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Convertible Car Seat



Your model may not look the same as shown.

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

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



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Overview

Welcome to the Safety 1st family and thank you for choosing this car seat, also known as a child restraint!

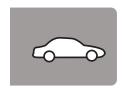
To help you get started using your child's new car seat, here are the 4 main tasks you'll need to complete.



Measure Your Child



Adjust Car Seat to Fit Your Child



Install Car Seat into Your Vehicle



Secure Your Child in Car Seat

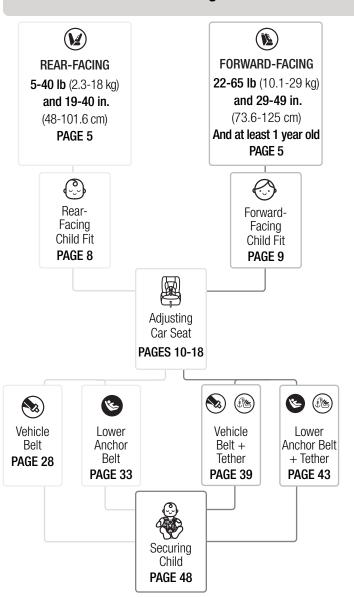
Your child's safety is worth the time it will take for you to read and follow these instructions.

Ready? Let's go!

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

Page 66 has our contact information. If at any point you would like assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.

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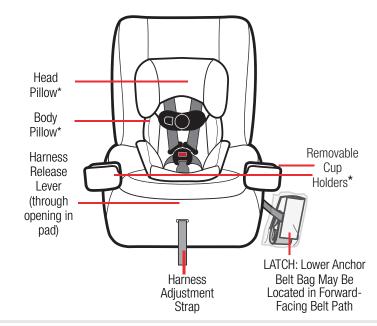
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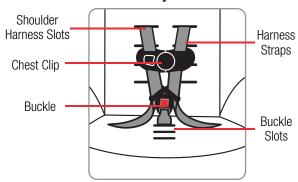
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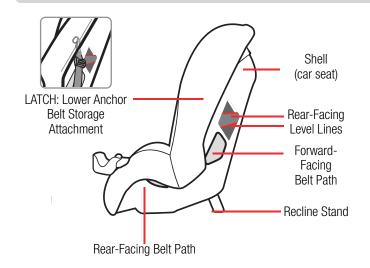
Parts of the Car Seat

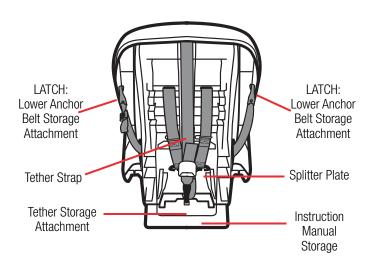


Harness System Detail



*Your model may not look the same as shown. See pages 3-4 for Accessory Use.





Accessory Use





For Use in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing Mode



Cup Holders (on select models)

Depending on your model, you may have one cup holder.

The cup holders are top-rack dishwasher safe.

To attach, push the cup holder onto the end of the armrest until you hear a click.

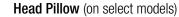


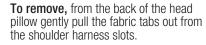






For Use in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing Mode





To attach, slide the fabric tabs into the shoulder harness slots.



Harness Covers (on select models)

The harness covers help provide comfort to your child's neck.

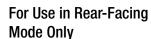
If the harness covers will not allow proper positioning of the chest clip or interfere with getting a tight enough harness fit for a smaller infant, remove and **do not** use.

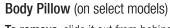
Store until your child is large enough to use the harness covers while maintaining a properly fitting harness.

To remove:

- 1. Pull Fastening Strips Apart
- 2. Pull Harness Covers Off Harness Strap







To remove, slide it out from behind the harness straps.





Measure your child's weight and height (do not guess) before choosing the car seat's mode.

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

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

State Laws

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

American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations Infants and Toddlers

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

Toddlers and Preschoolers

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

School-Aged Children

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

Older Children

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



REAR-FACING MODE

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

Children under 1 year of age must ride Rear-Facing.

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

• Weight Limit: 40 lb (18 kg); OR

• **Height Limit:** 40 in. (101.6 cm); **OR**

• Rear-Facing Child Fit requirements, see page 8



FORWARD-FACING MODE

22-65 lb (10.1-29 kg) and **29-49 in.** (73.6-125 cm)

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

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

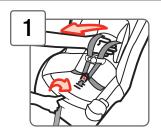
• Weight Limit: 65 lb (29 kg); **OR**

• Height Limit: 49 in. (125 cm); OR

• Forward-Facing Child Fit requirements, see page 9

Rear-Facing Child Fit

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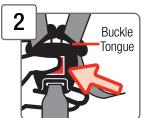
Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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



Head Position

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



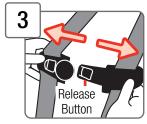
Unbuckle Harness

Press in on the red button and pull out the buckle tongues.



