



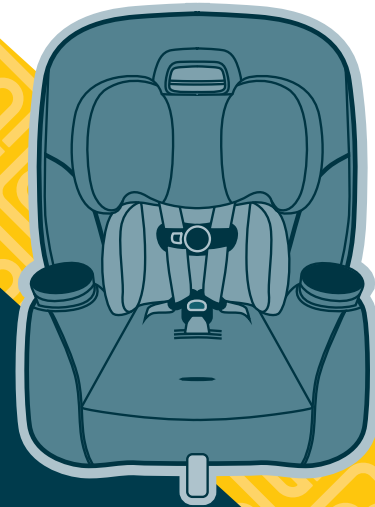
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(on select models)

- Seat Pad Set
- Chest Clip
- Harness Strap
- Buckle Assembly
- Locking Clip
- Top Tether
- Lower Anchor Belt
- Instructions
- Removable Cup Holder(s)

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Crosstown Slim

All-in-One Convertible Car Seat

Your model may look different than one shown on cover.

Read all instructions **BEFORE USING** this car seat.

KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.

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



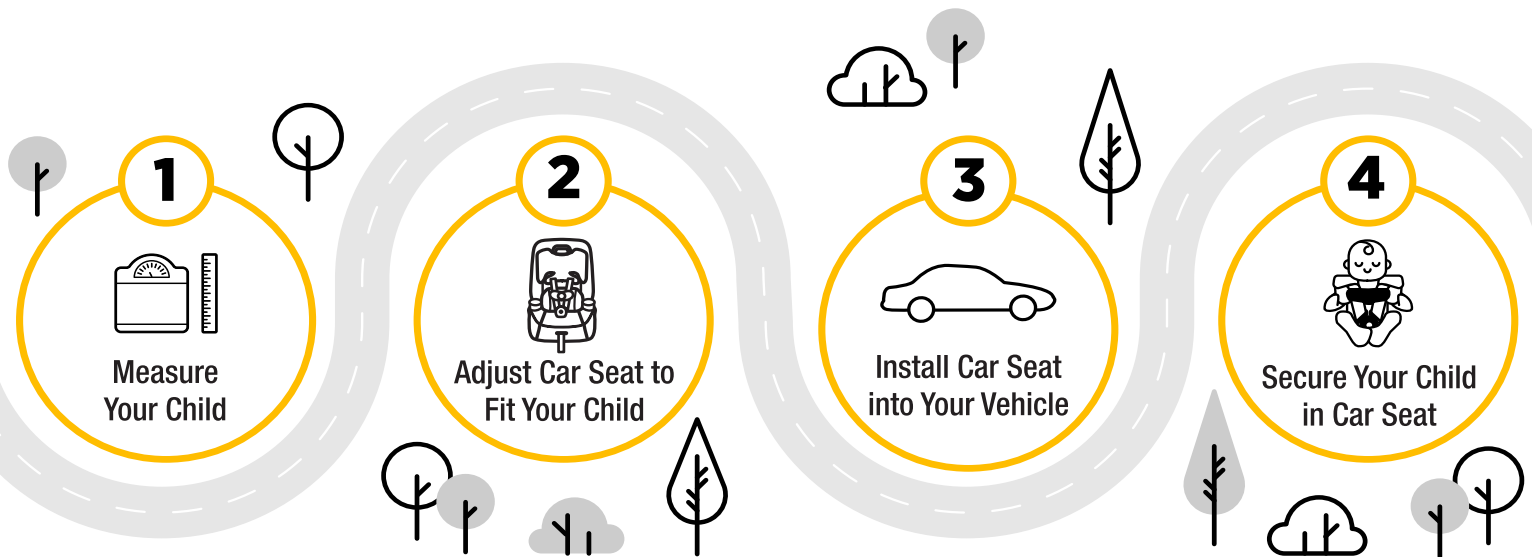
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Welcome to the Safety 1st Family!

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

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



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

Ready? Let's go!

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

The Back Cover of this Manual has our contact information. If at any point you would like assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.

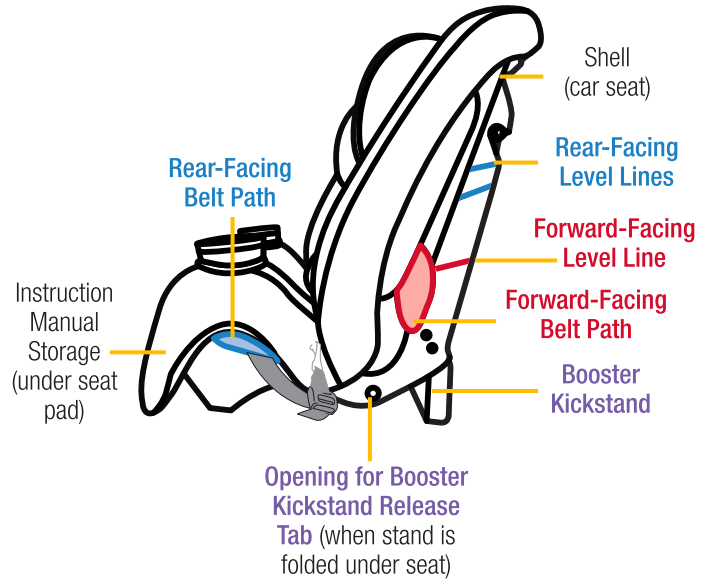
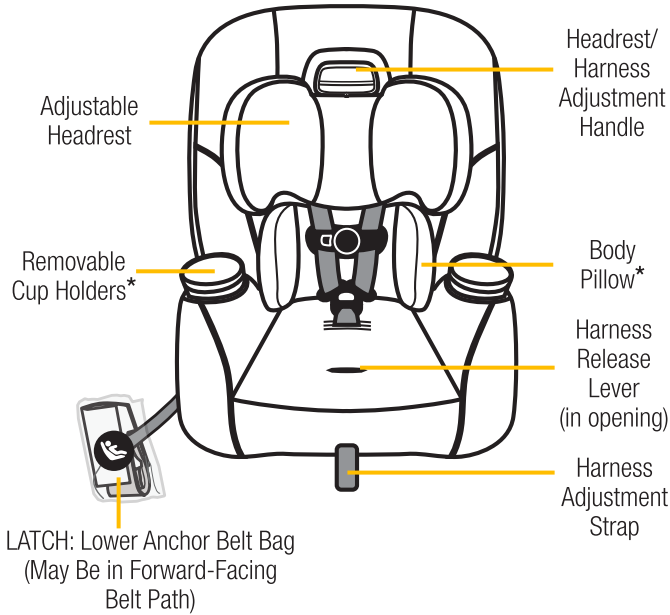
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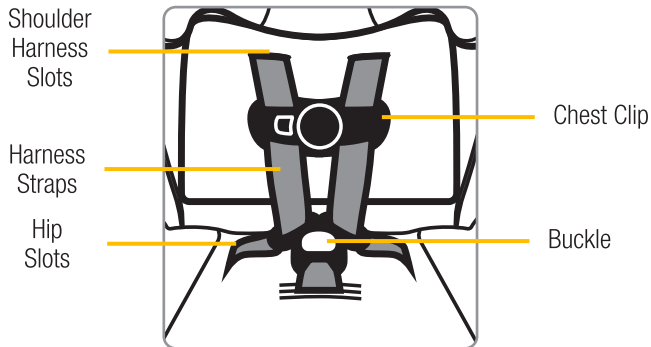
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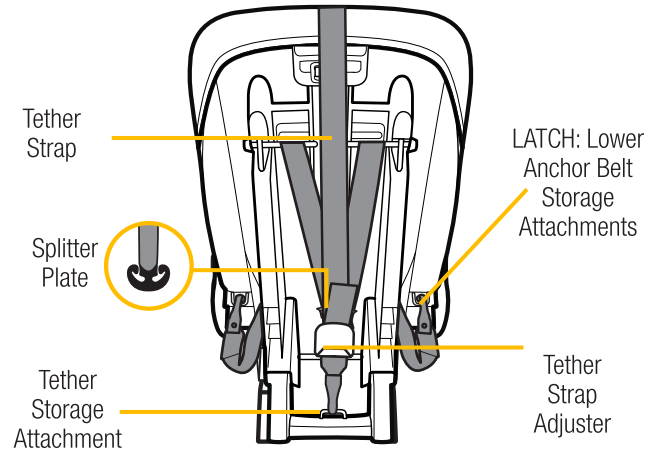
Parts of Car Seat

