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All-in-One Car Seat

Your model may look different than the one shown.

Read all instructions BEFORE USING this child restraint.

KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.

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

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Getting Started

To help you get started using your child's new car seat (also known as a child restraint), these are the four main tasks you'll need to complete.

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Measure
your child.

2

Adjust the car
seat to fit
your child.

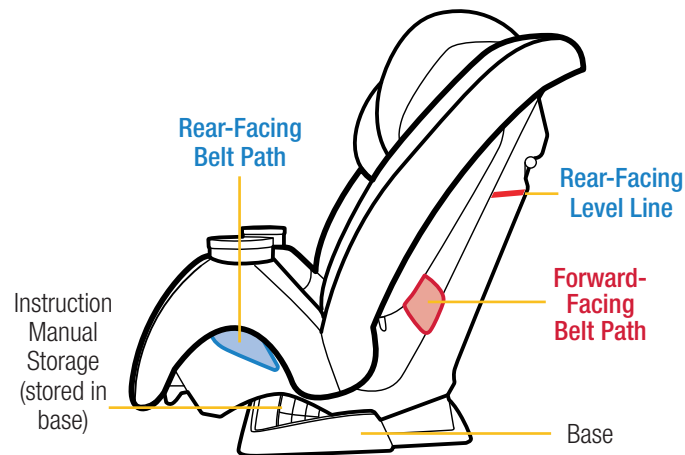
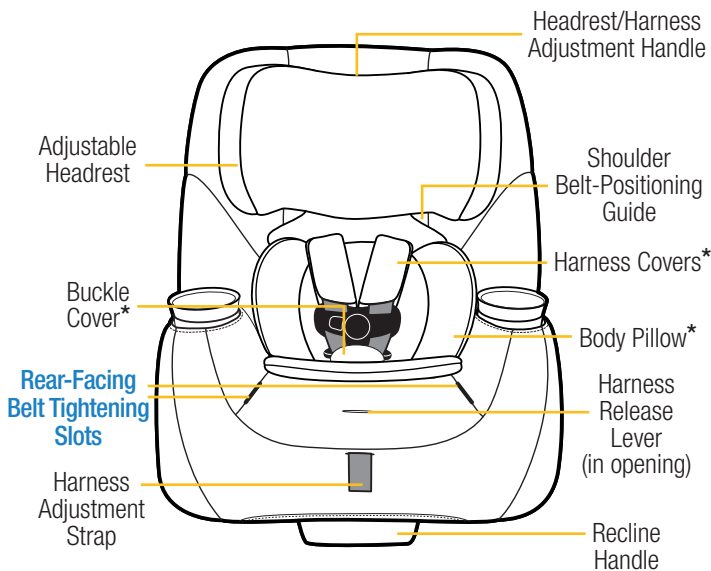
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Install the car
seat into your
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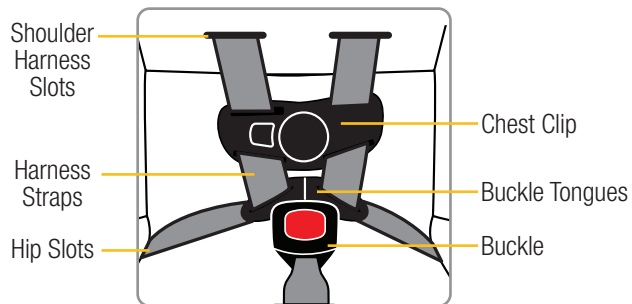
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Secure your
child in the
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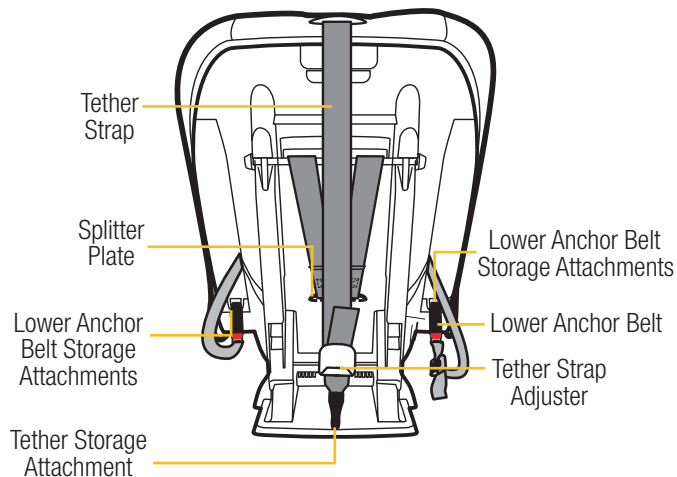
Parts of the Car Seat



Harness System

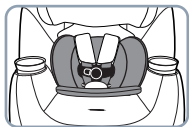


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Accessory Use

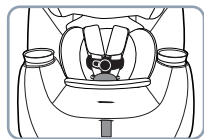
Accessories are not required for proper use. Use them only if they meet your child's comfort and fit needs.



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

To remove the body pillow: Unfasten the chest clip and press the red button to unbuckle the harness. Push the buckle down through the slot in the body pillow. Gently slide the body pillow out from behind the harness straps.

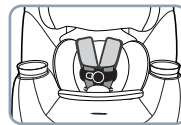
To install the body pillow: Unfasten the chest clip and press the red button to unbuckle the harness. Pull the buckle up through the body pillow using the same buckle slot as the seat pad. Tuck the upper part of the body pillow beneath the harness straps.



Buckle Cover For Optional Use in **Rear-Facing Mode or Forward-Facing Mode**

To remove the buckle cover: Undo the buckle. Pull the buckle cover off the buckle.

To install the buckle cover: Undo the buckle. Slide the cover over the buckle. Tuck the bottom part of the cover behind the buckle strap into the body pillow or seat pad slot.



Harness Covers For Optional Use in **Rear-Facing Mode or Forward-Facing Mode**

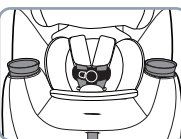
The harness covers help provide comfort to your child's neck. If the harness covers will not allow proper positioning of the chest clip or interfere with getting a tight enough harness fit for a smaller infant, remove and **DO NOT** use. Store until your child is large enough to use the

harness covers while maintaining a properly fitting harness.

To ensure your child's comfort and safety, always position the harness covers so that the fastener opening is pointed away from your child's face to prevent irritation or contact with exposed fastener edges.

To remove the harness covers: Pull apart the fastening strips and pull the harness cover off the harness straps.

To install the harness covers: Place the upper part of the harness strap above the chest clip into the harness cover. Tuck the harness strap under the fastening strip flap on the outer edge of the cover. Reattach both sides of the fastening strip. Repeat with the other harness cover.



Removable Cup Holders For Use in All Modes

To install the cup holders: Align the bottom of the cup to the slot on the seat. Twist the cup holder clockwise until it locks into place. Repeat on the other side.

To remove the cup holders: Twist the cup holder counterclockwise and pull it out of the slot in the seat. Repeat on the other side.

The cup holders are top-rack dishwasher safe.



