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- Lower Anchor Belt
- Instructions

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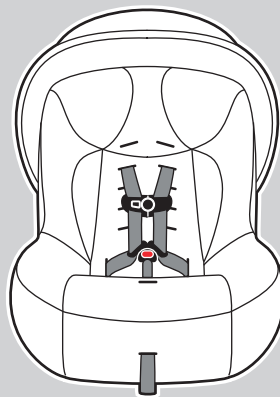


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2-in-1 convertible car seat

KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE. Read all instructions before using this car seat.

⚠ WARNING: Failure to follow the warnings on the labels and in the instruction manual can result in serious injury or death to your child. Serious injury may include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.



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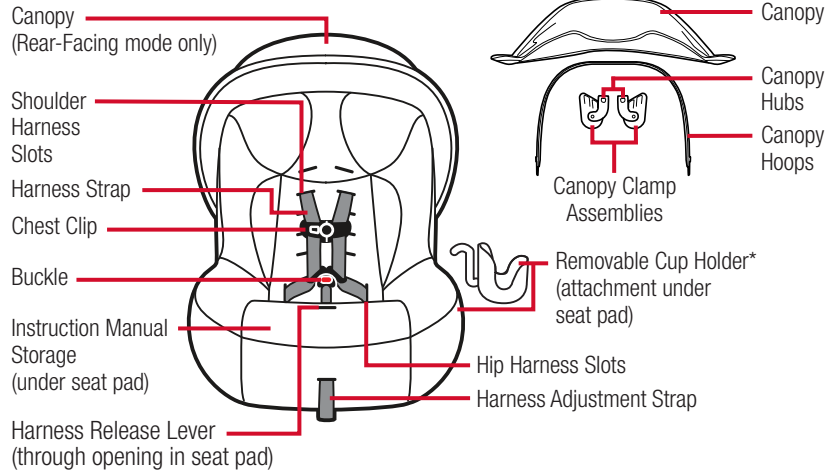
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getting started

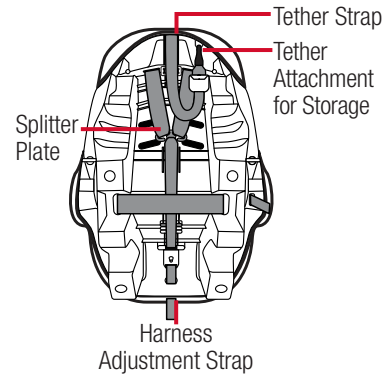
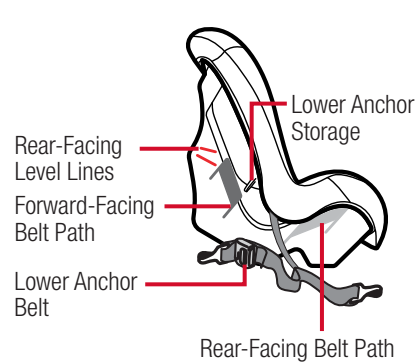
To help you get started using your child's new car seat (also known as a child restraint), these are the four main tasks you'll need to complete.

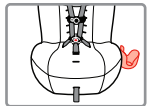
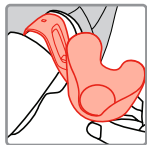
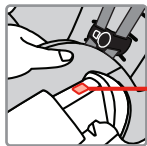
- 1 Measure your child.**
- 2 Adjust the car seat to fit your child.**
- 3 Install the car seat into your vehicle.**
- 4 Secure your child in the car seat.**

Parts of the Car Seat



*See page 6 for Accessory Use.





Cup Holder

The cup holder can be attached to either side of the car seat.

1. Lift the seat pad on the side where you want to install the cup holder. Align the symbol on the cup holder with the symbol on the car set.
2. Hook the bottom of the cup holder under the edge on the side of the car seat. Snap the top of the cup holder over the edge of the car seat.
3. Pull the seat pad down over the cup holder attachment, making sure it is tucked around the bottom and sides of the car seat.



For details on installing, removing, or using the canopy see Canopy Use on page 9.

! WARNING

Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death to your child. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury. Be certain to measure your child's weight and height (do not guess) before choosing this car seat's mode.

Your child's height, weight, and age determine how the car seat should be placed in the vehicle.

Children vary widely in body size, shape, and temperament—**please consult your doctor before switching between any modes within the limits and fit requirements of the car seat.**

Infants and Toddlers

Children must ride rear-facing and remain rear-facing until they reach the maximum weight or height limits for rear-facing mode. Rear-facing child restraints installed behind another vehicle seat must be installed touching the back of the vehicle seat in front of it, or be as close as possible.

Toddlers and Preschoolers

Children can only use a forward-facing car seat once they outgrow rear-facing weight or height limits. Once they are forward-facing, children must use their child restraint in forward-facing mode with a harness until they reach the maximum weight or height limits for forward-facing harness mode.



Rear-Facing Mode

5–40 lb (2.3–18 kg) and 19–40 in. (48–101.6 cm)

In this car seat, your child **MUST** ride **Rear-Facing** and remain in **Rear-Facing** mode until they outgrow any of the above.

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Forward-Facing Mode

30–50 lb (13.7–22.7 kg) and 34.4–44 in. (87.1–111.8 cm)

In this car seat, your child can use the harnessed **Forward-Facing** mode until they outgrow any of the above.

Forward-Facing Child Fit Requirements PAGE 39

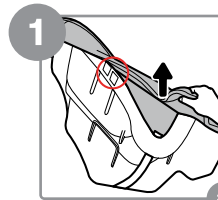
Forward-Facing Vehicle Installation PAGE 42

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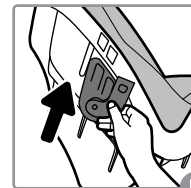
Canopy use **ONLY** for Rear-Facing mode. **DO NOT** use in any other mode.



Installing the Canopy for Rear-Facing Mode



- a.** Gently lift up the seat pad on the side of the car seat as shown until the two slots on the side are visible.

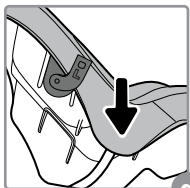


- b.** Position the canopy clamp marked L as shown between the two guide rails on the side of the car seat.

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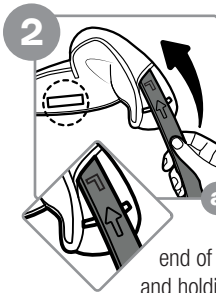


c. Slide the clamp up until it clicks into the two slots on the side of the car seat. Pull down on the clamp to ensure it is completely attached.



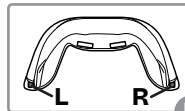
d. Pull the seat pad down, sliding it between the clamp and the canopy hub. Tuck the seat pad around the side of the car seat.

e. Repeat steps a–d to install the right canopy clamp on the other side of the car seat.