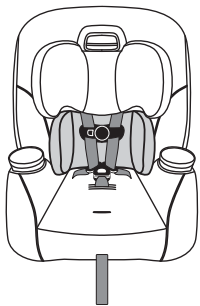


Harness System Detail



*See page 3 for Accessory Use.

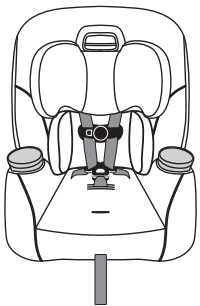




Body Pillow
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**For Optional Use in
Rear-Facing Mode Only**

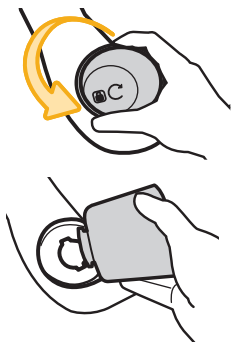
To remove, slide it out from behind the harness straps.



Removable Cup Holder(s)
(on select models)

For Use in All Modes

**The cup holders are top-rack
dishwasher safe.**



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

To install cup holder, align the bottom of the cup holder to the slot in the car seat. Twist the cup holder clockwise until it clicks into place.

⚠ WARNING

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

Be certain to measure your child's weight and height (do not guess) before choosing this car seat's mode.

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

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

Infants and Toddlers

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

Toddlers and Preschoolers

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

School-Aged Children

Children can only use a belt-positioning booster car seat once they outgrow forward-facing harness weight or height limits. Children must use the belt-positioning booster mode until the vehicle's lap and shoulder seat belt fit them properly without the belt-positioning booster.

Rear-Facing Mode

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

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

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Forward-Facing Mode

30–65 lb (13.7–29.5 kg) **and**
34.4–49 in. (87.1–125 cm)

In this car seat, your child **MUST** remain in harnessed **Forward-Facing** mode until they outgrow any one of the above.

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Booster Seat Mode

40–100 lb (18.1–45.4 kg) **and**
43.4–52 in. (110.1–132.1 cm)

In this car seat, your child can use the **Booster Seat** mode until they fit the vehicle's lap and shoulder seat belt properly without a **Booster Seat** **OR** outgrow any one of the above.

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

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

- **Weight Limit:** 40 lb (18 kg); **OR**
- **Height Limit:** 40 in. (101.6 cm); **OR**
- **Rear-Facing Child Fit** requirements, see pages 8–9.

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

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

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Rear-Facing Vehicle Install: Page 10

⚠️ WARNING



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

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

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

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

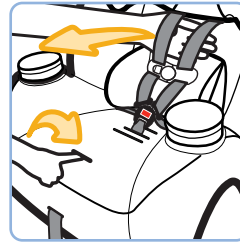
Check the vehicle belt or the lower anchor belt before each use.

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

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

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

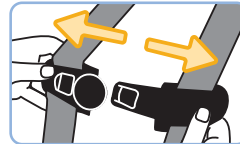
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Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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

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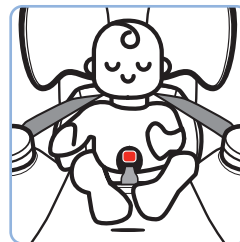


Undo Chest Clip and Buckle

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



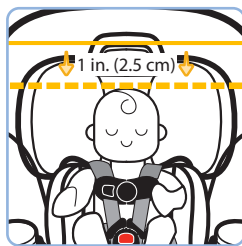
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Place Child in Car Seat

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

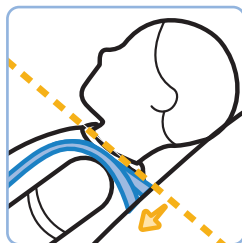
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Check Head Position

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

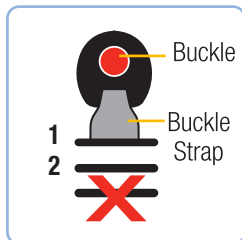
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Check Harness Strap Position

The harness strap **MUST** be placed **at the shoulder** when possible, or slightly below; never above.

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Check Buckle Position

Use the slot closest to your child.

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

DO NOT use the 3rd buckle slot in **Rear-Facing Mode**.



To change the harness strap height, see page 39.

To change the buckle position, see page 40.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 27–29.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 42–43.

There are 2 different methods for install.

Use only one:



Vehicle Belt

OR



LATCH: Lower
Anchor Belt

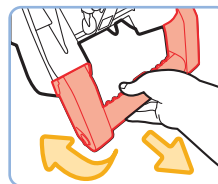
⚠ WARNING

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



- Before installing the car seat in your vehicle, check to see if you need to adjust the buckle position for your child. **See step 6 on page 9 for child fit.** Once the car seat is installed, you will not be able to adjust the buckle position.
- **Review vehicle owner's manual.** Determine the type of vehicle belts in your car and how to use them to lock a car seat in place **OR** where LATCH: lower anchor seating positions are located in your vehicle.
- If you are using a vehicle belt to install the seat, make sure the lower anchor belt is stored away (see page 54).
- Make sure the tether strap is properly stored away (see page 59).

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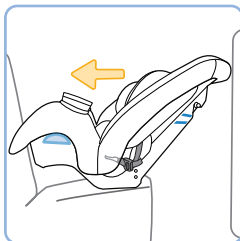


Recline Car Seat

Pull down the booster kickstand to unlock and fold it under the car seat.

