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All-in-One Convertible Car Seat

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

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

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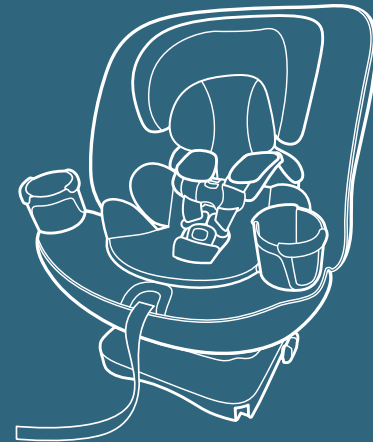


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Getting Started

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.

1

Measure
your child.

2

Adjust the car
seat to fit
your child.

3

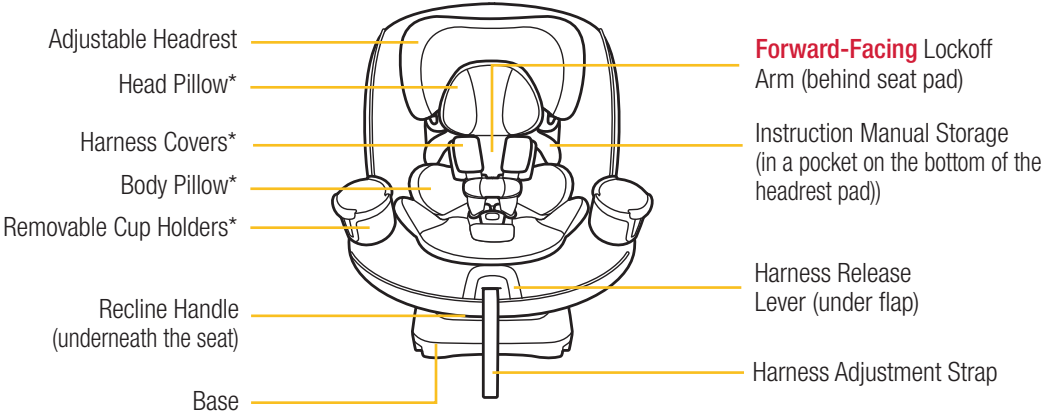
Install the car
seat into your
vehicle.

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Secure your
child in the
car seat.

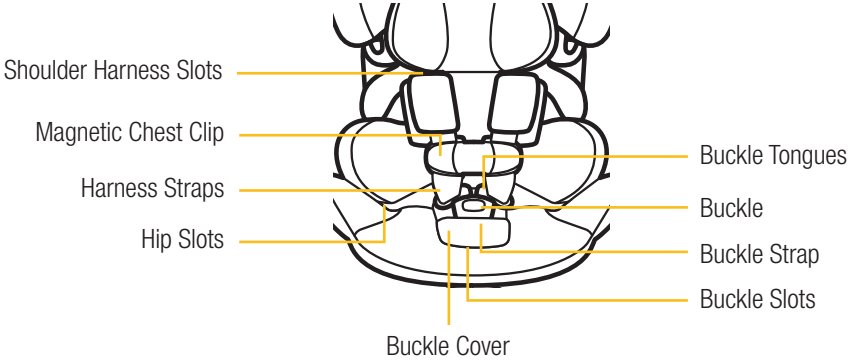
Parts of the Car Seat

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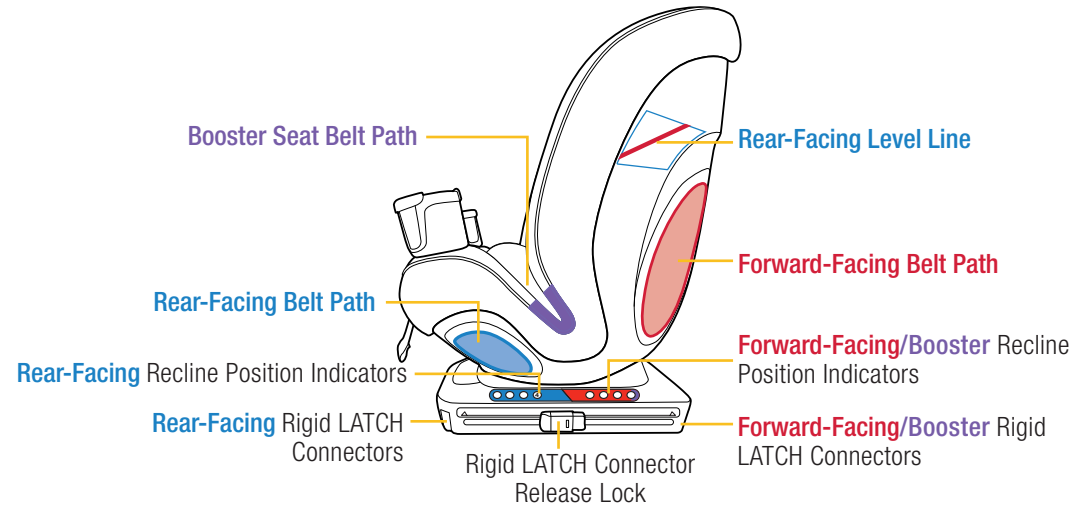
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Harness System

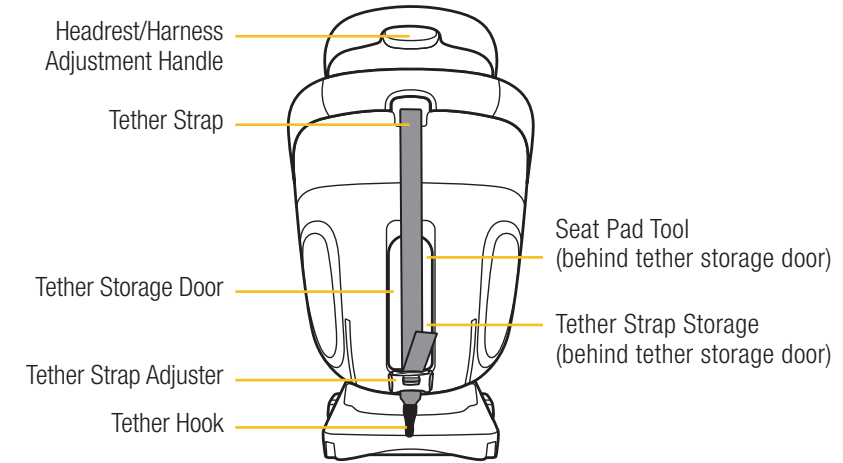


*See page 8 for accessory use.

Side

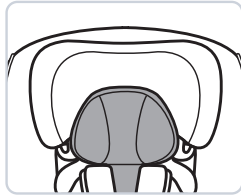


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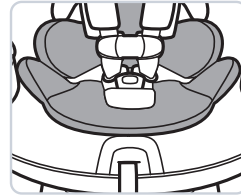
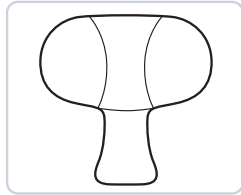


Accessory Use

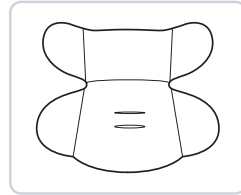
Head and Body Pillows (For Optional Use in **Rear-Facing** Mode Only)



Head Pillow



Body Pillow



When using the head pillow, make sure it does not cover your infant's face in any way. **The head and body pillows MUST be used together.**

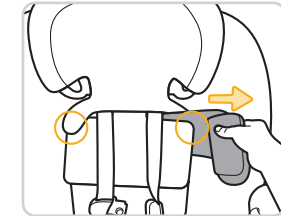
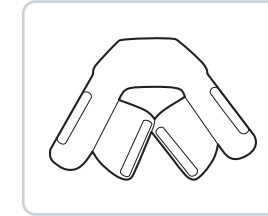
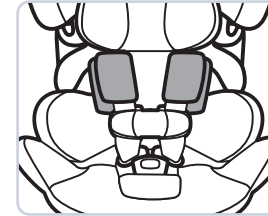
To remove the head and body pillows:

1. Gently pull the head pillow up from behind the body pillow.
2. Unfasten the chest clip and press the red button to unbuckle the harness. Pull the buckle down through the slot in the body pillow. Gently slide the body pillow out from behind the harness straps.

