

# **Overview**

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

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



**Measure Your Child** 



Adjust the Car Seat to Fit Your Child



Install the Car Seat into Your Vehicle



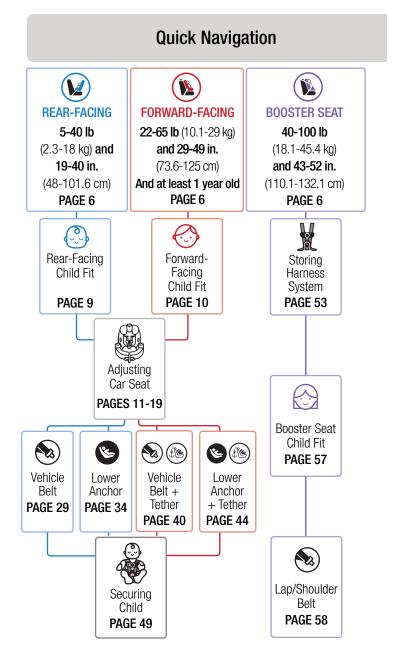
Secure Your Child in the Car Seat

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

# Ready? Let's go!

Pages 1-4 will introduce you to the parts of the car seat.

**Page 78** has our contact information. If at any point you would like assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.



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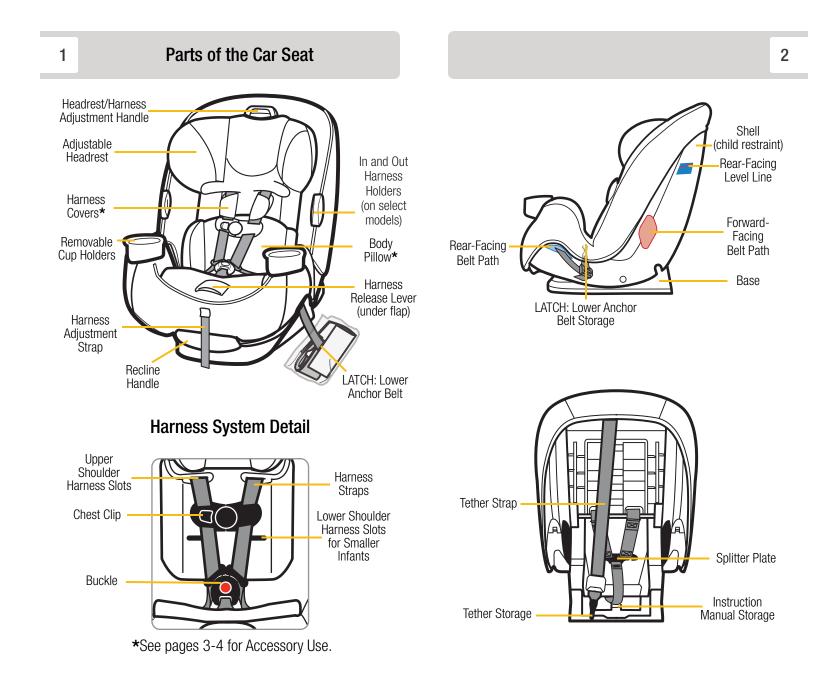
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# **Accessory Use**



For Use in Rear-Facing Mode Only



# **Body Pillow**

When using upper harness slots:

To remove the body pillow when using upper harness slots: Slide pillow out from behind the harness straps.

To install the body pillow when using upper harness slots: Slide pillow in behind harness straps.

When using lower harness slots for smaller infants:

To remove the body pillow when using lower harness slots for smaller infants: From the back of seat, remove harness strap loops from splitter plate. From the front, pull harness straps out of shell and body pillow. Pull pillow out of seat.

Rethread harness for upper harness slots, see pages 68-69.

To install the body pillow when using lower harness slots: From the back of seat, remove harness strap loops from splitter plate. From the front, pull harness straps out of shoulder slots. Place pillow in seat.

Rethread harness straps for smaller infants through pillow and shell, see pages 15-18.











For Use in Rear-Facing Mode or

# Harness Covers

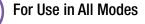
The harness covers help provide comfort to your child's neck.

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 straps.





# **Removable Cup Holders**

(on select models)

The cup holders are top-rack dishwasher safe.

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

To install cup holder, align tabs on bottom of cup holder with slots in shell. Twist clockwise to lock in place.