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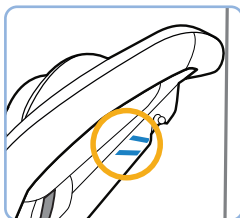


Place Car Seat **Rear-Facing** in Back Seat

The car seat base **MUST** be flat on the vehicle seat.

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

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Recline Car Seat and Check **Rear-Facing Level Lines**

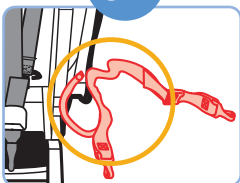
For children 5–30 lb (2.3–13.6 kg) and 19–34.3 in. (48–87 cm), the bottom level line on the car seat **MUST** be parallel with the ground.

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

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OR



Locate **Rear-Facing Belt Path** and Route Vehicle Belt or Lower Anchor Belt through It

For the Lower Anchor Belt: Pull the entire lower anchor belt over to the child's right as shown.

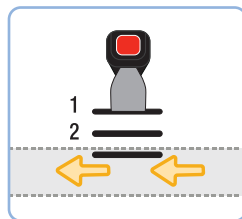


You may need to fully lengthen the belt before routing it into the belt path. Squeeze the adjuster button and pull the belt out as shown.



Then route the hook through the **Rear-Facing Belt Path**.

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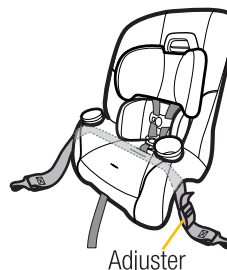


Vehicle Belt or Lower Anchor Belt Goes:

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

DO NOT twist the belt.

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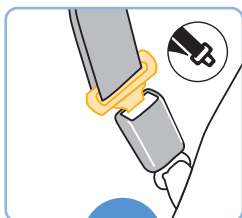


Adjuster

Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing

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

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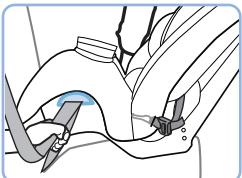


Buckle Vehicle Belt

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

Attach Lower Anchor Belt Hooks to Vehicle's Lower Anchors

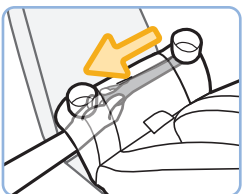
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Tighten Belt

Place your hand in the car seat and firmly push the car seat down and back towards the vehicle seat.

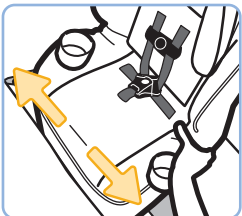
Pull the belt towards you and parallel (in line) with the belt path as shown.



For the Lower Anchor Belt or Lap Only Vehicle Belt: it may be easier to tighten if you route the free end of the belt back into the **Rear-Facing Belt Path**, reach into

the **Rear-Facing Belt Path**, and pull the free end of the belt towards you.

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Check Belt Tightness

Hold the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** with your non-dominant hand. Push and pull the car seat from side to side.

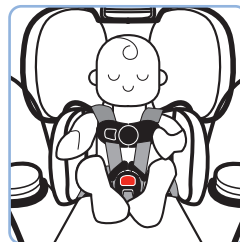
The car seat should not move more than **1 in.** (2.5 cm) at the belt path.

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

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

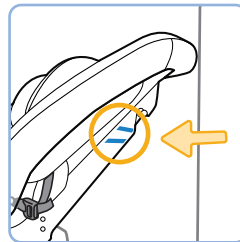
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Secure Child in Car Seat

See pages 27–29.

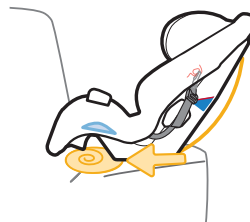
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Recheck Rear-Facing Level Lines

Redo the installation if the car seat is not reclined correctly for your child. See step 3 on page 11.

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Only if necessary, you may place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the car seat to help make the appropriate **Rear-Facing Level Line** for your child's weight and height parallel with the ground.

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

FINISHED!



Lap/Shoulder
Belt



Lap Belt



LATCH: Lower
Anchor Belt

- ✓ **Vehicle Belt Install:** Is the vehicle belt locked? See step 6.
- ✓ **LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt Install:** Are the hooks securely attached to the vehicle's lower anchors? See step 6.
- ✓ Is the belt tightened enough so that the car seat does not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) from side to side at the belt path? Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened. See steps 7 and 8.
- ✓ Is the appropriate level line for your child parallel with the ground? See steps 3 and 10.

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



**30–65 lb (13.7–29.5 kg) and
34.4–49 in. (87.1–125 cm)**

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

- **Weight Limit:** 65 lb (29.5 kg); **OR**
- **Height Limit:** 49 in. (125 cm); **OR**
- **Forward-Facing Child Fit** requirements, see pages 18–19.

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

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

Forward-Facing Child Fit: Page 18

Forward-Facing Vehicle Install: Page 20

⚠️ WARNING

DO NOT use the lower anchors of the child restraint anchorage system (LATCH system) to attach this child restraint when restraining a child weighing more than 55 lb (24.9 kg).

The vehicle belt **MUST** be used for installation if your child weighs more than 55 lb (24.9 kg).

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

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

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

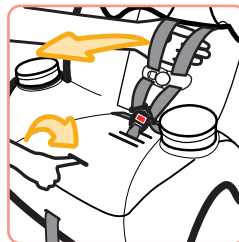
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DO NOT fasten multiple lower anchor hooks on the same lower anchor bar in the vehicle.

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

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

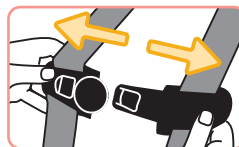
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Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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

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Undo Chest Clip and Buckle

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



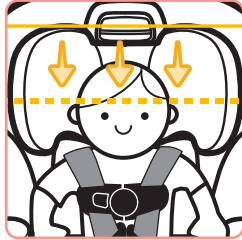
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Place Child in Car Seat

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

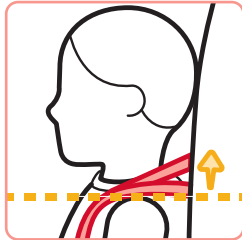
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Check Head Position

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

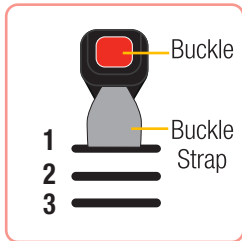
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Check Harness Strap Position

The harness strap **MUST** be placed **at the shoulder** when possible, or slightly above; never below.

6



Check Buckle Position

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

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



To change the harness strap height, see page 39.

To change the buckle position, see page 40.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 27–29.

There are 2 different methods for install.

Use only one:



Vehicle Belt + Tether

for a child up to 65 lb (29.5 kg)



OR



LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt + Tether

Do not install by this method for a child weighing more than 55 lb (24.9 kg).

