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# Replacement Parts List

(on select models)

- Buckle Assembly
- Seat Pad Set
- Removable Cup Holder
- Lower Anchor Belt
- Top Tether
- Locking Clip
- Instructions

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# Greener Baby™ Comfort Ride™

3-in-1 Harnessed Booster

Your model may look different than one shown on cover.

Read all instructions BEFORE USING this car seat.

KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.

Failure to follow the warnings on the labels and in the instruction manual can result in serious injury or death to your child.

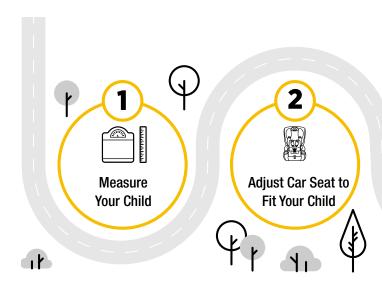
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## Welcome to the Safety 1st Family!

Thank you for choosing this car seat, also known as a child restraint!

To help you get started using your child's new car seat, here are the 4 main tasks you'll need to complete.





Your child's safety is worth the time it will take to read and follow these instructions.

#### Ready? Let's go!

Pages 1-3 will introduce you to the parts of the car seat.

The Back Cover of this Manual has our contact information.

If at any point you would like assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.

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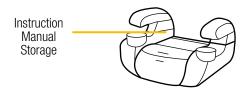
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#### Parts of Car Seat

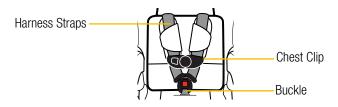
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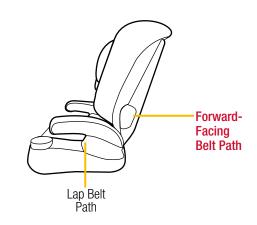


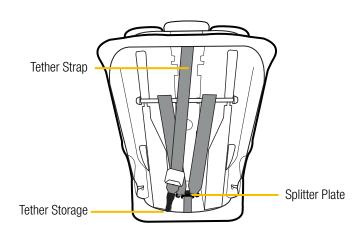
#### **Backless Booster**



#### **Harness System**







<sup>\*</sup>See page 3 for Accessory Use.

# **Accessory Use**

#### Removable Cup Holder(s)





To remove cup holder, twist the cup holder counterclockwise. Pull it out of the slot in the car seat.

The cup holder is top-rack dishwasher safe.

#### **Harness Covers**





The harness covers help provide comfort to your child's neck. If the harness covers will not allow proper positioning of the chest clip do not use.

**To remove**, pull the fastening strips apart and pull the harness covers off of the harness straps.

## Choosing Car Seat Mode

# **▲ WARNING:**

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.

#### State Laws

Please be certain to follow your state's laws regarding car seat use.

# American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations Infants and Toddlers

Should ride in a rear-facing car seat as long as possible, until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car seat.

#### **Toddlers and Preschoolers**

Once they are facing forward, children should use a forward-facing car seat with a harness for as long as possible, until they reach the height and weight limits for their car seats.

#### School-Aged Children

Once they have outgrown their forward-facing car seat, children should use a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle's lap and shoulder seat belt fits properly. This is often when they have reached at least 4 feet 9 inches in height and are 8 to 12 years old.

#### Older Children

All children younger than 13 years should be restrained in the rear seats of vehicles for optimal protection.

#### **Forward-Facing Mode**

**30-65** lb (13.6-29 kg) and **34-49** in. (87-125 cm) and at least 1 year old

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#### **Backed Booster Seat Mode**

**40-100 lb** (18.1-45.4 kg) **and 43-57 in.** (110.1-144.8 cm)

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#### **Backless Booster Seat Mode**

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## Securing Child in Car Seat

1



#### Place Child in Car Seat

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

2



#### **Buckle Harness**

Pull the harness straps up to make sure the buckle is locked.

3



#### **Fasten Chest Clip**

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

4



## **Tighten Harness**

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



#### Position Chest Clip

Pull the harness covers down on the child.

Place the chest clip on the lower part on the harness cover so that the harness covers are between your child and the chest clip.

Position it at mid-chest (even with armpits) and away from your child's neck.

6



#### Check Harness Tightness

Unfasten the harness covers.

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.
Fasten the harness covers.



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.