# **Choosing Car Seat Mode**

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

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

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

## State Laws

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

## American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations

#### Infants and Toddlers

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

#### **Toddlers and Preschoolers**

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

#### School-Aged Children

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

#### Older Children

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



# **REAR-FACING MODE**

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

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

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

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

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### FORWARD-FACING MODE

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

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

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

- Weight Limit: 65 lb (29 kg); 0R
- Height Limit: 49 in. (125 cm); OR
- Forward-Facing Child Fit requirements, see page 10

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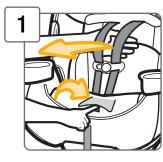
BOOSTER SEAT MODE

**40-100 lb** (18.1-45.4 kg) and **43-52 in.** (110.1-132.1 cm)

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

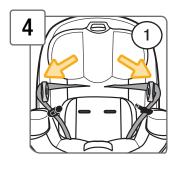
- Weight Limit: 100 lb (45.4 kg); OR
- Height Limit: 52 in. (132.1 cm); OR
- Booster Seat Child Fit requirements, see page 57

# Preparing Car Seat for Child Fit



# Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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

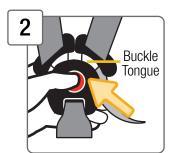


# Place Harness Straps Out of Way

The In and Out Harness Holders (on select models) can be used two ways:

**1.** You can secure the harness straps around them as shown.

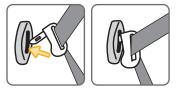
**2.** Or the buckle tongues can be placed into the slots in the harness holders as shown.

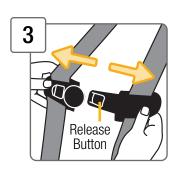


# Unbuckle Harness

Press in towards the **top** of the red button to release the buckle tongues.

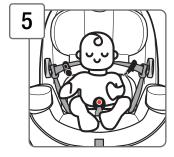






# Release Chest Clip

Hold each side of the chest clip and press on the release button with your thumb and pull apart.



# Place Child in Car Seat to Determine Proper Harness Fit

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

For Rear-Facing child fit, see page 9. For Forward-Facing child fit, see page 10.



# **Rear-Facing Child 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's headrest.



# **Head Position**

**Forward-Facing Child Fit** 

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



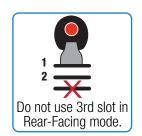
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The harness strap **must be at or slightly below** the shoulders; **never above.** 



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# **Buckle Position**

Buckle must be used in either the **1st or 2nd slot**. Choose the slot closest to your child.

The buckle should not be underneath or behind your child.

# Need to make adjustments?

To change headrest/harness height, see page 11. To change buckle position, see pages 12-14.



# **Buckle Position**

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

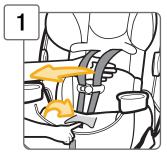
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# Changing Headrest/ Harness Height



# Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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

# Changing Headrest/ Harness Height

Squeeze the headrest/ harness adjustment handle lever up.

Move the headrest up or down to the proper height for your child.

Release the handle to lock in place.

Make sure it is locked securely.

For Rear-Facing Child Fit, see page 9.

For Forward-Facing Child Fit, see page 10.

Check your child's fit often.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 15-18.

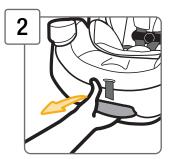
To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 49-51.

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

# 1 Buckle Tongue

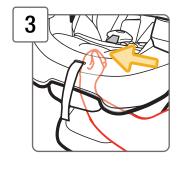
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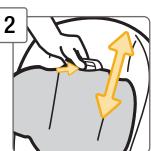
# Fully Recline the Car Seat

Pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.



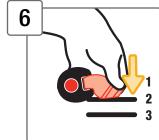
# Locate the Buckle's Metal Retainer

Reach under the seat between the base and shell and through the recline handle.





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

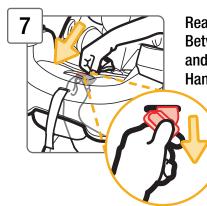


# Insert Buckle's Metal

Buckle **must** face out.

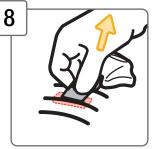
**Rear-Facing Mode:** You **must** use the 1st or 2nd buckle slots.

Forward-Facing Mode: Any slot can be used.



**Reach Under the Seat** Between Base and Shell and Through Recline Handle

> Pull buckle's metal retainer completely through pad and shell.



# **Check Buckle**

Pull up on buckle to make sure it is secured.

The buckle must not pull out.

Check your child's fit often.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 15-18.

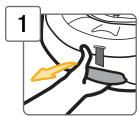
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A Failure to place buckle's metal retainer completely through pad and shell can result in serious injury or death.

# 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/or harness strap length and location as shown in this section.

# **Adjusting Buckle Strap**

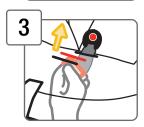


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With Buckle in the 1st Slot, Fully Recline the Car Seat If you need to move the buckle to the 1st slot, see pages 12-14.

Pull Up Front of Car Seat Pad



From Bottom of Seat, Pull Metal Retainer Down and Push It Up into Middle Slot As Shown



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



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

Pull up on buckle to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **must not** pull out.

Check your child's fit often.

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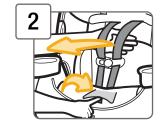
# **Adjusting Harness Strap**

When using the lower shoulder harness slots for smaller children, you must use the body pillow and the headrest must be in the lowest position.