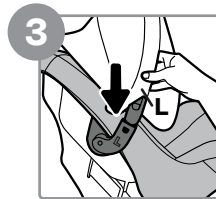
a. Position the canopy fabric so the circled hook-and-loop fastening strip is pointed towards you. Starting with the

end of the hoop marked L and holding it with the arrow facing up, insert the hoop into the right side of the canopy fabric.

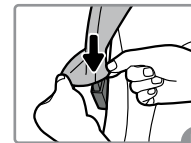
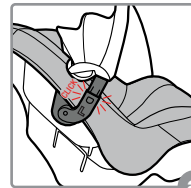


b. Continue to slide the canopy fabric around the hoop until

the hoop comes through the pocket on the other end. Make sure the side of the canopy hoop marked L is on the left and the side marked R is on the right (you may need to lift up the fabric slightly to see the markings).

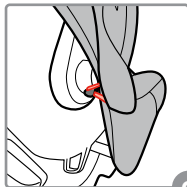


a. Insert the end of the left canopy post into the left canopy hub until it clicks into place.



b. Pull the canopy fabric down over the post, tucking it between the hub and the side of the car seat.

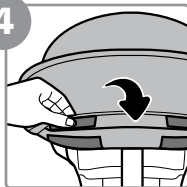
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c. Fasten the elastic on the canopy onto the peg on the canopy hub.

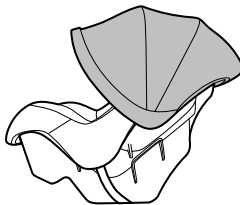
d. Repeat steps a–c to install the right canopy post into the right canopy hub on the other side of the car seat.

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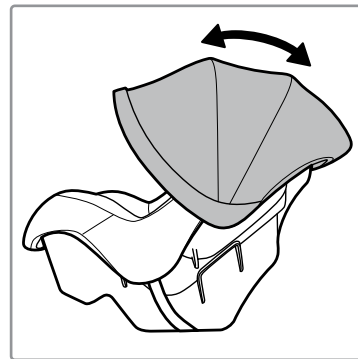
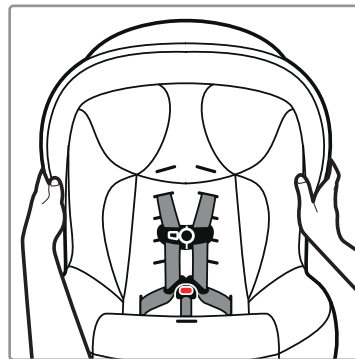
Attach the fastening strips on the canopy to the seat pad on the back of the car seat. Check to make sure the fastening is secure.

FINISHED!



The canopy can be used in Rear-Facing mode only. Remove the canopy before using the car seat in **Forward-Facing** mode. See page 14.

Adjusting the Canopy

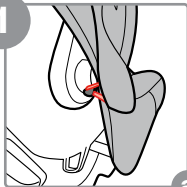


Grasp both sides of the canopy and move it front to back to the desired position.

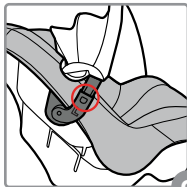
Removing the Canopy

The canopy **MUST** be removed before using the car seat in **Forward-Facing** mode.

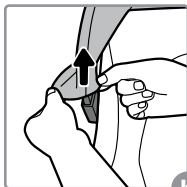
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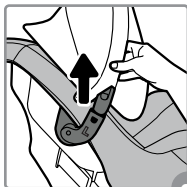
a. Unfasten the elastic from the peg on the canopy hub.



c. Press in on the tab connecting the canopy to the canopy hub.

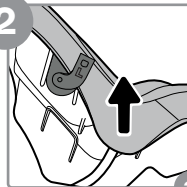


b. Lift the canopy fabric up from between the canopy hub and side of the car seat to access the post.

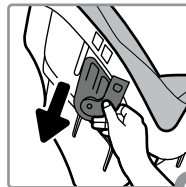


d. Lift the canopy post out of the canopy hub.
e. Repeat steps a–d on the other side.

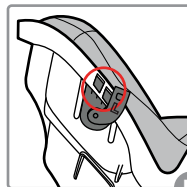
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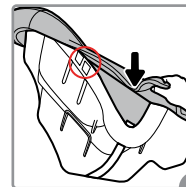
a. Gently lift up the side of the seat pad.



c. Slide the canopy hub out from the car seat.



b. Push in on both tabs on the canopy hub.

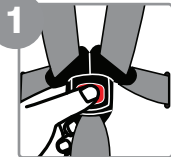


d. Pull the seat pad down and tuck it around the side of the car seat.
e. Repeat steps a–d on the other side of the car seat.

Changing the Buckle Position

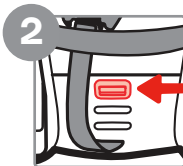
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Failure to place buckle's metal retainer completely through pad and child restraint can result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.



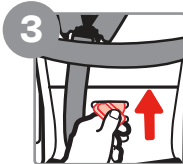
1 Unbuckle the harness

Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.



2 Turn the Car Seat Over

Locate the buckle's metal retainer on the bottom of the car seat.



3 Rotate the Metal Retainer and Push it Up through the Buckle Slot in the Car Seat



4 Turn the Car Seat Over and Pull the Buckle out of the Car Seat and the Seat Pad



5 Insert the Metal Retainer into the Slot Closest to Your Child

The buckle **MUST** face out.

In Rear-Facing mode: You **MUST** use the first or second buckle slot.

In Forward-Facing mode: You can use any slot.



6 Pull the Metal Retainer Completely through the Seat Pad and the Car Seat



7 Check the Buckle

Pull up on the buckle to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **MUST** not pull out.

i Check your child's fit often.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 20–23.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 50–52.

Changing the Shoulder Harness Strap Position

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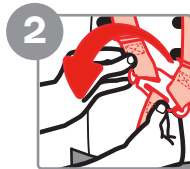
The harness system **MUST** be installed correctly. **DO NOT** use a child restraint with damaged harness straps.

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1 Fully the Loosen Harness Straps

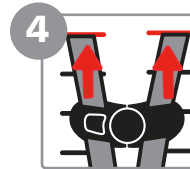
Push down on the harness release lever (through the opening in the seat pad) while pulling out on the harness straps as shown.



2 From the Back of Seat, Remove the Harness Straps Loops From the Splitter Plate



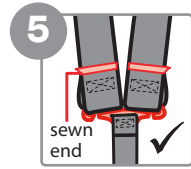
3 Pull the Harness Straps Out of the Shoulder Harness Slots



4 Rethread the Harness Straps into the Correct Shoulder Harness Slots For Your Child

For Rear-Facing Child Fit Requirements, see page 26.

For Forward-Facing Child Fit Requirements, see page 39.



5 Attach the Harness Strap Loops to the Splitter Plate

The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **MUST** face towards you.

DO NOT twist the harness straps or the harness adjustment strap. Make sure the harness strap loops are fitted **completely on** both sides of the splitter plate.

Check your child's fit often.

Make sure the harness height is correct for your child's size.