To install the head and body pillows:

1. Unfasten the chest clip and press the red button to unbuckle the harness. Pull the buckle 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.
2. Tuck the bottom part of the head pillow behind the upper part of the body pillow.

Harness Covers

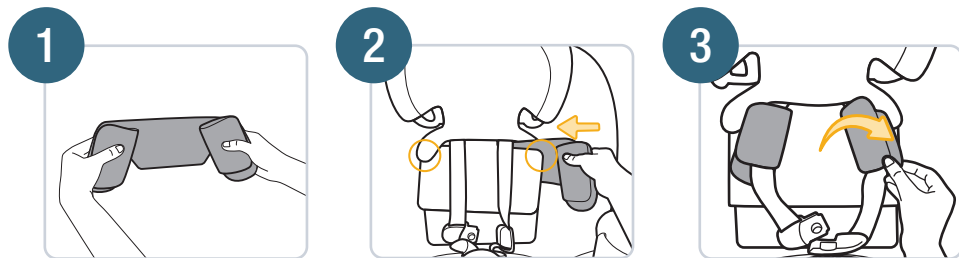


For Optional Use in **Rear-Facing** Mode and **Forward-Facing** Mode

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 them and **DO NOT** use. Store until your child is large enough to use the harness covers while maintaining a properly fitting harness.

To remove the harness covers:

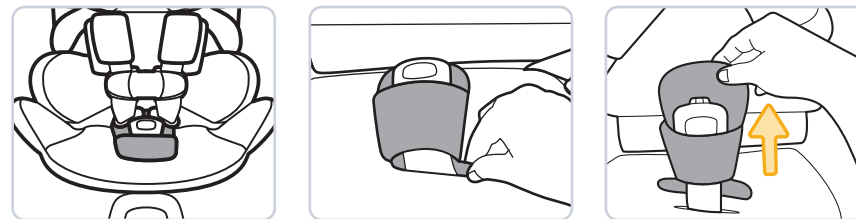
Pull out the tabs near the shoulder slots on the headrest pad. Pull apart the fastening strips on both covers. Slide the harness covers out from behind the headrest pad. Reinsert the tabs into the slots on the headrest pad.



To install the harness covers:

1. Fold the harness covers as shown.
2. Pull out the tabs near the shoulder slots on the headrest pad. Slide the folded harness covers behind the headrest pad.
3. Place the upper part of the harness strap above the chest clip into both harness covers. Refasten both sides of the fastening strip on each harness cover. Reinsert the tabs into the slots on the headrest pad.

Buckle Cover

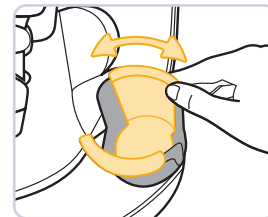
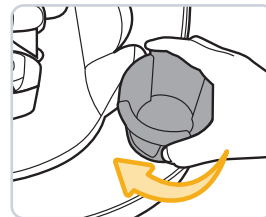
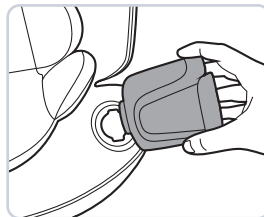


For Optional Use in **Rear-Facing** Mode and **Forward-Facing** Mode

To remove the buckle cover: Undo the buckle. Reach into either the left or right edge of the buckle slot to lift the bottom part of the buckle cover out of the slot. Repeat on the opposite side of the buckle slot and then pull the buckle cover off the buckle.

To install the buckle cover: Undo the buckle. Slide the cover over the buckle. Tuck either the left or right bottom part of the cover behind the buckle strap into the body pillow and seat pad slot. Repeat with the opposite side.

Cup Holders



For Optional 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.

To adjust the cup holders: Holding the outer lip of the cup holder, rotate the cup holder to reveal openings to fit a large cup. Continue to rotate the cup holder to close the openings to fit a small cup.

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 using this car seat.

Your child's height, weight, and age determine how a 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 24

Rear-Facing Vehicle Installation
PAGE 27



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 can use the harnessed **Forward-Facing** mode until they outgrow any one of the above.

Forward-Facing Child Fit Requirements
PAGE 42

Forward-Facing Vehicle Installation
PAGE 45



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 72
Booster Seat Child Fit Requirements PAGE 78
Booster Seat Use in Vehicle PAGE 79

REAR-FACING MODE Rigid LATCH Connector & Vehicle Belt Usage

5 lb	15 lb	25 lb	35 lb	40 lb
2.3 kg	6.8 kg	11.3 kg	15.9 kg	18 kg

Rigid LATCH Connectors

Vehicle Belt

FORWARD-FACING MODE Rigid LATCH Connector & Vehicle Belt Usage

30 lb	35 lb	40 lb	50 lb	65 lb
13.7 kg	15.9 kg	18 kg	22.7 kg	29.5 kg

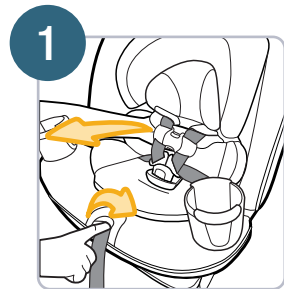
Rigid LATCH Connectors

Vehicle Belt

BOOSTER SEAT MODE Rigid LATCH Connector & Vehicle Usage

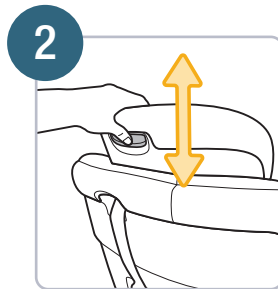
You **MUST ALWAYS** use the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt in Booster Seat mode. Rigid LATCH connectors are for optional use only in addition to the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt.

Adjusting the Headrest/Harness Height



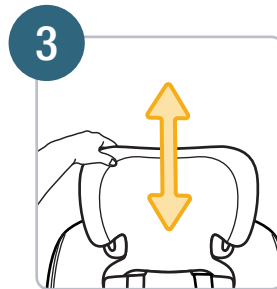
Fully loosen the harness straps

Push down on the harness release lever (through the opening in the seat pad) while pulling the harness straps away from the backrest.



Press the headrest adjustment handle

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



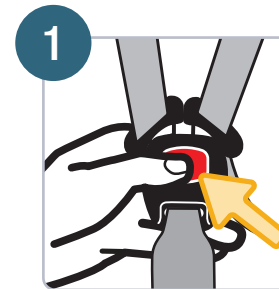
Release the handle to lock the headrest at the chosen height

Pull up and down on the headrest to make sure it is locked in place.



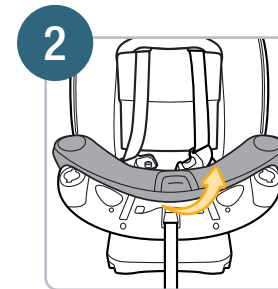
For **Rear-Facing Child Requirements**, see page 24.
For **Forward-Facing Child Requirements**, see page 42.

To secure your child in the seat and check harness tightness, see pages 64–68.



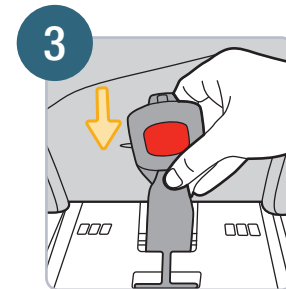
Unbuckle the harness and remove the buckle cover

Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.
See page 11 for how to remove the buckle cover.