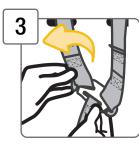
## Adjust the Headrest to the Lowest Position

The headrest **must** be in the lowest position.

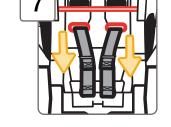


# Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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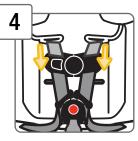
From Back of Seat, Remove Harness Strap Loops From Splitter Plate



# From Back of Seat, Pull Harness Straps Through Shell

Harness straps **must** be in shoulder harness slots **below** the metal bar as shown.

Do not twist harness straps.



Pull Harness Straps Out of Upper Shoulder Harness Slots



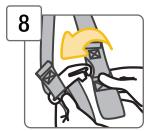
# Pull Body Pillow Forward Away from Seat

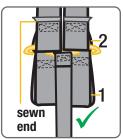
Thread harness straps through slots in body pillow.

You **must** use the body pillow.



Thread Harness Straps Through Lower Shoulder Harness Slots For Smaller Infants in Seat Pad and Shell





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

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

**Do not** twist harness straps or 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.

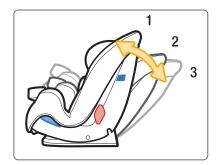
# To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 49-51.

The harness strap **must** be returned to the upper shoulder harness slots as your child grows.

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

# **Reclining the Car Seat**

# This car seat has 3 positions.



Rear-Facing Mode - 3 Reclined or 2 Semi-reclined

For children who cannot sit up unassisted, the level line on shell **must** be parallel with the ground using either Position **3 or 2**.

For children who can sit up unassisted, you may rotate the child restraint to be more upright in Position 2.

Forward-Facing Mode - 1 Upright or 2 Semi-reclined

Booster Seat Mode - 1 Upright or 2 Semi-reclined

**NOTE:** When used in **Forward-Facing** or **Booster Seat** mode, the semi-reclined position is to be used only to install the child restraint or booster seat flush against the vehicle seat back. Vehicle seat back must be upright.



**To Recline:** Pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.

For More Upright: Pull out on recline handle and pull top of child restraint forward.

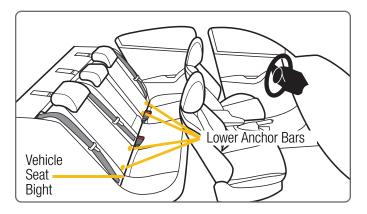
# LATCH: Lower Anchor Use



# For Use in Rear-Facing Mode or Forward Facing Mode

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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 child restraints without using vehicle seat belts.

The lower anchor 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 lower anchor bars.

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

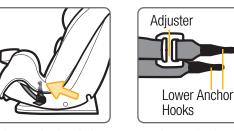
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Do not use both the lower anchor belt and vehicle belt at the same time.

When used correctly the lower anchor belt or vehicle belts are equally safe.

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Lower Anchor Belt Storage Location Lower Anchor Belt Parts

# To Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Storage

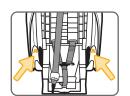
**Location on Car Seat:** Squeeze spring lever on hooks and remove hooks from storage attachments.



# To Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Vehicle Lower Anchor Bars:

Remove tension from the belt by pushing down on side of child restraint with the belt adjuster. Then press the adjuster button to loosen belt.

Unhook from anchor by squeezing spring lever on hook, pushing hook back into the seat bight, and twisting. Then pull it out of the vehicle seat.



Lower Anchor Belt Storage Location

## To Store Lower Anchor Belt:

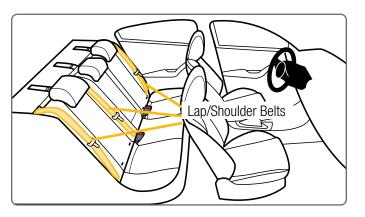
When using vehicle belts, using the booster seat mode, or when the car seat is not installed in a vehicle, the lower anchor belt must be properly stored in its storage location.

Thread lower anchor belt through rear-facing belt path then attach hooks to storage attachments as shown.

Gently tighten to remove slack.

Vehicle Belts

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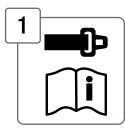
If lower anchors are not an option, you must use the vehicle seat belt system to install the child restraint.

Not all vehicle belts and seating positions will work with child restraints.

Please go through the following steps to understand how to lock a child restraint in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing mode with a vehicle belt.

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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 child restraints can be installed in.

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# Determine How the Child Restraint Will Be Locked Into Place

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

The ways this can be done are:

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

# Types of Retractors



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 child restraint.

**Switching to locking mode:** Slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out, then let it go back in an inch or two.

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



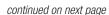
This retractor always locks.

It will automatically lock after slowly pulling the seat belt out at least halfway and letting the belt go back into the retractor an inch or two.

# Emergency Locking Retractor See Step 4, "Check the 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 the Latch Plates".





# Check the 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 child restraint.



# **Check the Latch Plates**

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

To see if the latch plate locks:

Buckle the vehicle belt.

