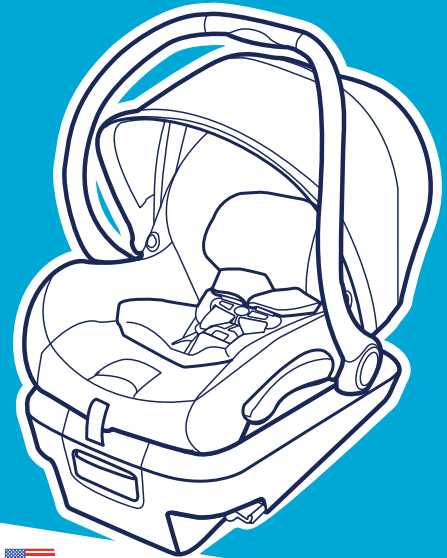


# Mico XP, Mico XP Max Infant Car Seat



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**KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.**

**Read all instructions before using this car seat.**

**⚠ 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 Maxi-Cosi 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**



**Snugly 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 1-5** will introduce you to the parts of the car seat.

**Page 90** has our contact information. If at any point you would like assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.

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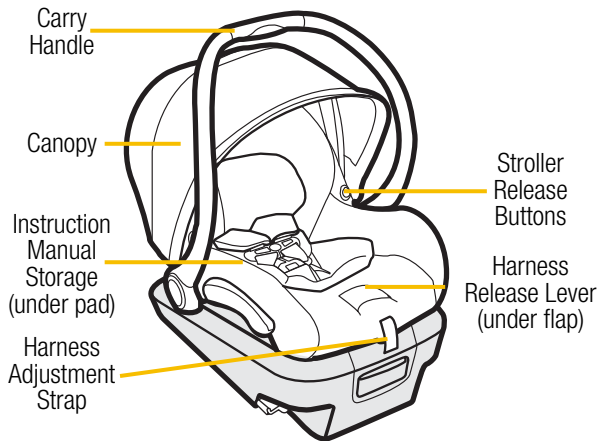
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# Parts of Car Seat

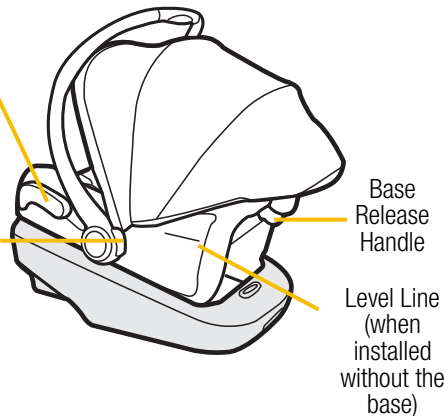


## Back of Base

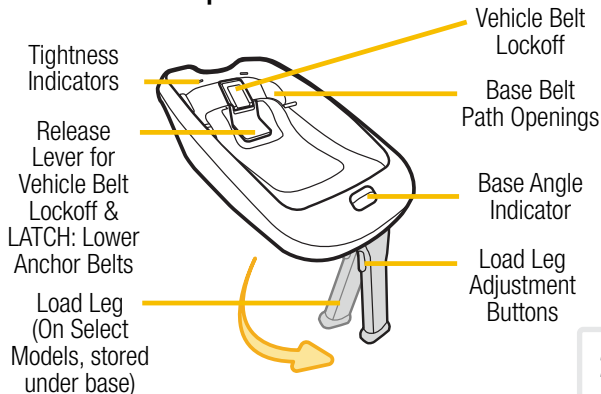


## Rear-Facing Belt Path (when installed without the base)

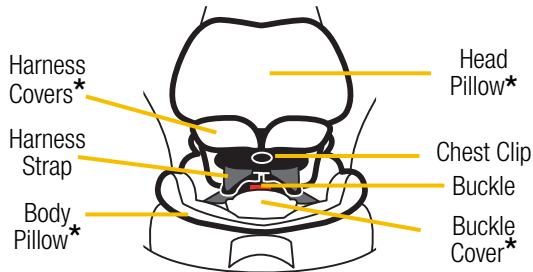
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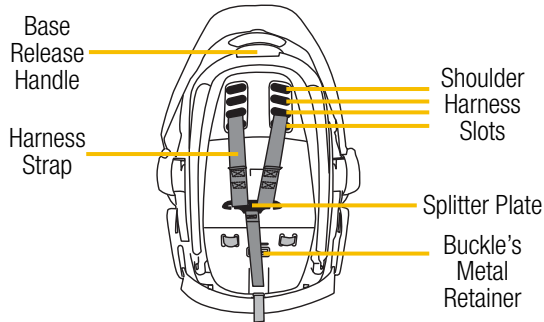
## Top & Front of Base



## Harness System Detail



## Back of Car seat



\*See pages 4 & 5 for Accessory Use.

## Accessory Use

For wash and care instructions, see page 71.

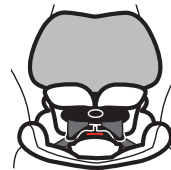
### Head Pillow



When using the head pillow, make sure it does not cover your infant's face in any way.

You may remove it for bigger infants.

**To remove**, pull it off of the harness straps.



### Body Pillow



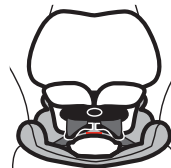
The body pillow provides comfort and helps achieve a snug harness fit.

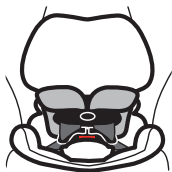
**To learn how to check harness tightness**, see pages 12-15.

**You must use** the body pillow for children who weigh **4-5 lb** (1.8-2.3 kg).

You may remove it for bigger infants.

**To remove**, pull the buckle through the buckle slot and remove it from the car seat.





## Harness Covers

The harness covers help provide comfort to your child's neck. If the harness covers will not allow proper positioning of the chest clip 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**, pull the fastening strips apart and pull the harness covers off of the harness strap.



## Buckle Cover

**To remove**, pull up on the buckle cover and slide it off of the buckle and pull it out of the buckle slot in the seat pad.