Harness Strap Position

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



Release Chest Clip

Hold each side of the chest clip.

Press on the release button with your thumb and pull the chest clip apart.



Place Child in Car Seat to Determine Proper Harness Fit

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



Buckle Position

The buckle **must be** used in either the **1st or 2nd slot**.

Choose the slot closest to your child.

The buckle **should not be underneath or behind** your child.

For Rear-Facing Child Fit, see page 8.

For Forward-Facing Child Fit, see page 9.

Need to make adjustments?

To change harness height, see pages 10-12.

To change buckle position, see pages 13-14.

Forward-Facing Child Fit

Changing Harness Height

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Head Position

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



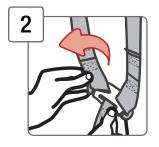
Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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



Harness Strap Position

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



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



Buckle Position

The buckle can be used in **any slot**. Choose the slot closest to your child.

The buckle **should not be underneath or behind** your child.



Pull Harness Strap Out of Shoulder Harness Slots

Need to make adjustments?

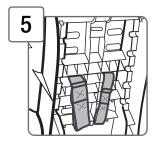
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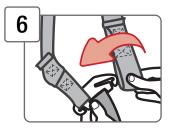
Rethread Harness Strap Into Correct Shoulder Harness Slots For Your Child

For Rear-Facing child fit, see page 8.
For Forward-Facing child fit, see page 9.



From Back of Car Seat, Pull Harness Straps Through Pad and Shell

Do not twist the harness strap.

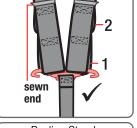


Attach 1st Harness Strap Loops to Splitter Plate As Shown

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

Do not twist the harness strap or the harness adjustment strap.

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



The harness strap loop ends **must** go through the recline stand as shown.

The harness adjustment strap **must** lie under the harness strap as shown.



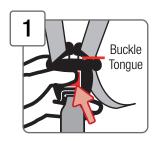
Check your child's fit often.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 15-17.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 48-50. Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

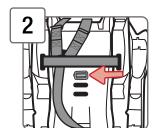
The harness system must be installed correctly. Do not use a child restraint with damaged harness straps.

Changing Buckle Position



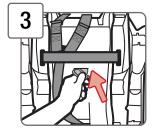
Unbuckle Harness

Press in on the red button.
Pull the buckle tongues out.



Turn Car Seat Over

Locate the buckle's metal retainer on bottom of the shell.



Rotate Metal Retainer and Push It Up Through Shell and Pad



From Top of Car Seat, Pull Buckle Out of Shell and Pad



Insert Buckle's Metal Retainer into Slot Closest to Child

The buckle **must** face out.

Rear-Facing Mode:

You **must** use the 1st or 2nd buckle slots.

Forward-Facing Mode:

Any slot can be used.



Pull Metal Retainer Completely Through Pad and Shell



Check Buckle

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

The buckle **must not** pull out.

Check your child's fit often.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 15-17.

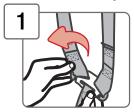
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Failure to place buckle's metal retainer completely through pad and shell can result in serious injury or death.

Harness System Adjustments for Smaller Infants

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

Adjusting Harness Strap



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

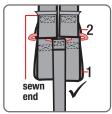


Attach 2nd Harness Strap Loops to Splitter Plate As Shown

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

Do not twist the harness strap or the harness adjustment strap.

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



Recline_Stand

Harness Adjustment

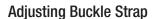
Strap

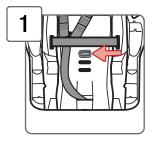
The harness strap loop ends must go through the recline stand as shown.

The harness adjustment strap **must** lie under the harness strap as shown.

Check your child's fit often.

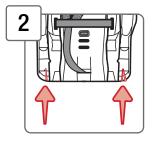
To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 48-50.





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

If you need to move the buckle to the 1st slot, see pages 13-14.



Release Pad's Elastic Straps Off of Tabs



From Top of Car Seat, Lift Pad off Front of Shell

Reclining the Car Seat

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From Bottom of Car Seat. **Pull Metal Retainer Towards** You and Push It Up into Middle Slot As Shown



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



Replace Pad and Check Buckle

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

The buckle **must not** pull out.

Check your child's fit often.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 48-50.

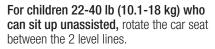
The harness system must be installed correctly. Do not use a child restraint with damaged harness straps.