Then firmly tug the lap portion of the seat belt while pulling it up.

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

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



**Emergency Locking** Retractor with 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 page 77.

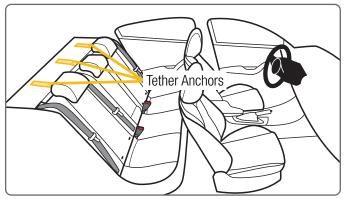
Never Use With This Child Restraint	
Emergency Locking Retractor Lap Only Belt	X
Inflatable Seat Belts	×

# **Tether Use**



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

You must always attach, adjust, and secure the top anchorage (tether) strap when installing the child restraint forward-facing with internal harness. Tethers improve the installation and stability of child restraints and reduce the risk of injury.

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

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

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

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

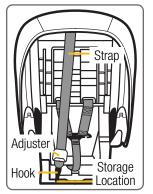
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Locking Latch Plate



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**Tether Storage** and Parts





# **Storing Tether Strap**

When installing rear-facing, using the booster seat mode, or when the car seat is not installed in a vehicle, attach the tether hook to its storage attachment on back of car seat as shown.

Gently tighten to remove slack.

**Adjusting Tether Strap** 

To tighten: After the child

restraint is locked into place

with the lower anchor belt or

child restraint and gently pull

vehicle belt, push down on

on free end of tether strap.

To loosen: Lift up on tether

adjuster and push it towards

tether hook.



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Lap/Shoulder Belt

LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt

frontal airbag.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rear-Facing Mode** 

5-40 lb (2.3-18 kg) and

19-40 in. (48-101.6 cm)

Lap Belt



# **Rear-Facing Vehicle Belt Install**

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

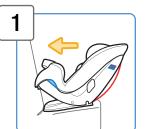


Your child's weight and height? See page 6.

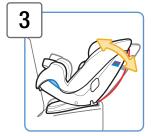


# Your child's fit? See page 9.

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



Place Car Seat Rear-Facing in Back Seat

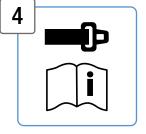


# **Recline the Car Seat**

Pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.

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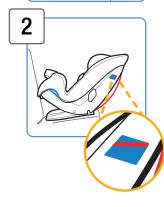
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# Check if Your Vehicle Belts Will Work With This Child Restraint

This is very important because not all vehicle belts will work with child restraints.

Review pages 22-25 and your vehicle owner's manual to determine what kind of vehicle belt you have and how to lock a child restraint in place.



# Check Rear-Facing Level Line

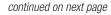
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Recline the car seat to achieve the proper angle, see step 3.

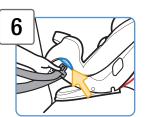
For children who can sit up unassisted, you may rotate the child restraint to be more upright in Position 2.

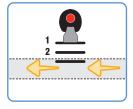


# Locate Rear-Facing Belt Path



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# Buckle Vehicle Belt

path opening. Do not twist belt.

**Route Vehicle Belt** 

Thread the vehicle belt into the

Rear-Facing Belt Path opening.

Pull it across the seat, under the

seat pad, in front of the buckle,

and out through the other 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 24 or review your vehicle owner's manual.



# **Tighten Belt**

Place hand in child restraint.

Firmly push child restraint down and back towards the vehicle seat back while pulling the shoulder belt or the free end of lap belt parallel with the belt path through the belt path opening as shown.



# **Check Belt Tightness**

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weaker hand.

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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:

- **A.** Pulling the belt tighter.
- **B.** Reinstalling the child restraint.
- **C.** Changing to a different seating location.

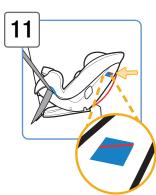
**D.** Switching to lower anchor belt installation if lower anchors are available in your vehicle.



# Secure Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 49-51.

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



Recheck Rear-Facing Level Line

Redo the installation if not reclined correctly for your child.

For children who cannot sit up unassisted, the level line **must** be parallel with the ground.

For children who can sit up unassisted, you may rotate the child restraint to be more upright in Position 2.

**NOTE:** Only if necessary, you may need to place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the base to help achieve the correct recline.

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

# Finished!

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

# Rear-Facing LATCH: Lower Anchor Install



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



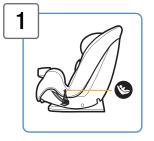
Your child's weight and height? See page 6.



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Your child's fit? See page 9. Do you need to make adjustments to the

harness/headrest height or the buckle position?



# Remove Lower Anchor Belt from Storage Location

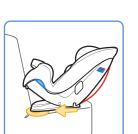
Or if the lower anchor belt was used Forward-Facing, remove it from the Forward-Facing belt path so both hooks are on the same side of the seat.



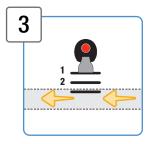
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# Locate Rear-Facing Belt Path

Route the lower anchor belt through the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** opening as shown. The lower anchor belt adjuster can be on either side.