# Rear-Facing Use Requirements



**Measure your child's weight and height (do not guess) before using this car seat.**

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 types or modes of a car seat within the limits and fit requirements of the car seat.**

## State Laws

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

## American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations Infants and Toddlers

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

**This car seat can only be used REAR-FACING.**

**4-30 lb (1.8-13.6 kg) and 32 in. (81.3 cm) or less in height**

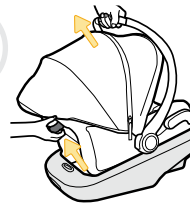
Children under 1 year of age **must ride Rear-Facing.**

**Your child can remain in this car seat until they outgrow any one of the following:**

- **Weight Limit:** 30 lb (13.6 kg); **OR**
- **Height Limit:** 32 in. (81.3 cm); **OR**
- **Child Fit:** See page 11

## Preparing Car Seat for Child Fit

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### Remove Car Seat From Base

- From the back of the car seat, slide the base release handle up.
- Then lift the car seat out of the base.

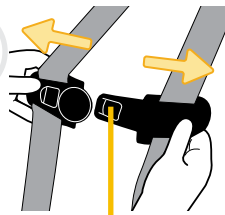
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### Loosen Harness Straps

- Locate the harness release lever through the opening in the pad.
- Push and hold down the harness release lever.
- Then pull both harness straps out together as shown.

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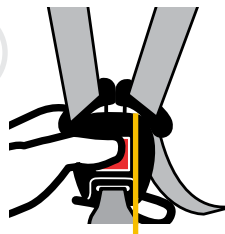


Release Button

### Release Chest Clip

- Hold each side of the chest clip.
- Press the release button with your thumb.
- Pull the chest clip apart.

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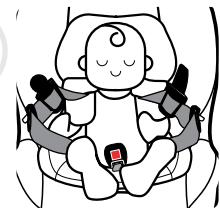


Buckle Tongue

### Unbuckle Harness

- Press the red button.
- Pull the buckle tongues out.

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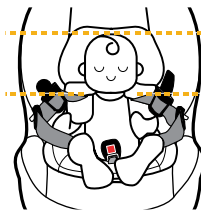


### Place Child in Car Seat

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

### Check for Proper Fit

See page 11.



### Body Pillow

You **must** use the body pillow for children who weigh **4-5 lb** (1.8-2.3 kg).

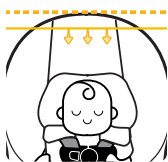
You may remove the body pillow for bigger infants.

**To remove**, see page 4.





## Checking Your Child's Fit



### 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



### Harness Strap Position

The harness strap **must be at or slightly below** your child's shoulders; **never above**.



### Buckle Position

Choose the slot closest to your child.

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

### Need to make adjustments?

To change harness height, see pages 16-18.

To change buckle position, see pages 19-21.

## Securing Child in Car Seat

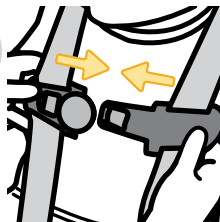
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### Place Child in Car Seat

- Your child's bottom and back should be flat against the car seat.
- Position the harness straps over your child's shoulders and upper thighs.

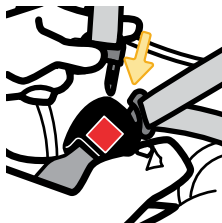
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### Fasten Chest Clip

- Insert the right half of chest clip into the left half.
- Snap together.

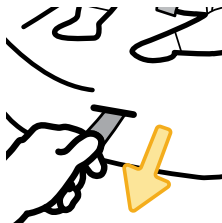
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### Buckle Harness

- 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.

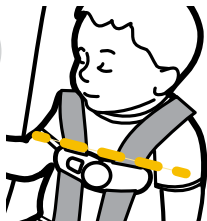
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### Tighten Harness

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

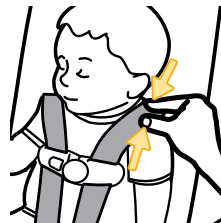
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### Position Chest Clip

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

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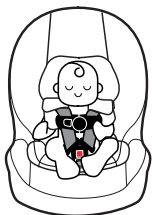
### Check Tightness

- Unfasten the harness covers.
- Try to vertically pinch the harness strap at your child’s shoulder 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.
- Fasten the harness covers.

**A snug strap should not allow any slack.**

**It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging.**

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



## Finished!

Your child is now secured in the car seat.

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

### To Remove Child from Car Seat:

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



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.

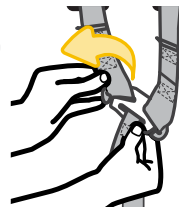
## Changing Harness Strap Position

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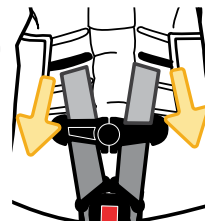
Loosen Harness Straps

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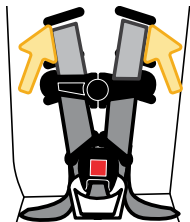
From Back of Car Seat, Remove Harness Strap Loops From Splitter Plate

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From Front of Car Seat, Pull Harness Straps Out of Shoulder Harness Slots

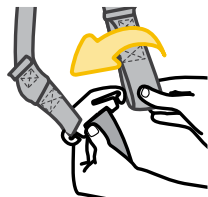
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### Rethread Harness Strap Into Correct Shoulder Harness Slots For Your Child

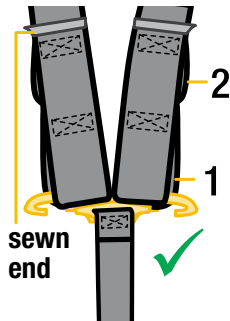
For Child Fit, see page 11.

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### Attach 1st Harness Strap Loops to Splitter Plate

- The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **must face** towards you.
- **Do not** twist the harness strap or the harness adjustment strap.
- Make sure the **same** harness strap loops are fitted completely on both sides of the splitter plate.



Check your child's fit often.

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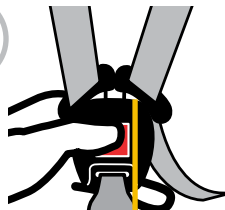
To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 12-15.

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

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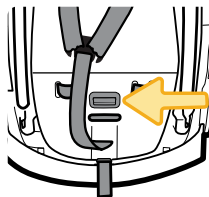


Buckle Tongue

## Unbuckle Harness

- Press the red button.
- Pull the buckle tongues out.