If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 20–23. To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 50–52. Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

Adjusting the Harness System for Smaller Infants



If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, you may need to adjust the buckle strap position and/or harness strap length as shown in this section.



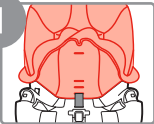
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Adjusting the Buckle Strap

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Pull Up the Front of the Seat Pad

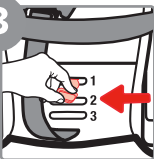
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With the Buckle in the 1st Slot As Shown, Turn the Car Seat Over

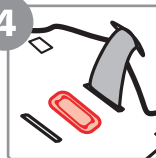
If you need to move the buckle to the 1st slot, see pages 16–17.

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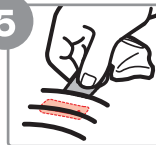
From the Bottom of the Car Seat, Pull the Metal Retainer Towards You and Push It Up into the 2nd or 3rd Slot As Needed to Achieve a Snug Fit

4



From the Top of the Car Seat, Lay the Metal Retainer Flat Against the Car Seat As Shown

5



Check the Buckle

Pull up on the buckle to make sure it is secured. The buckle **MUST** not pull out.



Check your child's fit often. To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 50–52.

Adjusting the Harness Straps

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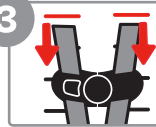
Fully Loosen the Harness Straps

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From the Back of the Car Seat, Remove the Harness Strap Loops From the Splitter Plate

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Pull the Harness Straps Out of the Shoulder Harness Slots

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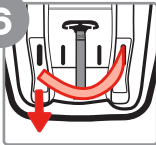
Unthread the Chest Clip

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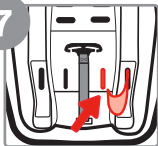
Unthread the Buckle
DO NOT unbuckle the buckle.

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Lift Up the Front of the Seat Pad, Turn the Car Seat Over, and Pull the Harness Strap Down and Out of the Hip Harness Slot

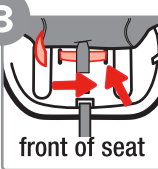
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Weave the Harness Strap In and Out of the Car Seat as Shown

The harness strap goes behind the buckle strap.

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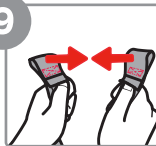
bottom of seat

Thread the Harness Strap Up Through the Slot in the Seat Pad

Pull the seat pad around the front of the car seat.



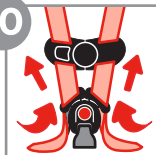
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Make the Harness Straps Even

The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **MUST** face each other.

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Thread the Buckle and the Chest Clip

The harness strap end goes through the **back** of buckle tongues and through the chest clip **front to back** as shown.

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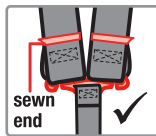
Thread the Harness Strap Into the Correct Shoulder Harness Slots for Your Child

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Attach the Harness Strap Loops to the Splitter Plate

The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **MUST** face towards you.



sewn end

DO NOT twist the harness strap or the harness adjustment strap. Make sure the

harness strap loops are fitted **completely** on both sides of the splitter plate. Check your child's fit often. Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

Rear-Facing Mode



5–40 lb (2.3–18 kg) **and 19–40 in.** (48–101.6 cm)

In this car seat, your child **MUST** ride **Rear-Facing** and remain in **Rear-Facing** mode until they outgrow any one of the following:

- Weight limit: 40 lb (18 kg); **OR**
- Height limit: 40 in. (101.6 cm); **OR**
- **Rear-Facing Child Fit Requirements** **PAGE 26**

Rear-Facing Vehicle Installation **PAGE 29**

⚠ WARNING



Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death to your child. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

NEVER install a Rear-Facing child restraint in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with an active frontal airbag.

DO NOT use the tether for Rear-Facing Mode. Secure the tether strap hook to its storage attachment.

DO NOT use the lower anchor belt along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt.

DO NOT fasten multiple lower anchor hooks on the same lower anchor bar in the vehicle.

Check the vehicle belt or the lower anchor belt before each use.

Use **ONLY** if the belt can be tightened properly and locked securely in place.

Even when unoccupied, this child restraint **MUST** be firmly secured to the vehicle with the lower anchor belt or with the vehicle seat belt.

This child restraint **MUST ALWAYS** face the rear of the vehicle until the child has reached the maximum weight or height limit for the Rear-Facing Mode.

Rear-Facing Child Fit Requirements



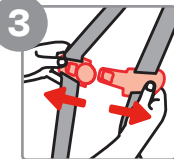
1 Fully Loosen the Harness Straps

Push down on the harness release lever (through the opening in pad) while pulling out on the harness straps as shown.



2 Unbuckle the Harness

Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.



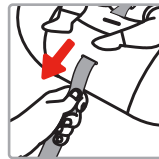
3 Release the Chest Clip

While holding both sides of the chest clip, press the release button with your thumb and pull the chest clip apart.



4 Place Your Child in the Car Seat

Your child's bottom and back should be flat against the car seat.



5 Fasten the Chest Clip and Buckle the Harness

Pull the harness adjustment strap straight out to snugly tighten the harness. Position the chest clip mid-chest (even with the armpits) and away from your child's neck. See *Securing Your Child in the Car Seat* on page 50 for details on the chest clip position and checking harness tightness.



6 Check the Head Position

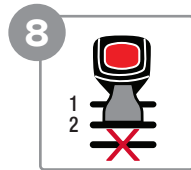
The top of your child's head **MUST be at least 1 in. (2.5 cm) below** the top of the car seat.



Check the Harness Strap Position

When Rear-Facing, the harness strap **MUST** be placed **at the shoulder** when possible, or slightly below; **NEVER** above.

To change the harness strap position, see page 18.



Check the Buckle Position

- Use the slot closest to your child.
- The buckle strap **should not be underneath or behind** your child.

DO NOT use the third buckle slot in Rear-Facing mode. To change the buckle position, see page 16.

There are two methods for installing the car seat in your vehicle. **Use only one:**



Lap/Shoulder
Belt



Lap Belt

OR

LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt



! WARNING

DO NOT use both the LATCH: lower anchor belt and vehicle belt at the same time to install the car seat.



Before installing the car seat:

- Check the child fit requirements on pages 26–28 and make any necessary adjustments to the shoulder harness strap position or the buckle position. You can't make these adjustments while the seat is installed.
- Review your vehicle owner's manual to determine the type of vehicle belts in your car and how to use them to lock a car seat in place **OR** to locate the LATCH: lower anchor seating positions. See also Vehicle Belts on page 64 and LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt on page 68.
- If you are using a vehicle belt to install the seat, make sure the lower anchor belt is stored away.
- Make sure the tether strap is properly stored away (see page 73).

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Place the Car Seat Rear-Facing in the Back Seat

When using the passenger and driver side locations, the

car seat **MUST** be touching the back of the seat in front of it, or be as close as possible.