⚠ WARNING

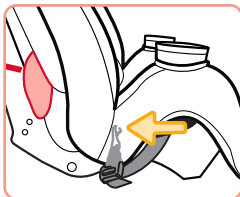
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- Before installing the car seat in your vehicle, check to see if you need to adjust the buckle position for your child. **See step 6 on page 19 for child fit.**
- **Review vehicle owner's manual.** Determine what kind of vehicle belts your car has and how to use them to lock a car seat in place **OR** where LATCH: lower anchor seating positions are located in your vehicle.
- If you are using a vehicle belt to install the seat, make sure the lower anchor belt is stored away (see page 54).

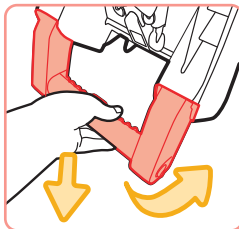
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remove the belt from the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** so both hooks are on the same side of the car seat.

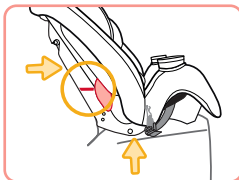
**For Lower Anchor Belt Installation Only:
Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Storage Location
Or if the lower anchor belt was used **Rear-Facing**,**

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Fold Booster Kickstand
If the booster kickstand is unfolded, pull it down to unlock and fold it under the car seat before placing the car seat. See page 44.

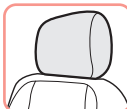
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The back and bottom of the car seat should be flat against the vehicle seat back and bottom. The **Forward-Facing Level Line MUST be parallel with the ground. The vehicle seat back MUST be in the upright position, but you can adjust the angle slightly to better match the angle of the car seat. Refer to the vehicle owner's manual for how to adjust the vehicle seat back.**

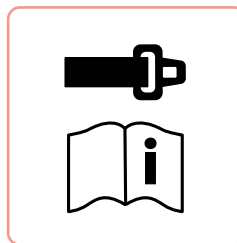
Place Car Seat Forward-Facing in Back Seat and Check Forward-Facing Level Line

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

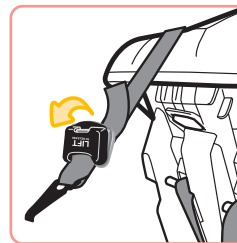
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Locate Vehicle Top Tether Anchors

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

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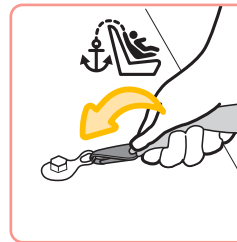
Lift Tether Adjuster to Loosen and Lengthen Strap

Remove the tether hook from its storage location first if necessary (see page 59).

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

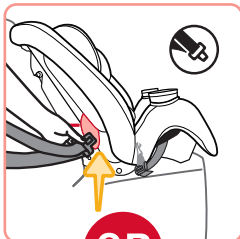


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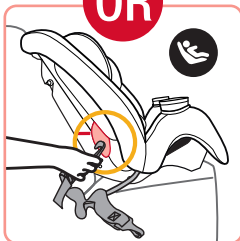


Attach Tether Hook to Vehicle's Top Tether Anchor

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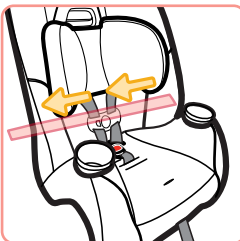
OR



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

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

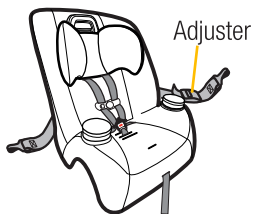
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Vehicle Belt or Lower Anchor Belt Goes:

- Under the car seat pad; **AND**
- Across the car seat; **AND**
- Out the other **Forward-Facing Belt Path** opening. **DO NOT twist the belt.**

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Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing

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

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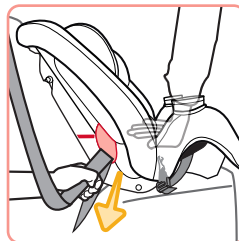


Buckle Vehicle Belt

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

Attach Lower Anchor Belt Hooks to Vehicle's Lower Anchors

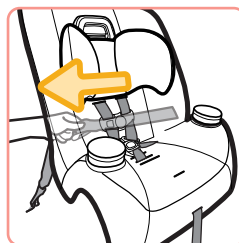
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Tighten Belt

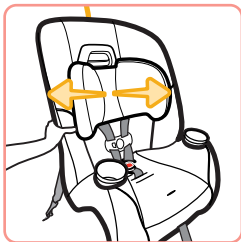
Place your hand in the car seat and firmly push the car seat down and back towards the vehicle seat.

Pull the belt towards you and parallel (in line) with the belt path as shown.



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

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Check Belt Tightness

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

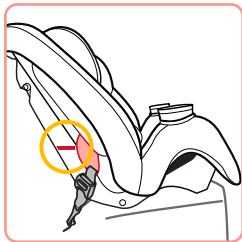
The car seat should not move more than **1 in.** (2.5 cm) at the belt path.



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

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

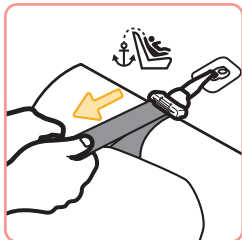
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Recheck the Forward-Facing Level Line

Redo the installation if the **Forward-Facing Level Line** is not parallel with the ground.

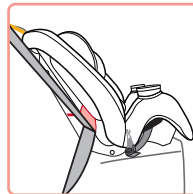
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Tighten Tether

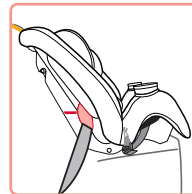
Push firmly on the back of the car seat and pull the free end of the tether strap to remove all of the slack.

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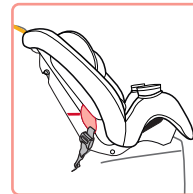
Lap/Shoulder Belt + Tether

for a child up to 65 lb (29.5 kg)



Lap Belt + Tether

for a child up to 65 lb (29.5 kg)



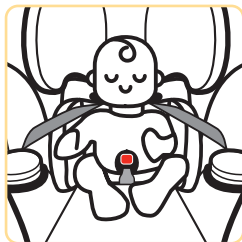
LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt + Tether

Do not install by this method for a child weighing more than 55 lb (24.9 kg).

- ☑ **Vehicle Belt Install:** Is the vehicle belt locked? See step 9.
- ☑ **LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt Install:** Are the hooks securely attached to the vehicle's lower anchors? See step 9.
- ☑ Is the belt tightened enough so the car seat does not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) from side to side at the belt path? Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened. See steps 10 and 11.
- ☑ Is the **Forward-Facing Level Line** parallel with the ground? See steps 3 and 12.
- ☑ Has the tether been installed and tightened? See steps 6 and 13.