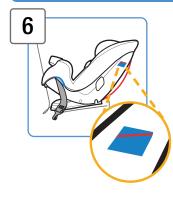
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# Pull Lower Anchor Belt Across the Seat

It must be under the seat pad, in front of the buckle, and go out through the other belt path opening.

Do not twist belt.



# Check Rear-Facing Level Line

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For children who cannot sit up unassisted, the level line must be parallel with the ground.

Recline the car seat to achieve the proper angle, see step 7.

For children who can sit up unassisted, you may rotate the child restraint to be more upright in Position 2.

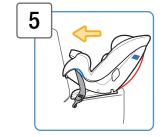
# **Recline the Car Seat**

Pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.

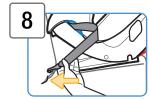


Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing





Place Car Seat Rear-Facing in Back Seat





# Attach Lower Anchor Hooks to Vehicle's Lower Anchors

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

Repeat for other side of child restraint.

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# **Tighten Belt**

Place hand in child restraint.

Firmly push child restraint down and towards the vehicle seat back while pulling the free end of the belt parallel with the belt path through the belt path opening as shown.

# **Check Belt Tightness**

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weaker 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:

**A.** Pulling the belt tighter.

**B.** Reinstalling the child restraint.

**C.** Changing to a different seating location.

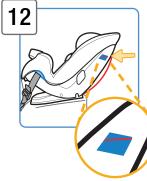
**D.** Switching to vehicle belt installation.



# Secure Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 49-51.

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





# **Recheck Rear-Facing** Level Line

For children who cannot sit up unassisted, the level line must be parallel with the ground.

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For children who can sit up **unassisted**, you may rotate the child restraint to be more upright in Position 2.

# Redo the installation if not reclined correctly for your child.

**NOTE:** Only if necessary, you may need to place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the base to help achieve the correct recline.

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



# Finished!

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





# **Forward-Facing Mode**

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







Lap/Shoulder Belt and Tether

Lap Belt and Tether

LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt and Tether

Do not install by this method for a child weighing more than 40 lbs (18 kg).

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

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

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

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

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

# **Forward-Facing Vehicle Belt** + Tether Install



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

Your child's weight and height?

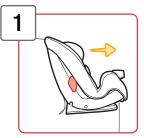


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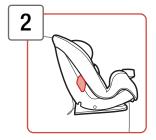
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Your child's fit? See page 10. Do you need to make adjustments to the

harness/headrest height or the buckle position?



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



# Make Car Seat Flush **Against Vehicle Seat**

Put the child restraint into Position 1.

Do not use any recline positions except to make the child restraint flush against the vehicle seat back. Vehicle seat back must be upright.

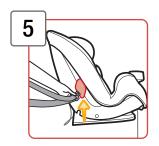








NOTE: If your vehicle seat has a headrest that interferes with achieving a flush car seat fit, check your vehicle owner's manual to see if it can be removed, adjusted, or if there are other possible seating locations.



# **Route the Vehicle Belt**

Thread the vehicle belt through **Forward-Facing Belt Path** opening.

Pull it across the seat. Then thread it through the other belt path opening.

Do not twist belt.

## 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 24 or review your vehicle owner's manual.

# **Tighten Belt**

Place hand in child restraint.

Firmly push child restraint down while pulling the shoulder belt or free end of the lap belt parallel with the belt path through the belt path opening as shown.

# **Tighten Tether**

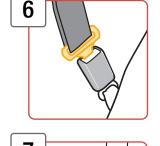
Push firmly on the back of the seat and pull the tether strap to remove all slack and create tension on the strap.

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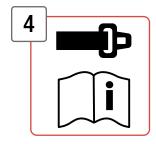
# Loosely Attach Tether Hook to Vehicle's Tether Anchor

Check vehicle owner's manual for specific location.









# **Check if Your Vehicle Belts** Will Work With This Child Restraint

#### This is very important because not all vehicle belts will work with child restraints.

Review pages 22-25 and your vehicle owner's manual to determine what kind of vehicle belt you have and how to lock a child restraint in place.



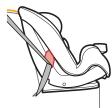
# **Check Belt Tightness**

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weaker 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:

- **A.** Putting your knee in the seat and pulling the belt tighter.
- **B.** Reinstalling the child restraint.
- **C.** Changing to a different seating location.

**D.** Switching to the lower anchor belt installation if lower anchors are available in your vehicle.



# Finished!

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



# Securing Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 49-51.

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



# **Remove Lower Anchor Belt** from Storage Location

Remove it from the rear-facing belt path so both hooks are on the same side of the seat.

LATCH: Lower Anchor 😉 🚯 44

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

**Forward-Facing** 

+ Tether Install

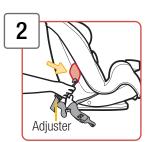


Your child's weight and height? See page 39.



Your child's fit? See page 10. Do you need to make adjustments to the harness/headrest height or the buckle position?