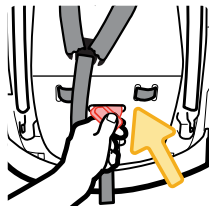
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## Turn Car Seat Over

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

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## Rotate Metal Retainer and Push It Up Through Shell and Pad

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

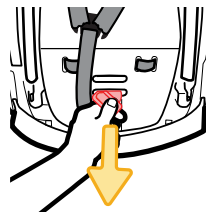
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Insert Buckle's Metal Retainer into Buckle Slot Closest to Your Child

The buckle **must** face out.

6



From Bottom of Car Seat, Pull Buckle's Metal Retainer Completely Through Pad and Shell

7



### 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 22-26.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 12-15.

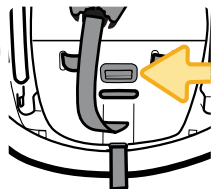
**⚠** Failure to place buckle's metal retainer completely through pad and shell can result in serious injury or death.

## Harness System Adjustments for Smaller Infants

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

### Adjusting Buckle Strap

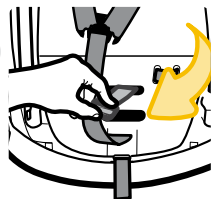
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With Buckle in 1st Slot As Shown, Turn Car Seat Over

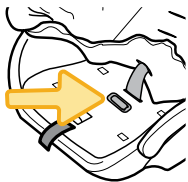
If you need to move the buckle to the 1st slot, see pages 13-15.

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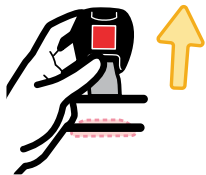
From Bottom of Car Seat, Pull Metal Retainer Towards You and Push It Up into 2nd Slot As Shown

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From Top of Car Seat, Lift Pad Up and Lay the Metal Retainer Flat Against Shell As Shown

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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 12-15.

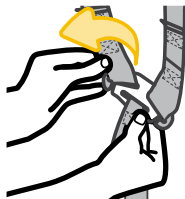
## Adjusting Harness Strap

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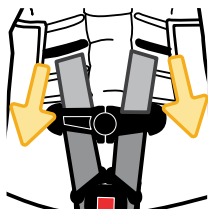
Loosen Harness Straps

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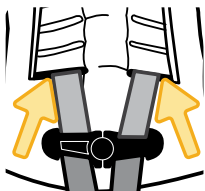
From Back of Car Seat, Remove Harness Strap Loops From Splitter Plate

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Pull Harness Strap Out of Shoulder Harness Slots

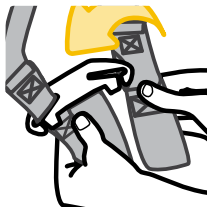
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### Rethread Harness Strap Into Correct Shoulder Harness Slots For Your Child

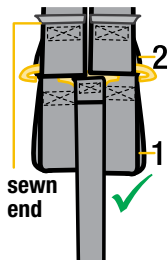
Make sure the shoulder harness slots in the pad are correctly lined up with the same shoulder harness slots in the shell. **For child fit**, see page 11.

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### Attach 2nd Harness Strap Loops to Splitter Plate

- The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **must face** towards you.
- **Do not** twist the harness strap or the harness adjustment strap.
- Make sure the **same** harness strap loops are fitted completely on both sides of the splitter plate.



Check your child's fit often.

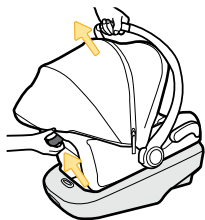
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**⚠** The harness system must be installed correctly. Do not use a child restraint with damaged harness straps.

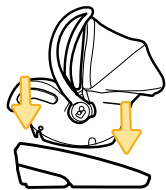


## Car Seat & Base: Removing & Installing



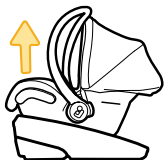
### Removing Car Seat From Base

- From the back of the car seat, slide the base release handle up.
- Then lift the car seat out of the base.



### Installing Car Seat to Base

- Align the slots on the sides of the car seat with the lock bars in the base.
- Push down firmly on the carry handle and the front of the car seat to lock it to the base.
- Pull up on the front two corners of the car seat to make sure it's locked to the base.



## Carry Handle Use



- Squeeze both buttons on the carry handle.
- Rotate the carry handle up or down to the desired location.
- Release the buttons.
- Make sure both buttons are in locked into position.



**The carry handle must be upright AND locked when carrying and when installed in the vehicle.**

## WARNINGS

Read ALL instructions before using child restraint as a carrier.

**NEVER** use carrier unless child is properly secured.

Use only as a carrier by children weighing 4-30 pounds (1.8-13.6 kg) and 32 inches (81.3 cm) or less in height.

**NEVER** leave child unattended. Always keep child within arm's reach.

**Suffocation Hazard:** Infant carrier can roll over on soft surfaces and suffocate child. **NEVER** place carrier on beds, sofas or other soft surfaces.

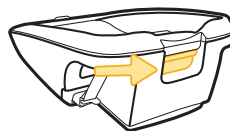
**Strangulation Hazard:** Children have **STRANGL**ED in loose or partially buckled harness straps. Fully restrain the child even when carrier is used outside the vehicle.

**Fall Hazard:** Child's activity can move carrier. **NEVER** place carrier on counter tops, tables, or any other elevated surface.

The carrier can fall from the shopping cart. Do not use on shopping cart.



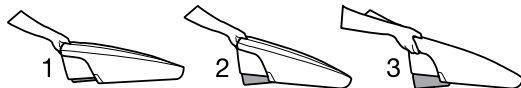
## Adjusting Base



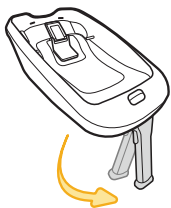
The base has multiple positions to help achieve the correct recline angle.

- The adjustment handle is at the back of the base.
- Squeeze the adjustment handle.
- Lift the back of base up.
- Then release the handle so the base foot locks into a position.
- The **horizontal** section of the angle indicator will turn **completely green** when correct. No red should be showing.

## Base Recline Angle Position



## Load Leg (On Select Models)

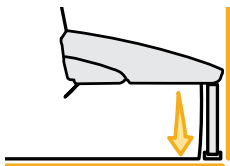
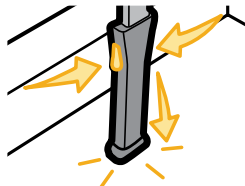


The load leg is stored under the base. This is an optional feature.