Securing Child in Car Seat

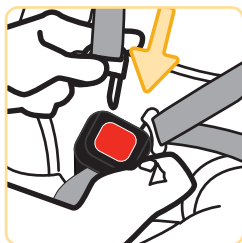
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Place Child in Car Seat

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

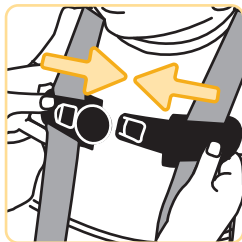
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Buckle Harness

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

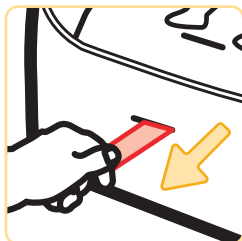
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Fasten Chest Clip

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

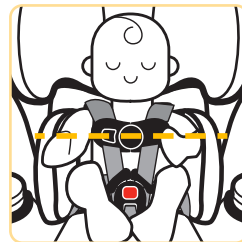
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Tighten Harness

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

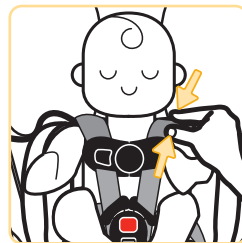
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Position Chest Clip

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

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Check Harness Tightness

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

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

If you can pinch the harness strap, tighten more.

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

If one side of the harness is tighter than the other, lengthen the tighter side by pulling up the harness near the hip slot.

continued on next page

FINISHED!



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

To Remove Child from Car Seat:

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

Troubleshooting

1. If the buckle or harness release lever sticks: DO NOT lubricate. Check for dropped food, sticky spilled drinks, dirt, leaves, etc.

Clean with warm water and/or remove the object with tweezers. If you cannot get the harness to adjust and remain tight with the buckle securely locked, **DO NOT** use this car seat.

2. If your harness twists: Straighten the harness each time you put your child in the car seat. Lock the buckle and tighten the harness so it will be ready for next use.

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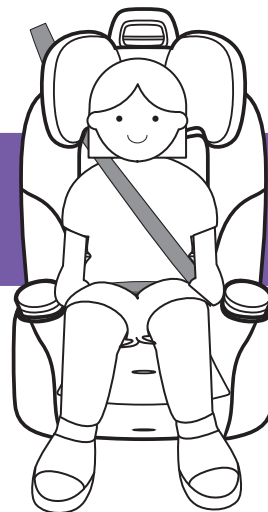
Failure to fasten and tighten the harness system correctly may allow the child to be ejected from the child restraint in a crash or sudden stop causing serious injury or death. Serious injury may include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

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.



**40–100 lb (18.1–45.4 kg) and
43.4–52 in. (110.1–132.1 cm)**

In this car seat, your child can use the **Booster Seat** mode until they fit the vehicle's lap and shoulder seat belt properly without a **Booster Seat** OR outgrow any one of the following:

- **Weight Limit:** 100 lb (45.4 kg); **OR**
- **Height Limit:** 52 in. (132.1 cm); **OR**
- **Booster Seat Child Fit** requirements, see page 38.

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

To remove accessories, see page 3.

Storing Harness System: Page 32

Booster Seat Use in Vehicle: Page 35

Booster Seat Child Fit: Page 38

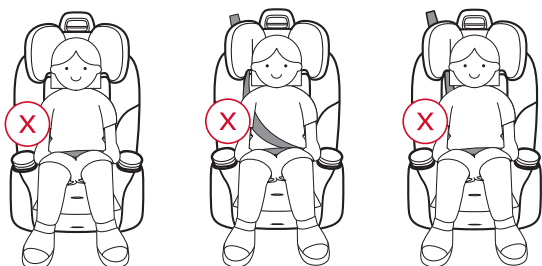
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⚠ WARNING

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

DO NOT use LATCH when using as a booster seat. Secure the lower anchor belt and the tether strap to their storage attachments.

Warning! Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this booster seat.

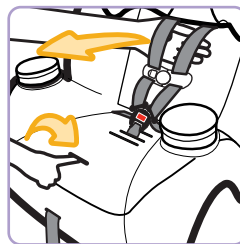


DO NOT use only the lap belt when using this seat as a booster seat. The shoulder belt **MUST** always be adjusted snugly across the child's chest.

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

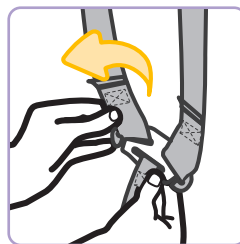
DO NOT use this booster seat if the tops of your child's ears are above the top of the booster seat's headrest.

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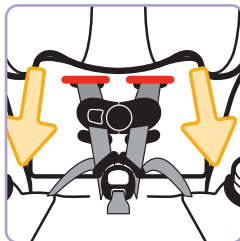
Fully Loosen
Harness Straps

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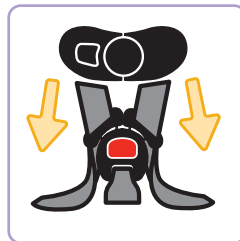
From Back of Car
Seat, Remove Harness
Strap Loops from
Splitter Plate

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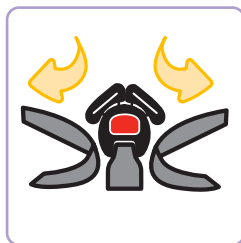
Pull Harness Straps
Out of Shoulder
Harness Slots

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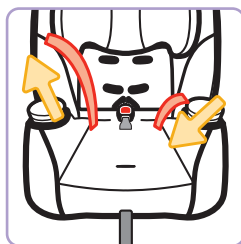
Unthread Chest Clip
from Harness Straps

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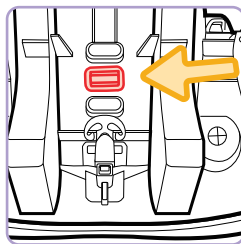
Unthread Buckle from Harness Straps
DO NOT undo the buckle.

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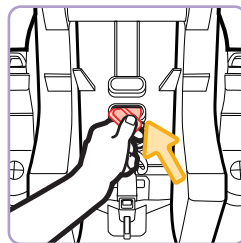
Pull Harness Strap Out of Car Seat

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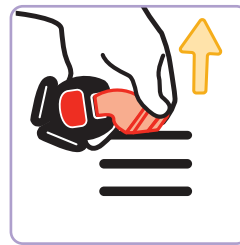
Turn Car Seat Over
Locate the buckle's metal retainer on the bottom of the shell.

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Rotate Metal Retainer and Push It Up Through Buckle Slot in Shell

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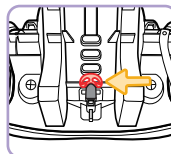
From Top of Car Seat, Pull Buckle Out of Shell and Pad

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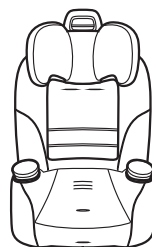
For Booster Seat Use

Store the harness strap, chest clip, and buckle for future use.



Pull the harness adjustment strap so the splitter plate is flush against the shell as shown.