This car seat has 2 positions.



Rear-Facing Mode - 1 Reclined

For children between 5-22 lb (2.3-10 kg), the bottom level line on the shell **must** be parallel with the ground.



Start by making the bottom level line parallel with the ground, then rotate the car seat up.

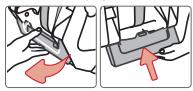
Do not rotate past the top level line.



Forward-Facing Mode - 2 Upright

How to Change Positions

Upright



For Upright: Pull the recline stand out from under the car seat and push up to lock it into place.

Recline

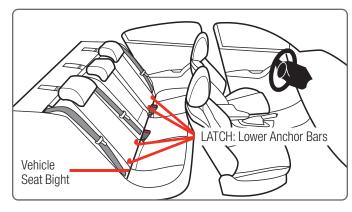


To Recline: Hold the recline stand and pull down to unlock it and fold it under the seat.





For Use in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing Mode



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

The lower anchors of **LATCH** (Lower **A**nchors and **T**ethers for **CH**ildren) is a universal system for installing car seats without using vehicle seat belts.

The LATCH: lower anchor belt can **only** be used in vehicles that have the lower anchor bars installed in designated seating positions. Most vehicles manufactured after September 2002 are equipped with LATCH: lower anchor bars.

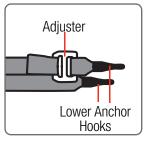
Check your vehicle owner's manual to see which seating positions may be equipped with LATCH: lower anchor bars.

Do not use both the lower anchor belt and vehicle belt at the same time. When used correctly the lower anchor belt or the vehicle belts are equally safe.









Lower Anchor Belt Parts

To Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Storage Attachment on Car Seat

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

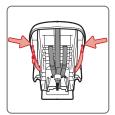




To Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Vehicle Anchor Bars

Remove the tension from the belt by pushing down on the side of the car seat with the adjuster. Then press the adjuster's button to loosen the belt.

Remove the hook from the anchor by squeezing the spring lever on the hook, pushing the hook back into the seat bight, and rotating the hook to the side. Then pull the hook out of the vehicle seat bight.

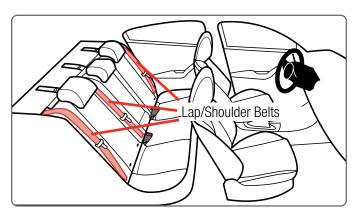


Lower Anchor Belt Storage Attachments

To Store Lower Anchor Belt

When using the vehicle belts to install, or when the car seat is not installed in a vehicle, the lower anchor belt must be properly stored.

Thread lower anchor belt through **Forward-Facing Belt Path** then attach hooks to attachments behind pad as shown. Gently tighten to remove slack.



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

If LATCH: lower anchors are not an option or if your child weighs more than **40 lb** (18 kg), you must use the vehicle seat belt system to install the car seat.

Not all vehicle belts and seating positions will work with car seats.

Please go through the following steps to understand how to lock a car seat in Rear-Facing Mode or Forward-Facing Mode with a vehicle belt.



You Must Review Your Vehicle Owner's Manual

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

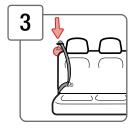


Check How This Car Seat Will Be Locked Into Place

The vehicle belt **must not** loosen after tightening. This means there needs to be a way to lock the vehicle belt.

The ways this can be done are:

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



Check Retractor

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

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



Types of Retractors

Switchable Retractor

(most vehicles have this type)



This retractor can be switched to a locking mode.

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

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

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

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

Automatic Locking Retractor



This retractor always locks.

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

Emergency Locking Retractor

See Step 4, "Check Latch Plates".

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

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





Check Latch Plates

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

To see if the latch plate locks:

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

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

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

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

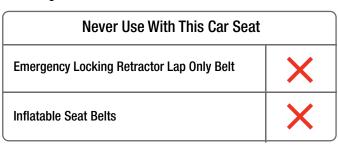


Locking Latch Plate

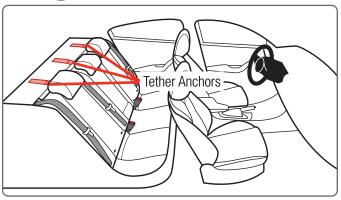
Emergency Locking Retractor with a Sliding Latch Plate

If you have an Emergency Locking Retractor with a Sliding Latch Plate, you must use a locking clip.

Please contact us for one, see page 65.



For Forward-Facing Mode Only



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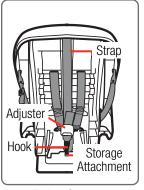
You must always attach, adjust, and secure the tether (top anchorage) strap when installing the car seat in the Forward-Facing Mode with internal harness. Tethers improve the installation and stability of car seats and reduce the risk of injury.