The base install is equally safe with or without the use of the load leg.

In a crash, load legs reduce downward rotation, limit rebound, provide additional stability, and energy absorption.

- Fold the load leg out.
- Squeeze the buttons on the load leg and pull it down until it meets the vehicle floor.
- Release the buttons.
- Lift the front of the base while holding the load leg in place to lock it into position.
- It **must be** perpendicular to the vehicle floor.



**⚠ Do not use the load leg on top of vehicle storage compartments. Review your vehicle owner's manual. Do not use the load leg if it does not reach the floor of your vehicle. When not in use, the load leg must be stored under the base.**

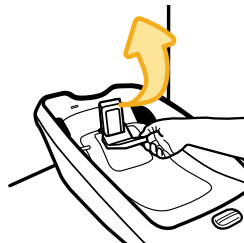
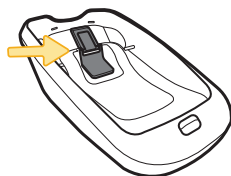
## Release Lever for Vehicle Belt Lockoff & LATCH: Lower Anchor Belts

This base has a release lever that has two functions; one for LATCH: Lower Anchor and one for vehicle belts.

Lockoffs prevent the vehicle belt from loosening after tightening.

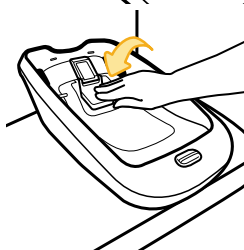
### Opening Release Lever

Lift release lever to open Lockoff and release LATCH: Lower Anchor belts.



### Closing Release Lever

Push down on lever to close Lockoff and to allow the LATCH: Lower Anchor belts to retract.



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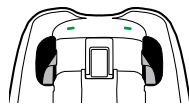
- You **must Lift the Release Lever** in order for the LATCH: Lower Anchor belts to loosen.
- You **must Push the Release Lever Down** in order for the LATCH: Lower Anchor belts to tighten.

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- You **must Lift the Release Lever** in order to thread the lap belt or the lap/shoulder belt under both the belt path guides and the Lockoff.
- You **must** tighten the vehicle belt **BEFORE Pushing the Release Lever Down** to close the Lockoff.
- The lap belt or the lap/shoulder belt **must be** completely under the belt path guides and the Lockoff.

## Tightness Indicators



This base has indicators that show when the LATCH: Lower Anchor or vehicle belt have been securely tightened.

The red will turn **completely green** when tightened correctly. No red should be showing.

For more information about how to tighten, see the base install section you will be using:



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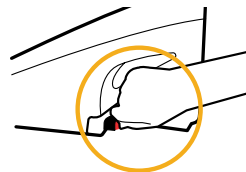
## LATCH: Lower Anchor Use



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

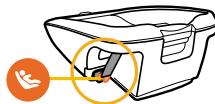
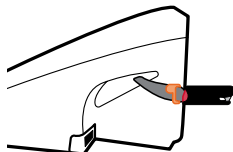
The lower anchors of **LATCH** (**L**ower **A**nchors and **T**ethers for **C**hildren) is a universal system for installing car seats without using vehicle seat belts. The LATCH: lower anchor belt can **only** be used in vehicles that have the LATCH: lower anchor bars installed in designated seating positions. Most vehicles manufactured after September 2002 are equipped with LATCH: lower anchor bars. Review 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 LATCH: lower anchor belt or the vehicle belts are equally safe.**



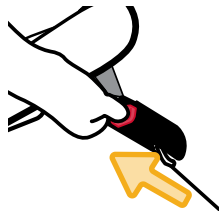
### Removing Connectors from Storage Location

- Press in red button. Push connector into storage location.
- Then pull it and the belt out.



### Storing Lower Anchor Belt

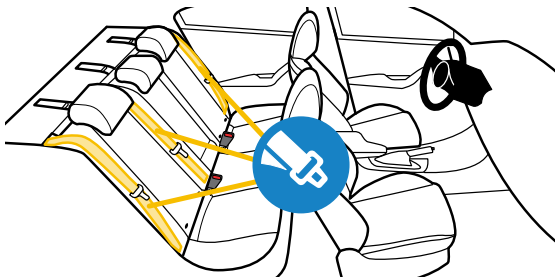
**When using the vehicle belt to install or when the base is not installed in a vehicle, attach the connectors to the attachments in the base as shown.**



### Removing Lower Anchor Belt from Vehicle Anchor Bars

Press the red release button on each connector, then pull the connectors out of the vehicle seat.

## Vehicle Belt Use



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

If LATCH: lower anchors are not an option, 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 steps on the next page to understand how to lock a car seat with a vehicle belt.

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

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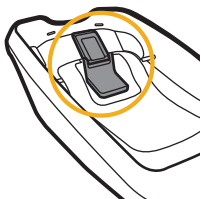
### Check How This Car Seat Will Be Locked Into Place

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

#### The ways to lock a vehicle belt are:

- By using this base's Lockoff, see step 3; **OR**
- By using the seat belt's retractor, see step 4; **OR**
- By using the seat belt's latch plate, see step 5.

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### Lockoff

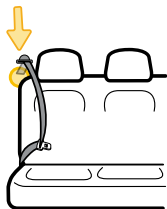
When used correctly, this base's Lockoff will lock the vehicle belt.

Please go to the vehicle belt with base installation section of the manual to see how to properly use this feature.

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If you will be installing without the base, you **must** lock the vehicle belt using the retractor or the latch plate; continue to step 4.

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### Check Retractor

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

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

## Types of Retractors

### Switchable Retractor

(most vehicles have this type)



This retractor can be switched to a locking mode.

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

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

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

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

### Automatic Locking Retractor



This retractor always locks.

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

## Emergency Locking Retractor

See Step 5, “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 5, “Check Latch Plates”.

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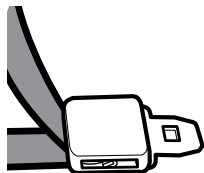


### Check Latch Plates

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

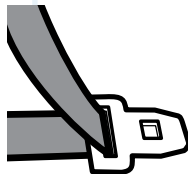


Locking Latch Plate

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.