Remove the cup holders and lift up the front of the seat pad

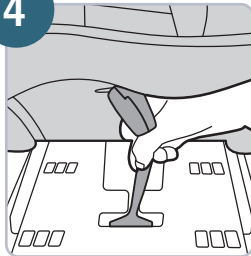
See page 12 for how to remove the cup holders.



Pull the buckle through the seat pad

If the body pillow is installed, pull the buckle through the body pillow slot first and then the seat pad.

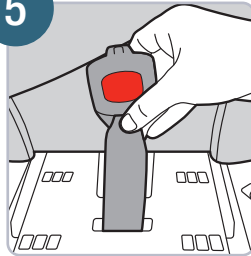
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Rotate the buckle strap and move it into the center channel

Make sure both the front and back buckle straps move together into the center channel.

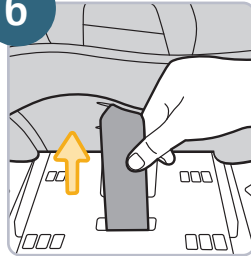
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Push the buckle strap into the new slot

Rotate the buckle strap out of the channel and into the new slot, making sure both the front and back buckle straps are together in the same channel.

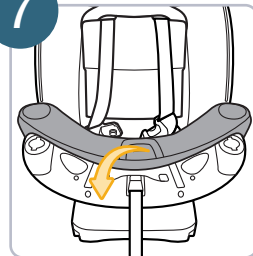
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Pull the buckle through the seat pad

Pull the buckle through the same slot in the seat pad (and body pillow if applicable) as used for the buckle.

7



Pull the seat pad around the bottom of the car seat

Make sure the seat pad is completely tucked in on the sides and front of the car seat.
Reinstall the cup holders (see page 12).
Reinstall the buckle cover if needed (see page 11).

8



Check the buckle

Pull up on the buckle to make sure the buckle strap is properly installed through the same slot in the car seat and the seat pad. Make sure the buckle strap is not twisted.

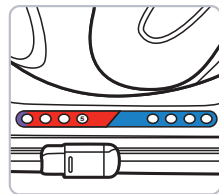


For **Rear-Facing Child Requirements**, see page 24.

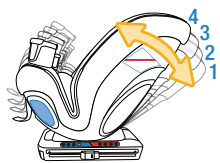
For **Forward-Facing Child Requirements**, see page 42.

To check harness tightness, see pages 64–68.

Reclining the Car Seat



The car seat has eight positions. The current recline position is shown on both sides on the base of the car seat.



Rear-Facing Mode

Rear-Facing Mode: Use the **Rear-Facing** positions 1–4 to recline the car seat as close to the **Rear-Facing Level Line** as possible.

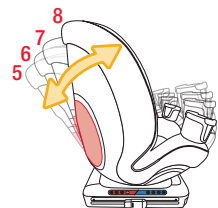
For children 5–30 lb (2.3–13.6 kg), you may install the car seat slightly more reclined, but not more upright than the level line shows.

For children 30–40 lb (13.7–18 kg) AND who can sit up unassisted, install the car seat as close to the level line as possible.

DO NOT use **Forward-Facing** positions 5–8 when the car seat is installed **Rear-Facing**.

Forward-Facing Mode: Use only positions 5–8. **DO NOT** use **Rear-Facing** positions 1–4.

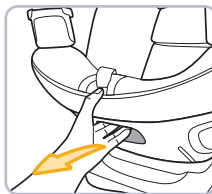
Booster Seat Mode: Use position 8 to make the car seat fully upright. **DO NOT** use positions 1–7.



Forward-Facing Mode



Booster Seat Mode



To change the recline position:

Squeeze the recline handle to move the car seat up or down to one of the eight positions. Release the recline handle to lock the car seat in the chosen position.

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 24**

Rear-Facing Vehicle Installation **PAGE 27**

⚠️ 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 lower anchors of the child restraint anchorage system (LATCH system) to attach this child restraint Rear-Facing when restraining a child weighing more than 35 lb (15.9 kg).

The vehicle belt **MUST** be used for Rear-Facing installation if your child weighs more than 35 lb (15.9 kg).

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

DO NOT use the rigid LATCH connectors along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt.

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

Check the vehicle belt or the rigid LATCH connectors before each use.

Use **ONLY** if the vehicle belt or rigid LATCH connectors can be tightened and properly locked securely in place.

Even when unoccupied, this child restraint **MUST** be firmly secured to the vehicle with the rigid LATCH connectors 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 Rear-Facing mode.

⚠️ WARNING



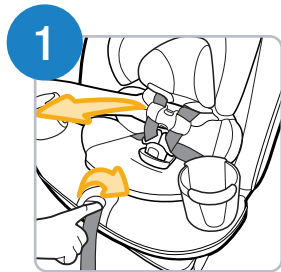
DO NOT use the magnetic chest clip with children who have an implanted electronic medical device.

A magnet is used to help secure the chest clip locking mechanism together which may interfere with the proper function of an implanted electronic medical device.

Parents or caregivers who have an implanted electronic device should keep their device away from the chest clip and consult their doctor and medical device manufacturer for specific information before using this chest clip.

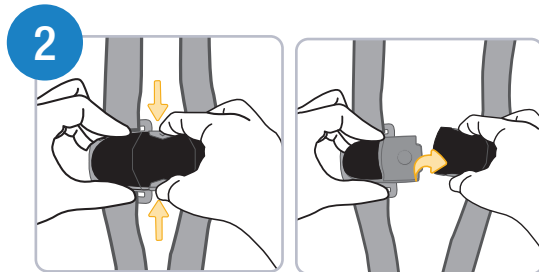
If a parent/caregiver or child has an implanted electronic medical device, please contact Dorel (see back cover).

Rear-Facing Child Fit Requirements



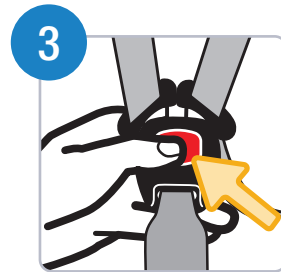
Fully loosen the harness straps

Push down on the harness release lever (through the opening in the seat pad) while pulling the harness straps away from the backrest.



Unfasten the chest clip

While holding both sides of the chest clip, press in on the top and bottom buttons and pull the chest clip apart.



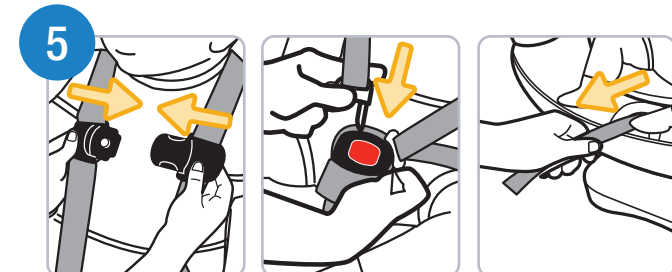
Unbuckle the harness

Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.



Place your child in the car seat

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



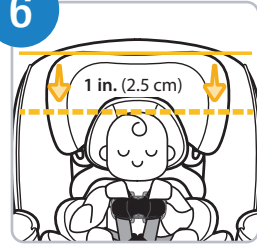
Fasten the chest clip and buckle the harness

Pull the harness adjustment strap straight out to snugly tighten 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 64 for details on chest clip position and checking harness tightness.

Rear-Facing Vehicle Installation

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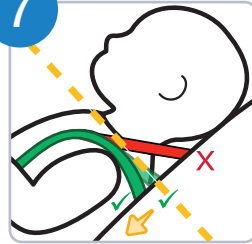


Check the head position

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 16.

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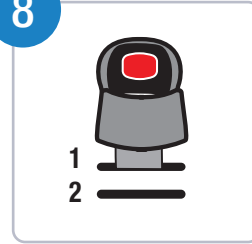


Check the harness strap position

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

To change the harness strap height, see page 16.