Choosing a Car Seat Mode

WARNING

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

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

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

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

Infants and Toddlers

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

Toddlers and Preschoolers

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

School-Aged Children

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



Rear-Facing Mode

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

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

Rear-Facing Child Fit Requirements [PAGE 18](#)

Rear-Facing Vehicle Installation [PAGE 20](#)



Forward-Facing Mode

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

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

Forward-Facing Child Fit Requirements [PAGE 29](#)

Forward-Facing Vehicle Installation [PAGE 31](#)



Booster Seat Mode

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

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

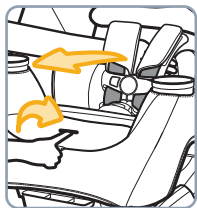
Storing the Harness System [PAGE 43](#)

Booster Seat Child Fit Requirements [PAGE 47](#)

Booster Seat Use in Vehicle [PAGE 48](#)

Changing the Headrest/ Harness Height

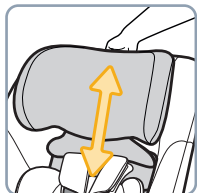
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Fully Loosen the Harness Straps

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

2



Adjust the Headrest/ Harness Height

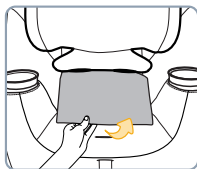
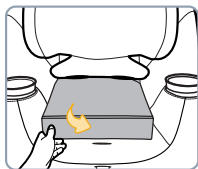
1. Squeeze the adjustment handle lever up.
2. Move the headrest up or down to the proper height for your child.

3. Release the handle to lock in place.

4. Make sure it is locked securely.



To Use the Headrest in Lower Positions:



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

For Rear-Facing Child Fit Requirements, see page 18.

For Forward-Facing Child Fit Requirements, see page 29.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 38–40.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 13–14.

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

Changing the Buckle Position

⚠ WARNING

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

1



Undo the Buckle

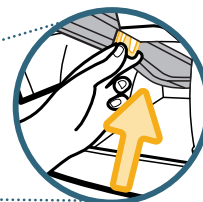
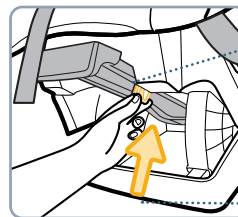
Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.

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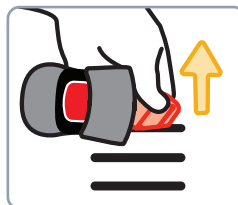


Recline the Car Seat

Reach under the car seat. Rotate the buckle's metal retainer and push it up through the car seat.

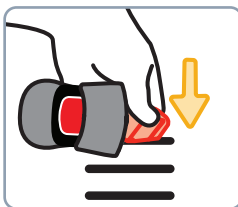


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From the Top of the Car Seat, Pull the Buckle and Buckle Cover Out of the Car Seat and Pad

4



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

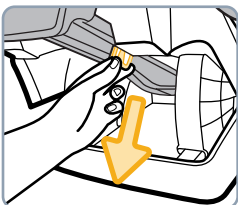
The buckle **MUST** face out.

Tuck the ends of the buckle cover into the same pad slot as the buckle.

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

Forward-Facing Mode: Any slot can be used.

5



Reach Under the Car Seat Between the Base and Car Seat

Pull the buckle's metal retainer completely through the seat pad and car seat.

6



Check the Buckle

Pull the buckle up to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **MUST NOT** pull out.

i

For **Rear-Facing Child Fit Requirements**, see page 18.

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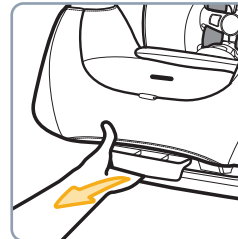
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If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, you may need to adjust the buckle strap position and location as shown in this section.

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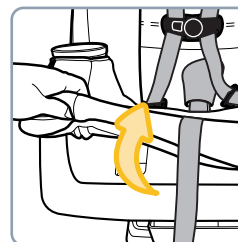
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With the Buckle in the First Slot, Fully Recline the Car Seat

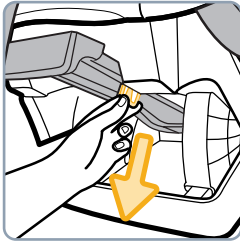
If you need to move the buckle to the 1st slot, see pages 11–12.

2



Pull the Front of the Car Seat Pad Up

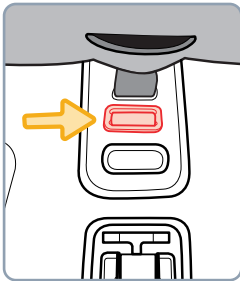
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Reach Under the Car Seat

While keeping the buckle in the first slot, reach under the seat and pull the buckle's metal retainer down and away from the first slot. Push the metal retainer up into the middle slot from below the car seat as shown.

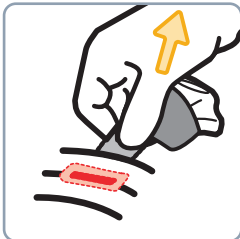
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From the Top of the Car Seat, Lay the Metal Retainer Flat Against the Car Seat

The buckle strap should still be in the first slot while the metal retainer is flat against the car seat in the second slot as shown.

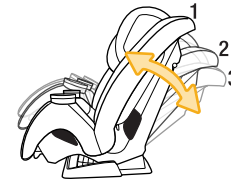
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Tuck the Car Seat Pad Around the Front of the Car Seat and Check the Buckle

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

The buckle **MUST NOT** pull out.



This car seat has 3 positions.

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

For children **who cannot** sit up unassisted, the **Rear-Facing Level Line** on the car seat **MUST** be parallel with the ground using either Position 2 or 3.

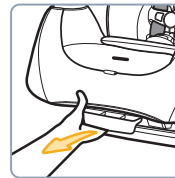
For children **who can** sit up unassisted, you may make the car seat more upright in Position 2.

DO NOT use **Position 1** for **Rear-Facing Mode**.

Forward-Facing Mode - Position 1 Fully upright

Booster Seat Mode - Position 1 Fully upright

To Recline: Pull the recline handle out and push the top of the car seat back.

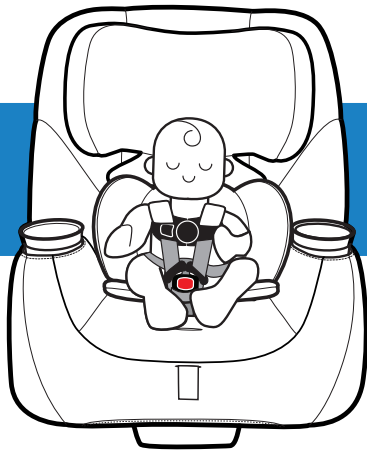


To Change to a More Upright Position: Pull the recline handle out and pull the top of the car seat forward.



In **Forward-Facing Mode** or **Booster Seat Mode**, the vehicle seat back **MUST** be in the upright position, but you can adjust the angle slightly to better match the angle of the car seat. Refer to the vehicle owner's manual for how to adjust the vehicle seat back.

