





# All4Stages Slim

4-in-1 Car Seat Owner's Manual Keep instructions for future use.

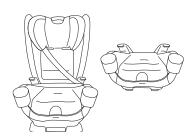
**REAR-FACING** 



# FORWARD-FACING WITH HARNESS



HIGH-BACK BOOSTER BACKLESS BOOSTER



# **▲WARNING!**

To reduce the risk of serious injury or death, read this owner's manual prior to installing and using this child seat.

According to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), car seats and boosters provide protection for infants and children in a crash, yet car crashes are a leading cause of death for children.

To reduce the risk of **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH**, read this owner's manual and your vehicle owner's manual before installing and using this Car Seat. Using a Car Seat makes a big difference. By properly using this Car Seat and following these instructions, the instructions on the Car Seat, and the instructions that accompany your vehicle, you will greatly reduce the risk of serious injury or death to your child from a crash. Do not be misled by the commonly used term "safety seat"; no restraint system can prevent all injuries in all crashes. Many properly restrained adults and children are injured in motor vehicle crashes, including relatively minor crashes. A properly used Car Seat is the best way to minimize injuries to your child and to increase the chances for your child's survival in most crashes.

#### FEDERAL STANDARD NO. FMVSS213 -Child Restraint Systems

This child restraint conforms to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

# CANADIAN REGULATORY NOTICE (Model numbers ending in "C.")

This child restraint meets all the applicable requirements of Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standards CMVSS 213, 213.1, and 213.2.

#### Symbol Legend



**Airbag Symbol** – Alerts you to important information about airbag safety.



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



**Tether Anchor Symbol** – Alerts you to important information about Tether Anchor safety.



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

## **Child Requirements**

# **AWARNING**

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

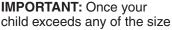
This child restraint is designed for use by children in both rear-facing and forward-facing orientations. To use this child restraint properly, children MUST meet the size and age requirements below. In addition, Evenflo recommends consulting with your child's physician before allowing your child to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

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends keeping children **rear-facing** for as long as possible, until they reach the maximum height or weight for their Car Seat in **rear-facing** orientation.\* Additionally, some states' laws require children to be **rear-facing** until age 2. Accordingly, you will see this guidance reflected in the Child Requirements on the following pages. Please review any applicable local, state or provincial laws related to child passenger safety before installing and using this Car Seat.

\*Pediatrics. 2018;142(4):e20182460

### Rear-facing

- 1.8 18.1 kg (4 - 40 lbs)
- 43 109 cm (17 - 43 in.)
- Top of child's head is at least 2.5 cm (1 in.) or more below the top of the child restraint headrest



requirements above, they **MUST** use this child restraint in the forward-facing orientation, if possible. If your child exceeds any of the size requirements above <u>and</u> is less than 2 years old, however, you **MUST** discontinue use of this child restraint.

**DO NOT** use this or any other child restraint for a premature newborn before having consulted your doctor (see pg. 6). Premature babies may have difficulty breathing when in a sitting position.



## **Child Requirements**

### Forward-facing with Harness

- 13.6 29.4 kg
   (30 65 lbs)
- 89 124 cm (35 49 in.)
- Tops of the child's ears are at or below the top of the child restraint headrest
- At least 2 years old



**IMPORTANT:** Once your child **exceeds** any of the size requirements for **forward-facing** use above, you **MUST** discontinue use of this child restraint with its internal harness and begin using it in booster mode, if possible. If your child **exceeds** any of the size requirements for **forward-facing** use above **and** is less than 5 years old, however, you **MUST** discontinue use of this child restraint.

#### **Booster Modes**

#### **High Back Mode**

- 18.1 45.3 kg
  - (40 100 lbs)
- 112 145 cm (44 57 in.)

#### No Back Mode

- 18.1 54.4 kg (40 120 lbs)
- 112 152 cm
- 112 152 cm (44 60 in.)
- Tops of the child's ears are at or below the top of the booster seat headrest (high-back mode) or vehicle seat headrest (backless mode)
- · At least 5 years old

IMPORTANT: Once your child exceeds any of the size requirements above for booster mode, you MUST discontinue use of this seat. Your child may be ready for use of the vehicle belt system only at this time.



#### Premature Infant Use

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

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

Preterm and low-birth weight infants are at additional risk of breathing difficulties and heart problems when placed in a Child Restraint. Evenflo requires that the evaluation recommended by the AAP be conducted for all infants born earlier than 37 weeks and all newborn infants who weigh less than 2.26 kg (5 lbs) at birth before their first car trip to check for breathing difficulties or heart rate problems when traveling in a **rear-facing** Child Restraint. Newborn infants should **NEVER** travel in a **forward-facing** Child Restraint.

The AAP recommends that appropriate hospital staff observe your infant in the Child Restraint for a period of 90 - 120 minutes or the duration of travel, whichever is longer. This period of observation must be performed with the infant properly positioned as described in these instructions and with the Child Restraint placed at an angle that is approved for use in the vehicle. The hospital staff will check for any breathing difficulties or heart rate problems. Your child's pediatrician will let you know if there are any special considerations for travel. The number of trips and the duration of time the infant is seated in the Child Restraint should be minimized. A caregiver should ride in the back seat to monitor the infant during travel.

You can learn more about the AAP's recommendations for observation of newborns and the guidelines for safe transportation of preterm and low-birth weight infants, as well as other resources for parents and medical professionals, at

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

### **Airbag Warnings**



#### **▲ WARNING/MISE EN GARDE**



DO NOT place rear-facing child seat on front seat with air bag.

DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

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

NE PAS placer un siège d'auto pour enfant en orientation face à l'arrière sur un siège avant doté d'un sac gonflable. Risque de BLESSURES GRAVES, voire MORTELLES.

Le siège arrière offre le plus de sécurité pour les enfants âgés de 12 ans ou moins.

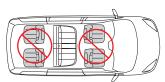
- DO NOT use this child restraint in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with an air bag, unless the air bag has been deactivated. Interaction between a rearfacing restraint and air bags may cause serious injury or death. Air bags may cause serious injury or death to children 12 years of age and under. If your vehicle has an air bag, refer to your vehicle owner's manual for child restraint installation.
- DO NOT place any objects between the restraint and the side air bag, as an expanding air bag may cause the items to strike your child.
- If the rear seat of your vehicle is equipped with side air bags, refer to the following information for proper usage:

#### Vehicles built prior to the 2002 model year:

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

#### Model year 2002 and newer vehicles:

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





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

### **General Warnings**

- Failure to follow the Child Usage Requirements for rear-facing, forward-facing and booster mode for this child restraint could result in serious injury or death. (See "Child Requirements" on pages 4 - 5).
- Failure to follow installation instructions and the
  instructions and warning labels on product can result
  in the child striking the vehicle's interior during a
  sudden stop or crash. Serious injury or death may
  result. These instructions and the instructions in your
  vehicle owner's manual must be followed carefully. If
  there is a conflict between the two, the vehicle owner's
  manual regarding child restraint installation must be
  followed.
- Children have strangled in loose or partially buckled harness straps. Always fully restrain the child when the car seat is in use.
- NEVER leave child unattended.
- DO NOT use child restraint if it is damaged, broken, or missing parts.
- DO NOT use this restraint if it has been involved in a crash. It must be replaced.
- DO NOT attach or hang additional items from the vehicle seat back that are not approved by the vehicle manufacturer. Items not tested with the vehicle seat could injure the child or interfere with car seat performance. Vehicle seats are regulated by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. The seatback that the child faces must not be altered in any way. The headrest on the vehicle seat that the child faces should be placed in the lowest position.
- Cup holders MUST remain attached to the restraint AT ALL TIMES.

### **Location Warnings**

- ALWAYS read and follow exactly the instructions that accompany your vehicle and child restraint.
- According to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions than in the front seating positions. Generally, the center rear position is safest and should be used if available.
- Some child restraints do not fit all vehicles or all seating locations. There are many thousands of combinations of vehicle makes, models, child restraint configurations, vehicle seat belt designs, and seat cushion shapes. The easiest way to determine whether your child restraint is suitable for a particular seating position is to check for a tight installation. If the child restraint cannot be properly installed, **DO NOT** use the child restraint. Consult vehicle owner's manual, try a different seating location, or call Evenflo for further assistance.
- ONLY use this child restraint on forward-facing vehicle seats. DO NOT use this restraint with vehicle seats that face the rear or side.



- ONLY use this child restraint on vehicle seats with backs that lock into place.
- VEHICLE TYPES IN WHICH THE RESTRAINT SYSTEM CANNOT BE USED:
   This child restraint is not to be used in vehicles that do not have vehicle seat belts or lower anchorages.
- NEVER use this child restraint on boats, low speed vehicles (LSV), all-terrain vehicles (ATV), golf carts, or any other non-certified application.

### **Rear-Facing Warnings**

- When using this restraint rear-facing, DO NOT loosen the vehicle seat belt to provide more leg room, as this may keep the child restraint from protecting your child.
- Fold-down armrests could pose a hazard to a rearfacing child in certain types of collisions. Consult your vehicle owner's manual before installing any rearfacing child restraint in front of a fold-down armrest.
- DO NOT use the tether strap when the child restraint is installed rear-facing.

