraint after the expiration date on the label or if it has been involved in a crash.



Storing Your Instructions



After thoroughly reading and following these instructions, store instructions under the seat pad on the inside of shell as shown.

For future reference, record the model number of your child restraint AND the date of manufacture below.

Model Number:

Date of Manufacture:

Notes

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For a period of 90 days from the original purchase of this Product, Evenflo warrants to the original end user ("Purchaser") this Product (including any accessories) against defects in material or workmanship. Evenflo's sole obligation under this express limited warranty shall be, at Evenflo's option, to repair or replace any Product that is determined to be defective by Evenflo and determined to be covered by this warranty.

Repair or replacement as provided under this warranty is the exclusive remedy of the Purchaser. Proof of purchase in the form of a receipted invoice or bill of sale evidencing that the Product is within the warranty period must be presented to obtain warranty service. This express limited warranty is extended by Evenflo ONLY to the original Purchaser of the Product and is not assignable or transferable to subsequent purchasers or end users of the Product. For warranty service, contact Evenflo's ParentLink Consumer Resource Center.

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