Rear-Facing Mode



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

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

- **Weight Limit:** 40 lb (18 kg); **OR**
- **Height Limit:** 40 in. (101.6 cm); **OR**
- **Rear-Facing Child Fit Requirements** Page 18

Rear-Facing Vehicle Installation: Page 20

⚠ WARNING

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rear-Facing Child Fit Requirements

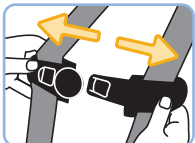
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Fully Loosen the Harness Straps

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

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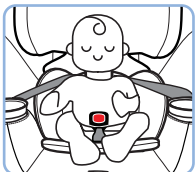


Undo the Chest Clip and Buckle

While holding both sides of the chest clip, press the release button with your thumb and pull the chest clip apart. To unbuckle the harness, press the red button to release the buckle tongues.



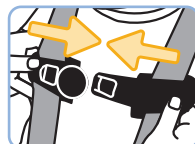
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Place Your Child in the Car Seat

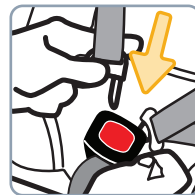
Your child's bottom and back should be flat against the car seat.

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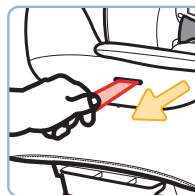
Fasten the Chest Clip and Buckle the Harness

Position the chest clip mid-chest (even with the armpits) and away from your child's neck.



See Securing Your Child in the Car Seat on page 38 for details on chest clip position.

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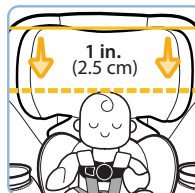


Tighten Harness

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

See Securing Your Child in the Car Seat on page 38 for details on checking harness tightness.

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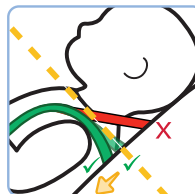


Check the Head Position

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.

To change the headrest position, see page 10.

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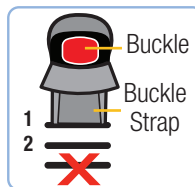


Check the Harness Strap Position

When **Rear-Facing**, the (change **Rear-Facing** to blue text) harness strap **MUST be placed at the shoulder** when possible, or slightly below; **NEVER** above.

To change the harness strap height, see page 10.

8



Check the Buckle Position

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

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

To change the buckle position, see page 11.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 13–14.

Rear-Facing Vehicle Installation

There are two methods for installing the car seat in your vehicle. **Use only one:**

Vehicle Belt



OR

LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt



! WARNING

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



Before installing the car seat:

- Check the child fit requirements on pages 18–19 and make any necessary adjustments to the harness height or buckle position.
- Review your vehicle owner's manual to determine the type of vehicle belts in your car and how to use them to lock a car seat in place **OR** where LATCH: lower anchor seating positions are located in your vehicle. See also LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt on page 58 and Vehicle Belts on page 60.
- If you are using a vehicle belt to install the seat, make sure the lower anchor belt is stored away (see page 59).
- Make sure the tether strap is properly stored away (see page 64).
- Ensure the vehicle is on level ground when installing the car seat.

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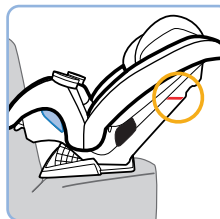


Place the Car Seat Rear-Facing in the Back Seat

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

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

2



Recline the Car Seat and Check the Rear-Facing Level Line

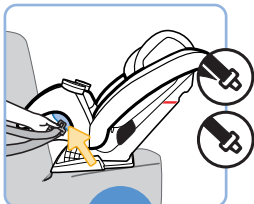
For children who cannot sit up unassisted, the **Rear-Facing Level Line** on the car seat **MUST** be parallel with the ground using either Position 2 or 3.

For children who can sit up unassisted, you may make the car seat more upright in Position 2.

DO NOT use **Position 1** for **Rear-Facing Mode**.

See Reclining the Car Seat on page 15.

3



OR



Locate the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** and Begin Routing the Vehicle Belt or the Lower Anchor Belt through the Path

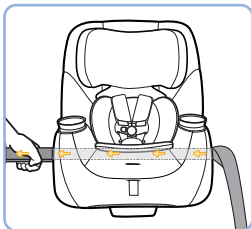
For the vehicle belt: Insert the vehicle belt into the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** opening.

For the lower anchor belt: Start with the entire lower anchor belt on the side where the belt is connected to the seat (the child's right). Insert one end of the lower anchor belt into the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** opening.

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



4



Finish Routing the Vehicle Belt or Lower Anchor Belt through the **Rear-Facing Belt Path**

Reach through the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** opening on the other

side of the car seat to pull the belt completely through the belt path. Make sure the belt is positioned properly so that it goes:

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

DO NOT twist the belt.

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Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing

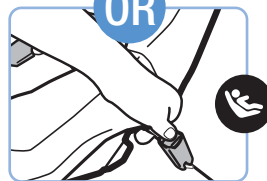
The lower anchor belt adjuster **MUST** be on the child's left.



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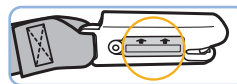


Buckle the Vehicle Belt

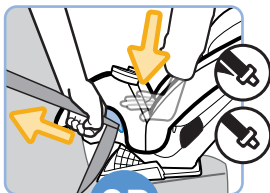
If your car has a **switchable retractor**, use it to lock the vehicle belt. Review page 62 of this manual or your vehicle owner's manual.

Attach the Lower Anchor Belt Connectors to the Lower Anchors

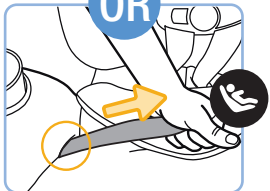
Make sure the arrows on the connectors are facing up and then fasten the connectors to the vehicle lower anchor bars.



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end of the lower anchor belt through the slot to tighten it. Once tightened, feed the free end of the belt back through the slot and under the seat pad.

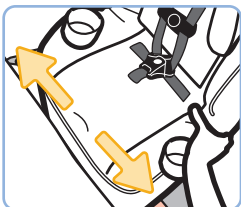
Tighten the Belt

For the lap/shoulder belt: Push firmly down with moderate weight in the center of the car seat with one hand while using your other hand to pull up on the shoulder belt to tighten it.

For the lap-only belt: Reach into the belt path opening under the seat pad and pull the free end of the belt towards you.

For the lower anchor belt: Reach into the **Rear-Facing** belt tightening slot and pull the free

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Check the Belt Tightness

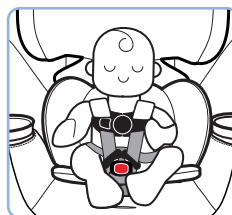
Hold the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** with your non-dominant hand. Push and pull the car seat from side to side.

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

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

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

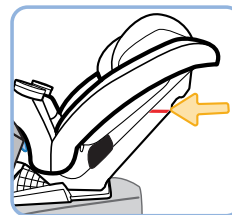
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Secure Your Child in the Car Seat

For complete details on properly securing your child in the car seat, including how to position the chest clip and check for harness tightness, see pages 38–40.

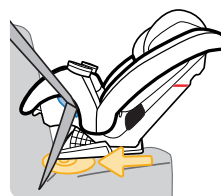
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Recheck the Rear-Facing Level Line

Adjust the recline position if needed (see step 2).

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

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

FINISHED!