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

### **Forward-Facing Warnings**

 Adjust or remove the vehicle headrest in the seat where the child restraint is to be installed, so the back of the child restraint rests against the vehicle seat back.

## **Booster Mode Warnings**

- Warning! Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this booster seat. Never use a booster with only a lap belt, as this could cause serious injuries.
- The shoulder belt MUST cross midway between the child's shoulder and neck.
  - In high-back booster mode, thread shoulder belt through the shoulder belt quide.
  - In backless booster mode, thread shoulder belt through the shoulder belt clip if needed. (See "Using the Shoulder Belt Clip" on pg. 59.)
- The shoulder belt MUST NOT cross the child's neck or fall off the child's shoulder. If you cannot adjust the shoulder belt to properly lay midway between the child's shoulder and neck AND at or above the shoulder, try another seating location or do not use the booster seat.
- DO NOT use this booster seat rear-facing.
- DO NOT use this booster seat if the top of the child's ears are above:
  - In high-back booster mode, the top of the booster seat headrest
  - In backless booster mode, the top of the vehicle headrest.

**IMPORTANT:** Always secure the booster seat with the vehicle seat belt or lower anchors when not occupied. An unsecured booster seat can fly into and injure other occupants in the event of a crash.



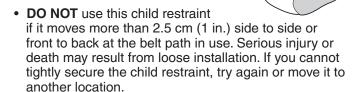


## Seat Belt Warnings

Retractor

 ALWAYS read your vehicle owner's manual to determine what vehicle belts and retractors are used in your vehicle.

Lock your retractors if available in your vehicle.



 DO NOT use this child restraint in a seating position with door-mounted seat belts.



 DO NOT use this child restraint in a vehicle with seat belts that automatically move along the vehicle frame when the door is opened.



 DO NOT use this child restraint in a vehicle equipped with lap belts that only lock during a sudden stop or crash (Emergency Locking Retractor – ELR).
 You must use a seating location with a lap/shoulder belt or a locking lap belt.
 Check your vehicle owner's manual to see if you have lap belts with ELRs.



 DO NOT use on vehicle seats with lap only belts when both portions of the vehicle belts are positioned forward of the seat crease.

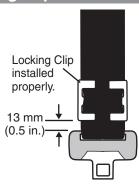


### **Seat Belt Warnings**

- DO NOT use with lap/shoulder belts with two retractors. If the vehicle seat belts are not routed and fastened correctly, the child restraint may not protect the child in a crash.
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- DO NOT use with inflatable seat belts except in booster mode.
- Check your vehicle owner's manual to determine how to lock your seat belt for child restraint installation.
- DO NOT allow the vehicle seat belt release button to touch the child restraint. Accidental contact may cause the seat belt to release. If necessary, turn the seat belt release button away from the child restraint or move the child restraint to a different location.
- Failure to adjust the harness or vehicle seat belts snugly around the child may result in the child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash. Serious injury or death may occur.
- This child restraint must be securely belted to the vehicle, even when it is unoccupied, since in a crash an unsecured child restraint system may injure other occupants.

## **Using a Locking Clip**

If your vehicle was built **prior to**model year 1996, and has a lap/
shoulder belt that is equipped
with an emergency locking
retractor (ELR) AND sliding latch
plate, you MUST use a Locking
Clip. Check your vehicle owner's
manual to identify which vehicle
belt system is in your vehicle
and contact ParentLink to obtain
a Locking Clip. If your vehicle is
model year 1996 or newer, it
likely has a vehicle belt system



that can be locked when tightened, and will not require use of a Locking Clip. Consult your vehicle owner's manual before installing a Locking Clip.

## Seat Belt Warnings

If you have any of these types of vehicle belt systems listed, these are SAFE to use to install your child restraint in the vehicle. Review vehicle owner's manual for specific instructions on child restraint installation.

**LATCH** connectors can be used IN PLACE OF these vehicle belt types. Refer to the Rear-facing and Forward-facing weight limits on **SecureTight™** connector use on pages 27 and 37. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for lower anchor locations.

#### **Lap Belt with Locking Latch Plate**

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





# Lap Belt with Automatic Locking Retractor (ALR)

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

#### Lap/Shoulder Belt with Locking Latch Plate

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

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

#### Lap/Shoulder Belt with Sliding Latch Plate with Locking Retractor

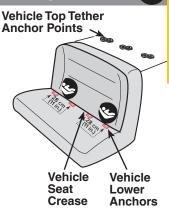
The latch plate slides freely along the lap/shoulder belt. Vehicle belts with sliding latch plates are typically locked at the shoulder belt retractor by buckling the belt and pulling all of the webbing out slowly to switch the retractor.



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

What is **LATCH/UAS**?

LATCH and UAS are acronyms for Lower
Anchors and Tethers for CHildren (USA) and
Universal Anchorage System (Canada), and refer to a pair of fixed Lower Anchors (or bars) and a Top Tether anchor that are built into your vehicle, in vehicles built after September 1, 2002. Your vehicle owner's manual may also refer to this system as ISOFIX or Lower Universal Anchorage System (LUAS).



The lower anchors are located in the crease, or bight, between the vehicle seat back and seat cushion, and if not visible, will typically be indicated by the symbol. Top tether anchors are located in various places behind the rear vehicle seat.

#### Center installation in a non-standard LATCH position:

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

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

LATCH typically offers an easier and more consistent installation. However, this child restraint can be safely installed using either LATCH or vehicle belts and meets the requirements of Federal Safety Standard FMVSS 213 and Canadian Safety Standard CMVSS 213 with either installation method. Either method is safe for your child when installed correctly. When using either method, ALWAYS USE the tether when installing forward-facing with the internal harness.

Do not use **LATCH** and the vehicle's seat belts at the same time.

The **LATCH** system is intended to be used **ONLY** as described in these instructions. Serious injury or death may result from misuse. Refer to your vehicle Owner's Manual for lower anchor bar positions in your vehicle.



## **LATCH Warnings**

- 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 18.1kg (40 lbs) with the internal harnesses of the child restraint. ONLY USE VEHICLE BELT INSTALLATION.
- In addition to these instructions, read and follow your vehicle owner's manual regarding installation of the child restraint and LATCH If there is a discrepancy, follow your vehicle owner's manual.
- ONLY use for securing child restraint to vehicle lower anchor bars.
- NEVER attach two lower anchor connectors to one vehicle lower anchor bar.
- NEVER use the vehicle seat belts when using the lower anchor connector assembly. Using both together can cause slack in a sudden stop or crash.
- To avoid strangulation, you must store the unused LATCH straps, with all slack removed, in the storage areas on the sides of your seat. Roll or fold the excess LATCH strap and secure with a rubber band to prevent serious injury to vehicle occupants.
- ALWAYS be sure that the lower anchor connectors are attached to the vehicle lower anchor bars by pulling hard on the lower anchor connectors. If they are not attached, the lower anchor connector assembly will not secure your child restraint. Serious injury or death may result.
- **DO NOT** use this child restraint if it moves more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) side to side or front to back at the belt path in use. Serious injury or death may result from poor installation. If you cannot tightly secure the child restraint, try again or move it to another location.

## **Tether Strap Warnings**



 To avoid a strangulation hazard, you MUST tightly roll or fold excess of unused tether strap and secure with a rubber band. Attach the tether hook to the storage clip when not in use. (See "Removing the Tether Strap" on pg. 70). This will keep an unused tether or tether hook from hitting someone during a crash.

### **Additional Warnings**

- DO NOT use the cup holder to store cans or hard cups. DO NOT place any cups that contain hot liquids in the cup holder.
- DO NOT attach additional padding, toys, or other devices not made by Evenflo or described in these instructions for the child restraint. Items not tested with the child restraint could injure the child. Additional pads or pillows may interfere with the function of the harness system, or cause breathing problems if the child's head falls forward, increasing the risk of serious injury or death.
- In hot or sunny weather, ALWAYS check the areas
  of the child restraint that may contact your child (e.g.,
  buckle, buckle tongues, etc.) for hot areas before
  placing him/her into the child restraint. The child could
  be burned. Cover the child restraint with a light colored
  blanket when you leave the vehicle.
- In cold weather, DO NOT dress the child in bulky clothing like snowsuits if the child is riding in a child restraint. Bulky coats/snowsuits make it difficult to properly tighten the harness to the child, which may allow the child to be ejected from the restraint during a crash. If necessary, place a blanket over the harnessed child without interfering with the child restraint harness system.

#### Safe Practices

- Everyone rides buckled up or the vehicle does not go. Make no exceptions for adults or children. If someone unbuckles, stop the vehicle. Being firm and consistent from the start will mean fewer discipline problems as children get older. An unrestrained person can be thrown into and injure other passengers.
- NEVER try to tend to a crying baby's needs while driving. NEVER take a baby out of a child restraint for comforting while the vehicle is moving.
- DO NOT allow a child in a vehicle to have objects such as lollipops or ice cream on a stick. The object can injure the child if the vehicle swerves or hits a bump.
- DO NOT feed an infant who is riding in a child restraint.
- Put sharp or heavy items in the trunk. Anything loose can be deadly in a crash.