Attach the tether hook to the tether anchor designated by your vehicle manufacturer for that seating position. Check your vehicle owner's manual for more information.

If the seating position does not have a tether anchor, use a different seating position or see your dealer or a qualified mechanic and have one installed.

Using this child restraint without the tether strap anchored as required by the manufacturer would be a misuse of the child restraint and, in a sudden stop or crash, could result in serious injury or death.

Do not fasten multiple tether hooks on the same tether anchor in the vehicle.



Tether Storage and Parts

Storing Tether Strap

When installing in the Rear-Facing Mode or when the car seat is not installed in a vehicle, attach the tether hook to its storage attachment on the back of the car seat as shown.

Gently tighten to remove slack.





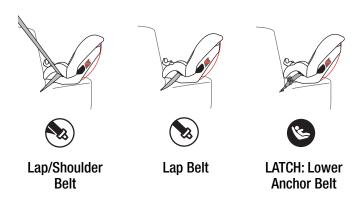
Adjusting Tether Strap

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

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

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







Never install a rear-facing child restraint in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with an active frontal airbag.

Do not use the tether for rear-facing mode. Secure the tether strap hook to its storage attachment.

Do not use the lower anchor belt along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt.

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

Do not fasten multiple lower anchor hooks on the same lower anchor bar in the vehicle.

This child restraint must always face the rear of the vehicle until the child is at least 1 year old and weighs 22 lb (10 kg).



Before you begin installing the seat into your vehicle, did you check:



Your child's weight and height? See page 27.



Your child's fit? See page 8.

Do you need to make adjustments to the harness height or the buckle position?



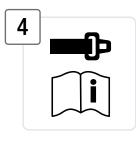
Pull Down Recline Stand to Unlock and Fold It Under Car Seat

Loosely attach the tether hook to its storage attachment before folding the recline stand.

Fold the recline stand and then gently tighten the tether strap to remove slack.



Place Car Seat Rear-Facing in Back Seat



Check if Your Vehicle Belts Will Work With This Car Seat

This is very important because **not** all vehicle belts will work with car seats.

Review pages 21-24 and your vehicle owner's manual to find out what kind of vehicle belts you have and how to lock a car seat in place.



Check Rear-Facing Level Lines

For children between 5-22 lb (2.3-10 kg), the bottom level line on the shell must be parallel with the ground.

For children 22-40 lb (10.1-18 kg) who can sit up unassisted, rotate the car seat between the 2 level lines.

Start by making the bottom level line parallel with the ground, then rotate the car seat up.

Do not rotate past the top level line.



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Locate Rear-Facing Belt Path



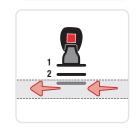
Route Vehicle Belt

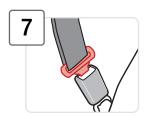
Thread the vehicle belt into the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** opening as shown.

The belt goes:

- across the car seat; AND
- under the car seat pad; AND
- $\bullet\,$ in front of the buckle; \boldsymbol{AND}
- out the other **Rear-Facing Belt Path** opening.

Do not twist belt.





Buckle Vehicle Belt



Tighten Belt

Place your hand in the car seat.

Firmly push the car seat down and back towards the vehicle seat back while pulling the shoulder belt or the free end of the lap belt parallel with the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** as shown.



Check Belt Tightness

Hold the car seat at the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** with your weaker hand.

Push and pull the car seat from side to side. It should not move more than **1 in.** (2.5 cm).

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

- Pulling the belt tighter; **OR**
- Reinstalling the car seat; OR
- Changing to a different seating location; **OR**
- Switching to LATCH: lower anchor belt installation if lower anchors are available in your vehicle



Secure Child in Car Seat

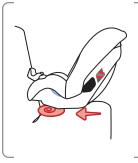
To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 48-50.

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



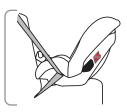
Recheck Rear-Facing Level Lines

Redo the installation if the car seat is not reclined correctly for your child.



You may need to place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the car seat to help get the correct recline angle for the **Rear-Facing Level Line**.

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



Finished!

Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened.

Rear-Facing LATCH: Lower Anchor Instal

Before you begin installing the seat into your vehicle, did you check:



Your child's weight and height? See page 27.



Your child's fit? See page 8.

Do you need to make adjustments to the harness height or the buckle position?



Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Storage Attachments

Or if the lower anchor belt was used Forward-Facing, remove it from the Forward-Facing Belt Path so both hooks are on the same side of the car seat as shown.