Lap/Shoulder Belt



Lap Belt



LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt

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

- If you used a vehicle belt, is it buckled and is the switchable retractor locked? See step 5.
- If you used the lower anchor belt, are the connectors securely attached to the vehicle's lower anchors? See step 5.
- Is the belt tightened enough so that the car seat does not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) from side to side at the belt path? See steps 6 and 7.
- If your child cannot sit up unassisted, is the **Rear-Facing Level Line** parallel with the ground? See steps 2 and 9.

Check your child's fit often and make any adjustments to the car seat as they grow. Check the tightness of the installation often to make sure it has not loosened.



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

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

- **Weight Limit:** 65 lb (29.5 kg); **OR**
- **Height Limit:** 49 in. (125 cm); **OR**
- **Forward-Facing Child Fit Requirements** **Page 29**

Forward-Facing Vehicle Installation: Page 31

⚠️ WARNING

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

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

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

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

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

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

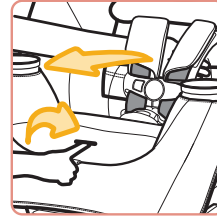
Use **ONLY** if the belt can be tightened properly and locked securely in place.

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 the lower anchor belt or with the vehicle seat belt.

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

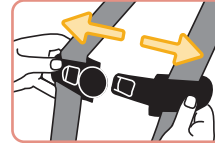
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Fully Loosen Harness the Straps

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

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Undo the Chest Clip and Buckle

While holding both sides of the chest clip, press the release button with your thumb and pull the chest clip apart.



To unbuckle the harness, press the red button to release the buckle tongues.

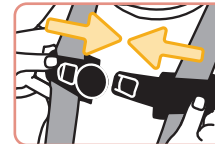
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Place Your Child in the Car Seat

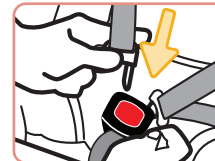
Your child's bottom and back should be flat against the car seat.

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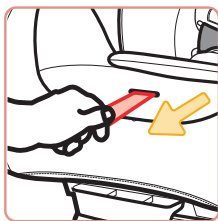
Fasten the Chest Clip and Buckle the Harness

Position the chest clip mid-chest (even with the armpits) and away from your child's neck.



See Securing Your Child in the Car Seat on page 38 for details on chest clip position and checking harness tightness.

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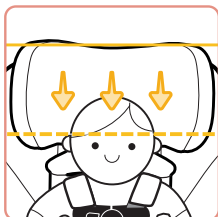


Tighten Harness

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

See Securing Your Child in the Car Seat on page 38 for details on checking harness tightness.

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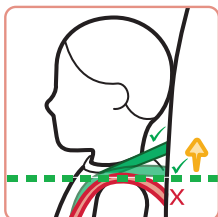


Check the Head Position

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

To change the headrest position, see page 10.

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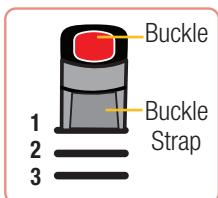


Check Harness Strap Position

When **Forward-Facing**, the harness strap **MUST** be placed **at the shoulder** when possible, or slightly above; **NEVER** below.

To change the harness strap height, see page 10.

8



Check the Buckle Position

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

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

To change the buckle position, see page 11.

There are two methods for installing the car seat in your vehicle. **Use only one:**

Vehicle Belt + Tether



Lap/Shoulder Belt



Lap Belt

+



OR

LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt + Tether

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



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! WARNING

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

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

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Before installing the car seat:

- Check the child fit requirements on pages 18–19 and make any necessary adjustments to the harness height or buckle position.
- Review your vehicle owner's manual to determine the type of vehicle belts in your car and how to use them to lock a car seat in place **OR** where LATCH: lower anchor seating positions are located in your vehicle. See also LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt on page 58 and Vehicle Belts on page 60.
- If you are using a vehicle belt to install the seat, make sure the lower anchor belt is stored away (see page 59).

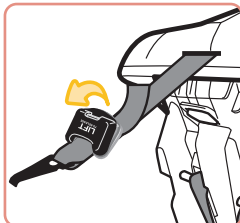
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Locate the Top Tether Anchors in Your Vehicle

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

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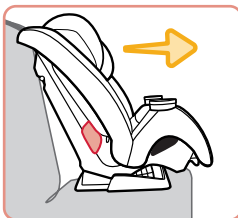
Loosen the Tether Strap

Remove the tether hook from its storage location first if necessary (see page 64).

Lift the tether adjuster to loosen the strap. Or, if your car seat has an adjuster with a button, then squeeze the adjuster button and pull the strap to loosen it as shown.



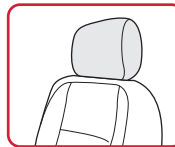
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Put the Car Seat Upright into Position 1 and Place the Car Seat Forward-Facing in the Back Seat

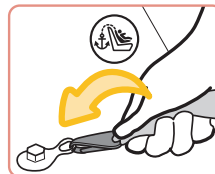
The base of the car seat **MUST** be flat against the vehicle seat bottom and **MUST** be parallel to the vehicle seat bottom. Make sure the entire base is completely on the vehicle seat. The vehicle seat back **MUST** be in the upright position, but you can adjust the angle slightly to better match the angle of the car seat. Refer to the vehicle owner's manual for how to adjust the vehicle seat back.

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

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Attach the Tether Hook to the Vehicle's Top Tether Anchor

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Locate the Forward-Facing Belt Path Opening and Begin Routing the Belt through the Path

OR



For the vehicle belt:

Insert the vehicle belt into the **Forward-Facing Belt Path** opening.

For the lower anchor belt:

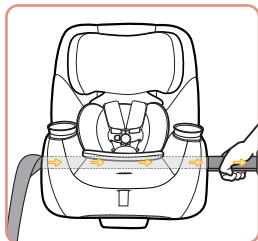
Start with the entire lower anchor belt on the side where the belt is connected to the car

seat (the child's right). Insert one end of the lower anchor belt into the **Forward-Facing Belt Path** opening.

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



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Finish Routing the Vehicle Belt or Lower Anchor Belt through the **Forward-Facing Belt Path**

Reach through the **Forward-Facing Belt Path** opening on the other side of the car seat to pull the belt completely through the belt path. Make sure the belt is positioned properly so that it goes:

- Under the car seat pad; **AND**
- Across the car seat; **AND**
- Out the other **Forward-Facing Belt Path** opening.

DO NOT twist the belt.

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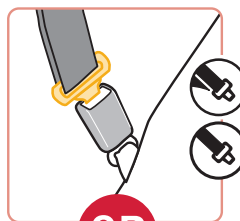


Adjuster

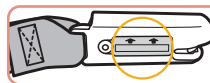
Finished Lower Anchor Belt Routing

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

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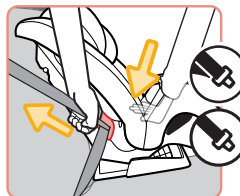
Buckle the Vehicle Belt

If your car has a **switchable retractor**, use it to lock the vehicle belt. Review page 62 of this manual or your vehicle owner's manual.

Attach the Lower Anchor Belt Connectors to the Lower Anchors

Make sure the arrows on the connectors are facing up and then fasten the connectors to the vehicle lower anchor bars.