#### **Recall Information for U.S. Customers**

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

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



https://registration.evenflo.com/evenflo/us/carseats

 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 <a href="http://www.NHTSA.gov">http://www.NHTSA.gov</a>

Consumer: Just fill in your name, address, e-mail address (optional) and phone number (optional).		
Your Name		
Your Street Address		
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CHILD RESTRAINT REGISTRATION CARD		

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• For public notice information, call Transport Canada at 1-800-333-0510 (1-613-993-9851 in Ottawa region).

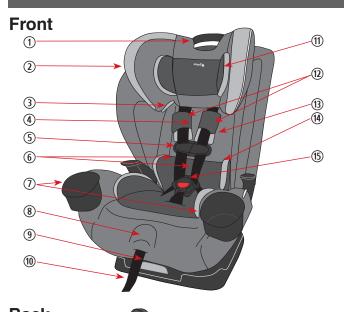
### Motor Vehicle/Aircraft Usage



When used with the internal harness and properly installed pursuant to these instructions, this restraint is certified for use only in passenger and multi-purpose passenger motor vehicles, buses and trucks equipped with either lap belts only or lap/shoulder belt systems and in aircraft.

Check with your airline before departure to make sure this restraint meets their requirements and refer to pages 69 - 73 for instructions on installing your child restraint in aircraft.

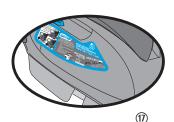
When used WITHOUT the internal harness system (in booster mode) and properly installed pursuant to these instructions, this restraint is certified for use only in passenger and multi-purpose passenger motor vehicles, buses, and trucks equipped with lap/shoulder belt systems only. In booster mode, this restraint is NOT certified for aircraft use. A belt-positioning booster requires the use of a lap/shoulder belt system, which is not available in aircraft.





#### **Description**

- 1. Headrest Adjustment Handle
- Adjustable Headrest
- 3. Shoulder Belt Guide
- 4. Instruction Manual Storage (see pg. 83)
- 5. Chest Clip (see pg. 81)
- 6. Harness Straps
- 7. Cup Holders (both sides of seat)
- 8. Harness Release Button (under flap)
- 9. Recline Handle (at front edge of base)
- 10. Harness Adjust Strap
- 11. Head Pillow
- 12. Harness Covers
- 13. Seat Back Pad
- 14. Body Pillow
- 15. Buckle and Strap
- 16. Tether Strap and Hook
- 17. Recline Indicator
- 18 Bubble Level\*
- 19. Seat Cover
- 20. SecureTight™ Storage
- 21. Rear-facing Belt Guide
- 22. No-Back Booster
- 23. SecureTight<sup>™</sup> Connectors (on both sides of seat)
- 24. Seat Base
- 25. Forward-facing Belt Guide
- 26. Canopy\*





<sup>\*</sup> Not all features are available on all models. Styles may vary.

### **Cup Holders**

**IMPORTANT:** Cup holders **MUST** be installed before use of this Child Seat and **MUST** remain attached to the seat at all times.

Slide each cup holder into the grooves in the car seat shell and press in to seat to secure. The bottom of each cup holder is labeled (A) and (B). Slide A into the left slot and B into the right slot.

Cup holders are removable and are



**top rack dishwasher safe**. Tilt the cup holder away from the seat, then pull away from seat to release.

#### **Harness Covers**

Install Harness Covers above Chest Clip. Harness covers are optional for added comfort. Wrap Harness Covers around harness straps and attach hook-and-loop strips as shown.

Always check that the harness covers **DO NOT** bunch up when tightening the harness.

Hook-andloop strips





## **Body Pillow\***

The optional Body Pillow is for **REAR-FACING** use only and, when placed in the seat as shown, helps support your child.

When using the lower headrest/ harness positions, make sure the bottom of the headrest flap is behind the body pillow flap as shown.



#### **Head Pillow\***

The optional head pillow is for **REAR-FACING** use only. The head pillow helps support your child's head.



To install the infant head pillow, insert the tabs into the slots on headrest and attach hook-and-loop fasteners to the back of the headrest.

IMPORTANT: Infants may have difficulty breathing when in an upright seated position. Using additional padding or



pillows other than the Head Pillow behind the infant's head or failing to properly recline the child seat could increase the child's risk of serious injury or death.

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## SecureTight™ (LATCH) Connectors

### Which Type of SecureTight™ Connector is on Your Child Seat?

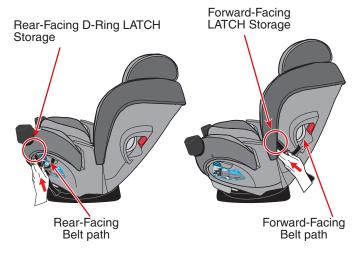
Your child seat will have the SecureTight™ Connectors (shown below). SecureTight™ is Evenflo's LATCH svstem.



Use the instructions on the following pages to properly install the SecureTight™ Strap on your child seat.

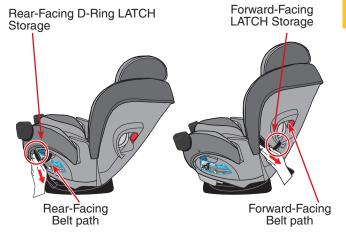
## Store SecureTight™ Connectors

The SecureTight™ connectors can be stored near the rear-facing or forward-facing belt paths. To store the SecureTight™ connectors in either the rear-facing or forward-facing modes, push **UNTIL** they click into place as shown below:



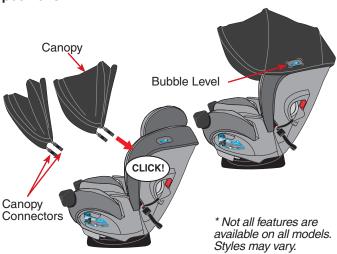
# Remove SecureTight<sup>™</sup> Connectors from Storage

Press the release button to remove the SecureTight<sup>™</sup> connector from its storage location.



### Canopy Installation\* (Rear Facing Mode Only)

- Unfold the canopy and snap the canopy connectors into the child seat shell.
- Slide the canopy over the back of the seat shell and secure with the hook and loop fasteners.
- Fit the fabric of the canopy around the bubble level.
   Note: Canopy use limits the headrest to the lowest 5 positions.



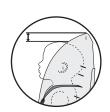
# Using the Child Seat Rear-facing

# **A WARNING!** DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

When using this seat rear-facing, **DO NOT** loosen the vehicle seat belt to provide more leg room as this may keep the child seat from protecting your child.

#### **Child Requirements:**

- Weight: 1.8 18.1 kg (4 40 lbs)
- Height: 43 109 cm (17 43 in.) and top of child's head is at least 2.5 cm (1 in.) or more below the top of child seat headrest





**IMPORTANT:** Once your child **exceeds** any of the size requirements above, they **MUST** use this child seat in the **forward-facing** orientation, if possible. If your child **exceeds** any of the size requirements above <u>and</u> is less than 2 years old, however, you **MUST** discontinue use of this child seat.

# Rear-facing Installation with SecureTight™ (LATCH) Connectors

## Moving SecureTight™ Connector Strap to Rear-facing Belt Path

Your car seat comes with the SecureTight<sup>™</sup> connector strap installed in the rear-facing belt path. See the steps below to place them back in the rear-facing path if they have been moved.

To access the SecureTight™ connector strap, you will first need to:

- · Loosen internal harness straps (pg. 67);
- Remove SecureTight<sup>™</sup> connectors (pg. 24);
- Lift pad off front edge of child seat. (pg. 29).

To install this child seat properly in the rear-facing position, the SecureTight connector strap  $\mathbf{MUST}$  be in the rear-facing belt path.

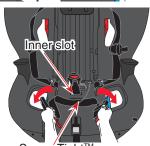
#### NOTE: Illustrations below show pad off for clarity only

If the SecureTight™ strap is in the forward-facing belt path, follow these steps:

- Pull the SecureTight<sup>™</sup> strap to the center of the seat.
- Route the SecureTight<sup>™</sup> strap out through the rearfacing belt path.

**IMPORTANT:** Make sure the SecureTight™ connector strap does not interfere with the internal harness straps.





SecuréTight™ connector strap

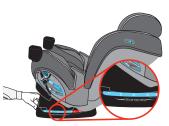
After moving the SecureTight™ connector strap, make sure the strap lies flat against the seat shell. You may have to twist the strap to achieve this.



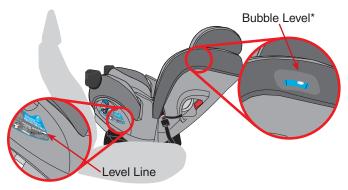
# Rear-facing Installation with SecureTight™ (LATCH) Connectors

**ALWAYS** store the tether strap (pg. 70). Never use tether strap when the car seat is rear-facing.

- Pull the recline handle and adjust the rear-facing seat recline between positions 1-4.
- Make sure vehicle is on level ground. Place car seat rear-facing on the vehicle seat.



- Make sure the bottom of the child seat sits flat on the vehicle seat.
- Remove SecureTight<sup>™</sup> Connectors from storage.
   CHECK that SecureTight<sup>™</sup> strap is in rear-facing belt path (pg. 27).
- 5. Ensure the child seat is in the proper recline zone for the weight of the child.