From Bottom of Car Seat, Release Pad's Elastic Straps From Tabs



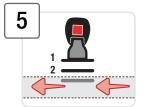
Pull Seat Pad Off Front of Shell



Locate Rear-Facing Belt Path

Thread the lower anchor hook through the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** opening as shown.

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



Route Lower Anchor Belt

The belt goes:

- across the car seat; AND
- under the car seat pad; AND
- in front of the buckle; AND
- out the other **Rear-Facing Belt Path** opening.

Do not twist belt.



Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing



Pull Down Recline Stand to Unlock and Fold It Under Car Seat

Loosely attach the tether hook to its storage attachment before folding the recline stand.

Fold the recline stand and then gently tighten the tether strap to remove slack.



Place Car Seat Rear-Facing in **Back Seat**



Check Rear-Facing Level Lines

For children between 5-22 lb (2.3-10 kg), the bottom level line on the shell **must** be parallel with the ground.



For children 22-40 lb (10.1-18 kg) who can sit up unassisted, rotate the car seat between the 2 level lines.

Start by making the bottom level line parallel with the ground, then rotate the car seat up.

Do not rotate past the top level line.



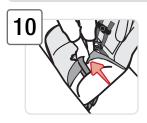
Attach Lower Anchor Hooks to Vehicle's **Lower Anchors in Seat Bight**

Review your vehicle owner's manual for LATCH: lower anchor locations and lower anchor belt use.



Fasten one hook to one vehicle lower anchor bar.

Then repeat for the second hook on the other side of the car seat.



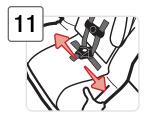
Tighten Belt

Place your hand in the car seat.

Firmly push the car seat down and back towards the vehicle seat back while pulling the free end of the belt as shown.



It may be easier to tighten the belt by pulling back the seat pad and pulling the free end of the belt towards you and parallel with the belt path as shown.



Check Belt Tightness

Hold the car seat at the **Rear-Facing** Belt Path with your weaker hand.

Push and pull the car seat from side to side. It should not move more than **1 in.** (2.5 cm).

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

- Pulling the belt tighter; **OR**
- Reinstalling the car seat; OR
- Changing to a different seating location; **OR**
- Switching to vehicle belt installation

Forward-Facing Mode

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Secure Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 48-50.

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



Recheck Rear-Facing Level Lines

Redo the installation if the car seat is not reclined correctly for your child.



You may need to place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the car seat to help get the correct recline angle for the **Rear-Facing Level Line**.

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



Finished!

Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened.

22-65 lb (10.1-29 kg) **and 29-49 in.** (73.6-125 cm) **and at least 1 year old**





Lap/Shoulder Belt and Tether Up to 65 lb (29 kg)









LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt and Tether Do not install by this method for a child weighing more than 40 lbs (18 kg).



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 40 lbs (18 kg).

The vehicle belt must be used for installation if your child weighs more than 40 lb (18 kg).

Do not use the lower anchor belt along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt.

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

Do not fasten multiple lower anchor hooks on the same lower anchor bar in the vehicle.

In this child restraint your child must be at least 1 year old and weigh 22 lb (10 kg) before they sit forward-facing.





Forward-Facing Vehicle Belt + Tether Install

Before you begin installing the seat into your vehicle, did you check:



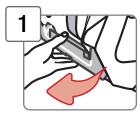
Your child's weight and height?

See page 38.



Your child's fit? See page 9.

Do you need to make adjustments to the harness height or the buckle position?



Pull Recline Stand Out from Under Seat and Push Up to Lock into Place



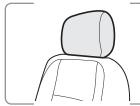
Place Car Seat Forward-Facing in Back Seat

Make the car seat flush against the vehicle seat. The vehicle seat back **must be** upright.





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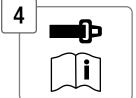
If your vehicle seat's headrest interferes with a flush car seat fit,

check your vehicle owner's manual to see if the headrest can be removed, adjusted, or if there are other possible seating locations to use the car seat.



Loosely Attach Tether Hook to Vehicle's Tether Anchor

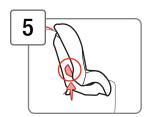
Check your vehicle owner's manual for specific tether (top anchorage) anchor locations.



Check if Your Vehicle Belts Will Work With This Car Seat

This is very important because **not** all vehicle belts will work with car seats.

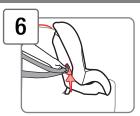
Review pages 21-24 and your vehicle owner's manual to find out what kind of vehicle belt you have and how to lock a car seat in place.



Locate Forward-Facing Belt Path





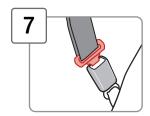


Route Vehicle Belt

Thread the vehicle belt through Forward-Facing Belt Path opening as shown. The belt goes:

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

Do not twist belt.