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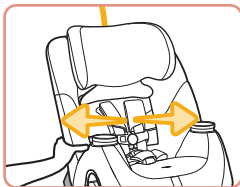


Tighten the Belt

For the lap/shoulder belt: Push firmly down with moderate weight in the center of the car seat with one hand while using your other hand to pull up on the shoulder belt to tighten it.

For the lower anchor belt or lap-only belt: Pull the free end of the belt towards you parallel with the belt path to tighten it. It may be easier to reach into the belt bath opening to access the free end of the belt.

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Check the Belt Tightness

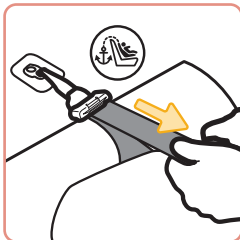
Hold the **Forward-Facing Belt Path** with your non-dominant hand. Push and pull from side to side.

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

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

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

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Tighten the Tether

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

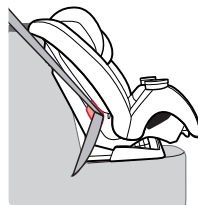
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Secure Your Child in the Car Seat

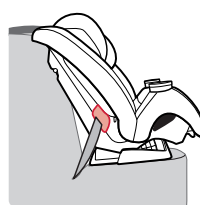
For complete details on properly securing your child in the car seat, including how to position the chest clip and check for harness tightness, see pages 64–68.

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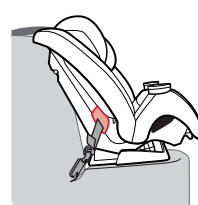
Lap/Shoulder Belt + Tether

for a child up to 65 lb (29.5 kg)



Lap Belt + Tether

for a child up to 65 lb (29.5 kg)



LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt + Tether

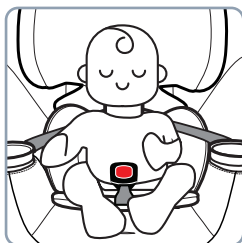
Do not install by this method for a child weighing more than 55 lb (24.9 kg).

- If you used a vehicle belt, is it buckled and is the switchable retractor locked? See step 7.
- If you used the lower anchor belt, are the connectors securely attached to the vehicle's lower anchors? See step 7.
- Is the belt tightened enough so that the car seat does not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) from side to side at the belt path? See steps 8 and 9.
- Has the tether been installed and tightened? See steps 4 and 10.

Check your child's fit often and make any adjustments to the car seat as they grow. Check the tightness of the installation often to make sure it has not loosened.

Securing Your Child in the Car Seat

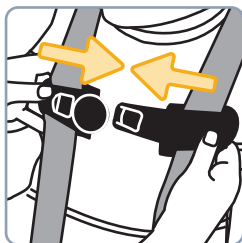
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Place Your Child in the Car Seat

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

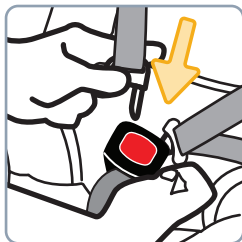
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Fasten the Chest Clip

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

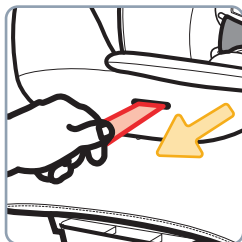
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Buckle the Harness

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

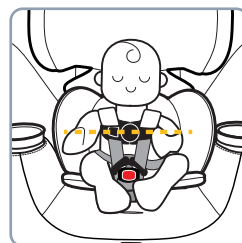
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Tighten the Harness

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

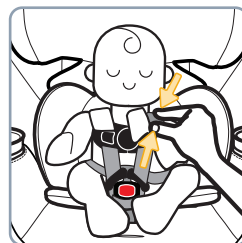
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Position the Chest Clip

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

6



Check the 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 it more (see step 4).

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.

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

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 Your Child from the Car Seat:

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

Troubleshooting

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

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

If your harness twists:

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

⚠ WARNING

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

DO NOT mistake comfort for safety. The harness system **MUST** be snugly adjusted.



DO NOT put snowsuits or bulky garments on your child when placing them in the child restraint.

Bulky clothing can prevent the harness straps from being tightened properly.

Booster Seat Mode



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

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

- **Weight Limit:** 100 lb (45.4 kg); **OR**
 - **Height Limit:** 52 in. (132.1 cm); **OR**
 - **Booster Seat Child Fit Requirements** [Page 47](#)
- Storing the Harness System:** [Page 43](#)
Booster Seat Use in Vehicle: [Page 48](#)

⚠ WARNING

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

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

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



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

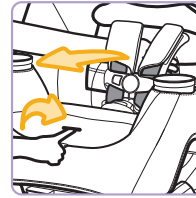
NEVER place shoulder belt under the child's arms or behind their back.

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



You **MUST** store the harness system and remove the accessories, except the cup holders, when using the **Booster Seat Mode**.

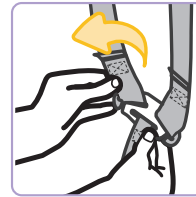
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Fully Loosen the Harness Straps

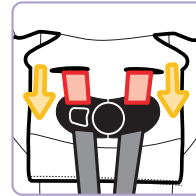
Remove the harness covers.

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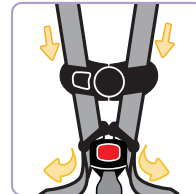
From the Back of the Car Seat, Remove the Harness Strap Loops from the Splitter Plate

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Pull the Harness Straps Out of the Shoulder Harness Slots

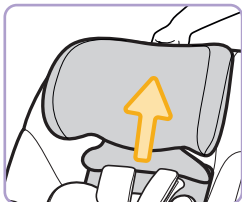
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Unthread the Harness Straps from the Chest Clip and the Buckle Tongues

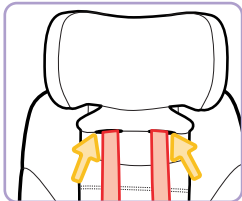
DO NOT undo the buckle.

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Adjust the Headrest to the Highest Position

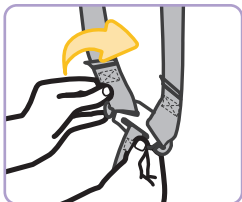
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Rethread the Harness Straps through the Shoulder Slots

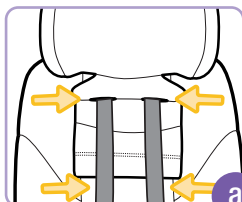
To install the harness straps, see pages 54–57.

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From the Back of the Car Seat, Attach the Harness Strap Loops to the Splitter Plate

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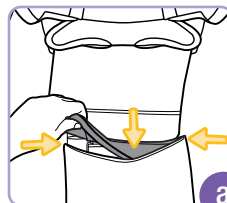
Place the Harness Straps Behind the Seat Pad

a. Undo the fabric tab fasteners on both the headrest pad and seat pad.



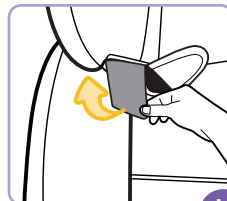
b. Tuck the harness pads completely behind the seat pad as shown.