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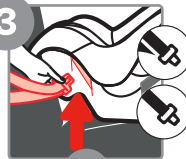
Check the Level Lines

For children **5–30 lb** (2.3–13.6 kg) **and** **19–34.3 in.** (48–87 cm), the bottom level line on the car seat **MUST** be parallel with the ground.

For children **30–40 lb** (13.7–18 kg) **and** **34.4–40 in.** (87.1–101.6 cm) **AND who can sit up unassisted**, the top level line on the car seat **MUST** be parallel with the ground.

Rotate the car seat up or down as needed until the appropriate level line for your child's weight and height is parallel with the ground.

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OR



Locate the Rear-Facing Belt Path opening and Begin Routing the Vehicle Belt or the Lower Anchor Belt through the Path

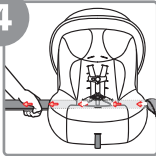
For the vehicle belt: Insert the vehicle belt into the Rear-Facing Belt Path opening.

For the lower anchor belt: Start with the entire lower anchor belt on the side where the belt is connected to the seat (the child's right). Insert one end of the lower anchor belt into the Rear-Facing Belt Path opening.

You may need to fully lengthen the lower anchor belt before routing it through the belt path. Squeeze the adjuster button and pull the belt out as shown below.



4



Finish Routing the Vehicle Belt through the Rear-Facing Belt Path

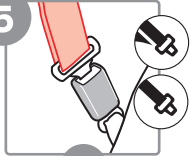
Reach through the Rear-Facing Belt Path

opening on the other side of the car seat to pull the belt completely through the belt path. Make sure the belt is positioned properly so that it goes:

- Under the car seat pad; **AND**
- Across the car seat; **AND**
- In front of the buckle; **AND**
- Out the other Rear-Facing Belt Path opening.

DO NOT twist the belt.

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OR



Buckle the Vehicle Belt

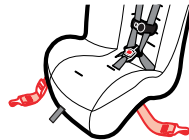
If your car has a switchable retractor, use it to lock the vehicle belt.

Review page 66 of this manual or your vehicle owner's manual.

Attach the Lower Anchor Hooks to the Vehicle's Lower Anchors

Fasten one hook to the vehicle lower anchor bar on the same side of the car seat. Repeat with the other hook on the opposite side.

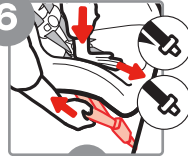
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Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing

The lower anchor belt adjuster can be on either side of the car seat.

6



OR



Tighten the Belt

For the lap/shoulder belt:

Push firmly down with moderate weight in the center of the car seat with one hand while using your other hand to pull up on the shoulder belt to tighten it.

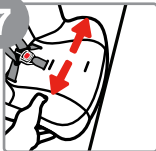
For the lap-only belt:

Tighten the belt by reaching into the belt path opening and pulling the free end of the belt towards you.

For the lower anchor belt: Pull the seat pad away from the car seat. Firmly push the car seat down and back towards the vehicle seatback while pulling the free end of the belt through the belt path opening to tighten.

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7



Check the Belt Tightness

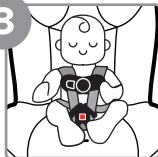
Hold the car seat at the belt path with your non-dominant hand.

Push and pull from side to side.

It should not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) at the belt path. **If it moves more than 1 in. (2.5 cm), you can try:**

- Pulling the belt tighter; **OR**
- Reinstalling the child restraint; **OR**
- Changing to a different seating location; **OR**
- Switching to a different installation method (vehicle belt or lower anchor belt).

8



Secure Your Child in the Car Seat

For complete details on properly securing your child in the car seat, including how to position the chest clip and check for harness tightness, see pages 50–52.

9



Recheck the Rear-Facing Level Lines

Redo the installation if the appropriate level line for your child's weight and height is not parallel with the ground; see step 2.

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Only if necessary, you may need to place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the child

restraint to help make the appropriate Rear-Facing Level Line for your child's weight and height parallel with the ground.

Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the belt is tight.

FINISHED!



Lap/Shoulder Belt



Lap Belt

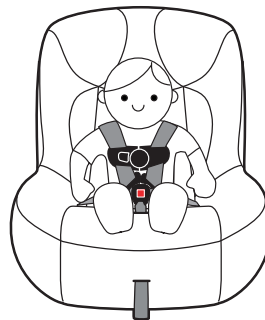


LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt

When using the passenger or driver side locations, the car seat **MUST** be touching the back of the vehicle seat in front of it, or be as close as possible.

- If you used a vehicle belt, is it buckled and the switchable retractor locked? See step 5.
- If you used the lower anchor belt, are the hooks securely attached to the vehicle's lower anchors? See step 5.
- Is the belt tightened enough so that the car seat does not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) from side to side at the belt path? See steps 6 and 7.
- Is the appropriate level line for your child parallel with the ground? See steps 2 and 9.

Check your child's fit often and make any adjustments to the car seat as they grow. Check the tightness of the installation often to make sure it has not loosened.



30–50 lb (13.7–22.7 kg) and 34.4–44 in. (87.1–111.8 cm)

In this car seat, your child can use the harnessed **Forward-Facing** mode until they outgrow any one of the following:

- Weight limit: 50 lb (22.7 kg); **OR**
- Height limit: 44 in. (111.8 cm); **OR**
- **Forward-Facing Child Fit Requirements PAGE 39**

Forward-Facing Vehicle Installation PAGE 42

WARNING

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death to your child. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

When anchors are available, you **MUST ALWAYS** attach, adjust, and secure the tether (top anchorage) strap when installing the car seat in the Forward-Facing Mode with internal harness.

DO NOT use the lower anchor belt along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt. Check the vehicle belt or the lower anchor belt before each use.

Use **ONLY** if the belt can be tightened properly and locked securely in place.

DO NOT fasten multiple lower anchor hooks on the same lower anchor bar in the vehicle. Even when unoccupied, this child restraint **MUST** be firmly secured to the vehicle with the lower anchor belt or with the vehicle seat belt.

Before using this car seat in Forward-Facing Mode, your child must have outgrown the car seat in Rear-Facing Mode.

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**Fully Loosen the
Harness Straps**

Push down on the harness release lever (through the opening in pad) while pulling out on the harness straps as shown.

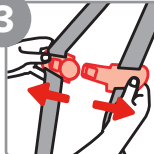
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**Unbuckle the
Harness**

Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.

3



**Release the
Chest Clip**

While holding both sides of the chest clip, press the release button with your thumb and pull the chest clip apart.

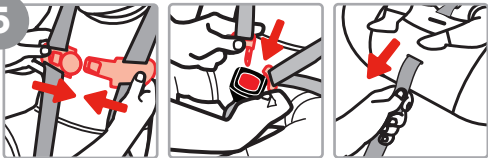
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**Place Your Child in
the Car Seat**

Your child's bottom and back should be flat against the car seat.