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 90.

### Never Use With This Car Seat

Emergency Locking Retractor Lap Only Belt



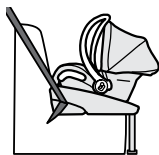
Inflatable Seat Belts





## Rear-Facing Use With Base

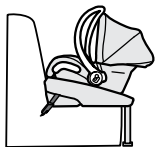
**4-30 lb (1.8-13.6 kg) and  
32 in. (81.3 cm) or less in height**



Lap/Shoulder Belt



Lap Belt



LATCH: Lower  
Anchor Belt



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

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

Do not fasten multiple LATCH: lower anchor connectors on the same LATCH: lower anchor bar in the vehicle.

Child restraint must be securely attached to base.

Do not use the load leg on top of vehicle storage compartments. Review your vehicle owner's manual.

Do not use the load leg if it does not reach the floor of your vehicle.

Do not refer to the level line on the shell when installing with the base.

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

This child restraint must always face the rear of the vehicle.

# LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt Install With Base

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

Your child's weight and height? See page 7.

Your child's fit? See page 11.

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## Unfold Load Leg (On Select Models)

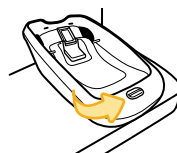
This is an optional feature.

In a crash, load legs reduce downward rotation, limit rebound, provide additional stability, and energy absorption.

**⚠ Do not** fully extend yet. **Do not** use the load leg to adjust the base angle.

Review your vehicle owner's manual for load leg use.

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## Check Base Angle

The angle indicator will turn **completely green** when correct.

No red should be showing.



## Adjusting the Base

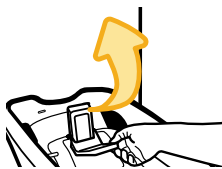
If the angle indicator is not correct, adjust the base foot. There are 3 positions.

- The adjustment handle is at the back of the base.
- Squeeze the adjustment handle to release the base foot.
- Then release the handle so the base foot locks into one of the positions.



Only if necessary, you may need to place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the back of the base to help get the correct angle. Check the padding often to make sure it is still in place.

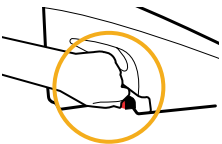
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### Lift Release Lever

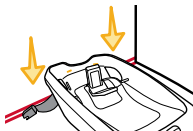
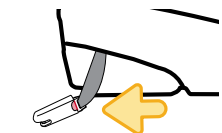
You **must Lift the Release Lever** in order for the LATCH: Lower Anchor belts to loosen.

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### Release LATCH: Lower Anchor Connectors from Storage Location

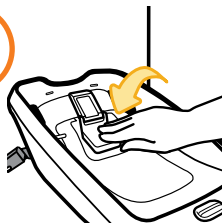
- Press in red button. Push connector into storage location.
- Then pull it and the belt out.



### Attach Connectors to Vehicle Anchors

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

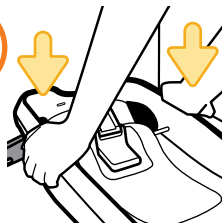
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### Push Release Lever Down

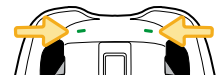
You **must Push the Release Lever Down** in order for the LATCH: Lower Anchor belts to tighten.

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### Push Down on Base to Tighten LATCH: Lower Anchor Belts

The belts will begin to automatically retract and tighten as you push down.



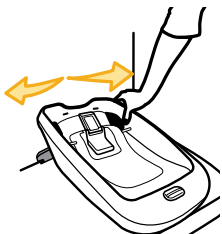
### Check Tightness Indicators

The red will turn **completely green** when tightened correctly. No red should be showing.



You may need to **adjust the base foot** into another position for the tension indicators to turn completely green. See **step 2**.

### You can also check the tightness by:

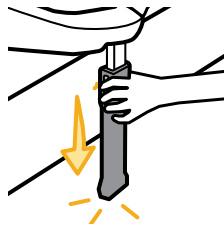


- Holding the base **ONLY at the belt path** with your non-dominant hand.
- Pushing and pulling from side to side.
- The base should not move more than **1 in.** (2.5 cm).

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

- Pushing down on the base more; **OR**
- Reinstalling the base; **OR**
- Changing to a different seating location; **OR**
- Switching to vehicle belt installation

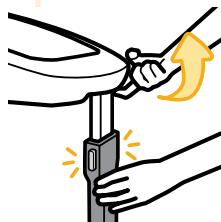
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### Extend Load Leg

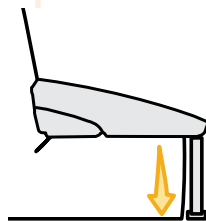
(On Select Models)

- Squeeze the buttons on the load leg and pull it down until it meets the vehicle floor.
- Release the buttons.

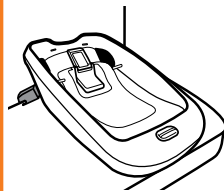


- Lift the front of the base while holding the load leg in place as shown to lock it into position.
- It **must be** perpendicular to the vehicle floor.

**⚠ Do not** use the load leg if it does not reach the floor of your vehicle. **Do not** use the load leg on top of vehicle storage compartments.



Review your vehicle owner's manual.



## LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt with Base Install Finished!

To install the car seat to the base, see page 57.

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

# Vehicle Belt Install With Base

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

Your child's weight and height? See page 7.

Your child's fit? See page 11.


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## Unfold Load Leg (On Select Models)

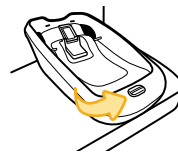
This is an optional feature.

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Review your vehicle owner's manual for load leg use.

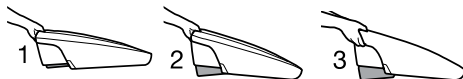
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## Check Base Angle

The angle indicator will turn **completely green** when correct.

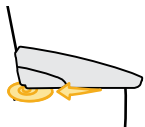
No red should be showing.



## Adjusting the Base

If the angle indicator is not correct, adjust the base foot. There are 3 positions.

- The adjustment handle is at the back of the base.
- Squeeze the adjustment handle to release the base foot.
- Then release the handle so the base foot locks into one of the positions.