Buckle Vehicle Belt



Tighten Belt

Place your hand in the car seat.

Firmly push the car seat down and back towards the vehicle seat back while pulling the shoulder belt or the free end of the lap belt parallel with the Forward-Facing Belt Path as shown.



Tighten Tether

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





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Check Belt Tightness

Hold the car seat at the Forward-Facing Belt Path with your weaker hand.

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

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

- Putting your knee in the car seat and pulling the belt tighter; **OR**
- Reinstalling the car seat; OR
- Changing to a different seating location; OR
- Switching to LATCH: lower anchor belt installation if lower anchors are available in your vehicle



Finished!

Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened.



Securing Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 48-50.

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



Forward-Facing LATCH: Lower Anchor + Tether Install

Before you begin installing the seat into your vehicle, did you check:



Your child's weight and height?

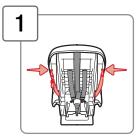
See page 38.



Your child's fit? See page 9.

Do you need to make adjustments to the harness height or the buckle position?

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 40 lbs (18 kg).



Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Storage Attachments

Remove the belt from the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** so both hooks are on the same side of the car seat as shown.





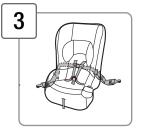






Thread the hook through the **Forward-Facing Belt Path** as shown.

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



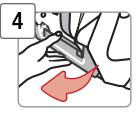
Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing

Route Lower Anchor Belt

The belt goes:

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

Do not twist belt.



Pull Recline Stand Out From Under Seat and Push Up to Lock into Place



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Attach Lower Anchor Hooks to Vehicle's **Lower Anchors in Seat Bight**

Review your vehicle owner's manual for LATCH: lower anchor locations and lower anchor belt use.

Fasten one hook to one vehicle lower anchor bar.

Then repeat for the second hook on the other side of the car seat.



Tighten Belt

Place your hand in the car seat.

Firmly push the car seat down and back towards the vehicle seat back while pulling the free end of the belt as shown.



It may be easier to tighten the belt by pulling back the seat pad and pulling the free end of the belt parallel with the belt path as shown.



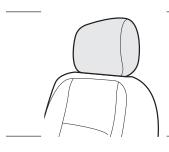
Tighten Tether

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



Place Car Seat Forward-Facing in Back Seat

Make the car seat flush against the vehicle seat. The vehicle seat back must be upright.



If your vehicle seat's headrest interferes with a flush car seat fit, check your vehicle owner's manual to

see if the headrest can be removed, adjusted, or if there are other possible seating locations to use the car seat.



Loosely Attach Tether Hook to Vehicle's Tether Anchor

Check your vehicle owner's manual for specific tether (top anchorage) anchor locations.





Check Belt Tightness

Hold the car seat at the **Forward-Facing Belt Path** with your weaker hand.

Push and pull the car seat from side to side. It should not move more than **1 in.** (2.5 cm).

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

- Putting your knee in the car seat and pulling the belt tighter; **OR**
- Reinstalling the car seat; OR
- Changing to a different seating location; **OR**
- Switching to vehicle belt installation



Finished!

Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened.



Securing Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 48-50.

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



Place Child in Car Seat

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

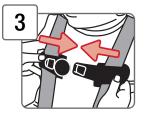
Position the harness straps over your child's shoulders and upper thighs.



Buckle Harness

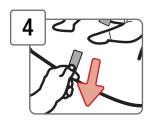
Push the buckle tongues into the buckle until you hear them "click".

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



Fasten Chest Clip

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



Tighten Harness

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



Position Chest Clip

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



Check Harness Tightness

Try to pinch the harness strap at the shoulder vertically between your index finger and thumb as shown.

If your fingers slip off, the harness system is tight enough.

If you can pinch the harness strap, tighten more.

A snug strap should not allow any slack.

It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging.

It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.



Finished!

Your child is now secured in the car seat.

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

To Remove Child from Car Seat:

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



Failure to fasten and tighten the harness system correctly may allow the child to be ejected from the child restraint in a crash or sudden stop causing serious injury or death.



Do not mistake comfort for safety. The harness system must be snugly adjusted.

Do not put snowsuits or bulky garments on your child when placing them in the child restraint. Bulky clothing can prevent the harness straps from being tightened properly.

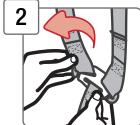
Removing Harness System

Only remove the harness system to clean the seat pad.



Fully Loosen Harness Straps

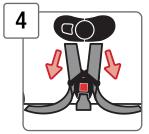
Push down on harness release lever (through opening in pad) while pulling out on harness straps as shown.