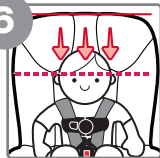
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Fasten the Chest Clip and Buckle the Harness

Pull the harness adjustment strap straight out to snugly tighten the harness. Position the chest clip mid-chest (even with the armpits) and away from your child's neck. See *Securing Your Child in the Car Seat* on page 50 for details on the chest clip position and checking harness tightness.

6



Check the Head Position

The top of your child's ears **MUST be below** the top of the car seat.

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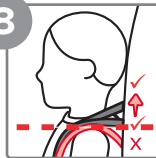


Check the Buckle Position

- Use the slot closest to your child.
- The buckle strap **should not be underneath or behind** your child.

The buckle can be use in any buckle slot. To change the buckle position, see page 16.

8



Check the Harness Strap Position

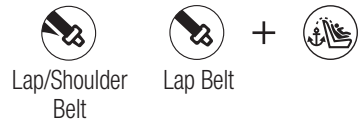
When Forward-Facing, the harness strap **MUST** be placed **at the shoulder** when possible, or slightly above; **NEVER** below.

To change the harness strap position, see page 18.

Forward-Facing Vehicle Installation

There are two methods for installing the car seat in your vehicle. **Use only one:**

Vehicle Belt + Tether



OR

LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt + Tether



Before installing the car seat:

- Check the child fit requirements on pages 39–41 and make any necessary adjustments to the shoulder harness strap position or the buckle position. You can't make these adjustments while the seat is installed.
- Review your vehicle owner's manual to determine the type of vehicle belts in your car and how to use them to lock a car seat in place **OR** to locate the LATCH: lower anchor seating positions. See also Vehicle Belts on page 64 and LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt on page 68.
- If you are using a vehicle belt to install the seat, make sure the lower anchor belt is stored away.
- If you are using the lower anchor belt to install the seat, remove it from the storage location if necessary (see LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt on page 69).

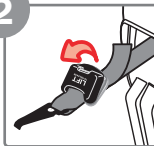
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Locate the Vehicle Top Tether Anchors

Review your vehicle owner's manual for top tether anchor locations and how to route the tether strap when there are vehicle headrests.

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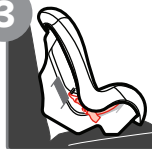


Loosen the Tether Strap

Lift the tether adjuster to loosen the strap. Or, if your car seat has an adjuster with a button, then squeeze the adjuster button and pull the strap to loosen it as shown.



3



Place the Car Seat Forward-Facing Flush Against Vehicle Seat Back

The vehicle seat back **MUST** be in the upright position, but you can adjust the angle slightly to better match the angle of the car seat. Refer to the vehicle owner's manual for how to adjust the vehicle seat back.

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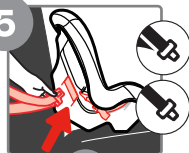
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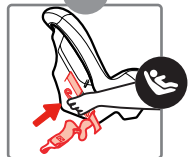
Attach the Tether Hook to the Vehicle's Top Tether Anchor

See step 2 if you need to lengthen the strap to reach the anchor.

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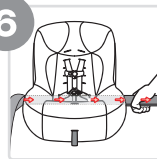


Locate the Forward-Facing Belt Path Opening and Begin Routing the Belt through the Path

For the vehicle belt: Insert the vehicle belt into the Forward-Facing Belt Path opening.

For the lower anchor belt: Start with the entire lower anchor belt on the side where the belt is connected to the car seat (the child's right). Insert one end of the lower anchor belt into the Forward-Facing Belt Path opening.

6



Finish Routing the Vehicle Belt or Lower Anchor Belt through the Forward-Facing Belt Path

Reach through the Forward-Facing Belt Path opening on the other side of the car seat to pull the belt completely through the belt path. Make sure the belt is positioned properly so that it goes:

- Under the car seat pad; **AND**
- Across the car seat; **AND**
- Out the other Forward-Facing Belt Path opening.

DO NOT twist the belt.

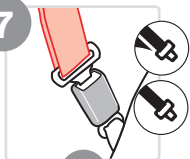
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Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing

The lower anchor belt adjuster can be on either side of the car seat.

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OR



Buckle the Vehicle Belt

If your car has a switchable retractor, use it to lock the vehicle belt. Review page 66 of this manual or your vehicle owner's manual.

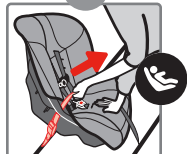
Attach the Lower Anchor Hooks to the Vehicle's Lower Anchors

Fasten one hook to the vehicle lower anchor bar on the same side of the car seat. Repeat with the other hook on the opposite side.

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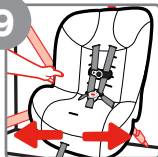
Tighten the Belt

For the lap/shoulder belt: Push firmly down with moderate weight in the center of the car seat with one hand while using your other hand to pull up on the shoulder belt to tighten it.

For the lap-only belt: Tighten the belt by reaching into the belt path opening and pulling the free end of the belt towards you.

For the lower anchor belt: Pull back the seat pad away from the car seat. Firmly push the car seat down and back towards the vehicle seatback while pulling the free end of the belt through the belt path opening to tighten.

9



Check the Belt Tightness

Hold the car seat at the belt path with your non-dominant hand.

Push and pull from side to side. It should not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) at the belt path.

If it moves more than 1 in. (2.5 cm), you can try:

- Putting your knee in the seat and pulling the belt tighter; **OR**
- Reinstalling the child restraint; **OR**
- Changing to a different seating location; **OR**
- Switching to a different installation method (vehicle belt or lower anchor belt).

10



Tighten the Tether

Push firmly on the back of the car seat and pull the free end of the tether strap to remove all the slack.

11



Secure Your Child in the Car Seat

For complete details on properly securing your child in the car seat, including how to position the chest

clip and check for harness tightness, see pages 50–52.

FINISHED!



Lap/Shoulder Belt + Tether



Lap Belt + Tether



LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt + Tether



- If you used a vehicle belt, is it buckled and is the switchable retractor locked? See step 7.
- If you used the lower anchor belt, are the hooks securely attached to the vehicle's lower anchors? See step 7.
- Is the belt tightened enough so that the car seat does not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) from side to side at the belt path? See steps 8 and 9.
- Has the tether been installed and tightened? See steps 4 and 10.

Check your child's fit often and make any adjustments to the car seat as they grow. Check the tightness of the installation often to make sure it has not loosened.

Securing Your Child in the Car Seat

1



Place Your Child in the Car Seat

Your child's bottom and back should be flat against the car seat.

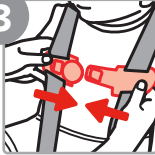
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Buckle the Harness

Push the buckle tongues into the buckle until they click. Pull up on the harness strap to make sure the buckle is locked.

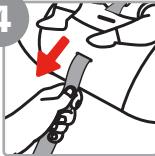
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Fasten the Chest Clip

Insert the right half of the chest clip into the left half and snap them together.