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

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

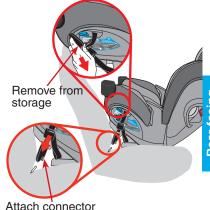
**NOTE:** In some vehicles, it may be necessary to place a tightly rolled towel or small blanket beneath the front edge of the child seat to provide enough recline so that the child seat is in the proper recline zone for the weight of the child (see pg. 32).

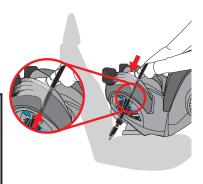
# Rear-facing Installation with SecureTight™ (LATCH) Connectors

### Securing the Child Seat with SecureTight™

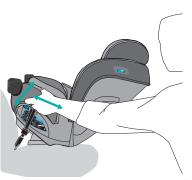
- Loosen the SecureTight™ strap and attach the SecureTight™ connectors to the lower anchors in the vehicle.
- 7. The SecureTight™ strap must be as tight as possible. Using your full weight, push the car seat into the vehicle seat and pull the SecureTight™ strap through the belt path to tighten.

Pull the car seat pad away from the car seat to make it easier to pull the strap through the belt path.





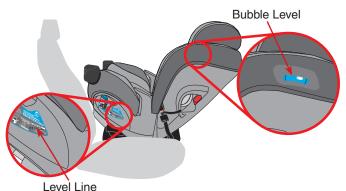
8. Test for tightness at the belt path.
If you can move the child seat more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) side to side or front to back at the belt path, the installation is not secure. Try again or install using the vehicle seat belt.





# Rear-facing Installation with SecureTight™ Connectors

9. Recheck the level indicator.



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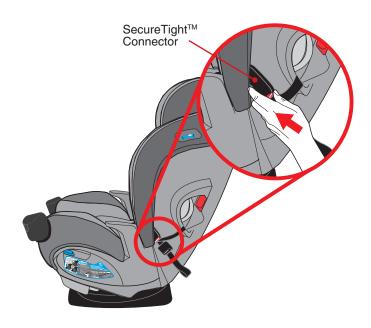
**NOTE:** Check that the level line is parallel to the ground. If equipped with a bubble level, check that the bubble is within the level area.

- Ensure child seat is secure.
  - · Car seat base sits flat on vehicle seat.
  - Car seat level line or bubble indicator shows the seat is properly leveled.
  - The child seat does not move more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) from side to side or front to back at the rear-facing belt path.



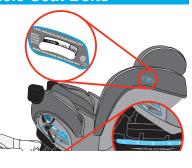
#### IMPORTANT:

- Before installing this child seat rear-facing with the vehicle seat belt, you MUST move the SecureTight™ Connector Assembly to the forward-facing belt path so that it does not interfere with the vehicle seat belt. Refer to pg. 37 for instructions on moving the SecureTight™ Connector Assembly to the forward-facing belt path.
- Check your vehicle owner's manual to determine how to lock your seat belt for child seat installation. If vehicle seat belt is not lockable see pg. 13 for installation of locking clip.
- **DO NOT** use the Tether Strap when the child seat is in the rear-facing position. Store tether (pg. 70).
- Place child seat rear-facing on approved vehicle seat.
   Always make sure the bottom of the child seat sits flat on the vehicle seat.
- Store the SecureTight<sup>™</sup> connectors as shown in the forward-facing belt path. (See pg. 37)





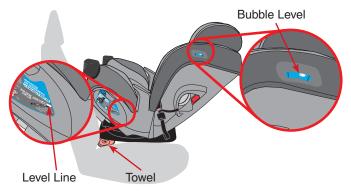
- Pull the recline handle and adjust the rear-facing seat angle using Positions 1-4.
- Make sure vehicle is on level ground. Place child seat rearfacing on the vehicle seat.



- Make sure the bottom of the child seat sits flat on the vehicle seat.
- Ensure the child seat is in the proper recline zone for the weight of the child.

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

**NOTE:** In some vehicles, it may be necessary to place a tightly rolled towel or small blanket beneath the front edge of the child seat to provide enough recline so that the child seat is in the proper recline zone for the weight of the child.



- Ensure child seat is secure.
  - For Rear-Facing Installation with Lap/Shoulder Belt, see pg. 34.
  - For Rear-Facing Installation with Lap Belt, see pg. 33.

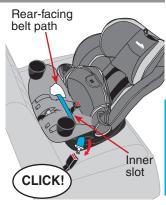


### Rear-facing Installation with Lap Belt

Pull the seat pad off of the front of the child seat. Route the lap belt through the rearfacing belt path and continue through the opposite opening of the child seat. Fasten the buckle.

#### IMPORTANT:

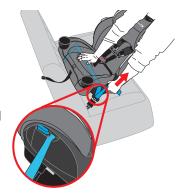
 The buckle must be in the inner slot and the vehicle belt must be located in front of the buckle.



- Make sure the vehicle belt lies flat and does not interfere with the internal harness.
- 3. Reconnect the seat pad to the front of the child seat.

The vehicle seat belt must be as tight as possible. Using your full weight, push the child seat firmly into the vehicle seat as you tighten the vehicle seat belt, as shown, then roll up the excess strap and place it to the side of the child seat.

**DO NOT** use belt guide with lap belt only installation



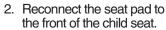
- 4. Test for tightness. Make certain the belt is tight and locked. If you can move the child seat more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) side to side or front to back at the rearfacing belt path, the vehicle belt is not tight enough. If you have not tightly secured the child seat, try again, move it to another location, or install with the SecureTight™ connector strap (pg. 28).
- 5. Recheck that the child seat is in the **proper recline zone for the weight of the child.**



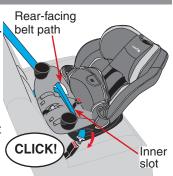
### Rear-facing Installation with Lap/Shoulder Belt

 Pull the seat pad off of the front of the child seat. Route the vehicle belt through the rear-facing belt path and continue through the opposite belt path on the child seat. Fasten the buckle.

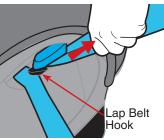
**IMPORTANT:** The buckle must be in the inner slot and the vehicle belt must be located in front of the buckle strap.



- 3. The vehicle seat belt must be as tight as possible. Using your full weight, push the child seat firmly into the vehicle seat as you pull the seat belt from the center of the car seat to the side, parallel to the ground to tighten and remove all slack.
- 4. Insert the shoulder belt into the rearfacing belt guide on the side of the child seat opposite the belt buckle. The shoulder belt MUST be routed through the belt guide.







- Lock the vehicle retractor. In most vehicles, the belt retractor is locked by pulling the belt all the way out and letting it rewind into the retractor.
- 6. Test for tightness. Make certain the belt is tight and locked. If you can move the child seat more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) side to side or front to back at the rear-facing belt path, the vehicle belt is not tight enough. If you have not tightly secured the child seat, try again, move it to another location, or install with the lower anchor connector assembly (pg. 28).
- Recheck that the child seat is in the proper recline zone for the weight of the child.

## **Rear-facing Installation Checklist**

#### 1. Secure child seat to the vehicle seat.

- Child seat is in one of the four rear-facing recline positions, so that the child seat is in the proper recline zone for the weight of the child. (pgs. 28 and 32).
- Towel rolled up and placed beneath the base, if necessary, so that the child seat is in the proper recline zone for the weight of the child (pgs. 28 and 32).
- ✓ Install with SecureTight<sup>TM</sup> Connectors (pg. 28) or vehicle seat belt (pg. 31).
- Shoulder belt is routed through rear-facing belt guide when installing with lap/shoulder belt. The shoulder belt MUST be routed through the belt guide. If vehicle seat belt is not lockable see pg. 13 for installation of locking clip.
- To properly secure this child seat it MUST NOT move more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) from side to side or front to back at the rear-facing belt path (pgs. 30, 33, and 34).
- ✓ Cup holders **MUST** be installed (pg. 22).

#### 2. Set the child in the child seat.

- √ Top of head is at least 2.5 cm (1 in.) or more below the top of headrest.
- ✓ Install Body Pillow (pg. 23) if desired.
- The child's back and bottom are flat against the back and bottom surfaces of the child seat.
- Harness straps MUST be at or just below shoulder height (pg. 67).

#### 3. Fasten the buckle.

→ Buckle tongues are fully engaged (pg. 68).

#### 4. Make necessary adjustments.

- → Buckle MUST be in inner slot (pg. 66).
- Harness straps MUST be snug against the child's shoulders, with no slack (pgs. 67 - 68).
- Ensure that the child seat is in the proper recline zone for the weight of the child.

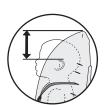
#### 5. Position and connect chest clip.

→ Chest clip MUST be at armpit level (pg. 68).

# Using the Child Seat Forwardfacing with Harness

### **Child Requirements:**

- Weight: 13.6 29.4 kg (30 65 lbs)
- Height: 89 124 cm (35 49 in.) and tops of child's ears are at or below the top of the child seat headrest.
- Age: At least 2 years old



# IMPORTANT: ALWAYS USE THE TOP TETHER STRAP FORWARD-FACING.



**IMPORTANT:** Once your child **exceeds** any of the size requirements for **forward-facing with harness** use above, and is at least 5 years old, you **MUST** discontinue use of this child seat with its internal harness and begin using it in booster mode.