## 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 Child from Car Seat:

- 1. Loosen Harness Strap
- 2. Unbuckle Harness
- 3. Release Chest Clip
- 4. Remove Child

#### **Troubleshooting**

1. 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.

2. If your harness twists:
Straighten the harness each time you put your child in the car 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.

**DO NOT** mistake comfort for safety. The 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.

# Forward-Facing Section



**30-65** lb (13.6-29 kg) and **34-49** in. (87-125 cm) and at least 1 year old

Children **MUST** be at least 1 year of age to ride **Forward-Facing**.

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

- Weight Limit: 65 lb (29 kg); OR
- Height Limit: 49 in. (125 cm); OR
- Forward-Facing Child Fit requirements, see pages 11-12.

Before installing the car seat in your vehicle, check your child's fit in the car seat.

This way you won't have to redo the vehicle installation to make adjustments to the car seat.

# **WARNING:**

**DO NOT** use the lower anchors of the child restraint anchorage system (LATCH system) to attach this child restraint when restraining a child weighing more than 55 lb (25 kg).

The vehicle belt **MUST** be used for installation if your child weighs more than 55 lb (25 kg).

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.

### Forward-Facing Child Fit

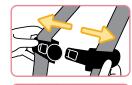
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### Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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

2



# Undo Chest Clip & Buckle

It may be easier to undo the buckle by pressing in towards the top of the button.

3



#### Place Child in Car Seat

On select models: You may use the In and Out Harness Holders to place the harness straps out of the way.

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



#### **Head Position**

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

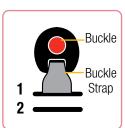
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#### Harness Strap Position

The harness strap MUST be at or slightly above the shoulders; never below.

6



#### **Buckle Position**

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

The buckle can be used in **any** buckle slot.



To secure child in car seat, see pages 6-8.

To change the buckle position, see page 36.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 6-8.

### Forward-Facing Vehicle Install

There are 2 different methods for install.

#### Use only one:



Vehicle Belt for children up to 65 lb (29 kg)





**LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt Do not** install by this method for a child weighing more than 55 lb (25 kg)

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# **WARNING:**

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

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.



Before installing the car seat in your vehicle, check to see if you need to adjust the buckle position for your child. **See page 11 for child fit**.

Once the car seat is installed, you will not be able to adjust the buckle position.

#### Review Vehicle Owner's Manual

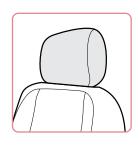
Determine what kind of vehicle belts your car has and how to use them to lock a car seat in place **OR** where LATCH: lower anchor seating positions are located in your vehicle.



#### Place Car Seat Forward-Facing in Back Seat

The vehicle seat back **MUST** be upright.





If your vehicle has a headrest that interferes with a flush car seat fit, check your vehicle owner's manual to see if it can be removed, adjusted, or if there are other possible seating locations for you to install.

2



#### Locate 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.



Lift Tether Adjuster to Loosen Tether Strap

4



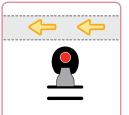
Loosely Attach Tether Hook to Vehicle's Top Tether Anchor

5



Locate Forward-Facing Belt Path & Route Vehicle Belt or Lower Anchor Belt Through It

For the LATCH belt: You may need to fully lengthen the belt before routing it into the belt path. Squeeze the adjuster button and pull the belt out as shown.



#### Vehicle Belt or Lower Anchor Belt Goes:

- under the car seat pad;AND
- across the car seat;AND
- out the other Forward-Facing Belt Path opening.

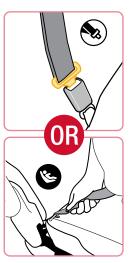
DO NOT twist the belt.





## Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing

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



#### **Buckle Vehicle Belt**

If your car has a switchable retractor, use it to lock the vehicle belt. Review page 57 of this manual or your vehicle owner's manual.

Attach Lower Anchor Belt Hooks to Vehicle's Lower Anchors

8



#### **Tighten Belt**

Place your hand in the car seat and firmly push the car seat down and back towards the vehicle seat. Pull the belt towards you and parallel (in line) with the belt path as shown.



For the LATCH belt or Lap Only Vehicle Belt: it may be easier to tighten if you route the free end of the belt back into the Forward-Facing Belt Path, reach into the Forward-Facing Belt Path, and pull the free end of the belt towards you.