Only if necessary, you may need to place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the back of the base to help get the correct angle. Check the padding often to make sure it is still in place.

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Lift Release Lever

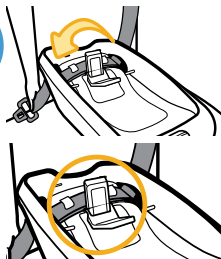


Check if Your Vehicle Belts Will Work With This Car Seat



Review pages 37-42 and your vehicle owner's manual to find out what kind of vehicle belts you have.

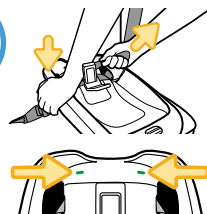
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Route Belt Through Belt Path Openings As Shown

The lap belt or the lap/shoulder belt both go **completely under** the belt path guides and the Lockoff as shown. Buckle the vehicle belt.

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Push Down on Base While Tightening Belt

You **must** tighten the vehicle belt **BEFORE** closing the Lockoff.

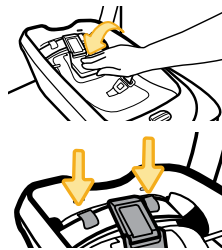


Check Tightness Indicators

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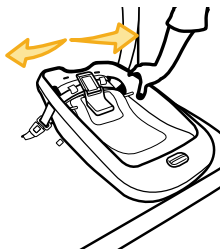


Push Release Lever Down

The lap belt or the lap/shoulder belt both go **completely under** the belt path guides and the Lockoff as shown.

**After the base has been installed**, if your car has a switchable retractor, you may also use it to lock the belt. **If the Lockoff cannot be used properly**, then do not install the base using vehicle belt installation. See page 45 for LATCH install.

### You can also check the tightness by:

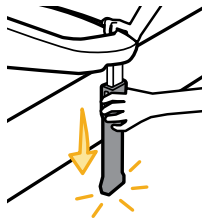


- Holding the base **ONLY at the belt path** with your non-dominant hand.
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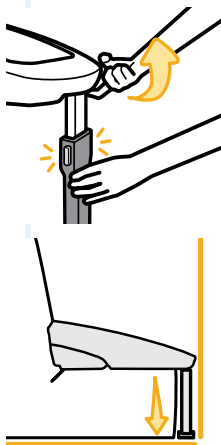
- Tightening the belt more;
- Changing to a different seating location;
- Reinstalling the base;
- Switching to LATCH: Lower Anchor belt installation

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### Extend Load Leg (On Select Models)

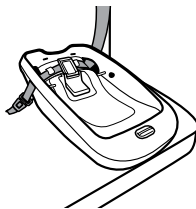
- Squeeze the buttons on the load leg and pull it down until it meets the floor of the vehicle.
- Release the buttons.



- Lift the front of the base while holding the load leg in place as shown to lock it into position.
- It **must be** perpendicular to the vehicle floor.

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Review your vehicle owner's manual.



## Vehicle Belt with Base Install Finished!

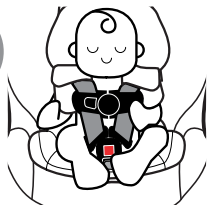
To attach the car seat to the base, see page 57.

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

# Installing Car Seat to Installed Base

Illustrations show the base installed with the LATCH: Lower Anchor belt; however, the same steps apply for a vehicle belt install.

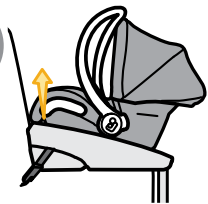
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## Secure Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 12-15.

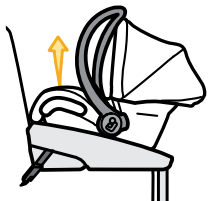
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## Install Car Seat to Base

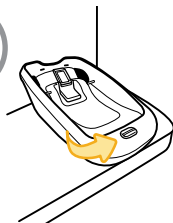
Pull up on the front two corners of the car seat to make sure it's locked to the base.

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## Carry Handle Must Be Upright and Locked

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## Recheck Angle Indicator on Base

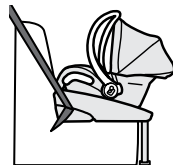
Redo the base installation if the angle indicator is not correct.

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## LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt Install



## Vehicle Belt Install





## Rear-Facing Use Without Base

**4-30 lb (1.8-13.6 kg) and  
32 in. (81.3 cm) or less in height**



Lap/Shoulder Belt



Lap Belt



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Even when unoccupied, this child restraint must be firmly secured to the vehicle with the vehicle seat belt.

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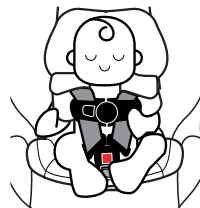
## Vehicle Belt Install Without Base

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Your child's weight and height? See page 7.

Your child's fit? See page 11.

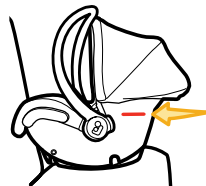
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### Secure Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 12-15.

**2**



### Place Car Seat into Vehicle Rear-Facing

#### Check Level Line

The level line on the side of shell must be parallel with the ground.

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Only if necessary, you may need to place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the car seat to help get the correct angle.

Check the padding often to make sure it is still in place.

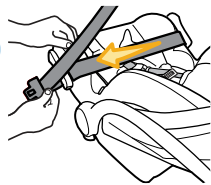


### Check if Your Vehicle Belts Will Work With This Car Seat



Review pages 37-42 and your vehicle owner's manual to find out what kind of vehicle belts you have.

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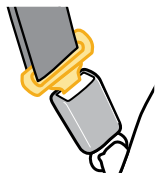
### Route Vehicle Lap or Lap Portion of Lap/Shoulder Belt Through Belt Guides on Both Sides of Shell

Buckle the vehicle belt.

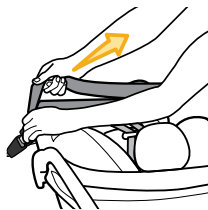
If your car's vehicle belt has a switchable retractor, use it to lock the vehicle belt.

For information about switchable retractors, see

page 40 or review your vehicle owner's manual.