## Moving SecureTight<sup>™</sup> Connector Strap to Forward-facing Belt Path

To access the SecureTight<sup>™</sup> Connector Strap you will first need to remove the SecureTight<sup>™</sup> Connectors from their storage location (see pg. 24).

(Illustrations below show pad off for clarity only)

To install this child seat properly in the forward-facing position, the SecureTight<sup>TM</sup> Connector Assembly **MUST** be in the forward-facing belt path.

If the SecureTight™ Connector strap is in the rear-facing belt path, follow these steps:

 Raise the headrest to its highest level (pg. 64).

 Lift the back pad up and out of the way (pg. 74).

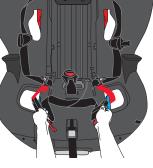
- Remove the seat pad from the seat.
- Pull the SecureTight<sup>™</sup>
   Connector strap to the
   center of the seat.

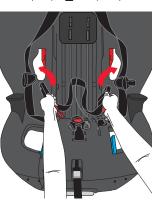
Route the SecureTight<sup>™</sup>
 Connector strap out through
 the forward-facing belt path.

· Replace the seat pad.

IMPORTANT: Make sure the Lower Anchor Connector strap does not interfere with the internal harness straps.

**NOTE:** After moving the Lower Anchor Connector strap, make sure the strap lies flat against the seat shell. You may have to twist the strap to achieve this.







### Securing the Seat with SecureTight™

**DO NOT** install by this method for a child weighing more than 18.1 kg (40 lbs).

Infants who weigh less than 13.6 kg (30 lbs) and are less than 89 cm (35 in.) **MUST** always be rear-facing.

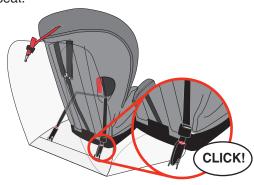
- 1. Remove Lower Anchor Connectors from storage location (pg. 24). **MAKE SURE** Lower Anchor strap is in forward-facing belt path (pg. 37).
- 2. Pull the recline handle as shown and adjust the seat to position 5 or 6.
- Place child seat in your vehicle forwardfacing, as shown. Always make sure the bottom of the child seat sits flat on the vehicle seat.



4. Unhook tether strap from the rear of the child seat and place tether hook with **red adjuster** (pg. 70) over back of vehicle seat.



 Attach SecureTight<sup>™</sup> connectors to the vehicle lower anchors until they lock onto the bars on both sides of the seat.

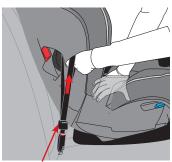


**IMPORTANT:** Make sure both lower anchor connectors are facing upward and the straps are not twisted.





6. Pull the Strap to tighten.



SecureTight™ Strap Adjuster



7. Test for tightness.

If you can move the child seat more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) side to side or front to back at the forward-facing belt path, the lower anchor connector assembly strap is not tight enough. You will need to try again, find another location for your child seat, or install with the vehicle seat belt (pg. 42).



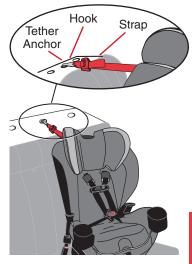
8. Continue with "Attaching the Tether Strap" as shown on page 41.



### **Attaching the Tether Strap**



9. Connect the tether hook to the vehicle tether anchor behind the vehicle seat, as shown. (Please consult your vehicle owner's manual, as tether anchor locations may vary.) Pull the strap and tighten the tether securely.



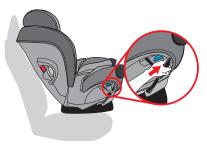
## **WARNING!** DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

- Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury to your child or other vehicle occupants.
- The tether strap is for forward-facing use only and not to be used in rear-facing mode. Attach the tether hook to the storage clip on the seat in rear-facing mode only. This will keep an unused tether or tether hook from hitting someone during a crash.
- After adjusting the tether strap, you may have excess strap; DO NOT cut it off. If you do, it may not be long enough to use in another vehicle. Instead, tightly roll up the excess tether strap and place the rubber band around the bundle.
- To avoid a strangulation hazard, you MUST tightly roll or fold excess tether strap and secure with the strap/ rubber band.
  - **NOTE:** Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for the location of the tether anchor in your vehicle. Older vehicles may not come equipped with tether anchor hardware. Check with your vehicle dealer.
- If your Tether Strap is too short to reach from your child seat to your Tether Anchor, you will need a Tether Extender. Please call Parentlink at 1-800-233-5921 (U.S.), or 1-937-773-3971 (Canada).



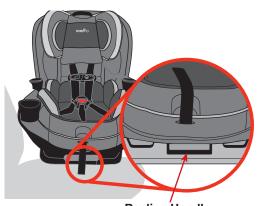
#### **IMPORTANT:**

- Before installing this child seat forward-facing with the vehicle seat belt, you MUST move the SecureTight™ connector strap to the rear-facing belt path so that it does not interfere with the vehicle seat belt. Refer to pg. 27 for instructions on moving the SecureTight™ connector strap to the rear-facing belt path.
- Check your vehicle owner's manual to determine how to lock your seat belt for child seat installation. If vehicle seat belt is not lockable see pg. 13 for installation of locking clip.
- ALWAYS USE tether strap forward-facing.
- Reroute the lower anchor connector strap through the rear-facing belt path (pg. 27). Store the SecureTight™ connector strap in the rear-facing belt path as shown (pg. 25).



Rear-Facing SecureTight<sup>™</sup> connector storage

2. Pull the recline handle as shown and adjust the seat recline to either position 5 or 6.



**Recline Handle** 



- 3. Unhook tether strap from the rear of the child seat and place tether hook with **red adjuster** (pg. 70) over back of vehicle seat.
- Place child seat in your vehicle forward-facing, as shown. Always make sure the bottom of the child seat sits flat on the vehicle seat while the vehicle is on level ground.



- 5. Install the child seat:
  - For Forward-Facing Installation with Lap/ Shoulder Belt, see pg. 45.
  - For Forward-Facing Installation with Lap Belt, see pg. 44.

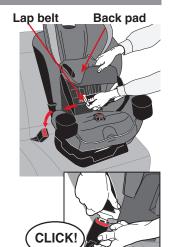


### Forward-facing with Lap Belt Only

 Raise headrest to the highest position (pg. 64), then lift back pad away from child seat for easier access. Route the lap belt through the forward-facing belt path and continue through the opposite opening of the child seat. Fasten the buckle.

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

**DO NOT** route the lap belt under the belt guide for lap belt only installation.



 The vehicle seat belt must be as tight as possible. Using your full weight, push the child seat firmly into the vehicle seat as you tighten the vehicle seat belt, as shown. Replace the back pad.



**Test for tightness.** Make certain the belt is tight and locked. If you can move the child seat more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) side to side or front to back at the forward-facing belt path, the vehicle belt is not tight enough. If you have not tightly secured the child seat, try again, move it to another location, or install with the lower anchor connector assembly (pg. 38).



#### Forward-facing with Lap/Shoulder Belt

6. Raise headrest to its highest position (pg. 64), then lift back pad away from child seat for easier access. Route the lap/shoulder belt through the forward-facing belt path and continue through the opposite opening of the child seat. Fasten the buckle

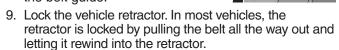
**IMPORTANT:** Make sure the lap/shoulder belt lies flat without twisting.

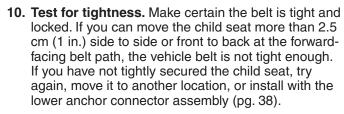
7. The vehicle seat belt must be as tight as possible.
Using your full weight, push the child seat firmly into the

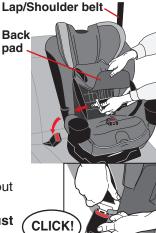
vehicle seat as you tighten the vehicle seat belt

Lower the back pad.

8. Insert the shoulder belt into the forward-facing belt guide on the side of the child seat opposite the seat belt buckle. The shoulder belt MUST be routed through the belt guide.





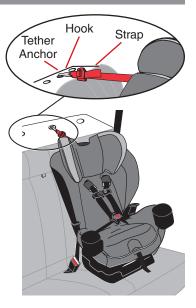






### Attaching the Tether Strap

Connect the tether hook to the vehicle tether anchor behind the vehicle seat. as shown. (Please consult your vehicle owner's manual. as tether anchor locations may vary.) Pull the strap and tighten the tether securely.



## WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

- · Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury to your child or other vehicle occupants.
- The tether strap is for forward-facing use only. The tether is not used in rear-facing mode. Attach the tether hook to the storage clip on the seat in rear-facing mode only. This will keep an unused tether or tether hook from hitting someone during a crash.





Lap/Shoulder Belt



#### **Attaching the Tether Strap**



- After adjusting the tether strap, you may have excess strap; DO NOT cut it off. If you do, it may not be long enough to use in another vehicle. Instead, tightly roll up the excess tether strap and place the rubber band around the bundle.
- To avoid a strangulation hazard, you MUST tightly roll or fold excess tether strap and secure with the strap/ rubber band.

**NOTE:** Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for the location of the tether anchor in your vehicle. Older vehicles may not come equipped with tether anchor hardware. Check with your vehicle dealer.