#### **Tighten Tether**

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

10



### Check Belt Tightness

Hold the Forward-Facing Belt Path with your non-dominant hand. Push and pull from side to side.

The car seat should not move more than **1 in.** (2.5 cm).



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

- Pulling the belt tighter; OR
- · Reinstalling the car seat; OR
- Changing to a different seating location; OR
- Switching to a different install method (LATCH or vehicle belt).

# FINISHED!



















Lap/Shoulder Belt + Tether 65 lb (29 kg)

Lap Belt + Tether for children up to for children up to 65 lb (29 kg)

LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt + **Tether** Do not install by this method for a child weighing more than 55 lb (25 kg)

- Vehicle Belt Install: Is the vehicle belt locked? See step 7.
- LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt Install: Are the hooks securely attached to the vehicle's lower anchors? See step 7.
- Is the belt tightened enough so the car seat does not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) from side to side? Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened. See steps 8 and 10.
- Has the tether been installed and tightened? See steps 4 and 9.



**40-100 lb** (18.1-45.4 kg) **and 43-57 in.** (110.1-144.8 cm)

In this car seat, your child can remain in a Booster Seat until they outgrow any one of the following:

• Weight Limit: 100 lb (45.4 kg); **OR** 

• Height Limit: 57 in. (144.8 cm); **OR** 

• Booster Seat Use in Vehicle requirements, see page 42-45.

You **MUST** store the harness system and remove the accessories, except the cup holder(s), when using the **Booster Seat Mode**.

To remove accessories, see pages 3-4.

Storing Harness System: Page 22

Backed Booster Seat Use in Vehicle: Page 26

Backless Booster Seat Use in Vehicle: Page 30

# **WARNING:**

**DO NOT** use the harness system when using as a booster seat.



Use **ONLY** the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this booster seat.

**DO NOT** use only the lap belt when using this seat as a booster seat.

The shoulder belt **MUST** always be adjusted snugly across the child's chest.

**NEVER** place shoulder belt under the child's arms or behind their back.

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

**DO NOT** use this booster seat if the tops of your child's ears are above the top of the booster seat's headrest.

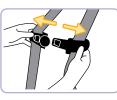


This restraint is not certified for aircraft use when used as a booster seat because aircraft seats do not have shoulder belts.



Fully Loosen Harness Straps

2



Undo Buckle & Chest Clip



3



Take Harness Strap off of Spiltter Plate



#### Pull Harness System Out of Car Seat

Store the harness system in a safe place for future use.



To remove backrest, see page 34.

5



Lift Seat Pad from Front of Car Seat

6



Push Buckle Strap Down & Pull One Side of Buckle Strap to Center

Pull buckle up through middle and remove. Store the buckle and buckle cover in a safe place for future use.



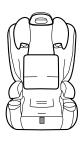
Replace Seat Pad Around Bottom & Sides of Seat

8



Adjust Headrest to Highest Position

# **FINISHED!**



The car seat has been converted to the **Booster Seat Mode**.

See next page for Booster Seat Use in Vehicle.

#### **Booster Seat Child Fit**



#### **Head Position**

The tops of your child's ears should **never be above** the top of the booster seat's headrest.



#### **Car Position**

**DO NOT** use the booster seat if your child's head is less than 5 in. (12.7 cm) below the roof of the car. Consult your vehicle manual for proper seatbelt usage.



#### **Shoulder Belt Position**

The shoulder belt should lay snugly across the center of your child's shoulder and across their chest.



#### **Lap Belt Position**

The lap belt should lay snugly across your child's hips; **not on their stomach.** 

# Backed Booster Seat Use in Vehicle

1



#### Place Booster Seat Forward-Facing in Vehicle

The vehicle seat back must be upright.

The back of the booster seat should be flat against the vehicle seat back.

2



#### Have Child Sit in Booster Seat

The tops of your child's ears should never be above the top of the booster seat's headrest.





If your vehicle has a headrest that interferes with a flush car seat fit, check your vehicle owner's manual to see if it can be removed, adjusted, or if there are other possible seating locations for you to install.



#### **Car Position**

**DO NOT** use the booster seat if your child's head is less than 5 in. (12.7 cm) below the roof of the car. Consult your vehicle manual for proper seat belt usage.

4



#### **Shoulder Belt Position**

The shoulder belt should lay snugly across the center of your child's shoulder and across their chest.