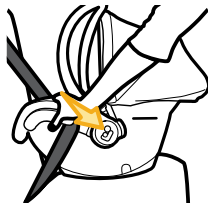
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### Tighten Belt

Lay your forearm across the car seat at the belt path while pulling the shoulder belt or the free end of the lap belt to tighten.

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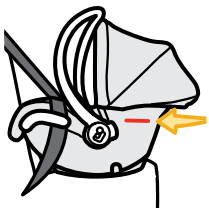
### Check Belt Tightness

- Hold the car seat **ONLY at the belt path** with your non-dominant hand.
- Push and pull from side to side.
- It should not move more than **1 in. (2.5 cm)**.

**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

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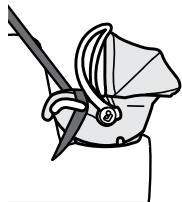


**Recheck Level Line**  
Redo the installation if level line is not parallel with the ground.

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**Carry Handle Must Be Upright and Locked**



### Vehicle Belt Install without Base Finished!

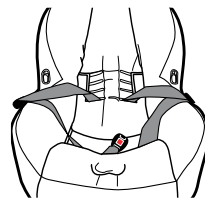
Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened.

## Removing Seat Pad

You do not need to remove the harness system to remove the pad.

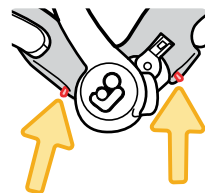
To remove accessories, see pages 4-5.

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**Release Chest Clip and Buckle**

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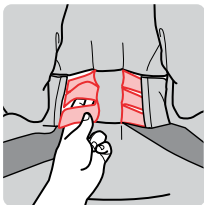


**Pull Pad off Pad Tabs**

To release the pad from the tab, pull down on the pad and pull the pad off the tab.

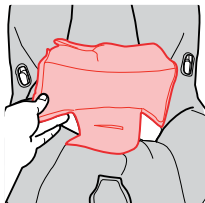
Repeat for the other side.

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**Pull Shoulder  
Harness Pad Slots  
Out From Behind  
Plastic Strip in Pad  
As Shown**

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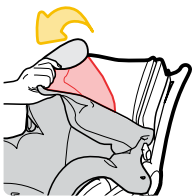


**Pull Back Panel of  
Pad Forward As  
Shown**

Pull the buckle down through the slot in the pad.

Push the harness strap behind the panel.

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**From Top Of Car  
Seat, Pull Pad Off  
of Shell**

Pull the buckle and the harness adjustment strap through the pad.

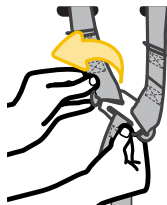
## Removing Harness System

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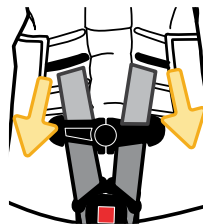
**Loosen Harness  
Straps**

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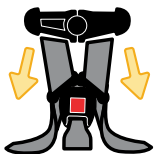
**From Back of Car  
Seat, Remove  
Harness Strap  
Loops From  
Splitter Plate**

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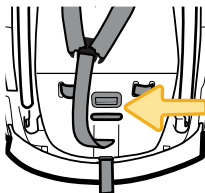
**From Front of  
Car Seat, Pull  
Harness Straps  
Out of Shoulder  
Harness Slots**

4



**Unthread Chest Clip**

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**Turn Car Seat Over**

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

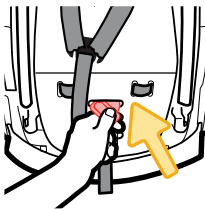
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**Unthread Buckle**

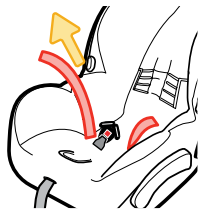
Do not unbuckle.  
The buckle cannot be removed from the car seat.

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**Rotate Metal Retainer and Push It Up Through Shell and Pad**

6



**Pull Harness Strap Out of Hip Harness Slots**

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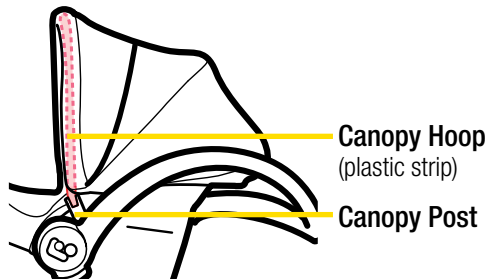


**From Top of Car Seat, Pull Buckle Out of Shell and Pad**

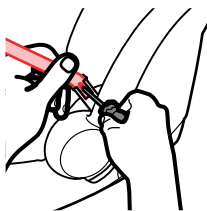
# Removing & Installing Canopy

For wash and care instructions, see page 71.

## Canopy Parts



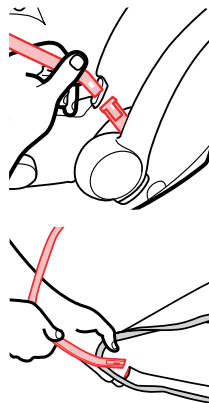
## Removing Canopy



- Using a screwdriver, press in on the canopy tab locks on the canopy post and pull the canopy hoop off of the posts.
- Pull the canopy hoop out of the canopy.

## Installing Canopy

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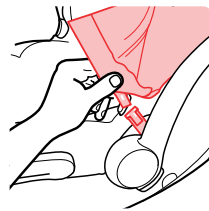


### Thread Canopy Hoop Completely Through Channel on the Front Edge of Canopy

The canopy hoop has an angle that will make the canopy lean forward when installed.

Make sure the angle is correct when you thread the canopy hoop into canopy.

2



### Attach Canopy

- Fit the back of the canopy over the back of the shell.
- Snap each plastic strip end to each canopy post.

## Cleaning Parts of Car Seat

### Cleaning Seat Pad, Head & Body Pillows, & Buckle & Harness Covers

Machine wash separately with cold water on a gentle cycle. Make sure the harness covers are closed so the fastening strips are not exposed. Do not use bleach. Tumble dry separately for 10-12 minutes on low heat. Remove immediately.

### Cleaning Canopy

Spot clean using warm sudsy water and damp cloth. Line dry.