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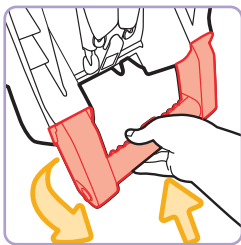


The car seat has been converted to the **Booster Seat Mode**.

See next page for **Booster Seat Use in Vehicle**.

Please be sure to store the harness strap, chest clip and buckle with buckle tongues in a safe place for future use.

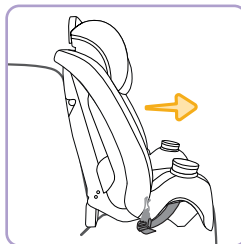
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Put Booster Seat into Upright Position

Press in on the round tab on the side of the seat to rotate the booster kickstand up and out from its stored position. See page 44.

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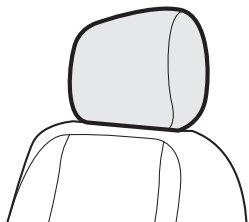


Make Booster Seat Flush Against Vehicle Seat

The car seat back **MUST** be flush against the vehicle seat back. The booster kickstand and bottom front of

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

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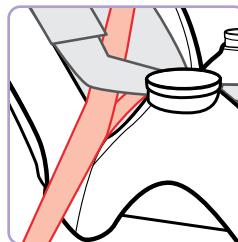
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Have Child Sit in Booster Seat

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

4



Position Lap Belt on Child

Route the lap belt portion of the vehicle belt through the **Booster Seat Belt Path** as shown.

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

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Buckle Vehicle Belt

Pull the shoulder belt up to tighten.

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Position Shoulder Belt on Child

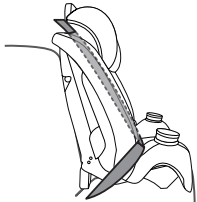
Thread the shoulder belt through the belt-positioning guide in the headrest.

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

FINISHED!



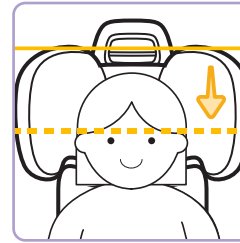
Check periodically to make sure your child has not moved out of position and loosened the shoulder belt.



Keep the booster seat securely belted even when unoccupied.

Check Head Position

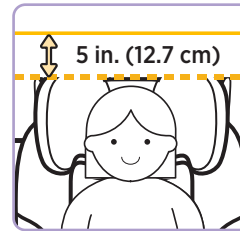
The top of your child's ears should **never be above** the top of the booster seat's headrest.



Check Car Position

DO NOT use the booster seat if your child's head is less than 5 in. (12.7 cm) below the roof of the car.

Consult your vehicle manual for proper seatbelt usage.



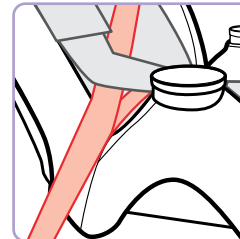
Check Shoulder Belt Position

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



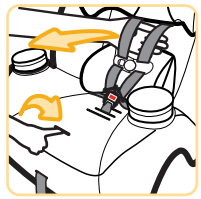
Check Lap Belt Position

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



Changing Headrest/ Harness Height

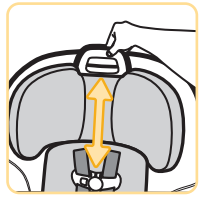
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Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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

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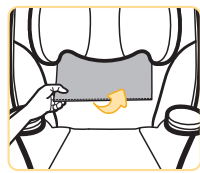
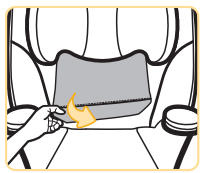
Adjust Headrest/ Harness Height

1. Squeeze the adjustment handle lever up.
2. Move the headrest up or down to the proper height for your child.

3. Release the handle to lock in place.
4. Make sure it is locked securely.

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To Use Headrest in Lower Positions:



Fold bottom of headrest pad up underneath middle section of headrest pad as shown.

For Rear-Facing Child Fit, see page 8.

For Forward-Facing Child Fit, see page 18.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 27–29.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 42–43.

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

Changing Buckle Position

⚠ WARNING

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

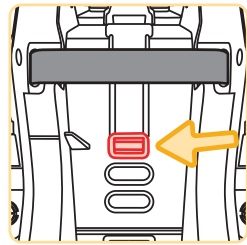
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Undo Buckle

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

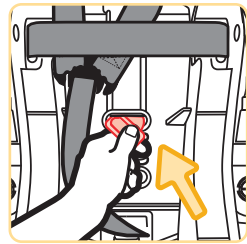
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Turn Car Seat Over

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

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Rotate Metal Retainer and Push It Up Through Buckle Slot in Shell

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

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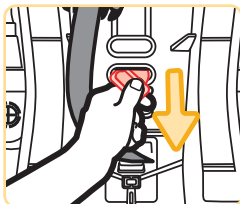
Insert Buckle's Metal Retainer into Buckle Slot Closest to Child

The buckle **MUST** face out.

Rear-Facing Mode: You **MUST** use the 1st or 2nd buckle slot.

Forward-Facing Mode: Any slot can be used.

6



Pull Metal Retainer Completely Through Pad and Shell

7



Check Buckle

Pull the buckle up to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **MUST NOT** pull out.

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For **Rear-Facing Child Fit**, see page 8.

For **Forward-Facing Child Fit**, see page 18.

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If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 42–43.

Buckle Adjustments for Smaller Infants

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

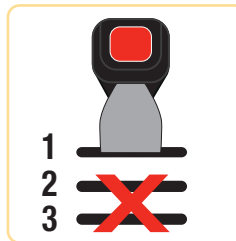
! WARNING

The harness system **MUST** be installed correctly.

DO NOT use a child restraint with damaged harness straps.

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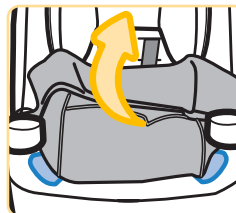
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Make Sure Buckle Is in First Slot

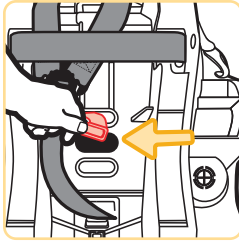
To move the buckle to the first slot, see page 40.

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Pull Front of Car Seat Pad Up

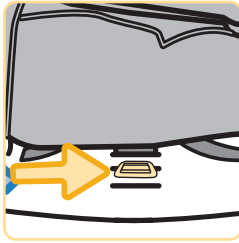
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Reach Under Car Seat

Pull the buckle's metal retainer down and then push it up into the middle slot as shown.

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From Top of Car Seat, Lay Metal Retainer Flat Against Car Seat

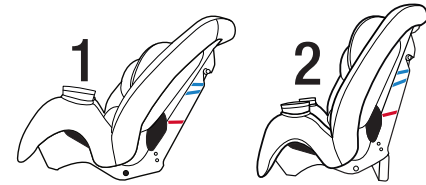
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Tuck Car Seat Pad Around Front of Car Seat and Check Buckle

Pull the buckle up to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **MUST NOT** pull out.