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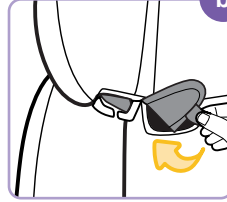


Redo the Fasteners on the Seat Pad and the Headrest Pad

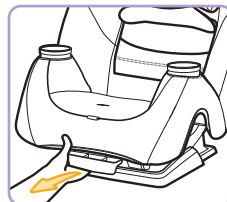
a. Fasten the two tabs on the lower backrest pad. Tuck the bottom of the headrest pad behind the lower backrest pad.



b. Fold and tuck the fabric shoulder panels through the shoulder belt-positioning guides. Fasten both tabs on the headrest pad.

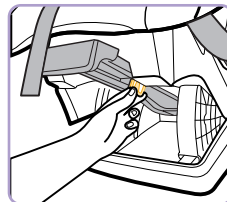


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Tighten the Harness

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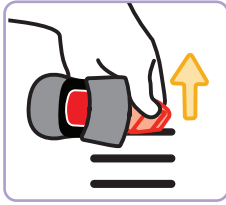


Remove the Buckle and Buckle Cover

Recline the car seat. Reach under the car seat.

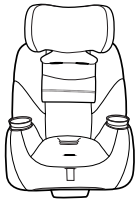
Rotate the buckle's metal retainer and push it up through the car seat.

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From the Top of the Car Seat, Pull the Buckle and Buckle Cover Out of the Car Seat and Seat Pad

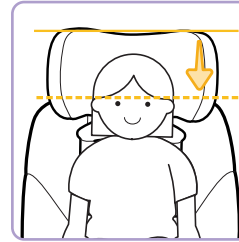
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The car seat has been converted to the **Booster Seat Mode**.

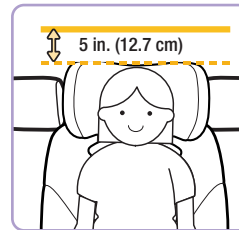
Booster Seat Child Fit Requirements on page 47 and **Booster Seat Use in Vehicle** on page 48.

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



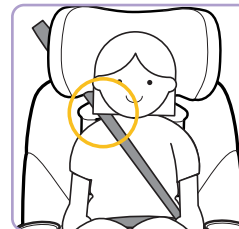
Check the Head Position

The top of your child's ears should **NEVER** be above the top of the booster seat's headrest. Adjust the headrest if needed (see page 10).



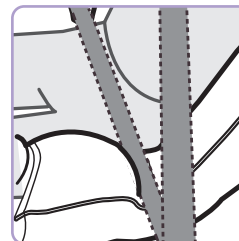
Check the Vehicle Position

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



Check the Shoulder Belt Position

The shoulder belt should lay snugly across the center of your child's shoulder and across their chest. You may need to adjust the headrest (see page 10) for the shoulder belt to be in the proper position.

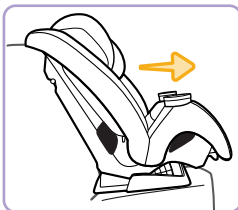


Check the Lap Belt Position

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

Booster Seat Use in the Vehicle

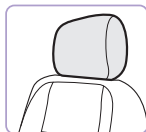
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Put the Booster Seat Upright into Position 1 and Place the **Booster Seat** Forward-Facing in the Back Seat

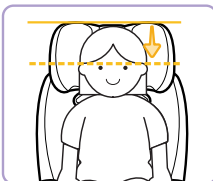
The car seat back **MUST** be flush against the vehicle seat back. The base of the car seat may not be flat against the vehicle seat bottom. The vehicle seat back **MUST** be in the upright position, but you can adjust the angle slightly to better match the angle of the car seat. Refer to the vehicle owner's manual for how to adjust the vehicle seat back.

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

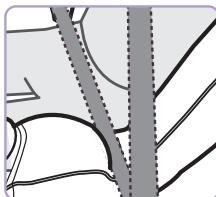
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Have Your Child Sit in the Booster Seat

The top of your child's ears should **NEVER** be above the top of the booster seat's headrest. **DO NOT** use the booster seat if your child's head is less than 5 in. (12.7 cm) below the roof of the car. To adjust the headrest, see page 10.

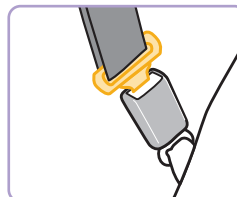
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Position the Lap Belt on Your Child

Route the lap belt portion of the vehicle belt through the **Booster Seat Belt Path** as shown. The lap belt should lay snugly across your child's hips, **not on their stomach**.

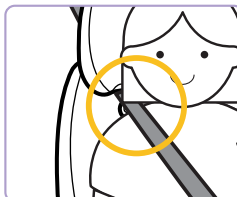
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Buckle the Vehicle Belt

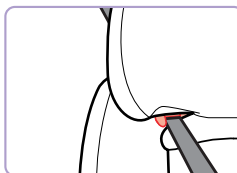
Pull the shoulder belt up to tighten. Consult your vehicle owner's manual for proper seat belt usage.

5



Position the Shoulder Belt on Your Child

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



Pull the shoulder belt up to tighten so that it lies snugly across the center of your child's shoulder and across their chest, not on their face and neck.

FINISHED!



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



Keep the booster seat securely belted even when unoccupied.

Removing the Seat Pad Set

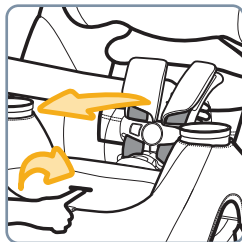


You do not need to remove the harness system to remove the pad from the car seat.

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.

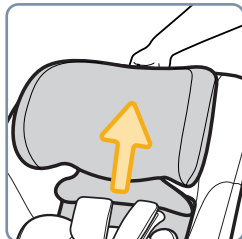
To remove accessories, see page 6.

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Fully Loosen the Harness Straps

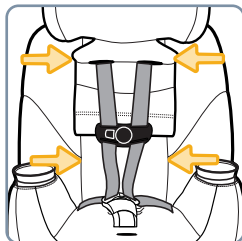
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Adjust the Headrest to the Highest Position

Squeeze up on back of handle to raise the headrest.

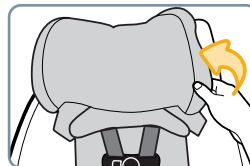
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Undo the Fasteners on the Headrest Pad and the Seat Pad

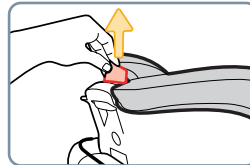
Undo the fabric tab fasteners on both the headrest pad and seat pad.

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Gently Pull Off the Headrest Pad

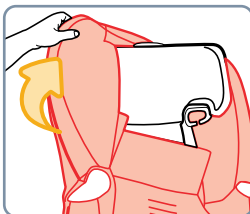
Gently pull the headrest pad off from one side of the headrest. Pull out the center fabric tab on the back of the headrest and then continue pulling the pad off the other side. Unfasten the chest clip if needed to fully remove the headrest pad.



5

Pull the Seat Pad Off the Sides and the Front of the Car Seat

6



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

Unbuckle the harness to pull the seat pad over the buckle and off the car seat.



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



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

See Installing the Harness System, pages 53–57.