5



# Position Lap Belt on Child

Route the shoulder and lap belt portion of the vehicle belt through the **Booster Seat Belt Path** as shown. The lap belt should lay snugly across your child's hips; **not on their stomach**.



#### **Buckle Vehicle Belt**

Pull the shoulder belt up to tighten.

7



# Position Shoulder Belt on Child

Thread the shoulder belt through the belt-positioning quide in the headrest.

Pull the shoulder belt up to tighten so that it lies snugly across the center of your child's shoulder and across their chest.



# **FINISHED!**



Check periodically to make sure your child has not moved out of position and loosened the shoulder belt.



Keep the booster seat securely belted through the belt-positioning guide even when unoccupied.



To remove backrest, see page 34.

1



#### Place Booster Seat Forward-Facing in Vehicle

The vehicle seat back must be upright.

The back of the booster seat should be flat against the vehicle seat back.

2



#### Have Child Sit in Booster Seat

The tops of your child's ears should never be above the top of the booster seat's headrest.





If your vehicle has a headrest that interferes with a flush car seat fit, check your vehicle owner's manual to see if it can be removed, adjusted, or if there are other possible seating locations for you to install.

3



#### **Car Position**

**DO NOT** use the booster seat if your child's head is less than 5 in. (12.7 cm) below the roof of the car. Consult your vehicle manual for proper seat belt usage.

4



## Position Lap Belt on Child

Route the shoulder and lap belt portion of the vehicle belt through the **Booster Seat Belt Path**. The lap belt should lay snugly across your child's hips; **not on their stomach**.

5



#### Fit Vehicle Belt

The shoulder belt **MUST GO OVER** the armrest on the vehicle buckle side and under the child's shoulder and arm.

6



## Position Shoulder Belt on Child

Pull up on the shoulder belt to tighten.

The shoulder belt should lay snugly across the center of your child's shoulder and across their chest; **not on their face or neck**.

**Only** use the belt positioning clip if necessary to help position the shoulder belt correctly on your child.

Buckle the vehicle belt.

## FINISHED!



Check periodically to make sure your child has not moved out of position and loosened the shoulder belt.



Keep the booster seat securely belted through the belt-positioning guide even when unoccupied.

## Installing & Removing Backrest

### **Installing Backrest**

Locate backrest connection slots in seat & slide backrest attachment hooks into slots.







Rotate backrest all the way forward. It will click twice.







Pull out harness system through the slots on backrest and attach on splitter plate.

### **Removing Backrest**

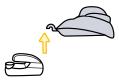
Detach on splitter plate and pull out harness system through the slots on backrest.

Rotate backrest all the way back. It will click twice.





Then lift backrest out of seat.







### Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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

2



### Adjust Headrest/ Harness Height

- **1.** Squeeze the adjustment handle lever up.
- **2.** Move the headrest up or down to the proper height for your child.
- 3. Release the handle to lock in place.
- 4. Make sure it is locked securely.



For Forward-Facing Child Fit, see page 13-19.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 6-8.

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

## **WARNING:**

Failure to place buckle's metal retainer completely through pad and child restraint can result in serious injury or death.

1



**Undo Buckle** 

2



Lift up Seat Pad

3



Push Buckle Strap Down & Pull One Side of Buckle Strap to Center

Place buckle strap into desired buckle slot. Push the other side of buckle strap into the buckle slot.

4



Replace Seat Pad Around Bottom & Sides of Seat

5



#### Replace Buckle Cover and Check Buckle

Pull the buckle up to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **MUST NOT** pull out.



For Forward-Facing Child Fit, see page 13-19.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 6-8.

### Installing Backless Booster Belt-Positioning Clip



When using the belt-positioning clip, it **must be** installed on the side of the booster seat that is closest to the vehicle seat buckle.





Locate Bar at Back of Booster Seat

2



Route Belt-Positioning Clip Strap As Shown

3



Pull Clip Through Loop at End of Strap

4



Pull to Tighten Strap on Bar

## Positioning Belt-Positioning Clip

1



Have your child sit in the booster seat.

2



Pull the belt-positioning clip straight up to the top of your child's shoulder.

3



The top of your child's shoulder must be even with the bottom of the slot of the belt positioning clip as shown.

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Check the length of the belt-positioning clip strap often as your child grows.