 If your Tether Strap is too short to reach from your child seat to your Tether Anchor, you will need a Tether Extender. Please call Parentlink at 1-800-233-5921 (U.S.) or 1-937-773-3971 (Canada).

### Forward-facing Installation Checklist

#### 1. Secure child seat to the vehicle seat.

- Child seat is in recline position 5 or 6.
- → Child seat base sits flat on vehicle seat.
- ✓ Install with SecureTight<sup>TM</sup> Assembly (pg. 38) or vehicle seat belt (pg. 42).
- → Shoulder belt MUST be routed through forwardfacing belt guide when installing with lap/shoulder belt. If vehicle seat belt is not lockable see pg. 13 for installation of locking clip.
- Tether strap is securely attached and tightened (pg 41).
- ▼ To properly secure this child seat it MUST NOT move more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) from side to side or front to back at the forward-facing belt path (pgs. 42, 44, and 45).

#### 2. Set the child in the child seat.

- The top of the child's ears are at or below the top of the child seat headrest.
- ▼ The child's back and bottom are flat against the back and bottom surfaces of the child seat.
- Harness straps MUST be at or just above shoulder height (pg. 67).

#### 3. Fasten the buckle.

→ Buckle tongues are fully engaged (pg. 68).

#### 4. Make necessary adjustments.

- Buckle is in the outer slot for Forward-Facing installation.
- → Harness straps MUST be snug with no slack (pgs. 67-68).

#### 5. Position and connect chest clip.

✓ Chest clip MUST be at armpit level (pg. 68).

# Using the Child Seat as a Booster Seat

#### When to Put Your Child in a Booster Seat



Booster seats raise the child up and help to position the vehicle lap and shoulder belt correctly. When the child is properly restrained in a booster seat, their risk of injury in all types of crashes is reduced, as the lap and shoulder belt provides excellent seat of both the upper and lower torsos.

It is important for the child to sit properly within the vehicle seat belts. When the vehicle

belt is buckled, the lap belt should be low on the hips, just touching the thighs, and the shoulder belt should lie across the middle of the shoulder. If the child leans out or moves the belt behind the back or places it under the arm, it will not provide the intended seat.

There are a number of things to consider when deciding whether a child is ready to sit in a booster seat, including: the weight and height ratings on their current child seat, the child's own weight and height, their maturity, and the seating positions available in your vehicle.

#### How is a booster seat used?

Using a booster seat is very similar to buckling yourself into the vehicle:

- Read the instruction manuals for both the booster seat and the vehicle before you start.
- Put the booster in the back seat in a location with a lap and shoulder belt. Never use a booster with only a lap belt, as this could cause serious injuries.
- After the child is in the booster, pull the lap and shoulder belt across him/her and buckle it.



#### When to Put Your Child in a Booster Seat

- Check that the shoulder belt lies across the middle of the shoulder and that the lap belt is low on the hips, just touching the thighs.
- Base of booster should be flat on vehicle seat, and in one of the upright positions only.



## How can you tell if a child is ready to transition to a booster seat?

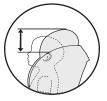
You should consider using a booster seat if the following conditions apply:

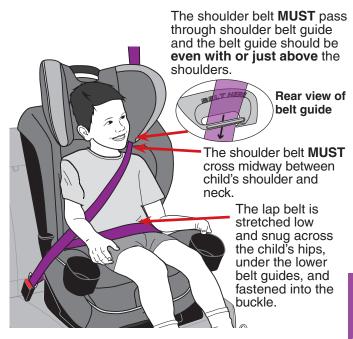
- The child is mature enough to sit in the booster seat and not put the belts under their arm or behind their back.
- The child is approaching the weight or height limit of the child seat they are currently using. (Even children who have not outgrown their toddler seat can benefit from the use of a booster seat, if it is used properly.)
- If you have a vehicle that does not have a tether anchorage but has lap/shoulder belts available in the back seat, a booster seat may provide better protection than an internal harness seat without the tether (US ONLY).

#### Child Requirements

- Weight: 18.1 45.3 kg (40 100 lbs)
- Height: 112 145 cm (44 57 in.) AND tops of the child's ears are at or below the top of the booster seat headrest.







**IMPORTANT:** Once your child **exceeds** any of the size requirements above for **booster mode**, you **MUST** discontinue use of this seat. Your child may be ready for use of the vehicle belt system only at this time.

#### **Converting Seat into High-Back Booster**

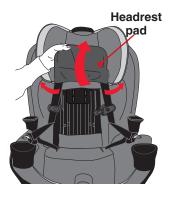
 Loosen harness straps by pushing the harness release button on the front of the seat. At the same time, pull harness straps to extend completely. Unfasten the chest clip and buckle.



 Remove the buckle from the slot. See "Adjusting Buckle Position" on pg. 66.



Lift up back pad.
 Disconnect hook-and-loop connectors on seat pad.
 Push the shoulder straps behind the headrest pad.

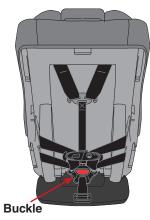


#### **Converting Seat into High-Back Booster**

4. Raise headrest to desired height, then pull harness straps, chest clip, and buckle tongues through the forwardfacing belt guides. Snap the two halves of the chest clip together behind the seat.



5. Connect the buckle to store.



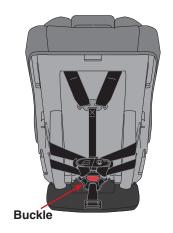
- 6. Replace the back pad.
- 7. Adjust booster seat to the recline position 5 or 6.
  - High-Back Booster
     Mode conversion is
     complete.



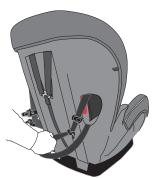
#### **Converting Seat to Harness Mode**

#### Convert from High-Back Booster to Harness Mode

- 1. Lift the back pad.
- Disconnect the buckle from the harness.



 Disconnect the two halves of the chest clip, then pull the harness straps, chest clip, and buckle tongues through the forward-facing belt guides to the front of the seat.



 Pull the shoulder straps in front of the headrest pad. Connect the hookand-loop connectors on seat pad. Replace the back pad.



#### **Converting Seat to Harness Mode**

Replace the buckle. 5. See "Adjusting Buckle Position on pg. 64.



6. Adjust the recline if necessary.



**Recline Handle** 

- 7. Make sure the harness webbing is not twisted and lays flat.
- 8. Harness Mode conversion is complete.



#### **High-Back Booster Installation Checklist**

#### 1. Convert child seat to booster seat.

✓ See "Converting Seat Into High-Back Booster" (pg. 58).

#### 2. Secure booster seat to the vehicle seat.

Make sure the seat base is flat on vehicle seat in recline position 6 (pg. 50). Make sure the bottom and back of the booster seat are touching vehicle seat and back.

**IMPORTANT:** You may use the Tether Strap and SecureTight<sup>™</sup> Connectors to secure this booster seat to the vehicle seat as long as the position of the booster seat in the vehicle and/or the resulting fit of the vehicle seat belt over the child are not affected.

#### Place the child in the booster seat.

Make sure the booster seat is securely locked into the upright position 5 or 6 and the child's back and bottom are flat against the back and bottom surfaces of the booster seat.

#### 4. Adjust headrest for proper shoulder belt fit.

√The shoulder belt guide MUST be positioned slightly above the child's shoulders.

## **WARNING!** DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

The shoulder belt **MUST NOT** cross the child's neck or fall off the child's shoulder. If you cannot adjust the shoulder belt to properly lay midway between the child's shoulder and neck **AND** at or above the shoulder, try another seating location or do not use the booster seat.



#### 5. Secure child and booster seat to vehicle seat.

Stretch the lap/shoulder belt across the child and fasten the buckle. Make certain the shoulder belt is threaded through the shoulder belt guide, and the lap belt is under the lap belt guide.

#### 6.Check your work.

Make sure the lap belt is stretched low and snug across the child's hips, within the lower belt guides, and fastened into the buckle. The shoulder belt guide MUST be positioned slightly above the child's shoulders, cross the child midway between his/her shoulder and neck and route through the shoulder belt guide..

#### Child Requirements

- Weight: 18.1 54.4 kg (40 120 lbs)
- Height: 112 152 cm (44 60 in.) AND tops of the child's ears are at or below the top of the vehicle seat headrest.
- Age: At least 5 years old





**IMPORTANT:** Once your child **exceeds** any of the size requirements above for **booster mode**, you **MUST** discontinue use of this seat. Your child may be ready for use of the vehicle belt system only at this time.

#### **Converting Seat into Backless Booster**

 Lift up panel in seat pad to access release handle.

**NOTE:** If buckle is still attached, remove and store by following directions on pg. 66.



Release Handle

 Lift up and hold release handle. Hold booster by armrests and lift booster base off of seat back.



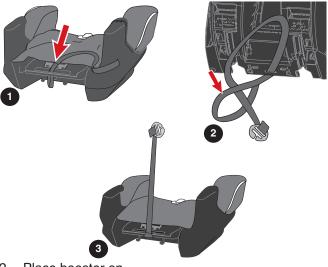
IMPORTANT: Move user guide to storage slots underneath seat cover. See pg. 82. IMPORTANT: Store the seat back properly when not in use and do not leave in the vehicle (other than in trunk). Any loose objects can become projectiles and injure someone during a crash.