4



Tighten the Harness

Pull the harness adjustment strap straight out to snugly tighten the harness.

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Position the Chest Clip

Slide the chest clip up the harness straps and position it at mid-chest (even with the armpits) and away from your child's neck.

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Check the Harness Tightness

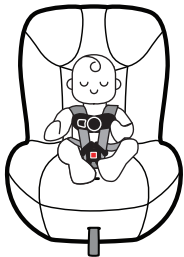
Try to pinch the harness at the shoulders vertically between index finger and thumb as shown.

If your fingers slip off, the harness is tight enough. **If you can pinch the harness strap**, tighten more.

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The harness strap should be snug throughout its length. 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. If one side of the harness is tighter than the other, lengthen the tighter side by pulling up the harness near the hip slot.

FINISHED!



Your child is now secured in the car seat.

Check your child's fit often and make any needed adjustments to the car seat as they grow.

To Remove Your Child from Car Seat:

1. Loosen the harness strap.
2. Unbuckle the harness.
3. Release the chest clip.
4. Remove your child.

Troubleshooting

If the buckle or harness release lever sticks:

DO NOT lubricate. Check for dropped food, sticky spilled drinks, dirt, leaves, etc. Clean with warm water and/or remove the object with tweezers. If you cannot get the harness to adjust and remain tight with the buckle securely locked, **DO NOT** use this car seat.

If your harness twists:

Straighten the harness each time you put your child in the car seat. When you remove your child from the seat, lock the buckle and tighten the harness so it will be ready for next use.

WARNING

Failure to fasten and tighten the harness system correctly may allow the child to be ejected from the child restraint in a crash or sudden stop causing serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

DO NOT mistake comfort for safety. Harness system must be snugly adjusted.



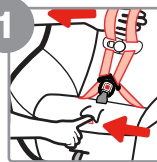
DO NOT put snowsuits or bulky garments on your child when placing them in the child restraint.

Bulky clothing can prevent the harness straps from being tightened properly.

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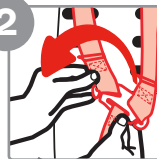
Only remove the harness system to clean the seat pad.

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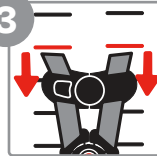
Fully Loosen the Harness Straps

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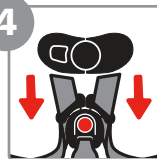
From the back of the Car Seat, Remove the Harness Strap Loops from the Splitter Plate

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Pull the Harness Strap Out of the Shoulder Harness Slots

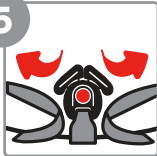
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Unthread the Chest Clip

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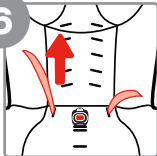
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Unthread the Buckle

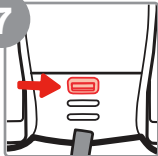
DO NOT unbuckle the buckle.

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Pull the Harness Strap Out of the Car Seat

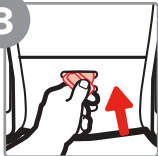
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Turn the Car Seat Over

Locate the buckle's metal retainer on bottom of the car seat.

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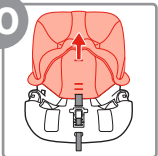
Rotate the Metal Retainer and Push It Up Through the Car Seat and Seat Pad

9



From the Top of the Car Seat, Pull the Buckle Out

10



Remove the Seat Pad

Pull the seat pad off the bottom of the car seat and then gently lift it up to remove it.



You **MUST** remove the harness system to remove the seat pad for cleaning. See pages 55–57.

To clean the seat pad:

Machine wash separately with cold water on a gentle cycle. **DO NOT** use bleach. Tumble dry separately for 10–12 minutes on low heat. Remove immediately.

To clean the harness strap:

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

Spot clean using warm sudsy water and damp cloth. Spilled food and liquids on the child restraint may result in mold or bacterial growth over time. These spills could also attract insects or rodents.

To clean the buckle and the car seat:

Spot clean using warm sudsy water and a damp cloth. **DO NOT** submerge into water. The cup holder is dishwasher-safe.

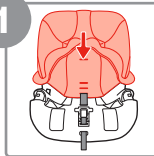
To clean the canopy:

Hand wash only using warm sudsy water. Line dry.

WARNING

DO NOT use child restraint without the seat pad or with damaged harness straps. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

1



Replace the Seat Pad

Pull the seat pad over the car seat. Pull the harness adjustment strap through the slot in the seat pad. Wrap the seat pad around the top of the car seat.

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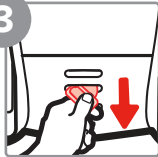


Insert the Buckle's Metal Retainer into the Slot Closest to Your Child
The buckle **MUST** face out.

For Rear-Facing Mode: You **MUST** use the first or second buckle slots closest to the back of the car seat.

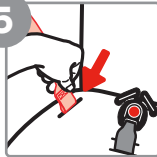
For Forward-Facing Mode: You can use any of the three slots.

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Pull the Metal Retainer Completely through the Seat Pad and Car Seat

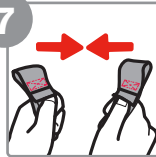
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Rethread the Harness Strap
With the sewn end of the harness strap loop facing the buckle, thread

the harness strap down through the hip harness slot.

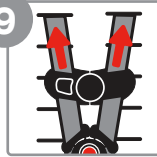
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Make Sure the Harness Straps Are Even

The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **MUST** face each other.

9



Thread the Harness Straps Into the Correct Shoulder Harness Slots For Your Child

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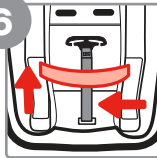


Check the Buckle

Pull up on the buckle to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **MUST** not pull out.

6



Pull the Harness Strap Across the Bottom of the Car Seat

The harness strap **MUST** lay in front of the harness adjustment strap as shown. Push the harness strap up through the other hip harness slot.

8



Thread the Buckle and Chest Clip

The harness strap ends go through the **back** of buckle tongues and through the chest clip **front to back** as shown.

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For Rear-Facing Child Fit, see page 26.

For Forward-Facing Child Fit, see page 39.

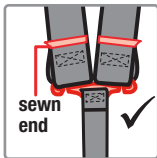
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Attach the Harness Strap Loops to the Splitter Plate

The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **MUST** face towards you.



DO NOT twist the harness strap or the harness adjustment strap.

Make sure the harness strap loops are fitted **completely on** both sides of the splitter plate.

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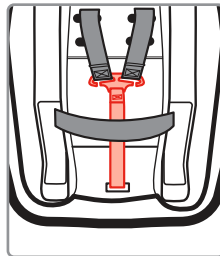
Check your child's fit often.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, you may need to adjust the harness system. See pages 20–23.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 50–52.