Adjust strap as needed. See next page.

The backless belt-positioning clip **must be removed** before installing the backrest for backed booster seat use. See next page.

#### Adjusting Length of Belt-Positioning Clip Strap



#### To Lengthen

Push the free end of the strap (1) into the clip.

Pull on the opposite end of the strap (2) to remove slack.



#### To Shorten

From the top of the clip, make a loop in the strap (1).

Push the strap into the clip (2).

Pull on the free end of the strap (3) to remove the loop.

#### Removing Belt-Positioning Clip Strap

- 1. Loosen Strap at Bar
- 2. Pull Clip Through Loop at End of Strap
- 3. Remove Strap from Seat

### **Removing Seat Pad Set**



To remove accessories, see page 3.

1



Adjust Headrest to Highest Position

2



Pull Seat Pad Around Headrest & Off of Car Seat

3



Undo Buckle & Chest Clip



4



## Locate Elastic Straps on back of Backrest

Release them from each tabs.

5



#### Gently Pull Backrest Pad Off Backrest

6



### Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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

7



## Take Harness Strap off of Splitter Plate

8



Undo Tab and Remove arm rest covers



9



Pull seat Pad off Bottom of Car Seat

### Cleaning Parts of Car Seat & Installing Seat Pad Set

#### Cleaning Pad & Accessories

Top harness cover **ONLY** can be machine washed. **MUST turn car seat pad inside-out before machine washing.** 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.

#### **Cleaning 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 car seat may result in mold or bacterial growth over time. These spills could also attract insects or rodents.

#### Cleaning Buckle & Car Seat

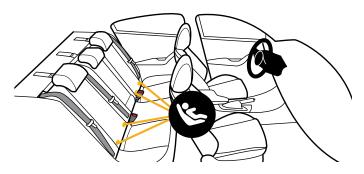
Spot clean using warm sudsy water and damp cloth. **DO NOT** submerge into water.

#### Installing Seat Pad Set

- 1. Lower Headrest to Middle of Car Seat
- 2. Pull Seat Pad Around Headrest
- 3. Pull Seat Pad around Sides & Front of Car Seat
- 4. Adjust Headrest to Highest Position
- 5. Pull Headrest Pad onto Headrest
- **6.** Pull Armrest pad around Armrest and Attach elastic straps on back of Armrest

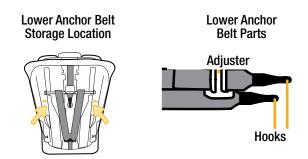


**DO NOT** use the child restraint without the seat pad or with damaged harness straps.



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

The lower anchors of **LATCH** (Lower **A**nchors and **T**ethers for **CH**ildren) is a universal system for installing car seats without using vehicle seat belts. The LATCH: lower anchor belt 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 LATCH: lower anchor bars. Check your vehicle owner's manual to see which seating positions may be equipped with LATCH: lower anchor bars.



#### To Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Storage Location in Base

Pull LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt out of storage location in base.



#### To Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Vehicle's Lower Anchor Bars

- 1. Remove the tension from the belt by pushing down on the side of the base with the adjuster.
- 2. Press the adjuster's button to loosen the helt
- **3.** Squeeze the spring lever on the hooks, push the hooks back into the vehicle seat, and rotate the hooks to the side.
- 4. Pull the hooks off of the vehicle's lower anchor bars.



#### To Store Lower Anchor Belt

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

- · using the vehicle belts to install the base: OR
- the base is not installed in a vehicle.

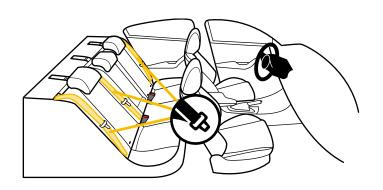
Gather the lower anchor belt and place it into the storage location as shown.



## **WARNING:**

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

#### **Vehicle Belts**



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

If LATCH: lower anchors are not an option or if your child weighs more than **55 lb** (25 kg) **in Forward-Facing Mode,** you **MUST** use the vehicle seat belt system to install the car seat.

Not all vehicle belts and seating positions will work with car seats. Please go through the following steps to understand how to lock a car seat in Forward-Facing Mode with a vehicle belt.

## **WARNING:**

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





#### You MUST Review Your Vehicle Owner's Manual

Your vehicle owner's manual will let you know which vehicle belts and seating positions car seats can be installed in.