### **Using the Shoulder Belt Clip**

If the shoulder belt does not cross midway between child's shoulder and neck, then the shoulder belt clip must be used.

Attach shoulder belt clip as shown.

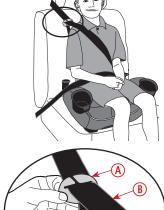


Place booster on vehicle seat.

Attach the shoulder belt clip (A).

3. Adjust shoulder belt clip.
Pull the adjustment
strap (C) until the belt
clip (A) is even with the
child's shoulder, and the
vehicle shoulder belt (B)
lays across the child's
chest midway between
shoulder and neck.

Reverse steps above to remove shoulder belt clip before reattaching the booster back (pg. 62).



#### **Backless Booster Feet**

Convert your Child Seat to Backless Booster mode as shown in "Converting Seat into Backless Booster" on page 58.

- Install shoulder belt clip if needed (see pg. 59).
- Flip the booster feet out until they click into place.



**Booster Feet** 

Place the booster seat base on the vehicle seat.



Secure your child as described on page 57.



#### Backless Booster Installation Checklist

- 1. Remove the booster base from the seat back.
  - See "Converting Seat into Backless Booster" (pg. 58).
- 2. Engage Booster Leveling Feet pg. 60.
- 3. Place the booster seat on the vehicle seat.
  - ✓ Store the SecureTight<sup>TM</sup> connectors by attaching to the vehicle anchors (pg. 15) WITHOUT TIGHTENING or by connecting to the D-rings on the booster base and REMOVING ALL SLACK (pg. 25).
- 4. Set the child in the booster seat.
  - Make sure the child's back is flat against the vehicle seat and the child's bottom is flat against the booster seat.
- Secure the child and booster seat to the vehicle seat.
  - Stretch the lap/shoulder belt across the child and fasten the buckle.
- Use the shoulder belt clip, if necessary.
  - ✓ If the vehicle's shoulder belt naturally crosses the child's shoulder, you do not need to use the shoulder belt clip. If the shoulder belt does not properly lay midway between the child's shoulder and neck, attach and adjust the belt clip. See "Using the Shoulder Belt Clip" (pg. 59).

#### 7. Check your work.

Make sure the lap belt is stretched low and snug across the child's hips, beneath the belt guides, and fastened into the buckle. The shoulder belt must cross the child midway between his/her shoulder and neck.

## **WARNING!** DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

The shoulder belt **MUST NOT** cross the child's neck or fall off the child's shoulder. If you cannot adjust the shoulder belt to properly lay midway between the child's shoulder and neck, try another seating location or do not use the booster seat.



**IMPORTANT:** Always secure the booster seat with the vehicle seat belt when not occupied. An unsecured booster seat can fly into and injure other occupants in the event of a crash.

### **Reattaching the Booster Seat**

- Replace buckle if seat will be used in harness mode. See page 64.
- Slide buckle tongues and chest clip up toward the head pad, and ensure the harness straps are straight and not twisted.

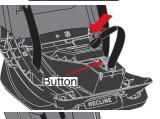
**NOTE:** Shorten harness adjust strap so that it is about 3" long and place it over harness release button. Tuck end of strap into slot above harness release button.

 Grasp armrests firmly and slide booster base over back of seat.

**NOTE:** Ensure that harness straps (A) are in the slots correctly before pushing base completely onto back.

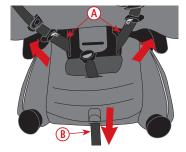
- Press down firmly with hand over handle area. A click will indicate that the booster base is attached to the back.
- Pull harness adjuster strap B through slot in the front of the seat pad. It may be necessary to lift the front of the pad.











### **Reattaching the Booster Base**

#### To check installation of booster base:

 Pull up on base to check that it is securely attached.



2. Ensure harness straps

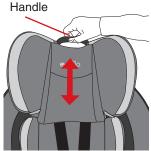
(A), buckle (B), and
harness adjuster strap
(C) are not twisted
and are not trapped
between base and seat
back.



### Adjusting the Headrest/Harness Position

To adjust, squeeze the headrest adjustment handle while sliding the headrest up or down to the desired position.

When the headrest is in one of the locking positions, the adjustment handle will lock into its original position. Pull up and down on the headrest to ensure it is locked into position.



**NOTE:** You may need to loosen the harness straps (pg. 52) to adjust the headrest.

**Rear-facing:** Start with the headrest in its lowest position. Adjust headrest so the harness straps are **at or just below** the child's shoulders.

**Forward-facing:** Start with the headrest in its highest position. Adjust headrest so the harness straps are **at or just above** the child's shoulders.

**NOTE:** If using the lower Headrest/Harness positions, make sure to tuck the excess headrest pad fabric up behind the headrest pad.

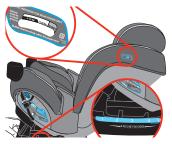
The Headrest Flap is designed with two fold lines to allow for partial (A) or full storage (B) behind the Headrest Pad.



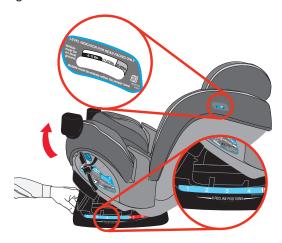


### **Reclining Child Seat**

To raise or lower the recline, pull the recline handle on the front edge of the seat base and push or pull seat into the desired recline position as indicated below:



 Rear-Facing: The seat is in one of the four rear-facing recline positions and the proper recline zone for the weight of the child.



• Forward-Facing with Harness: The seat is in the fully upright position 5 or 6.



### **Adjusting the Buckle Position**

To reposition the buckle, first recline the seat (pg. 65) and locate the buckle anchor under the base.

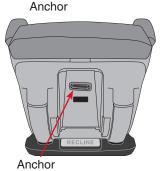


Turn the buckle anchor sideways and push it up through the slot in the bottom of the seat shell.



Reposition the buckle into the other slot. Make certain the buckle anchor is seated against the base.

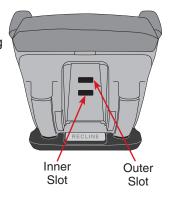
Adjust the recline to the appropriate position for installation



#### **Buckle Positions:**

**Inner Slot:** The buckle must be in inner slot for rear-facing installations.

**Outer Slot:** The buckle must be in outer slot for forward-facing installations.



### Securing the Child in the Child Seat

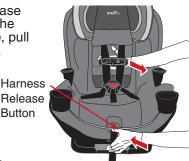
Button

Place baby in the child seat. The baby's back and bottom should be flat against the seat. If there is a gap, the baby will not be comfortable.



 Push the harness release button on the front of the seat. At the same time, pull on the harness straps.





Unbuckle harness and unfasten chest clip. Store buckle tongues in Buckle Tongue Pockets if available.

Place child in child seat. Check buckle position. See pg. 66 for correct buckle positions and to change positions.

Bring each harness strap over the child's shoulders.

3. In Rear-facing mode, start with the headrest in its lowest position. Adjust headrest so harness straps are at or iust below the child's shoulders.

> In Forward-facing mode, start with headrest in its highest position. Adjust headrest so harness

straps are at or just above the child's shoulders.



### Securing the Child in the Child Seat

4. Insert both buckle tongues into the buckle. Pull up on the harness strap to check that the buckle tongues are fastened and to remove any slack from the webbing around the child's legs.



Snap the two halves of the chest clip together, as shown, and slide to armpit level.



 Hold the chest clip while pulling the harness adjustment strap so that the chest clip does not ride up into the child's neck.

> The harness straps must be snug against the child. A snug strap



should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.

 Check the harness straps near the shoulders for slack. You should **NOT** be able to pinch the harness (see illustration). Adjust as needed.



### Removing the Child from the Child Seat

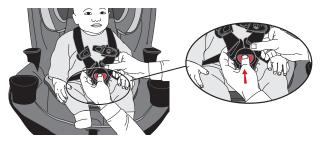
 Loosen the harness strap by pressing the harness release button located on the front of the seat.



2. While pressing the button, pull out on the harness straps. To unfasten the chest clip, push the release button and pull apart.



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





### Removing the Tether Strap

### **WARNING!** DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

- To avoid a strangulation hazard, you MUST tightly roll or fold excess tether strap and secure with the strap/ rubber band.
- Attach the tether hook to one of the two storage clips on the seat back when not in use (rear-facing mode only). This will keep an unused tether or tether hook from hitting someone during a crash.
- Press the adjuster release button to loosen tether strap.



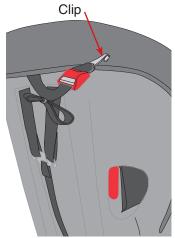
Push the child seat into the vehicle seat back while loosening the adjuster

Press the tab and twist, then remove the hook from the anchor.



 When the tether strap is not in use you MUST attach the hook to the back of the child seat. A loose tether strap and hook may injure your child.

To remove, see Step 2, above.



### **Installing Child Seat in Aircraft**



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

The FAA recommends that a child weighing:

- more than 18.1 kg (40 lbs) use an aircraft seat belt;
- less than 9 kg (20 lbs) use a rear-facing child seat; and
- from 9 18.1 kg (20 40 lbs) use a forward-facing child seat. This child seat CANNOT be used in booster mode in aircraft.