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Check the buckle position

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

To change the buckle position, see page 17.

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

Rigid LATCH Connectors

DO NOT install by this method for a child weighing more than 35 lb (15.9 kg).



OR

Vehicle Belt

For a child up to 40 lb (18 kg).



Lap/Shoulder Belt



Lap Belt

⚠ WARNING

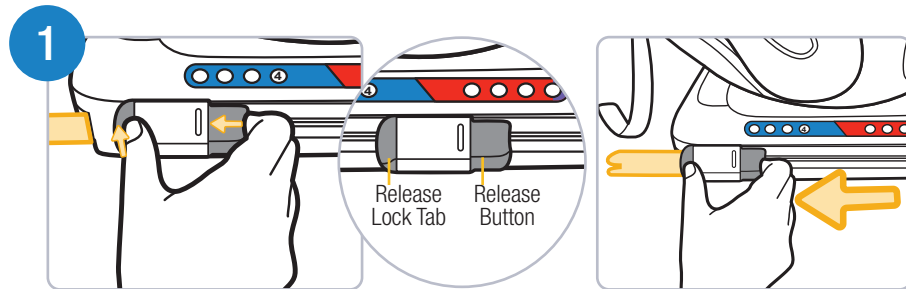
DO NOT use both the rigid LATCH connectors and vehicle belt at the same time to install the car seat.



Before installing the car seat:

- Check the child fit requirements on pages 24–26 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** to locate the LATCH: lower anchor seating positions. See also Vehicle Belts on page 98 and LATCH: Lower Anchor Bars on page 102.
- Make sure the tether strap is properly stored away (see page 105).
- Ensure the vehicle is on level ground when installing the car seat.

Installing the Car Seat Rear-Facing with Rigid LATCH Connectors



Extend the **Rear-Facing** rigid LATCH connectors from the base

Push to tilt the release lock tab backwards and then push in the release button on the other end to slide the release lock to the end of the **Rear-Facing** side of the base until the connector is fully extended.

Repeat on the other side of the base.

**WARNING**

NEVER use a Forward-Facing recline position when this child restraint is installed Rear-Facing. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.



Place the car seat **Rear-Facing** on the back seat; recline the car seat and check the **Rear-Facing Level Line**

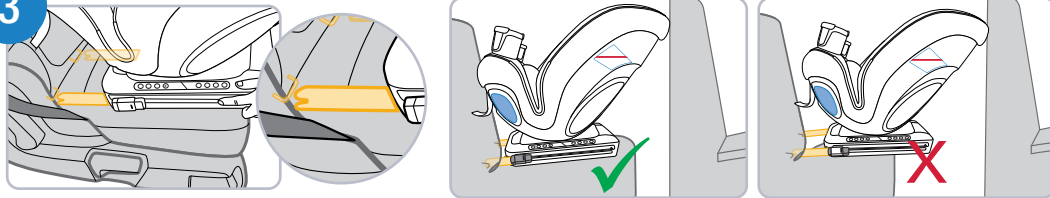
Use the **Rear-Facing** positions 1–4 to recline the car seat as close to the **Rear-Facing Level Line** as possible.

For children 5–30 lb (2.3–13.6 kg), you may install the car seat slightly more reclined, but not more upright than the level line shows.

For children 30–40 lb (13.7–18 kg) AND who can sit up unassisted, install the car seat as close to the level line as possible.

DO NOT use **Forward-Facing** positions 5–8 when the car seat is installed **Rear-Facing**. See page 20 for how to recline the car seat.

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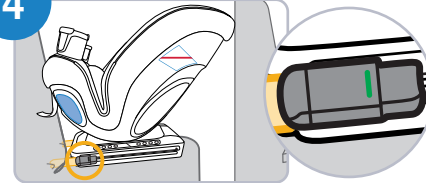
Attach the rigid LATCH connectors to the lower anchors

Place the car seat on the vehicle seat so that both rigid LATCH connectors are aligned with the lower anchors. Push both sides of the car seat base **EVENLY** towards the vehicle seatback. Continue to push it backwards until both connectors are attached to the anchors **AND** the car seat is touching the vehicle seatback. If the rigid LATCH connectors are fully retracted and the car seat is still not touching the vehicle seatback, then adjust the vehicle seatback so that it creates contact with the

car seat. If the vehicle seatback is not adjustable, confirm that the connectors are completely attached to the anchor (see next step).

The car seat base **MUST** be as flat as possible on the vehicle seat. The entire base should be completely 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.

4



Check the rigid LATCH connector installation

Verify the car seat is securely attached to the lower anchors by checking the indicator on both rigid LATCH connector release locks to make sure no red is showing **AND** pulling the car seat away from the vehicle seatback.

If the red is showing on either side or the rigid LATCH connectors are not properly connected to the lower anchors when you pull the car seat away from the vehicle seatback, then repeat steps 1–3.

For help with the installation, please call Consumer Care at 1-800-544-1108 or scan the QR code on the back cover of this manual.

Installing the Car Seat Rear-Facing with a Vehicle Belt

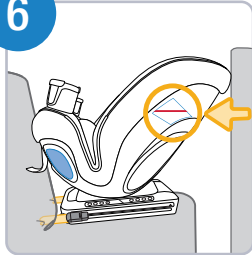
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Secure your child in the car seat

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 64–68.

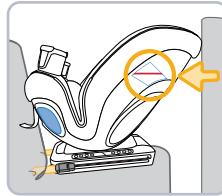
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Recheck the Rear-Facing Level Line

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

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Rigid LATCH Connectors

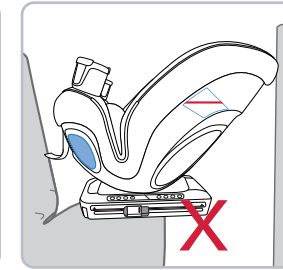
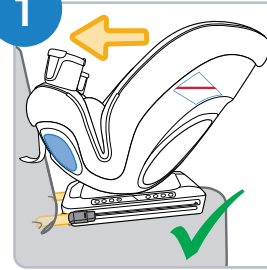
DO NOT install by this method for a child weighing more than 35 lb (15.9 kg).

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

Are the rigid LATCH connectors securely attached to the vehicle's lower anchors? See step 4.

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

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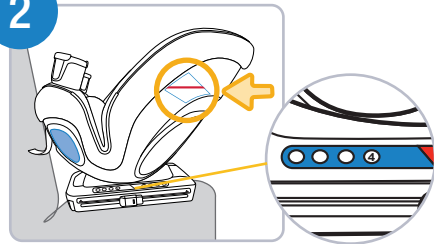
Place the car seat Rear-Facing in the back seat

The car seat base **MUST** be as flat as possible on the vehicle seat. The entire base should be completely 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.

⚠ WARNING

NEVER use a Forward-Facing recline position when this child restraint is installed Rear-Facing. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

2



Recline the car seat and check the **Rear-Facing Level Line**

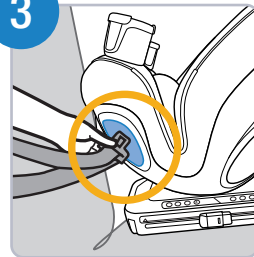
Use the **Rear-Facing** positions 1–4 to recline the car seat as close to the **Rear-Facing Level Line** as possible.

For children 5–30 lb (2.3–13.6 kg), you may install the car seat slightly more reclined, but not more upright than the level line shows.

For children 30–40 lb (13.7–18 kg) AND who can sit up unassisted, install the car seat as close to the level line as possible.

DO NOT use **Forward-Facing** positions 5–8 when the car seat is installed **Rear-Facing**. See page 20 for how to recline the car seat.