Cleaning the Parts of the Car Seat and Installing the Seat Pad Set

Cleaning the Seat 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 the Harness Strap

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

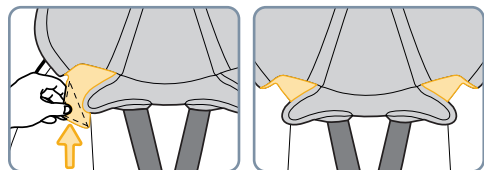
Spot clean using warm sudsy water and damp cloth. Spilled food and liquids on the car seat may result in mold or bacterial growth over time. These spills could also attract insects or rodents.

Cleaning the Buckle and the Car Seat

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

Installing the Seat Pad Set

1. Lower the headrest to the middle of the car seat.
2. Pull the seat pad around the headrest and onto the car seat.
3. Pull the headrest pad onto the headrest.
4. Fasten the two tabs on the lower backrest pad. Tuck the bottom of the headrest pad behind the lower backrest pad. If using the seat in **Rear-Facing** or **Forward-Facing** mode, tuck in the fabric shoulder panels as shown so they cover the shoulder belt-positioning guides (see step 9 on page 45 for booster use). Fasten both tabs on the headrest pad.



To install accessories, see page 6.

⚠ WARNING

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

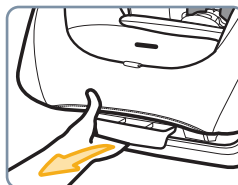
Installing the Harness System

Installing the Buckle

⚠ WARNING

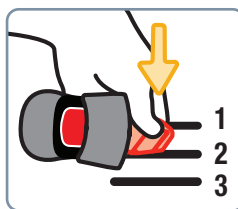
Failure to place buckle's metal retainer completely through pad and child restraint can result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

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Recline the Car Seat

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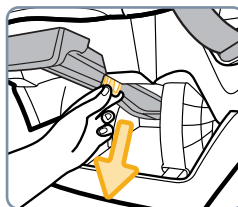
Insert the Buckle's Metal Retainer into the Buckle Slot Closest to Your Child

The buckle **MUST** face out.

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

Forward-Facing Mode:
Any slot can be used.

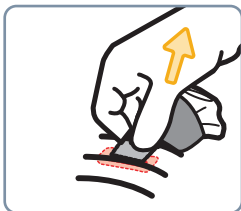
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Reach Under the Car Seat Between the Base and the Car Seat

Pull the buckle's metal retainer completely through the seat pad and car seat.

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Check the Buckle

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

The buckle **MUST NOT** pull out.

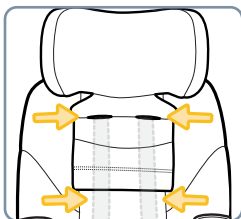
Installing the Harness Straps

⚠ WARNING

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

DO NOT use a child restraint with damaged harness straps.

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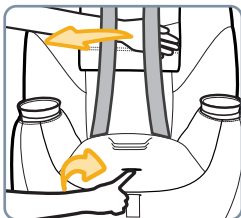


Pull Out the Harness Straps from Behind the Seat Pad

Undo the fabric tab fasteners on both the headrest pad and seat pad. Pull the harness straps in front of the seat pad.

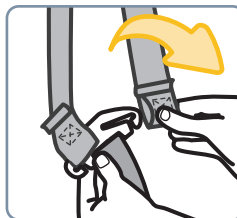
Fasten both tabs on the lower backrest pad. Tuck the bottom of the headrest pad behind the lower backrest pad. Tuck in the fabric shoulder panels (see Installing the Seat Pad Set on page 52). Fasten both tabs on the headrest.

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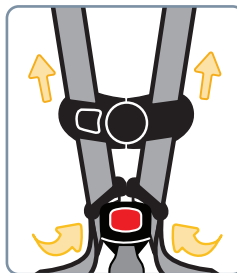
Fully Loosen the Harness Straps

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From the Back of Seat, Remove the Harness Strap from the Splitter Plate

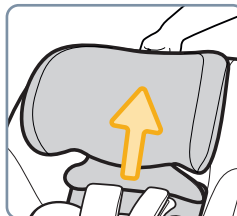
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Thread the Buckle and the Chest Clip

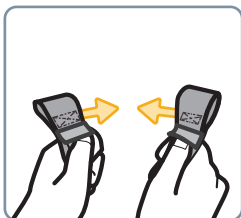
The harness strap ends go through the **back** of the buckle tongues and through the chest clip **front to back** as shown.

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Raise the Headrest to the Highest Position

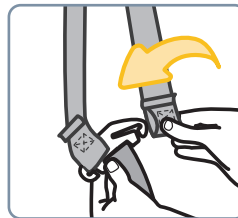
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Make the Harness Strap Ends Even

The sewn end of the harness strap loops **MUST** face toward you.

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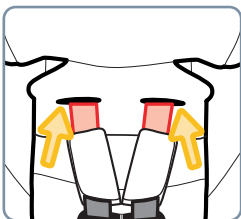
Attach the Harness Strap Loops to the Splitter Plate As Shown

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

DO NOT twist the harness strap or the harness adjustment strap.

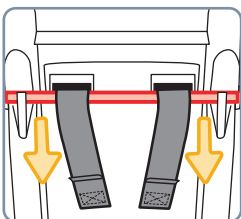
Make sure the harness strap loops are fitted **completely on** both sides of the splitter plate.

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Thread the Harness Straps into the Shoulder Harness Slots

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Make sure the Harness Straps Go Over the Metal Bar on the Back of the Car Seat

DO NOT twist the harness straps.

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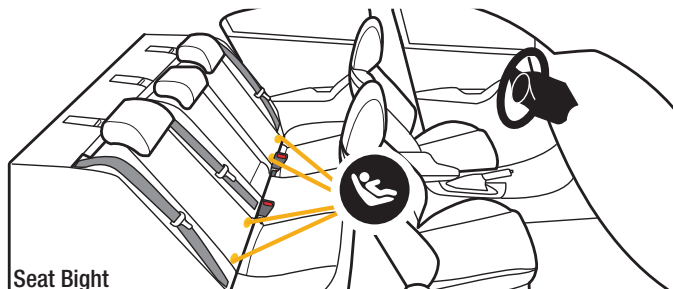
Check your child's fit often.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 38–40.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 13–14.

Check the harness straps often for any wear or damage.

LATCH: Lower Anchor Belt

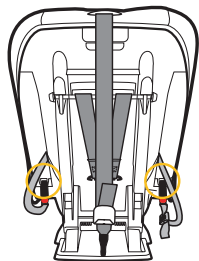


Seat Bight

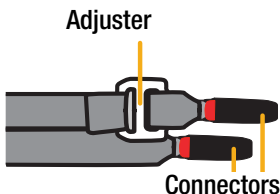
Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here.

The lower anchors of **LATCH** (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) is a universal system for installing car seats without using vehicle seat belts. The LATCH: lower anchor belt can **ONLY** be used in vehicles that have the lower anchor bars installed in designated seating positions. Most vehicles manufactured after September 2002 are equipped with LATCH: lower anchor bars. Check your vehicle owner's manual to see which seating positions may be equipped with LATCH: lower anchor bars.