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

**NOTE:** For **Rear-Facing Aircraft Installation**, see pg. 72. For **Forward-Facing Aircraft Installation**, see pg. 74.



## Installing Child Seat Rear-facing in Aircraft

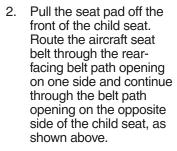
IMPORTANT: Before installing the child seat, make sure the aircraft seat is in a fully upright position.

Unbuckle the aircraft seat belts and lay over the armrests, as shown.
 Place the child seat on the aircraft seat rear-

facing. Adjust the recline for the weight of the child (pg. 28).

(pg. 20).

**NOTE:** It may not be possible to fully recline in an aircraft due to space limitations. Use a more upright position to position the child's head appropriately.

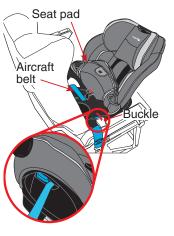


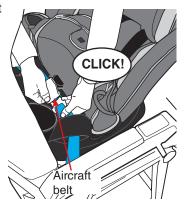
IMPORTANT: Make sure the buckle strap is in the inner slot and the aircraft seat belt is in front of the buckle strap.

**DO NOT** route the seat belt under the belt guide when installing in aircraft.

3. Fasten the aircraft seat belt.



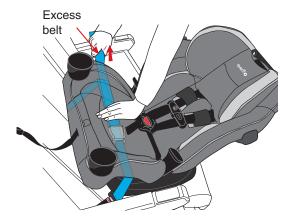




# Installing Child Seat Rear-facing in Aircraft



4. The aircraft seat belt must be as tight as possible. Using your full weight, push the child seat firmly onto the aircraft seat while pulling on the excess seat belt strap to tighten. Route the excess seat belt strap back through the rear-facing belt path opening, as shown below. Reconnect the seat pad to the front of the child seat.



Check your work. Try to move the child seat in all directions. If you can move the seat more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) side to side or front to back at the rear-facing belt path, the aircraft seat belt is not tight enough, and you MUST install again until the seat belt is tight.

 Recheck that the base of the child seat is flat against the aircraft seat and in the proper recline zone for the weight of the child.

**NOTE:** It may not be possible to get the appropriate recline position in an aircraft due to space limitations. In this case it is okay to use the car seat in a more upright position as long as the child's head remains appropriately positioned.

See pgs. 67-69 for instructions to position and secure your child in the harness.

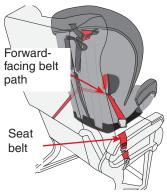


## Installing Child Seat Forward-facing in Aircraft

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



 Adjust the child seat to the fully upright position, then place it on the aircraft seat forward-facing.



 Route the aircraft seat belt through the forwardfacing belt path opening in the back of the child seat and continue through the belt path opening on the opposite side of the child seat.

**NOTE:** Lift the back pad away for easier access.

**DO NOT** route the seat belt through the belt guide when installing in aircraft.





# Installing Child Seat Forward-facing in Aircraft



- Fasten the aircraft seat belt.
- 4. The aircraft seat belt must be as tight as possible. Route the excess aircraft seat belt strap back through the forward-facing belt path opening, as shown. Using your full weight.



push the child seat firmly onto the aircraft seat while pulling on the excess seat belt strap to tighten.

**NOTE:** Because of the fixed length of aircraft seat belts, the belt buckle could be behind the child's back after tightening the belt. For your child's comfort, Evenflo recommends cushioning the child's back by placing a small pillow or folded-up blanket, or a folded-up jacket, over the belt buckle.

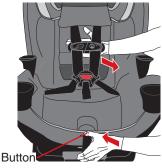
Check your work. Reconnect the seat pad to the child seat. Try to move the child seat in all directions. If you can move the seat more than 2.5 cm (1 in.) side to side or front to back at the forward-facing belt path, the aircraft seat belt is not tight enough, and you MUST install again until the seat belt is tight.

Recheck that the base of the child seat is flat against the aircraft seat.

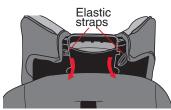
See pgs. 67-69 for instructions to position and secure your child in the harness.

## **Removing the Seat Cover**

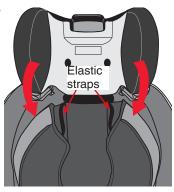
 Push the harness release button on the front of the seat. At the same time, pull on the harness straps.



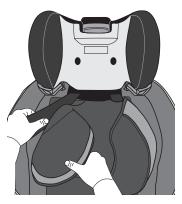
 Raise headrest and remove elastic straps from around headrest adjustment handle.



 Slide headrest pad over headrest and remove the elastic straps from vehicle belt guides.



 Pull the harness strap out of the opening in the headrest pad, and remove headrest pad from seat.

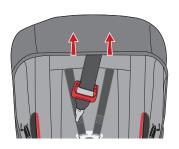


# **Removing the Seat Cover**

 On either side of the back pad, pull the corners of the cover off the seat shell.



6. Pull the cover over the back of the seat

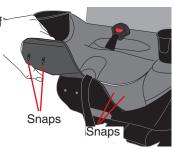


7. Disconnect the hook-and-loop connectors in the lower part of back pad, and lift cover off of seat.



## **Removing the Seat Cover**

 Disconnect snaps on both sides of the front of the seat, and lift up.



 Disconnect snaps at back and remove pockets from tabs on either side of seat pad.



10. Push buckle through slot in seat. Remove seat pad from seat.

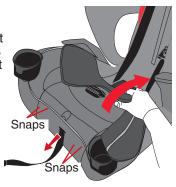
**NOTE:** It is not necessary to remove the cup holders in order to remove the seat pad.



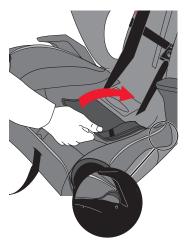
#### **Reattaching the Seat Cover**

 Pull seat pad over seat base and reconnect snaps on front of seat at both sides. Pull harness adjust strap through slot at front of seat pad, and pull buckle through slot in seat.

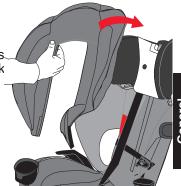
**NOTE:** It is not necessary to remove the cup holders in order to replace the seat pad.



Push in snaps at back of seat and insert tabs at sides of seat into pockets on either side of seat pad.



 Place the back pad around the upper seat shell. Reconnect the hook-and-loop fasteners at lower opening of back pad.



# **Reattaching the Seat Cover**

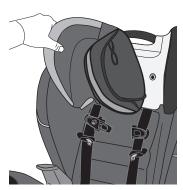
Insert the corners into the pockets on either side of back pad.



Pull back pad over car seat shell.

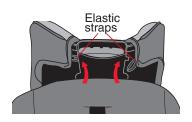


 Replace elastic straps around shoulder belt guides. Pull harness straps through opening in headrest pad.



 Attach elastic straps around headrest adjustment handle.

**NOTE:** Elastic straps are routed under tab and attached to tab at opposite side.



# Care and Cleaning

- DO NOT lubricate or immerse in water the SecureTight<sup>™</sup> connectors, the buckle, or any other part of this child seat, unless rinsing is permitted, as stated on the back of the buckle for your seat.
- Plastic and metal parts may be wiped clean with mild soap and water and dried with a soft cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- · Take care not to damage any labels.
- The harness can be wiped clean with mild soap and water. Allow harness to air dry.
- Machine wash soft goods separately in cold water, delicate cycle, NO CHLORINE BLEACH. Tumble dry 10 - 15 minutes on low heat. Remove immediately.
   Soft goods include seat pad, headrest pad, back pad, head pillow, body pillow, harness cover, and buckle cover.\*
- NEVER use child seat without the seat pad.
- To protect the child seat from damage caused by weather, rodents, and other elements common to garages, the outdoors, and other storage locations, remove the seat pad and thoroughly clean the chid seat and pad prior to storage. Take care to clean in the areas where crumbs and other debris tend to accumulate.

To help protect the vehicle upholstery, place a towel beneath and behind the child seat.

<sup>\*</sup> Not all features are available on all models. Styles may vary..

#### **Recording Model Information**

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

Model Number:	
Date of Manufacture:	

(year-month-day)/(année-mois-jour) Name / Nom Model / Modèle Made in / Fabriqué en Expires on/Expire le

Manufactured in / Fabriqué en

#### **Storing Your Instructions**

After reading and following these instructions, store manual as shown in the back pad (for high-back mode) or under the seat pad (for backless mode).







**Backless Mode** 

#### **Proper Disposal**

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

- 1. Remove all fabric and padding.
- Remove all screws and disassemble the seat.
- Recycle all fabric, padding, plastic, foam and metal parts, if accepted by your local recycling center. Responsibly discard the rest.

If your local recycling center won't accept the padding, you may dispose of it in the landfill.

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

#### **Replacement Parts**

To order replacement parts you can order online at <a href="https://www.evenflo.com">www.evenflo.com</a> or contact Evenflo. When you contact us, please have the product model number and date of manufacture (found on the back of the child seat). Not available on all models. Styles may vary.



#### **Limited Warranty**

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

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

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