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# Route the Lower Anchor Belt Through Forward-Facing Belt Path As Shown

The lower anchor belt adjuster can be on either side. **Do not twist belt.** 



# Make Car Seat Flush Against Vehicle Seat

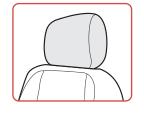
Put the child restraint into Position 1.

Do not use any recline positions except to make the child restraint flush against the vehicle seat back.

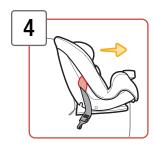
Vehicle seat back must be upright.



Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing



NOTE: If your vehicle seat has a headrest that interferes with achieving 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.



Place Car Seat Forward-Facing in Back Seat



# Loosely Attach Tether Hook to Vehicle's Tether Anchor

Check vehicle owner's manual for specific location.

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# Attach Lower Anchor Hooks to Vehicle's Lower Anchors

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

Repeat for other side of child restraint.



# **Check Belt Tightness**

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weaker hand.

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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:

- **A.** Putting your knee in the seat and pulling the belt tighter.
- **B.** Reinstalling the child restraint.
- **C.** Changing to a different seating location.
- **D.** Switching to vehicle belt installation.



# **Tighten Belt**

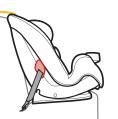
Place hand in child restraint.

Firmly push child restraint down while pulling the free end of the belt parallel with the belt path.



# **Tighten Tether**

Push firmly on the back of the seat and pull the tether strap to remove all slack and create tension on the strap.



# Finished!

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

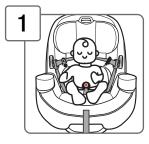


# Securing Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 49-51.

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

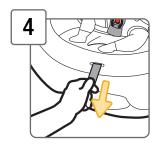
# Securing Child in Car Seat



# Place Child in Car Seat

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

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



# Tighten Harness

Pull on harness adjustment strap to snugly tighten harness.



# **Buckle Harness**

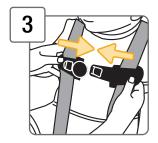
Push buckle tongues into buckle until you hear them "click".

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



# **Position Chest Clip**

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



# **Fasten Chest Clip**

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



# **Check Harness Tightness**

Unfasten the harness covers.

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

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

If you can pinch the harness strap, tighten more.

Fasten the harness covers.

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

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Lap/Shoulder Belt

Keep the booster seat securely belted even when unoccupied.

Do not use the harness system when using as a booster seat.





Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this booster seat. Do not use only the lap belt when using this seat as a booster seat.

The shoulder belt must always be adjusted snugly across the child's chest. NEVER place shoulder belt under the child's arms or behind their back.

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

Do not use LATCH when using as a booster seat. Secure lower anchor belt and tether strap to their storage locations.

40-100 lb (18.1-45.4 kg) and 43-52 in. (110.1-132.1 cm)







1. Loosen Harness Strap

To Remove Child from Car Seat:

- 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.

Finished!

The 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.



Do not mistake comfort for safety. 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.

# Storing Harness System

You must store the harness system and remove accessories when using the Booster Seat mode.

To remove accessories, see pages 3-4.

1 Do not fully pull the harness strap out of the car seat. Leave it threaded in the hip harness slots. If removed, you will not be able to rethread it.

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# **Fully Loosen Harness Straps**

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

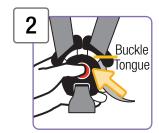
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# From Top of Seat, Pull Buckle Out of Shell and Pad

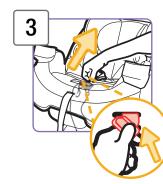
Store the buckle in a safe place for future use.

Adjust Headrest to **Highest Position** 



# **Unbuckle Harness**

Press in towards the **top** of the red button to release the buckle tongues.



# Locate Buckle's Metal Retainer

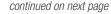
Fully recline the child restraint and reach under the seat between the base and shell and through the recline handle.

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

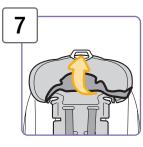
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**Headrest Pad As Shown** 

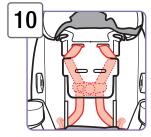




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**Pull Headrest Pad Off Bottom of Headrest** As Shown



# Place Chest Clip, Harness Straps, and Buckle Tongues Behind the Headrest and Seat Pad As Shown

Push chest clip up so it is behind the headrest.

# **Tighten Harness**

Pull on harness adjustment strap to remove any slack from the harness system.

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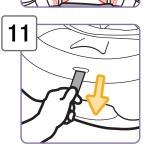
Pad As Shown

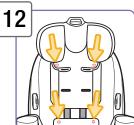
**Thread Harness Straps** 

into Slots on Sides of

**Headrest As Shown** 

Undo Fasteners on Seat





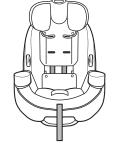
# Pull Headrest Pad Down and Wrap Around Bottom of Headrest

Finished!