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### Check How This Car Seat Will Be Locked Into Place

The vehicle belt **MUST NOT** loosen after tightening.

This means there needs to be a way to lock the vehicle belt.

#### The ways this can be done are:

- By using the seat belt's retractor (see step 3); **OR**
- By using the seat belt's latch plate (see step 4).

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#### **Check Retractor**

Retractors pull seat belts into stored positions and lock the belt to hold passengers in place.

See the next page for some common types of vehicle belt retractors that will work with this car seat.

### **Types of Retractors**



#### Switchable Retractor

(most vehicles have this type)

This retractor can be switched to a locking mode.

You **MUST have the retractor in the locking mode** to use the seat belt with this car seat.

**Switching to locking mode**: Slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out, then let it go back in **1-2 in.** (2.5-5 cm).

As it goes back in, you will most likely hear a ratcheting sound.

Gently pull the belt to see if it has locked. You will not be able to pull any more belt out if the lock has engaged.



#### **Automatic Locking Retractor**

This retractor always locks.

It will automatically lock after slowly pulling the seat belt out at least halfway and letting the belt go back into the retractor **1-2 in.** (2.5-5 cm).



# See Step 4 "Check Latch Plates"

If the retractor does not lock, it is most likely an Emergency Locking Retractor. These retractors only lock during a sudden stop or collision.

You will need to determine if your seat belt's latch plate can lock the belt. See step 4, "Check Latch Plates".





Emergency Locking Retractor with a Sliding Latch Plate

#### **Check 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 Vehicle Belt
- 2. Firmly Tug Lap Portion of Seat Belt While Pulling It Up

If the vehicle belt does not slide through the latch plate, it's locked

If the latch plate slides up and down the vehicle belt, it is a **sliding latch plate**.

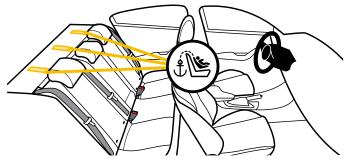
Sliding latch plates easily slip between the lap and shoulder portions of the belt.



## Never Use the Following With This Car Seat:

- Emergency Locking Retractor Lap Only Belt
- Inflatable Seat Belts

## **Top Tether**



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

When anchors are available, you **MUST always attach, adjust, and secure the tether (top anchorage) strap** when installing the car seat. Tethers improve the installation and stability of car seats 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.



#### Storing Top Tether Strap

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

- using the Booster Seat Mode; OR
- the car seat is not installed in a vehicle.

Attach the tether hook to its storage location as shown. Gently tighten to remove slack.



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.

**DO NOT** fasten multiple tether hooks on the same tether anchor in the vehicle.

## **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** lubricate buckles and fasteners.

**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 or other 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.

## Vehicle Seating Position

## **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.



Children are safer when properly restrained in rear seating positions than in the front seating positions.

According to accident statistics, children in 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 <a href="https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats">https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats</a> 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.

### **Installation in Vehicle**



## **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.

Even when unoccupied, this booster seat **MUST** be firmly secured to the vehicle with the vehicle seat belt.

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

### **Replacement & Expiration**

#### 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 bottom of the car seat there is a date of manufacture label as shown.

**DO NOT** use this car seat more than 10 years after the date of manufacture.

## Registration & Safety Notices

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Consumer: Just fill in y	our name, address and email.	Please p	rint (use dark ink).
Your Name			
Your Street Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Email Address (optional)			
Model Number	Model Name		Manufacture Date
AB123CDE	Brand Car Seat		05/16/2015
	L#11 B265035		

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



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 the bottom of the car seat.

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:

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or call 1-800-951-4113 or register online at <a href="https://www.djgusa.com/registration/carseat/us.">www.djgusa.com/registration/carseat/us.</a>

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.

#### **Aircraft Information**

This restraint is certified for aircraft use when used with the internal harness.



#### **Forward-Facing Aircraft Installation**

Follow the steps on pages 13-19, skipping the tether strap steps.



This restraint is not certified for aircraftuse when used as a booster seat because aircraft seats do not have shoulder belts.

Install the car seat 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.

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 car seat is certified for aircraft use.

There is an airplane certification label located on the bottom of this car seat as shown.

## **▲** WARNING:

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

### 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 or text: 1-812-652-2525. 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.