This car seat has 2 positions.

Rear-Facing Mode - 1 Reclined (Booster kickstand stored)

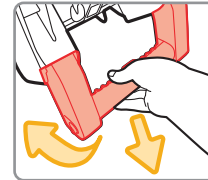
Forward-Facing Mode - 1 Reclined (Booster kickstand stored)

When using the car seat in a reclined position, the appropriate level line for your child **MUST** be parallel with the ground.

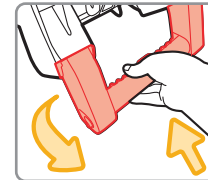
For **Rear-Facing Level Lines**, see page 11, step 3.

For **Forward-Facing Level Line**, see page 21, step 3.

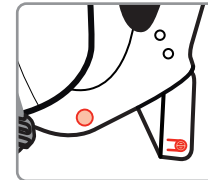
Booster Seat Mode - 2 Upright (Booster kickstand in use)



To store the booster kickstand and put the car seat in a reclined position: Pull the booster kickstand slightly away from the back of the car seat and then rotate it downward, folding it into the storage area under the car seat.



To unfold the booster kickstand and put the car seat in an upright position: Press in on the round tab on the bottom of the side on the side of the booster kickstand storage location. Rotate the booster kickstand outward away from the storage location until it is locked into place.

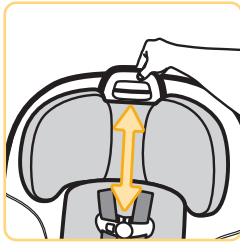


Removing Seat Pad Set

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You do not need to remove the harness system to remove the pad from the car seat. **To remove accessories**, see page 3.

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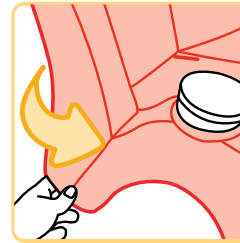
Adjust Headrest to Highest Position

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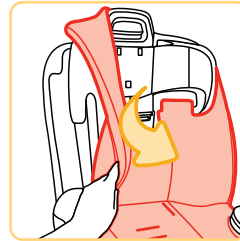
Gently Pull Off Headrest Pad

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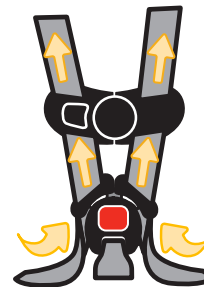
Pull Seat Pad Off Sides and Front of Car Seat

4



Lower Headrest and Pull Seat Pad Around Headrest and Off Car Seat

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If harness straps have been removed from chest clip and buckle, rethread them:

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

See Installing Harness Straps, pages 49–52.

Cleaning Parts of Car Seat and Installing Seat Pad Set

Cleaning 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 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 and Car Seat

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

Installing Seat Pad Set

1. Lower headrest to middle of car seat.
2. Pull seat pad around headrest and onto car seat.
3. Pull headrest pad onto headrest.

⚠️ WARNING

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

Installing Harness System

Installing Buckle

⚠️ WARNING

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

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Insert Buckle's Metal Retainer into Buckle Slot Closest to Child

The buckle **MUST** face out.

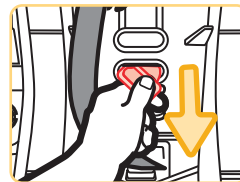
Rear-Facing Mode:

You **MUST** use the **1st** or **2nd** buckle slot.

Forward-Facing Mode:

Any slot can be used.

2



Pull Metal Retainer Completely Through Pad and Shell

3



Check Buckle

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

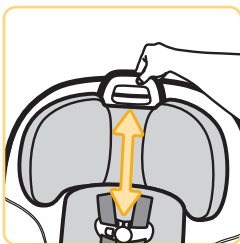
The buckle **MUST NOT** pull out.

Installing Harness Straps

⚠️ WARNING

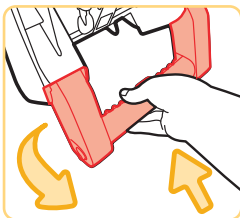
The harness system **MUST** be installed correctly.
DO NOT use a child restraint with damaged harness straps.

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Adjust Headrest to Highest Position

2



Put Booster Seat into Upright Position

Press in on the round tab on the side of the seat to rotate the booster kickstand up and out from its stored position. See page 44.

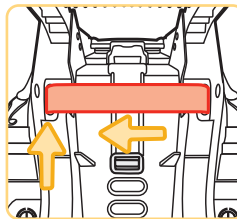
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Thread Harness Strap into Hip Harness Slot

With the sewn end of the harness strap loop facing the buckle, thread the harness strap down through the hip harness slot as shown.

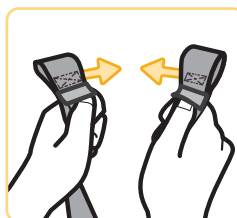
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Turn Car Seat Over and Pull Harness Strap Across Bottom of Shell

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

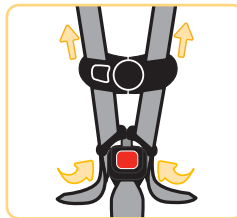
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Make Harness Strap Ends Even

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

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Thread Buckle and Chest Clip

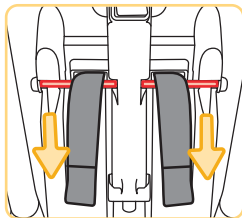
The harness strap ends go through the **back** of the buckle tongues and through the chest clip **front to back** as shown.

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Thread Harness Straps into Shoulder Harness Slots

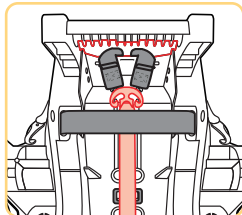
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From Back of Car Seat, Thread Harness Straps Over Metal Bar

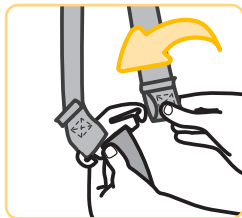
DO NOT twist the harness straps.

The harness adjustment strap and the splitter plate **MUST BE** behind the harness strap as shown.



The harness strap loop ends **MUST** go through the booster kickstand as shown.

9



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

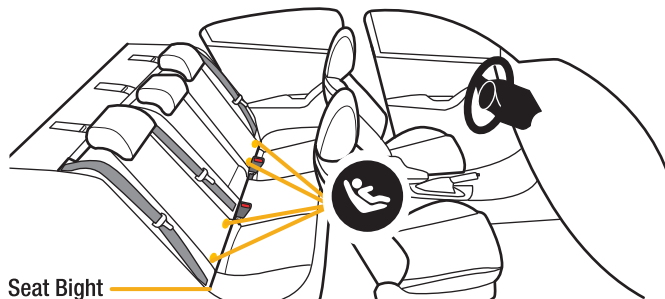
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Check your child's fit often.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 27–29.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 42–43.