The car seat has been converted to Booster Seat Mode.

# Attach fasteners on seat pad.







# **Booster Seat Child Fit**



# **Head Position**

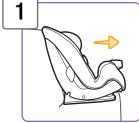
Tops of the child's ears should never be above the top of the headrest.

Adjust headrest if needed, see page 11.

# Lap/Shoulder Belt Use



You must store the harness system when using the Booster Seat mode. See pages 53-56.



# Place Booster Seat Forward-Facing in Back Seat

Put the booster seat into Position 1.

Do not use any recline positions except to make the booster seat flush against the vehicle seat back.

Vehicle seat back must be upright.

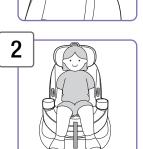
NOTE: If your vehicle seat has a headrest that interferes with achieving a flush car seat fit, check your vehicle owner's manual to see if it can be removed. adjusted, or if there are other possible seating locations.

Have Child Sit in Booster Seat



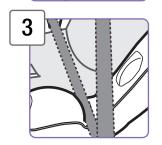
# **Shoulder Belt Position**

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



# Lap Belt Position

The lap belt should lay snugly across the child's hips and not on their stomach.

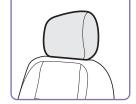


# **Position Lap Belt on Child**

Route the lap belt portion of vehicle belt through the booster belt path as shown.

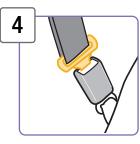
The lap belt should lay snugly across the child's hips and not on the stomach.







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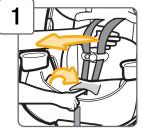


Buckle the Vehicle Belt Pull up on lap belt to tighten.

# **Removing Seat Pad Set** for Cleaning

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

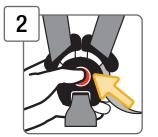
To remove accessories, see pages 3-4.



# **Fully Loosen Harness Straps**

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



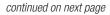
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# **Unbuckle Harness**

Press in towards the **top** of the red button.

Pull buckle tongues out.

# Adjust Headrest to **Highest Position**





# **Position Shoulder Belt** on Child

Pull up on shoulder belt to tighten.

For models with In and Out Harness Holders: The shoulder belt should lay under the In and Out Harness Holder as shown.

For models without In and Out Harness Holders: The shoulder belt will fall naturally into place.

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

Only use the shoulder belt-positioning guide in the headrest if necessary to help position the shoulder belt correctly on your child.

# Finished!

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



# Locate Pad Fabric Tab Slot

in Headrest

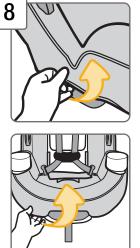
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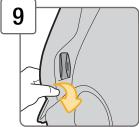
Pull the fabric tab out of the slot in the headrest as shown.

# Pull Headrest Pad Off **Bottom of Headrest As** Shown

Remove headrest pad from shell.

**Undo Fasteners on Seat** 





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# Pull Pad Down and Off of Bottom of In and Out Harness Holders

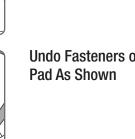
Pull Pad Off Sides and

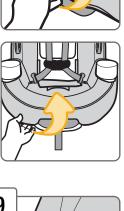
Bottom of Shell

## (on select models)

Pull up the pad to remove it completely from the In and Out Harness Holders.

# From Top of Seat, Pull Pad Off of Shell









# Cleaning Parts of Car Seat and Installing Seat Pad Set

#### Cleaning Pad and Accessories

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 Harness Strap**

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

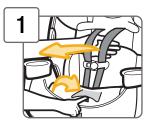
Do not fully pull the harness strap out of the car seat. Leave it threaded in the hip harness slots. If removed, you will not be able to rethread it.

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.

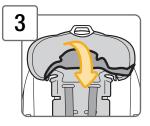
Do not use the child restraint without the seat pad or with damaged harness straps.



# Fully Loosen Harness Straps

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

# Adjust Headrest to Highest Position



# Place Headrest Pad on Headrest

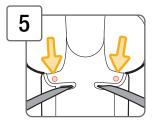
Make sure handle goes through slot in headrest pad.



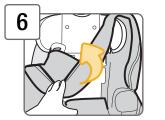
# Locate Pad Fabric Tab Slot in Headrest

There is one at the headrest/ harness adjustment handle.

Slide the fabric tab into the slot in headrest as shown.

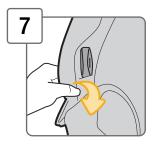


# Slide Harness Straps Into Slots in Pad and Attach Fasteners

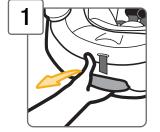


Starting from Bottom of Car Seat, Slip Pad on Shell

# **Installing Harness System**



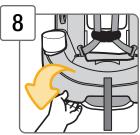
**Push In and Out Harness** Holders Through Slots in Seat Pad (on select models)



# Fully Recline the Car Seat

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Pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.