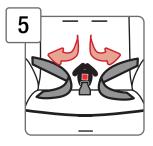
From Back of Car Seat, Remove Harness Strap Loops From Splitter Plate



Pull Harness Strap Out of Shoulder Harness Slots



Unthread Chest Clip

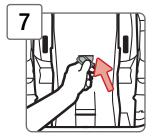


Unthread Buckle

Do not unbuckle.



Pull Harness Strap Out of Car Seat



Turn Car Seat Over

Locate the buckle's metal retainer on the bottom of the shell.

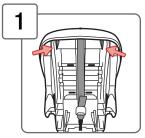
Rotate the metal retainer and push it up through the shell and pad.



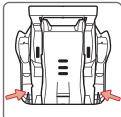
From Top of Car Seat, Pull Buckle Out of Shell and Pad You need to remove the harness system and accessories to remove the pad from the shell.

To remove accessories, see page 3.

To remove harness system, see pages 51-52.



Release Elastic Straps from Tabs on Back and Bottom of Shell As Shown



Remove Pad from Shell

Pull the pad off the top of car seat from the shell, and remove it.

Cleaning Seat Pad and Accessories

Machine wash separately with cold water on a gentle cycle.

Do not use bleach. Tumble dry separately for 10-12 minutes on low heat. Remove immediately.

Cleaning Parts of Car Seat &

Installing Seat Pad Set

Cleaning Harness Strap

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

Spot clean using warm sudsy water and damp cloth.

Spilled food and liquids on the car seat may result in mold or bacterial growth over time. These spills could also attract insects or rodents.

Cleaning Buckle & Car Seat Shell

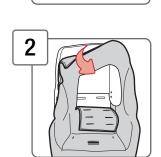
Spot clean using warm sudsy water and damp cloth. Do not submerge into water.

Installing Seat Pad

Starting from the bottom of the car seat, slip the pad on the shell. Pull the harness adjustment strap through the pad. Wrap the pad around the top of the shell. Attach the elastic straps on the back and bottom of shell.

Install harness system, see pages 55-58.

Do not use the child restraint without the seat pad or with damaged harness straps.



Installing Harness System

Installing Buckle

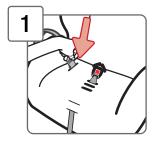


Insert Buckle's Metal Retainer into Slot Closest to Child

The buckle **must** face out.

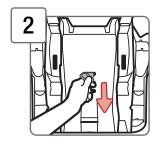
Rear-Facing Mode: You must use the 1st or 2nd buckle slots.

Forward-Facing Mode: Any slot can be used.

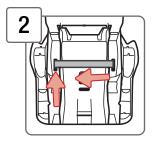


Installing Harness Strap

Thread Harness Strap
With the sewn end of harness
strap loop facing the buckle,
thread the harness strap down
through the hip harness slot.



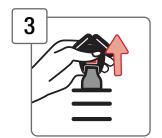
Pull Metal Retainer Completely Through Pad and Shell



Pull Harness Strap Across Bottom of Shell

Push the harness strap up through the other hip harness slot.

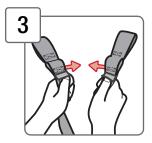
Do not twist the harness strap.



Check Buckle

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

The buckle **must not** pull out.



Make Harness Strap Even

The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **must** face each other when you hold them up.



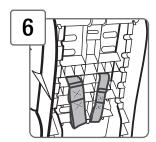
Thread Buckle and Chest Clip

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



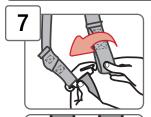
Thread Harness Straps into Correct Shoulder Harness Slots for Your Child

For Rear-Facing child fit, see page 8. For Forward-Facing child fit, see page 9.



From Back of Car Seat, Pull Harness Strap Through Pad and Shell

Do not twist the harness strap.

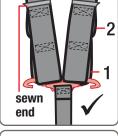


Attach 1st Harness Strap Loops to Splitter Plate As Shown

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

Do not twist the harness strap or the harness adjustment strap.

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



The harness strap loop ends **must** go through the recline stand as shown.

The harness adjustment strap **must** lie under the harness strap as shown.



Check your child's fit often.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 15-17.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 48-50.

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

The harness system must be installed correctly. Do not use a child restraint with damaged harness straps.

This restraint is certified for aircraft use.

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



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

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

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

⚠ Store the lower anchor belt and tether strap when installing with aircraft belts.



Rear-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the steps on pages 28-32.



Forward-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the steps on pages 39-42, skipping the tether strap steps.

Do not risk your child's safety.