Lower Anchor Belt Storage Location

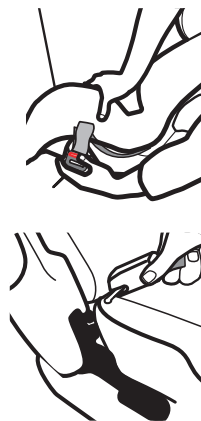


Lower Anchor Belt Parts



To Remove the Lower Anchor Belt from the Storage Location on the Car Seat

Press the red release button on each connector and then pull the connectors off the storage attachments.



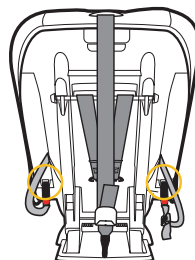
To Remove the Lower Anchor Belt from the Vehicle's Lower Anchor Bars

1. Remove the tension from the belt by pushing down on the side of the car seat with the adjuster. Press the adjuster's button to loosen the belt.
2. Press the red release button on each connector and then pull the connectors off the vehicle's lower anchor bars.

To Store the Lower Anchor Belt

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

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

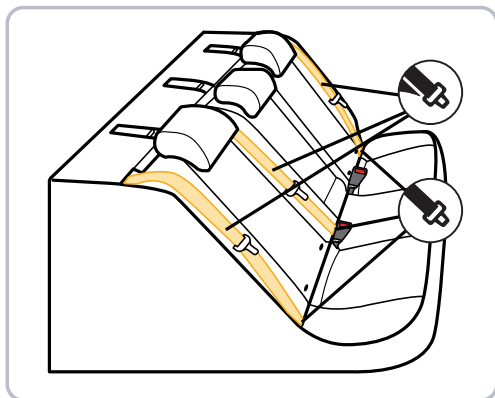


Thread the lower anchor belt through the **Forward-Facing Belt Path** and then attach the connectors to the storage attachments as shown. Gently tighten the belt to remove slack.

⚠ WARNING

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

Vehicle Belts



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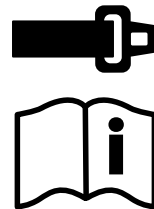
WARNING

DO NOT use both the rigid LATCH connectors and vehicle belt at the same time in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing mode.

If LATCH: lower anchors are not an option or if your child weighs more than 55 lb (24.9 kg), you **MUST** use the vehicle seat belt system to install the car seat.

Not all vehicle belts and seating positions will work with car seats. Follow the steps in this section to learn how to lock a car seat in **Rear-Facing mode or **Forward-Facing** mode with a vehicle belt.**

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You MUST review your vehicle owner's manual

Review your vehicle owner's manual to determine the type of vehicle belts in your car and the seating positions available for installing a car seat.

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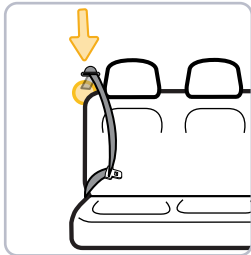


Check how this car seat can be locked into place with the vehicle belt

The vehicle belt **MUST NOT** loosen after tightening it. This requires locking it by using either:

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

3



Check the retractor on your vehicle belts

Retractors pull vehicle belts into stored positions and lock the belt to hold passengers in place. The following retractors will work with this car seat:

- **Switchable retractor (most vehicles have this type).**

This retractor can be manually switched to a locking mode. Your retractor **MUST** be in this locking mode to use the vehicle belt with this car seat.

To switch to locking mode:

1. Slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out and then let it go back into the retractor 1–2 in. (2.5–5 cm).
2. As it retracts, you will likely hear a ratcheting sound.
3. Gently pull the belt to see if it has locked. You will not be able to pull any more of the belt out once the lock has engaged.

- **Automatic locking retractor.** This retractor always locks. It will automatically lock after slowly pulling the shoulder belt out at least halfway and letting it go back into the retractor 1–2 in. (2.5–5 cm).

Emergency locking retractor

If the retractor does not lock, it is likely an emergency locking retractor. This retractor only locks during a sudden stop or collision.

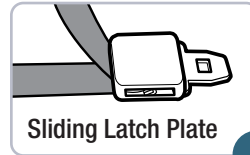
Continue to step 4 to determine if your vehicle belt's latch plate can lock the belt.

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Locking Latch Plate

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Sliding Latch Plate

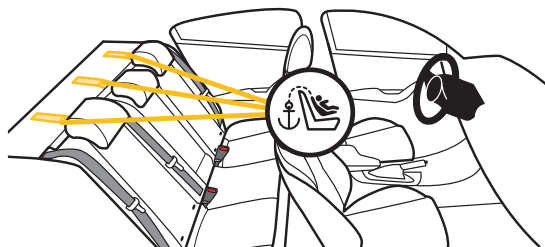
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Check the latch plates on your vehicle belts

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

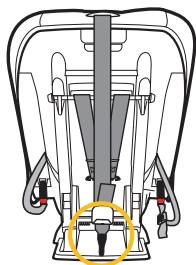
To check if the latch plate locks:

1. Buckle the vehicle belt.
2. Slowly pull up on the lap portion of the vehicle belt.
 - a If the vehicle belt does not slide through the latch plate, it's locked. You can use the locking latch plate with this car seat.
 - b If the vehicle belt slides through the latch plate, it is a sliding latch plate. Sliding latch plates easily slip between the lap and shoulder portions of the belt.



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

When anchors are available, you **MUST** always attach, adjust, and secure the tether (top anchorage) strap when installing the car seat in the **Forward-Facing Mode** with internal harness. Tethers improve the installation and stability of car seats and reduce the risk of injury. Attach the tether hook to the tether anchor designated by your vehicle manufacturer for that seating position. Check your vehicle owner's manual for more information. If the seating position does not have a tether anchor, use a different seating position or see your dealer or a qualified mechanic and have one installed.



Storing Top Tether Strap

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

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

Turn tether hook/adjuster around so curved part of hook is facing away from car seat and attach to storage location.

Gently tighten to remove slack.

! WARNING

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

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

! WARNING

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

NEVER leave your child unattended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Read all instructions for additional warnings.

⚠️ WARNING



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



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



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

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

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



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

positions than in the front seating positions.

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

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

- Consult your vehicle owner's manual; **OR**
- Contact Dorel Juvenile Group Consumer Care Department; **OR**
- Visit your local Child Passenger Inspection Station. Go to <https://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle-safety/car-seats-and-boosters-seats> to find your closest station.

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

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

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

⚠️ WARNING

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

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

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

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

DO NOT risk your child's safety.

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

Replacement After a Minor Crash

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

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

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

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

Replacement After a Moderate to Severe Crash

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

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



Expiration

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

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

0515079		Tear Off and Mail This Part or Register Online		4348-0081D	
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		Model Name		Manufacture Date	
AB123CDE		BRAND CARSEAT		2026/01/02	

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



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

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

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons.

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

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

Dorel Juvenile Group

P.O. Box 2609

Columbus, IN 47202

or call 1-800-544-1108 or register online at

www.djgusa.com/registration/carseat/us.

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



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

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



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

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

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

⚠ WARNING

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



Rear-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the vehicle belt install steps on pages 21–26.



Forward-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the vehicle belt install steps on pages 32–37, skipping the tether strap steps.



Booster Seat

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

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

An original receipt is required to validate your warranty.

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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