# Wrap Pad Around Bottom and Sides of Shell

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



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

Buckle **must** face out. Rear-Facing Mode: You must use the 1st or 2nd buckle slots. Forward-Facing Mode: Any slot can be used.

## Reach Under Seat Between Base and Shell and Through **Recline Handle**

Pull metal retainer completely through pad and shell.

## Check Buckle

Pull up on buckle to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **must** not pull out.

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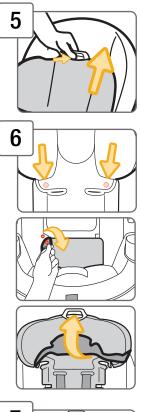


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Attach Seat Pad Fasteners As Shown

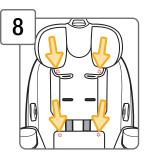






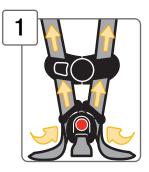
Adjust Headrest to Highest Position

Undo Fasteners on Headrest Pad and Seat Pad and Pull Headrest Pad Off Bottom of Headrest



Attach Seat Pad Fasteners

If you have removed the harness straps from the splitter plate, and the buckle tongues and chest clip have been unthreaded from the harness straps, follow the steps below to rethread them.



### **Thread Buckle and Chest Clip**

Harness strap ends go through the <u>back</u> of buckle tongues and through the chest clip <u>front to</u> <u>back</u> as shown.

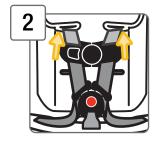


### Unthread Harness Straps From Slots on Side of Headrest

Loosen harness straps.

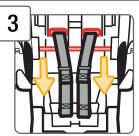
Pull chest clip, harness straps, and buckle tongues out from behind the headrest and seat pad.

Slide harness straps into slots in headrest pad.



# Thread Harness Straps into Upper Shoulder Harness Slots

If you will be using the lower shoulder harness slots for smaller children, see pages 15-18.



From Back, Thread Harness Straps OVER Metal Bar Do not twist harness straps.

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

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

**Do not** twist harness strap or 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 15-18.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 49-51. 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**

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

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

Install the child restraint 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 child restraint is certified for aircraft use.

There is an airplane certification label located on the side of this child restraint as shown.

 $\triangle$  Store the lower anchor belt and tether strap when installing with aircraft belts.



# Rear-Facing Aircraft Installation

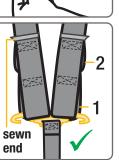
Follow the steps on pages 29-33.



# Forward-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the steps on pages 40-43, skipping the tether strap steps.





# Replacement and 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 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.



# \land 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 or tether anchors. Read all instructions for additional warnings.

# \land Installation in Vehicle

Check the vehicle belt or lower anchor belt before each use. Use only if the belt is 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.

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.

# 🗥 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.

that face forward.



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

Use the child restraint only on vehicle seats

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 child restraint in your

**vehicle:** consult your vehicle owner's manual; contact Dorel Juvenile Group Consumer Care Department; or visit your local Child Passenger Inspection Station. Go to http://www.safercar.gov/ cpsApp/cps/index.htm to find your closest station.

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

**1.** Park in the shade or where sun does not directly hit the child restraint.

2. Cover the child restraint with a sheet or blanket when not in use.

**3.** Check for hot seat and buckles before placing child in child restraint.

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

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:

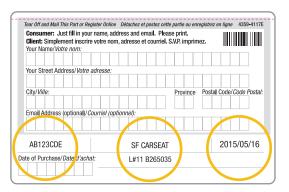
**Registration and Safety Notices** 

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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 http://www.NHTSA.gov.



Example of model number, line code and manufacture date.



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

# Troubleshooting

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# 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 1-800-544-1108 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. 1. If the child restraint buckle or harness release lever sticks or you cannot get the straps tight enough around child:

**DO NOT LUBRICATE.** Check around lever and retractor for dropped food, sticky spilled drinks, dirt, leaves, etc. Clean with warm water and/or remove object with tweezers. If you cannot get the harness to adjust and remain tight with the buckle securely locked, do not use the child restraint.

#### 2. If your harness twists:

Straighten the harness each time you put your child in the child restraint to help prevent twisting. Lock the buckle and tighten harness so it will be ready for next use.

# **Replacement Parts List**

Chest Clip Buckle Assembly Seat Pad Set Tether Lower Anchor Belt Instructions Locking Clip

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,

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

# If you already know which parts you need,

you may complete your order with a credit card by calling us at 1-800-544-1108.

## We accept Visa or MasterCard.

### Hours of Operation:

M-TH: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM EST FRI: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM EST Thank you for choosing this child restraint. The DJG family is committed to creating child restraints 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 child restraint will prevent injury or death in a particular crash.

However, when combined with careful driving, proper use of a child restraint can lower a child's risk of injury or death in most crashes.

If you still have questions or have any concerns with this child restraint, please contact our Consumer Care Department:

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