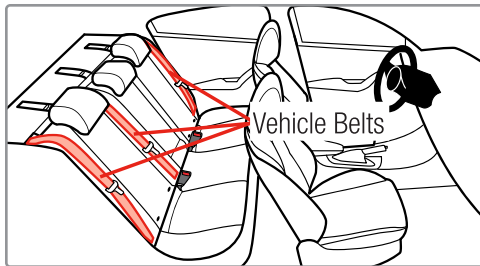
Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

! WARNING



Failure to place harness adjustment strap behind the harness strap as shown can result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

DO NOT use a child restraint with damaged harness straps.



Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here.

WARNING

DO NOT use both the lower anchor belt and vehicle belt at the same time.

If lower anchors are not an option you **MUST** use the vehicle seat belt system to install the child restraint.

Not all vehicle belts and seating positions will work with child restraints. Please go through the following steps to understand how to lock a child restraint in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing mode with a vehicle belt.

1



You MUST review your vehicle owner's manual

Review your vehicle owner's manual to determine the type of vehicle belts in your car and the seating positions available for installing a car seat.

2



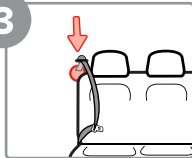
Check how this car seat can be locked into place with the vehicle belt

The vehicle belt **MUST NOT** loosen after tightening it. This requires locking it by using either:

- The vehicle belt's retractor (see step 3) **OR**
- The vehicle belt's latch plate (see step 4)

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3



Check the retractor on your vehicle belts

Retractors pull vehicle belts into stored positions and lock the belt to hold passengers in place. The following retractors will work with this car seat:

- **Switchable retractor (most vehicles have this type).** This retractor can be manually switched to a locking mode. Your retractor **MUST** be in this locking mode to use the vehicle belt with this car seat.

To switch to locking mode:

1. Slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out and then let it go back into the retractor 1–2 in. (2.5–5 cm).
2. As it retracts, you will likely hear a ratcheting sound.
3. Gently pull the belt to see if it has locked. You will not be able to pull any more of the belt out once the lock has engaged.

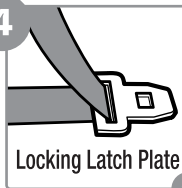
- **Automatic locking retractor.** This retractor always locks. It will automatically lock after slowly pulling the shoulder belt out at least halfway and letting it go back into the retractor 1–2 in. (2.5–5 cm).

Emergency locking retractor

If the retractor does not lock, it is likely an emergency locking retractor. This retractor only locks during a sudden stop or collision.

Continue to step 4 to determine if your vehicle belt's latch plate can lock the belt.

4



Locking Latch Plate

a



Sliding Latch Plate

b

Check the Latch Plates

Latch plates are the part of the seat belt that goes into the buckle.

To see if the latch plate locks:

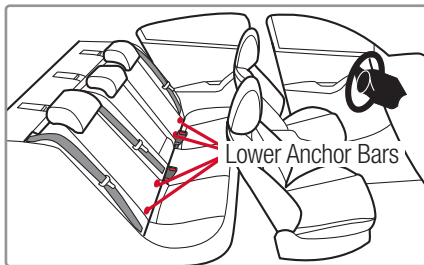
1. Buckle the vehicle belt.
2. Slowly pull up on the lap portion of the vehicle belt.
 - a. If the vehicle belt does not slide through the latch plate, it's locked. You can use the locking latch plate with this car seat.
 - b. If the vehicle belt slides through the latch plate, it is a sliding latch plate. Sliding latch plates easily slip between the lap and shoulder portions of the belt.



NEVER use the following with this car seat:

- Emergency locking retractor lap-only belt
- Inflatable seat belts

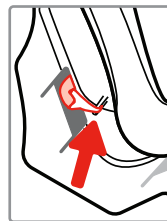
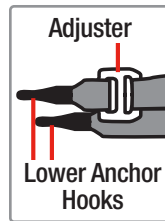
LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt



Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here.

The lower anchors of **LATCH** (**L**ower **A**nchors and **T**ethers for **C**hildren) is a universal system for installing child restraints without using vehicle seat belts.

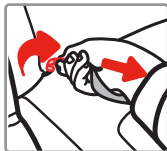
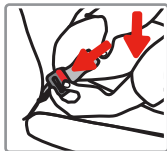
The lower anchor can **ONLY** be used in vehicles that have the lower anchor bars installed in designated seating positions. Most vehicles manufactured after September 2002 are equipped with lower anchor bars. Check your vehicle owner's manual to see which seating positions may be equipped with LATCH: lower anchor bars.



To Remove the Lower Anchor Belt from the Storage Location on the Car Seat:

Squeeze the spring lever on the hooks and remove the hooks from the storage attachments.

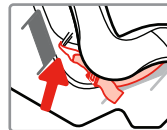
When installing this child restraint with vehicle belts, the lower anchor hooks and belt MUST be properly stored.



To Remove the Lower Anchor Belt from the Vehicle's Anchor Bars:

Remove the tension from the belt by pushing down on the side of the car seat with the adjuster. Press the adjuster button to loosen the belt.

Squeeze the spring lever on one of the hooks, push the hook into the vehicle seat, and then rotate it to the side to pull the hook out of the vehicle seat. Repeat with the other hook.



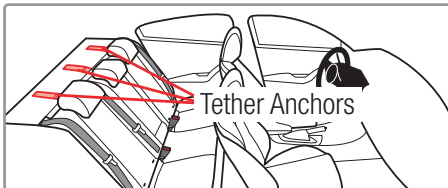
Storing the Lower Anchor Belt

The lower anchor belt **MUST** be properly stored in its storage location when:

- Using the vehicle belts to install the car seat **OR**
- The car seat is not installed in a vehicle.

To store the lower anchor belt, route the belt through the Forward-Facing Belt Path when the car seat is in Rear-Facing mode or through the Rear-Facing Belt Path when the car seat is in Forward-Facing mode. Secure the hooks to the storage attachments on both sides of the car seat. Gently pull the free end of the belt to remove the slack.

Tether Strap

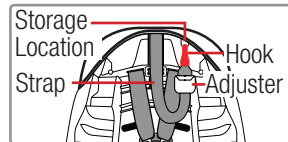


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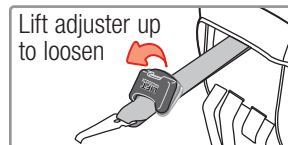
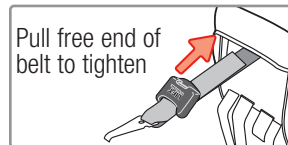
When anchors are available, you **MUST always attach, adjust, and secure the top anchorage (tether) strap** when installing the child restraint forward-facing with internal harness. Tethers improve the installation and stability of child restraints and reduce the risk of injury. Attach the tether hook to the tether anchor designated by your vehicle manufacturer for that seating position. Check your vehicle owner's manual for more information. If the seating position does not have a tether anchor, use a different seating position or see your dealer or a qualified mechanic and have one installed.