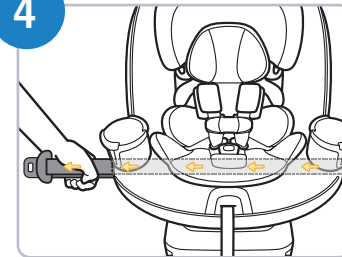
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Locate the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** opening and begin routing the belt through the path

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

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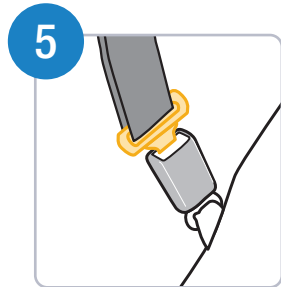
Finish routing the vehicle belt through the **Rear-Facing Belt Path**

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

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

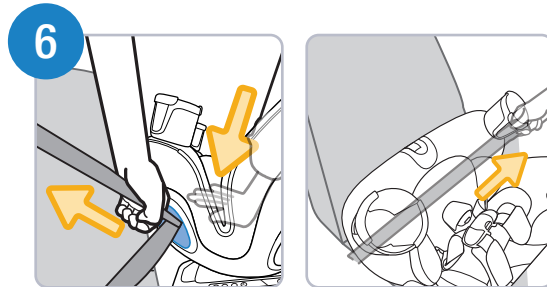
DO NOT twist the belt.

- Under the car seat pad; **AND**



Buckle the vehicle belt

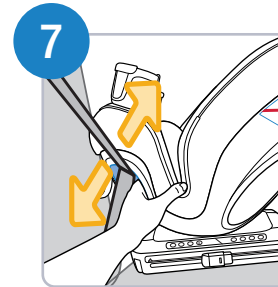
If your vehicle belt has a switchable retractor, make sure it is in locking mode. Refer to page 100 or your vehicle owner's manual.



Tighten the vehicle 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.

If you are using a lap-only vehicle belt, tighten the belt by reaching into the belt path opening under the seat pad and pulling the free end of the belt towards you.



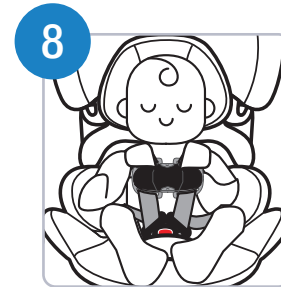
Check the vehicle belt tightness

Hold the car seat at 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 (rigid LATCH connectors).

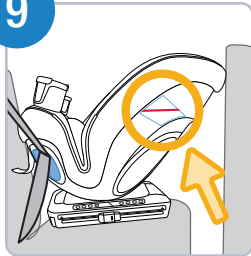
For help with the installation, please call Consumer Care at 1-800-544-1108 or scan the QR code on the back cover of this manual.



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.

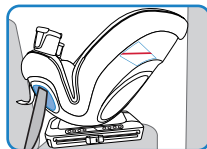
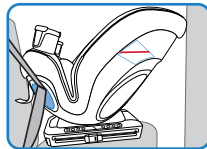
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Recheck the Rear-Facing Level Line

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

FINISHED!



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

- Is the vehicle belt buckled and the switchable retractor locked? 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.

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 **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 42**

Forward-Facing Vehicle Installation **PAGE 45**

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 Forward-Facing when restraining a child weighing more than 40 lb (18 kg).

The vehicle belt **MUST** be used for Forward-Facing installation if your child weighs more than 40 lb (18.1 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 rigid LATCH connectors along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt.

Check the vehicle belt or the rigid LATCH connectors before each use.

Use **ONLY** if the vehicle belt or rigid LATCH connectors can be tightened and properly locked securely in place.

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

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

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

WARNING



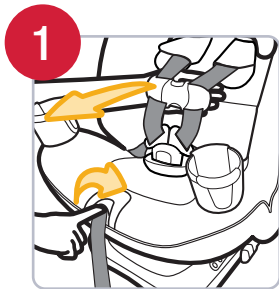
DO NOT use the magnetic chest clip with children who have an implanted electronic medical device.

A magnet is used to help secure the chest clip locking mechanism together which may interfere with the proper function of an implanted electronic medical device.

Parents or caregivers who have an implanted electronic device should keep their device away from the chest clip and consult their doctor and medical device manufacturer for specific information before using this chest clip.

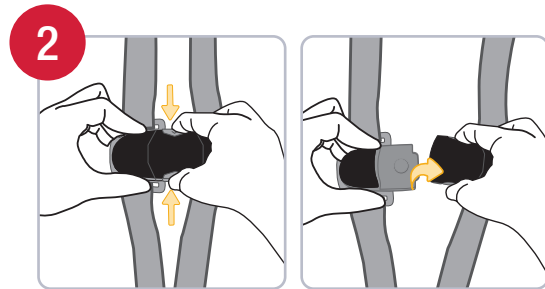
If a parent/caregiver or child has an implanted electronic medical device, please contact Dorel (see back cover) for a replacement (non-magnetic) chest clip free of charge.

Forward-Facing Child Fit Requirements



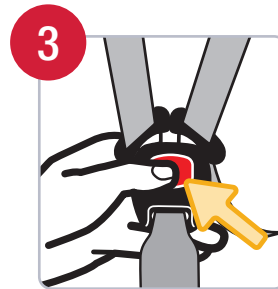
Fully loosen the harness straps

Push down on the harness release lever (through the opening in the seat pad) while pulling the harness straps away from the backrest.



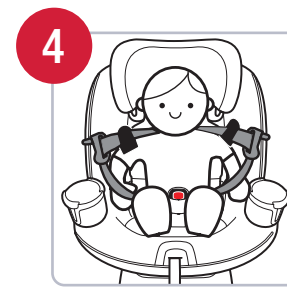
Unfasten the chest clip

While holding both sides of the chest clip, press in on the top and bottom buttons and pull the chest clip apart.



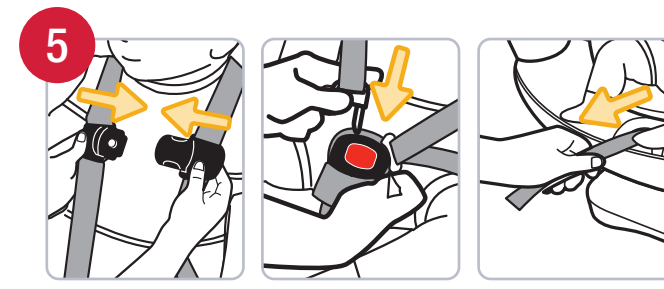
Unbuckle the harness

Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.



Place your child in the car seat

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



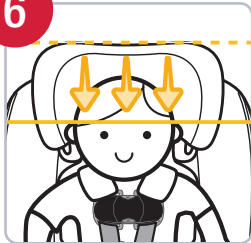
Fasten the chest clip and buckle the harness

Pull the harness adjustment strap straight out to snugly tighten 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 64 for details on chest clip position and checking harness tightness.

Forward-Facing Vehicle Installation

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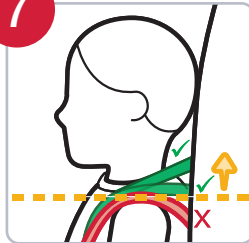


Check the head position

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 16.

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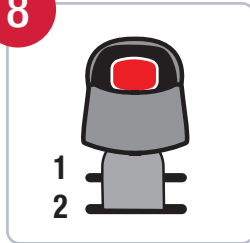


Check the harness strap position

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 16.

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Check the buckle position

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

To change the buckle position, see page 17.

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

Vehicle Belt + Tether

For a child between 30–65 lb (13.7–29.5 kg).



Lap/Shoulder
Belt



Lap Belt



OR

Rigid LATCH Connectors + Tether

DO NOT install by this method for a child weighing more than 40 lb (18 kg).



⚠ WARNING

DO NOT use both the rigid LATCH connectors 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.