### 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.

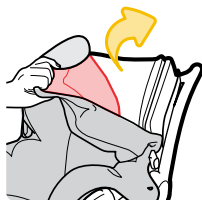
### Cleaning Buckle & Car Seat Shell

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

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

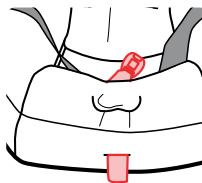
## Installing Seat Pad

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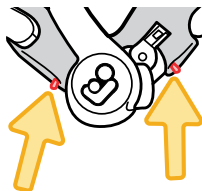
Starting From Bottom of Car Seat, Slip Pad on Shell and Wrap Around Top of Shell

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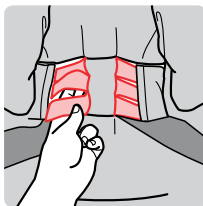
Pull Harness Adjustment Strap and Buckle Through Slots in Pad

3



Attach Pad to Tabs on Both Sides of Shell

4



### Tuck Pad Behind Harness Strap

Thread the harness strap into the shoulder harness slots in the pad and push the slits behind the plastic strip in the pad.

To install accessories, see pages 4-5.

## Installing Harness System

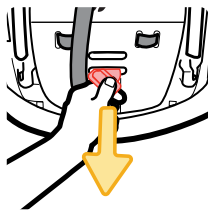
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**Insert Buckle's Metal Retainer into Buckle Slot Closest to Your Child**

The buckle **must** face out.

2



**Pull Buckle's 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.



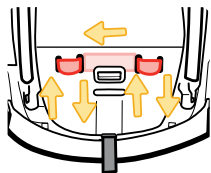
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### Thread Harness Strap

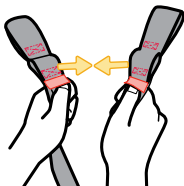
With the sewn end of the harness strap loop facing the buckle, thread the harness strap down through the hip harness slot.

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### Lift Up Front of Pad and Weave Harness Strap In and Out of Shell As Shown

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### Make Harness Strap Even

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

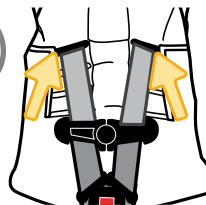
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### Thread Buckle and Chest Clip

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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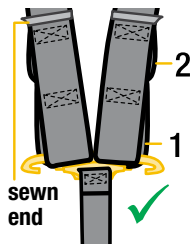
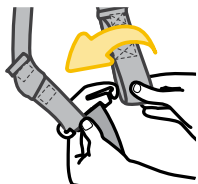


### Rethread Harness Strap Into Correct Shoulder Harness Slots For Your Child

Make sure the shoulder harness slots in pad are correctly lined up with the same shoulder harness slots in shell.

**For Child Fit**, see page 11.

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## Attach 2nd Harness Strap Loops to Splitter Plate

- The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **must face** towards you.
- **Do not** twist the harness strap or the harness adjustment strap.
- Make sure the **same** harness strap loops are fitted completely on both sides of the splitter plate.

Check your child's fit often. If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 22-26.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 12-15.

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.

## Aircraft Information

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.

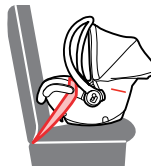
Use only on forward-facing aircraft seats.

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 back of the car seat as shown.



### Rear-Facing Aircraft Installation without Base

Follow pages 60-63.

You can only install this child restraint in the aircraft without the base.

## Replacement & Expiration of Car Seat

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



Do not use this car seat more than 8 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 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.

Read all instructions for additional warnings.

## Installation in Vehicle

Check the vehicle belt or LATCH: 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 a lower anchor belt or with the vehicle seat belt.

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

## 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.



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



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

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



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

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

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

- Consult your vehicle owner's manual, **OR**;
- Contact Dorel Juvenile Group Consumer Care Department, **OR**;
- Visit your local Child Passenger Inspection Station. Go to <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:

**Dorel Juvenile Group**

2525 State Street  
Columbus, IN 47201

or call 1-800-951-4113 or register online at:  
[www.djgusa.com/registration/carseat/us](http://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 <http://www.NHTSA.gov>.

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

**Consumer:** Just fill in your name, address and email. Please print (use dark ink).


Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Model Number ABC123CDE	Model Name BRAND & CAR SEAT NAME	Manufacture Date 05/16/2020
L#11 B265035		



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 back of the car seat.

## Troubleshooting

**1. If the car seat's buckle or harness release lever sticks or you cannot get the straps tight enough around your child:**

**Do not lubricate.** Check around the harness release lever 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 snugly tight while the buckle is 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 to help prevent twisting. Lock the buckle and tighten the harness so it will be ready for next use.

# 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 contact our Consumer Care Department by phone at 1-800-951-4113; or text us at 1-812-652-2525. Our hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

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

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

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

**Limitation of warranties and other warranty terms and state law rights:** Any implied warranties, including implied warranties of the merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, shall be limited to the duration and

terms of the express written warranty. Some states do not allow limitations as to how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations may not apply to you.

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

**Please note:** Our product warranty only applies when purchased from an authorized Maxi-Cosi retailer. The origin of products not purchased through these authorized retailers is unknown and could be counterfeit.

We cannot support products from an unknown origin as we cannot verify the handling or condition of such merchandise. We maintain a strong network of authorized retailers to ensure you are purchasing safe and complete products.

Fulfillment by a third party does not guarantee you are purchasing from one of these authorized retailers. Pricing which is inconsistent with the majority of retailers is a strong indication that the retailer is not authorized, as we have a consistent price offering across all authorized retailers.

If you are unsure of the authorization status of a retailer you are considering purchasing from, or have purchased from, you can check [www.maxicosi.com/us-en/shops.aspx](http://www.maxicosi.com/us-en/shops.aspx); or call our Consumer Care Department at 1-800-951-4113; or text us at 1-812-652-2525.

## Replacement Parts List

Chest Clip	Base
Buckle Assembly	Instructions
Harness Strap	Locking Clip
Seat Pad Set	

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

**Applicable tax and shipping &  
handling will also be added.**

**For parts availability and questions,**  
please call: 1-800-451-4113 or text: 1-812-652-2525.

**If you already know which parts you need,**  
you may complete your order with a credit card  
by calling us at 1-800-451-4113.

**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

## Dorel Juvenile Group Information

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:

**Call:** 1-800-451-4113

**Text:** 1-812-652-2525

**Website:** maxicosi.com

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