WARNING

Using this child restraint without the tether strap anchored as required by the manufacturer would be a misuse of the child restraint and, in a sudden stop or crash, could result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury. **DO NOT** fasten multiple tether hooks on the same tether anchor in the vehicle.



Tether Storage and Parts



Storing the Tether Strap

The tether strap **MUST** be properly stored in its storage location when:

- installing in Rear-Facing Mode; **OR**
- the car seat is not installed in a vehicle.

Attach the tether hook to its storage attachment on the back of the car seat as shown. Gently tighten to remove the slack.

Adjusting the Tether Strap

To tighten: After the car seat is locked into place with the lower anchor belt or vehicle belt, push down on the car seat and gently pull on the free end of the tether strap.

To loosen: Lift up on the tether adjuster and push it towards the tether hook.

If the car seat has an adjuster with a button, then squeeze the adjuster button and pull the strap to loosen it as shown.



WARNING

NEVER take your child out of the child restraint while the vehicle is moving.

NEVER leave your child unattended.

Placing your child in a hot child restraint may result in burns.

DO NOT use a child restraint with damaged or missing parts.

DO NOT use a child restraint with cut, frayed, or damaged harnesses.

DO NOT substitute parts or try to modify the child restraint in any way.

DO NOT use any child restraint accessory except those approved by Dorel Juvenile Group.

NEVER allow any child to play with this child restraint; it is not a toy.

DO NOT remove or cover up any of the warning labels on the child restraint.

This child restraint has been certified for use in passenger vehicles. **DO NOT** use in a boat, on a motorcycle, or in a cargo van or bus where there are no seat belts or tether anchors.

Read all instructions for additional warnings.

WARNING



NEVER place a child rear-facing in a seating position with an active frontal air bag.

Check the vehicle owner's manual for more information about air bag/child restraint use.



Use the child restraint only on vehicle seats that face forward.



DO NOT use on seats that face the sides or rear of the vehicle.

For vehicles without a back seat, refer to your vehicle owner's manual.



According to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions than in the front seating positions.

Rear seating positions are statistically safer, whether you have air bags, advanced air bags, or no air bags at all.

If you are not sure where to place the car seat in your vehicle:

- Consult your vehicle owner's manual; **OR**
- Contact Dorel Juvenile Group Consumer Care Department; **OR**
- Visit your local Child Passenger Inspection Station. Go to <https://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle-safety/car-seats-and-booster-seats> to find your closest station.

To avoid your child being seriously burned, take the following precautions:

- Park in the shade or where the sun does not directly hit the car seat.
- Cover the car seat with a sheet or blanket when not in use.
- Check for hot seat and buckles before placing child in car seat.

To help protect your vehicle seat's upholstery from damage: You may use an accessory approved by Dorel Juvenile Group or a single layer towel underneath and behind car seat.

WARNING

Check the vehicle belt or lower anchor belt before each use. Use only if the belt can be tightened properly and locked securely in place.

Even when unoccupied, this child restraint **MUST** be firmly secured to the vehicle with the lower anchor belt or with the vehicle seat belt.

In a crash or sudden stop, an unsecured child restraint or booster seat could injure occupants.

DO NOT risk your child's safety.

To keep your child as safe as possible, Dorel Juvenile Group strongly recommends replacing the car seat even after a minor crash, even if it was not occupied at the time.

Replacement After a Minor Crash

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states that for a crash to be considered minor **ALL of the following MUST be true:**

- Vehicle able to drive away from the crash site; **AND**
- Vehicle door nearest the car seat was not damaged; **AND**
- No passengers were injured; **AND**
- Airbags did not deploy; **AND**
- There is no visible damage to the car seat.

If the crash your car seat was involved in meets **ALL** the criteria, you may not need to replace the car seat. If one or more of these criteria are not true or if you are uncertain of any of your answers, replace the car seat immediately.

Replacement After a Moderate to Severe Crash

You **MUST** replace this car seat if it has been in a moderate to severe car crash. This car seat is intended to protect a child in a single crash. During a crash, the car seat and all of its parts absorb crash energy which can deform or weaken it. Damage is not always visible. A damaged car seat must be replaced immediately.

Expiration

On the side of the child restraint there is a date of manufacture label as shown. **DO NOT** use this child restraint more than 10 years after the date of manufacture.



Please complete the postage-paid registration card that came with your child restraint, and send it to us. 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 if available and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to:

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.
Consumer Care Department
PO Box 2609
Columbus, IN 47202-2609

or call 1-800-544-1108 or register online at www.djgusa.com/registration/carseat/us.

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 www.NHTSA.gov.

A sample of a registration card. It has fields for 'Your Name', 'Your Street Address', 'Model Number', 'Line Code', and 'Manufacture Date'. Below these fields are the example values: 'BC098-BVM', 'Brand Car Seat', and '202610S101'. A barcode is at the bottom left, and 'L#11 B265035' is at the bottom right. Red arrows point from the labels 'Model Number', 'Line Code', and 'Manufacture Date' to their respective fields on the card.

Example of model number, line code, and manufacture date.



If you don't have the card or if your address changes, you will find the model number, manufacture date, and line code on the label located on side of the car seat.

Aircraft Information

This restraint is certified for aircraft use.



Rear-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the vehicle belt install steps on pages 29–35.



Forward-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the vehicle belt install steps on pages 42–48, skipping the tether strap steps.

Install the child restraint in a window seat to avoid blocking the aisle. If the aircraft lap belt is too short, ask the flight attendant for a belt extender.

! WARNING

You **MUST** store lower anchor belt and tether strap when installing with aircraft belts.

Use only on forward facing aircraft seats. Contact the airline for their specific policies.

Some airlines may ask to see a label stating that this child restraint is certified for aircraft use.



There is an airplane certification label located on the side of this child restraint as shown.

Warranty

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. (DJG) warrants this product to the original retail purchaser as follows:

This product is warranted against defective materials or workmanship for one year from the date of original purchase. **An original receipt is required to validate your warranty.** DJG will, at its option, provide replacement parts or replace this product. DJG reserves the right to substitute if the part or model has been discontinued.

To make a claim under this warranty, please contact our Consumer Care Department by phone: 1-800-544-1108; text: 1-812-652-2525; or chat with us: www.coscokids.com. Our hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

Proof of purchase is required and shipping charges are the responsibility of the consumer.

Warranty Limitations: This warranty does not include damages which arise from misuse or abuse of this product.

Limitation of Damages: The warranty and remedies as set forth are exclusive and in lieu of all others, oral or written, expressed or implied. In no event will DJG or the dealer selling this product be liable to you for any damages, including incidental or consequential damages, arising out of the use or inability to use this product.

Limitation of warranties and other warranty terms and state law rights:

Any implied warranties, including implied warranties of the merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, shall be limited to the duration and terms of the express written warranty. Some states do not allow limitations as to how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights, which vary from state to state. Neither DJG nor the dealer selling this product authorized any person to create for it any other warranty, obligation, or liability in connection with this product.