Before installing the car seat:

- Check the child fit requirements on pages 42–44 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** to locate the LATCH: lower anchor seating positions. See also Vehicle Belts on page 98 and LATCH: Lower Anchor Bars on page 102.

Installing the Car Seat Forward-Facing with a Vehicle Belt

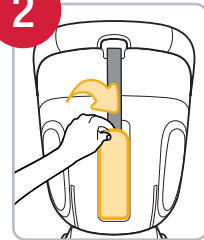
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Locate the top tether anchors in your vehicle

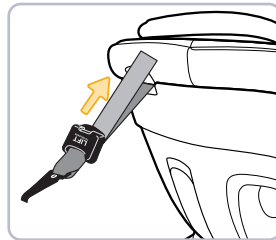
Review your vehicle owner's manual for the top tether anchor locations and how to route the tether strap if there are vehicle headrests.

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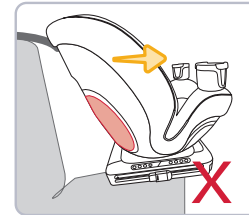
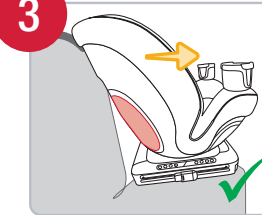


Remove the tether strap from storage and loosen it

Open the tether door, loosen the tether strap, and then unhook the tether strap to remove it from storage (see page 105). To loosen the strap, lift the tether adjuster up 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.



3



Place the car seat **Forward-Facing** in the back seat and select a **Forward-Facing** position

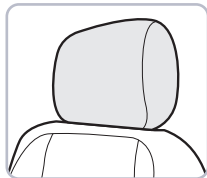
Use the **Forward-Facing** positions 5–8 only. Choose the position that is the most comfortable for your child.

DO NOT use **Rear-Facing** positions 1–4 when the car seat is installed **Forward-Facing**. See page 20 for how to recline the car seat. Make sure the tether strap is accessible at the top of the seat. The entire base should be completely on the vehicle seat.

For vehicles with an adjustable seatback: Adjust the angle of the vehicle seatback to match your chosen **Forward-Facing** position, making sure that both the car seat is as far back as possible on the vehicle seat and the car seat base is as flat as possible against the vehicle seat bottom. Also refer to the vehicle owner's manual for any additional requirements.

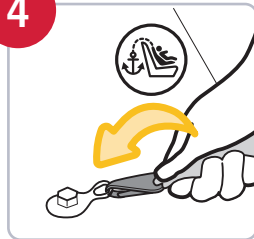
WARNING

NEVER use a Rear-Facing recline position when this child restraint is installed Forward-Facing. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.



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

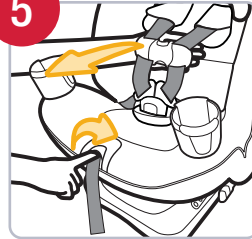
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Attach the tether hook to the vehicle's top tether anchor

See step 2 if you need to lengthen the strap to reach the anchor.

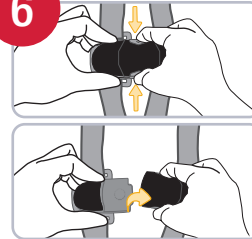
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Fully loosen the harness straps

Push down on the harness release lever (through the opening in the seat pad) while pulling the harness straps away from the backrest.

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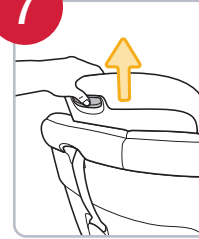


Unfasten the chest clip and unbuckle the harness

While holding both sides of the chest clip, press in on the top and bottom buttons and pull the chest clip apart. Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.

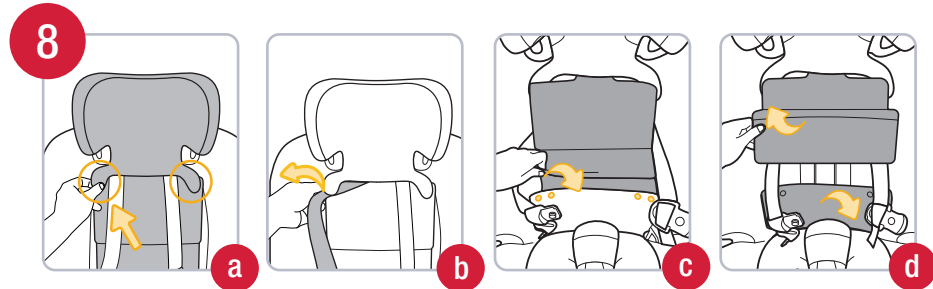


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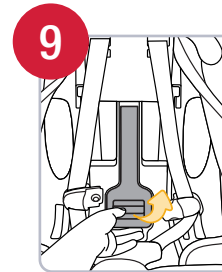
Adjust the headrest to the highest position

See page 16 for how to adjust the headrest.



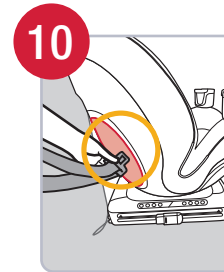
Undo the fasteners and fold up the headrest pad to access the lockoff arm

- a** Pull out the tab near the shoulder slot. Repeat on the other side.
- b** Slide the harness straps out from the headrest pad. The harness covers can remain installed if desired (see page 9).
- c** Undo the four snaps toward the bottom of the backrest pad.
- d** Fold up the bottom of the headrest pad and then fold down the lower backrest part of the seat pad to reveal the lockoff arm.



Open the lockoff arm

Squeeze the button toward the bottom of the lockoff arm to unlock it and then lift it all the way up.



Locate the **Forward-Facing Belt Path** opening and begin routing the vehicle belt through the path

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



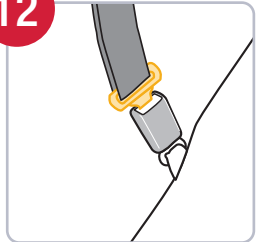
Route the vehicle belt behind the lockoff arm through the **Forward-Facing Belt Path**

Reach behind the lockoff arm into the **Forward-Facing Belt Path** where the vehicle belt has been inserted. Route the vehicle belt under the harness straps and the narrow section of the lockoff arm and then out through the other side of 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**
- Under the harness straps; **AND**
- Behind the lockoff arm; **AND**
- Out the other **Forward-Facing Belt Path** opening.

DO NOT twist the belt.

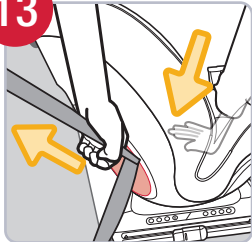
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Buckle the vehicle belt

If your vehicle belt has a switchable retractor, wait to place it in locking mode until step 16.

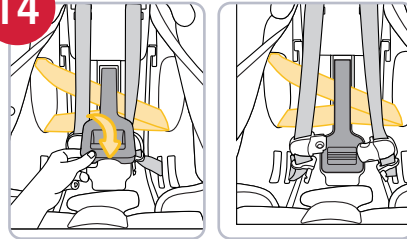
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Tighten the vehicle belt

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.

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Close the lockoff arm

Make sure the vehicle belt is completely under the narrow part of the arm and both harness straps before closing the arm. Push the arm down until it clicks into place.

If the lockoff arm requires excessive force to close it, then loosen the vehicle belt slightly.