Replacement and Expiration of Car Seat

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

Replacement After a Minor Crash

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

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

If the crash your car seat was involved in meets **ALL** the criteria, you may not need to replace the car seat.

If one or more of these criteria are not true or if you are uncertain of any of your answers, replace the car seat immediately.

Replacement After a Moderate to Severe Crash

You **must** replace this car seat if it has been in a moderate to severe car crash.

This car seat is intended to protect a child in a single crash.

During a crash, the car seat and all of its parts absorb crash energy which can deform or weaken it. Damage is not always visible.

A damaged car seat must be replaced immediately.



Expiration

On the side of the car seat there is a date of manufacture label as shown.

Do not use this car seat more than 10 years after the date of manufacture.

⚠ Child Restraint Use

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

Never leave your child unattended. Placing your child in a hot child restraint may result in burns.

Do not use a child restraint with damaged or missing parts.

Do not use a child restraint with cut, frayed or damaged harnesses.

Do not substitute parts or try to modify the child restraint in any way. Do not lubricate buckles and fasteners.

Do not use any child restraint accessory except those approved by Dorel Juvenile Group.

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

Do not remove or cover up any of the warning labels or other labels on the child restraint.

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

Read all instructions for additional warnings.

1 Installation in Vehicle

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

This child restraint should be securely belted in the vehicle even when not in use. In a crash or sudden stop, an unsecured child restraint could injure occupants.

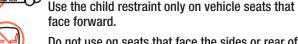
1 Vehicle Seating Position



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



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



Do not use on seats that face the sides or rear of the vehicle.

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



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

According to accident statistics, children in rear seating positions are statistically safer, whether you have air bags, advanced air bags, or no air bags at all.

If you are not sure where to place the car seat in your vehicle: consult your vehicle owner's manual, contact Dorel Juvenile Group Consumer Care Department or visit your local Child Passenger Inspection Station.

Go to http://www.safercar.gov/cpsApp/cps/index.htm to find your closest station.

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

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

To help protect your vehicle seat's upholstery from damage, use a single layer towel underneath and behind car seat.

Registration and Safety Notices

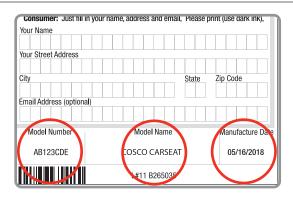
Please complete the postage-paid registration card that came with your child restraint, and send it to us. Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address, e-mail address if available and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to:

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2525 State Street Columbus, IN 47201

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

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



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



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

Warranty

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. (DJG) warrants this product to the original retail purchaser as follows: This product is warranted against defective materials or workmanship for one year from the date of original purchase. **An original receipt is required to validate your warranty.** DJG will, at its option, provide replacement parts or replace this product. DJG reserves the right to substitute if the part or model has been discontinued. To make a claim under this warranty, please contact our Consumer Care Department by phone: 1-800-544-1108; text: 1-812-652-2525; or chat with us: www.safety1st.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Troubleshooting

- 1. If the child restraint buckle or harness release lever sticks or you cannot get the straps tight enough around child: DO NOT LUBRICATE. Check around lever and retractor for dropped food, sticky spilled drinks, dirt, leaves, etc. Clean with warm water and/or remove object with tweezers. If you cannot get the harness to adjust and remain tight with the buckle securely locked, do not use the child restraint.
- **2.** If your harness twists: Straighten the harness each time you put your child in the child restraint to help prevent twisting. Lock the buckle and tighten harness so it will be ready for next use.

Chest Clip Cup Holder
Harness Straps Instructions
Buckle Assembly Locking Clip
Seat Pad Set Tether
Lower Anchor Belt

If requested color is not available, similar color will be substituted.

Prices are subject to change.

Applicable tax and shipping & handling will also be added.

For parts availability and questions,

Call: 1-800-544-1108 **Text:** 1-812-652-2525 **Chat:** www.safety1st.com

If you already know which parts you need, you may complete your order with a credit card by calling us at 1-800-544-1108.

We accept Visa or MasterCard.

Hours of Operation:

M-TH: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM EST FRI: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM EST

Thank you for choosing this car seat, also known as a child restraint. The DJG family is committed to creating car seats with the most comfort and convenience available today.

Remember, parents are a child's first teachers and examples. If you always buckle your seat belt, your child will think it is the natural thing to do. Make it a firm rule that the vehicle does not go until everyone is buckled up. Make no exceptions.

No one can predict if use of a car seat will prevent injury or death in a particular crash. However, when combined with careful driving, proper use of a car seat can lower a child's risk of injury or death in most crashes.

If you have questions or any concerns with this car seat, please contact our Consumer Care Department:

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