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

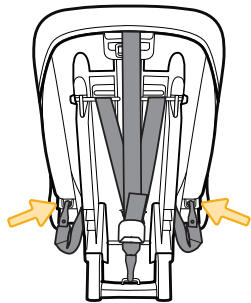


Seat Bight

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

The lower anchors of **LATCH** (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) 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.

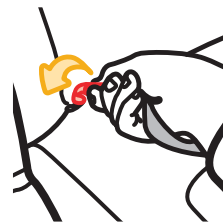
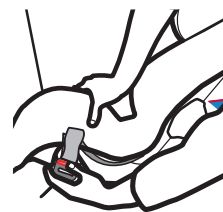
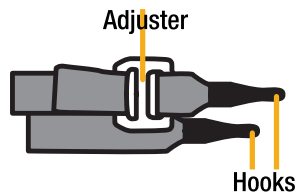
Lower Anchor Belt Storage Location



To Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Storage Location on Car Seat

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

Lower Anchor Belt Parts



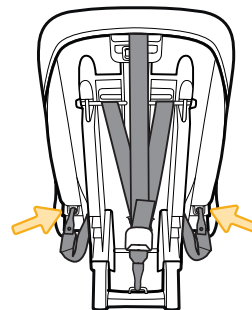
To Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Vehicle's Lower Anchor Bars

1. Remove the tension from the belt by pushing down on the side of the car seat with the adjuster.
2. Then press the adjuster's button to loosen the belt.
3. Squeeze the spring lever on the hooks, push the hooks back into the vehicle seat, and rotate the hooks to the side.
4. Pull the hooks out of the vehicle seat.

To Store Lower Anchor Belt

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

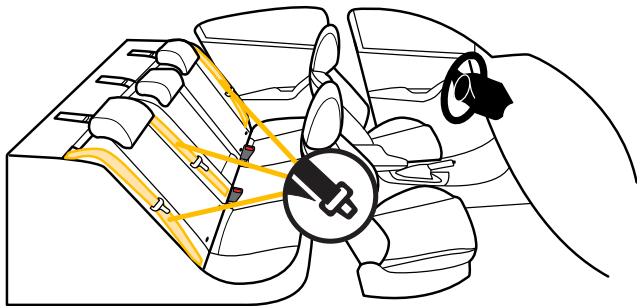
- Using the vehicle belts to install the car seat; **OR**
- Using the **Booster Seat Mode**; **OR**
- The car seat is not installed in a vehicle.



Secure the hooks to the attachments in the storage location as shown. Gently tighten the belt to remove slack.

⚠ WARNING

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

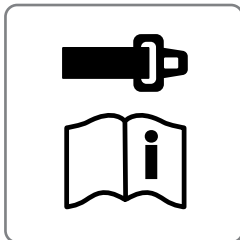


Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here.

If LATCH: lower anchors are not an option or if your child weighs more than **55 lb** (24.9 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.

1



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

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

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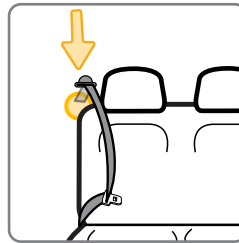
Check How This Car Seat Will Be Locked Into Place

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

This requires locking it by using either:

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

3



Check Retractor

Retractors pull vehicle 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 retract **1–2 in.** (2.5–5 cm).

As it retracts, 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 once 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.

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Locking
Latch
Plate



Sliding
Latch Plate

Check Latch Plates

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

To see if the latch plate locks:

1. Buckle vehicle belt.
2. Slowly pull up on the lap portion of the vehicle belt.

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

If the vehicle belt slides through the latch plate, it is a **sliding latch plate**.

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

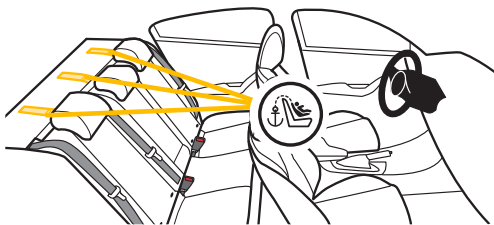


If you have an Emergency Locking Retractor with a Sliding Latch Plate, you **MUST** use a locking clip.

Please contact us for one, see the back cover of the manual.

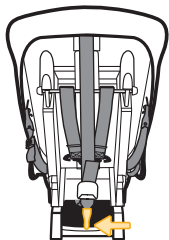
Never Use the Following With This Car Seat:

- Emergency Locking Retractor Lap-Only Belt
- Inflatable Seat Belts



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

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



Storing Top Tether Strap

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

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

Unfold the booster kickstand (see page 44). Turn the tether hook/adjuster around so the curved part of the hook is facing away from the car seat and attach it to the storage location. Gently tighten to remove slack.

⚠ WARNING

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

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

⚠ WARNING

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

NEVER leave your child unattended.

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

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

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

DO NOT substitute parts or try to modify the child restraint in any way. **DO NOT** lubricate buckles and fasteners.

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

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

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

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

Read all instructions for additional warnings.

! WARNING

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



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



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

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

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



According to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating

positions than in the front seating positions.

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

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

Consult your vehicle owner's manual; **OR**

Contact Dorel Juvenile Group Consumer Care Department; **OR**

Visit your local Child Passenger Inspection Station. Go to <https://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle-safety/car-seats-and-booster-seats> to find your closest station.

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

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

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

! WARNING

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

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

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

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

DO NOT risk your child's safety.

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

Replacement After a Minor Crash

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

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

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

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

Replacement After a Moderate to Severe Crash

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

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

Expiration

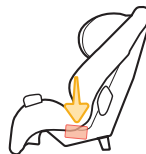
On the side of the car seat there is a date of manufacture label as shown.

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



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Consumer: Just fill in your name, address and email. Please print (use dark ink).					
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Example of model number, manufacture date, and line code.



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

Please complete the postage-paid registration card that came with your child restraint, and send it to us.

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons.

You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall.

Send your name, address, e-mail address if available and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to:

Dorel Juvenile Group

Attn: Consumer Care

P.O. Box 2609

Columbus, IN 47202

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.



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

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.



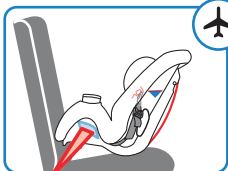
Use only on forward-facing aircraft seats. Contact the airline for their specific policies.

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 shell as shown.

WARNING

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



Rear-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the vehicle belt install steps on pages 10–15.



Forward-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the vehicle belt install steps on pages 20–26, skipping the tether strap steps.



Booster Seat

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

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. (DJG) warrants this product to the original retail purchaser as follows: This product is warranted against defective materials or workmanship for one year from the date of original purchase.

An original receipt is required to validate your warranty.

DJG will, at its option, provide replacement parts or replace this product. DJG reserves the right to substitute if the part or model has been discontinued.

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

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

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

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

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