15



Check the vehicle belt tightness

Hold the car seat at the **Forward-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:

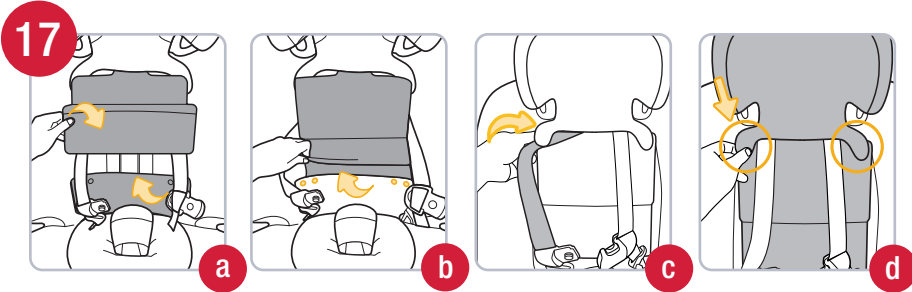
- Repeating steps 9–14 to remove any slack in the vehicle belt; **OR**
- Reinstalling the car seat; **OR**
- Changing to a different seating location; **OR**
- Switching to a different install method (rigid LATCH connectors).

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Switch the vehicle belt to locking mode

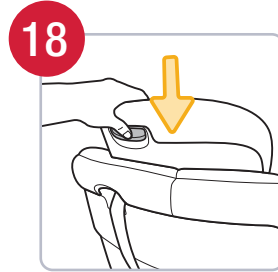
If your vehicle belt has a switchable retractor, then it **MUST** be in locking mode. Refer to page 100 or your vehicle's owner manual. If your vehicle belt does not have a switchable retractor, then go to the next step.



Redo the fasteners on the seat pad and adjust the headrest

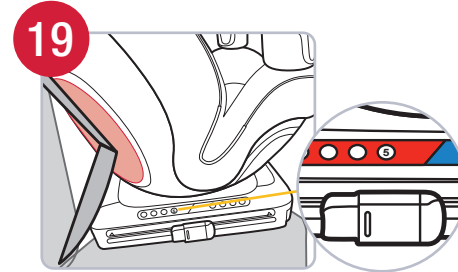
- a** Fold up the lower backrest part of the seat pad. Unfold the bottom of the headrest pad.
- b** Snap together the four fasteners on the lower backrest.
- c** Slide the harness straps back in the headrest pad as shown.
- d** Reinsert the tabs into the slots on the headrest pad.

See also the Installing the Seat Pad Set section steps 7 and 8 on page 95 for details on redoing the fasteners.



Adjust the headrest to the proper position for your child

See page 42 for **Forward-Facing Child Fit**. See page 16 for how to adjust the headrest.



Confirm the car seat recline position

Make sure the car seat is using the **Forward-Facing** positions 5–8.

DO NOT use **Rear-Facing** positions 1–4 when the car seat is installed **Forward-Facing**.



Tighten the tether

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

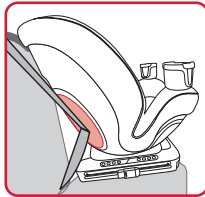


Secure your child in the car seat

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.

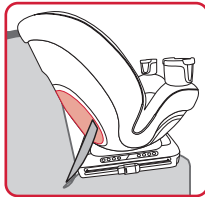
Installing the Car Seat Forward-Facing with Rigid LATCH Connectors

FINISHED!



Lap/Shoulder Belt + Tether

For a child between
30–65 lb
(13.7–29.5 kg).



Lap Belt + Tether

For a child between
30–65 lb
(13.7–29.5 kg).

- Is the vehicle belt buckled and the switchable retractor locked? See steps 12 and 16.
- Is the lockoff arm closed? See step 14.
- Is the vehicle 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 step 15.
- Has the seat pad been fastened? See step 17.
- Has the tether been installed and tightened? See steps 4 and 20.

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.

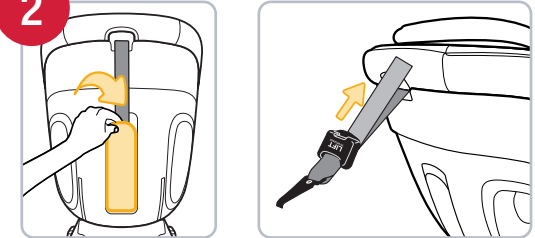
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Locate the top tether anchors in your vehicle

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

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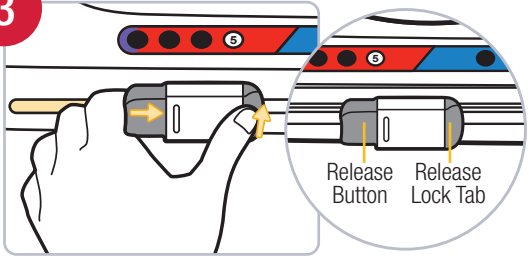


Remove the tether strap from storage and loosen it

Open the tether door, loosen the tether strap, and then unhook the tether strap to remove it from storage (see page 105). To loosen the strap, lift the tether adjuster up 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.



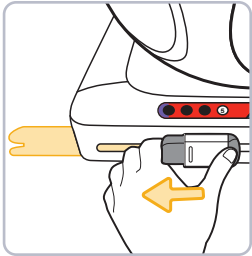
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Extend the Forward-Facing rigid LATCH connectors from the base

Push to tilt the release lock tab backwards and then push in the release button on the other end to slide the release lock to the end of the **Forward-Facing** side of the base until the connector is fully extended.

Repeat on the other side of the base.



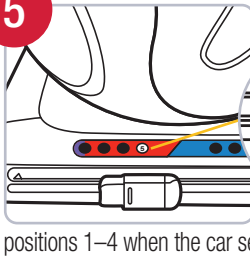
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Put the car seat Forward-Facing on the back seat

Make sure the tether strap is accessible at the top of the seat.

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Select a Forward-Facing position for the car seat

Use the **Forward-Facing** positions 5–8 only. Choose the position that is the most comfortable for your child.

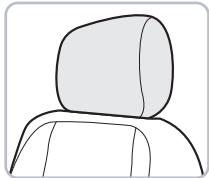
DO NOT use **Rear-Facing** positions 1–4 when the car seat is installed **Forward-Facing**. See page 20 for how to recline the car seat. Make sure the tether strap is accessible at the top of the seat. The entire base should be completely on the vehicle seat.

For vehicles with an adjustable seatback: Adjust the angle of the vehicle seatback to match your chosen **Forward-Facing** position, making sure that both the car seat is as far back as possible on the vehicle seat and the car seat base is as flat as possible against the vehicle seat bottom. Also refer to the vehicle owner's manual for any additional requirements.

**WARNING**

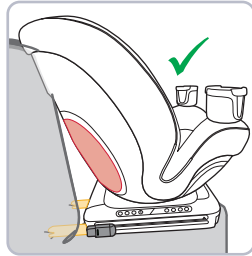
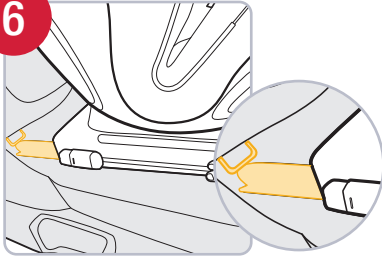
NEVER use a Rear-Facing recline position when this child restraint is installed Forward-Facing. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

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

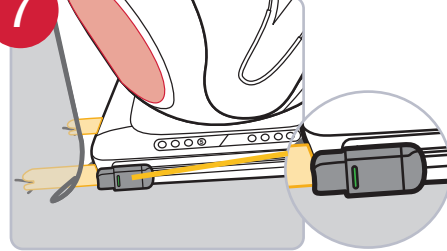
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Attach the rigid LATCH connectors to the lower anchors

Place the car seat on the vehicle seat so that both connectors are aligned with the lower anchors. Push both sides of the car seat base **EVENLY** towards the vehicle seatback. Continue to push it backwards until both connectors are attached to the anchors **AND** the car seat is touching the vehicle seatback. If the rigid LATCH connectors are fully retracted and the car seat is still not touching the vehicle seatback, then adjust the vehicle seatback so that it creates contact with the car seat. If the vehicle seatback is not adjustable, confirm that the connectors are completely attached to the anchor (see next step). The entire base should be completely on the vehicle seat.

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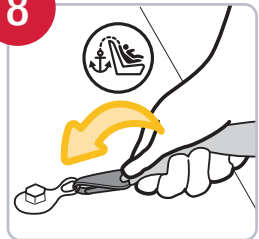
Check the rigid LATCH connector installation

Verify the car seat is securely attached to the lower anchors by checking the indicator on both rigid LATCH connector release locks to make sure no red is showing **AND** pulling the car seat away from the vehicle seatback.

If red is showing on either side or the rigid LATCH connectors are not properly connected to the lower anchors when you pull the car seat away from the vehicle seatback, repeat steps 3–6.

For help with the installation, please call Consumer Care at 1-800-544-1108 or scan the QR code on the back cover of this manual.

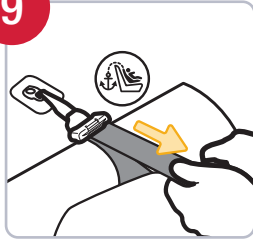
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Attach the tether hook to the vehicle's top tether anchor

See step 2 if you need to lengthen the strap to reach the anchor.

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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 the slack.

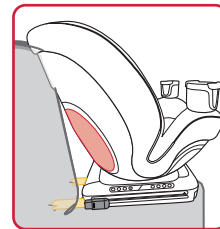
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Secure your child in the car seat

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.

FINISHED!



**Rigid LATCH
Connectors
+ Tether**

DO NOT install by this method for a child weighing more than 40 lb (18 kg).

- Are the rigid LATCH connectors securely attached to the vehicle's lower anchors? See step 7.
- Has the tether strap been installed and tightened? See steps 8 and 9.

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

Securing Your Child in the Car Seat

Follow the steps in this section to secure your child in both **Rear-Facing** and **Forward-Facing** modes, remove your child from the car seat, and troubleshoot any issues.

Refer to **Rear-Facing Child Fit Requirements** on page 24 and **Forward-Facing Child Fit Requirements** on page 42 to make sure child fits the seat properly.

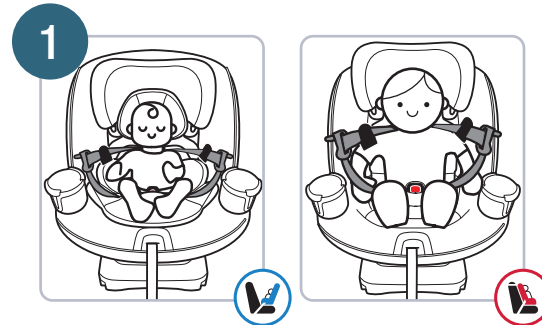
WARNING

**IMPLANTED
ELECTRONIC
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DEVICES**

DO NOT use the magnetic chest clip with children who have an implanted electronic medical device.

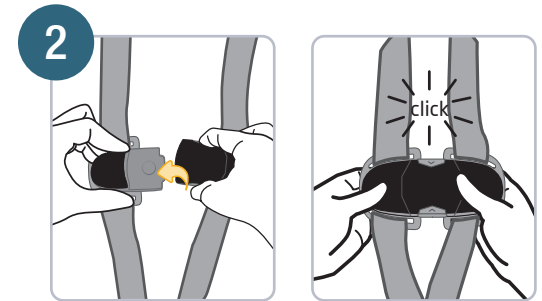
A magnet is used to help secure the chest clip locking mechanism together which may interfere with the proper function of an implanted electronic medical device.

Parents or caregivers who have an implanted electronic device should keep their device away from the chest clip and consult their doctor and medical device manufacturer for specific information before using this chest clip. If a parent/caregiver or child has an implanted electronic medical device, please contact Dorel (see back cover).



Place your child in the car seat

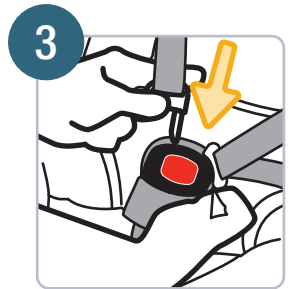
Your child's bottom and back should be flat against the car seat.



Fasten the chest clip

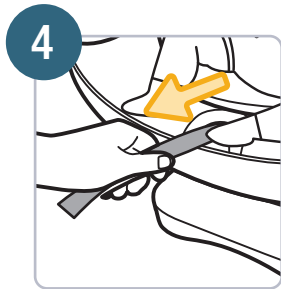
Lay the right (top) half of the chest clip over the left (bottom) half and it will automatically snap together and lock.

Pull gently on each half of the chest clip to make sure it is locked.



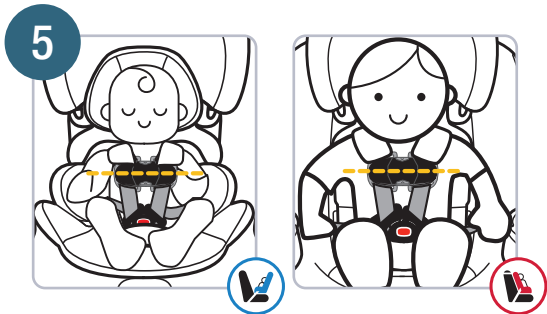
Buckle the harness

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



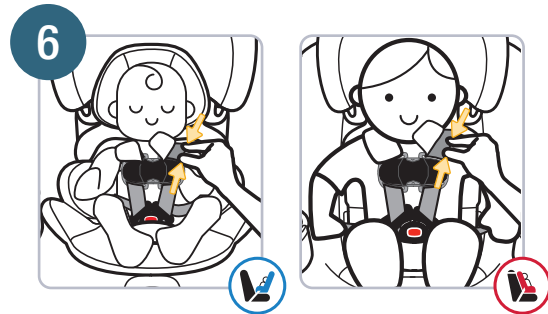
Tighten the harness

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



Position the chest clip

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



Check the harness tightness

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

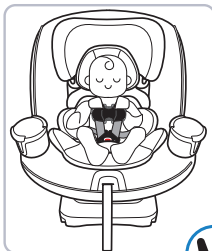
If your fingers slip off, the harness is tight enough.

If you can pinch the harness strap, tighten it more (see step 4).



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 flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.

FINISHED!



Your child is now secured in the car seat.

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

To remove your child from the car seat:

1. Loosen the harness straps. Push down on the harness release lever (through the opening in the seat pad) while pulling the chest clip away from your child.
2. Unfasten the chest clip. While holding both sides of the chest clip, press in on the top and bottom buttons and pull the chest clip apart.
3. Unbuckle the harness. Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.
4. Remove your child.

Troubleshooting

If the buckle or harness release lever sticks:

DO NOT LUBRICATE THEM. Check for dropped food, sticky spilled drinks, dirt, leaves, etc. Clean the buckle or harness release lever with warm water and remove any objects with tweezers. If you cannot adjust the harness to remain tight with the buckle securely locked, **DO NOT** use this car seat.

If the harness twists: Straighten the harness each time you put your child in the car seat. When you remove your child, lock the buckle and tighten the harness so it will be ready for the 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 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 78**

Storing the Harness System **PAGE 72**

Booster Seat Use in Vehicle **PAGE 79**

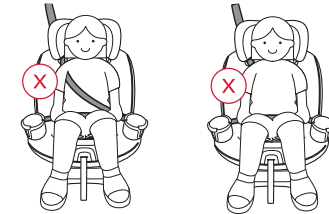
! WARNING

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

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.



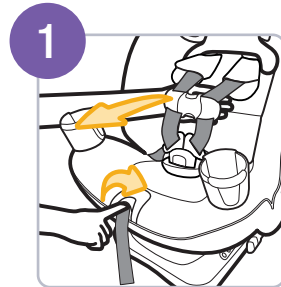
NEVER place shoulder belt under the child's arms or behind their back.

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

Storing the Harness System

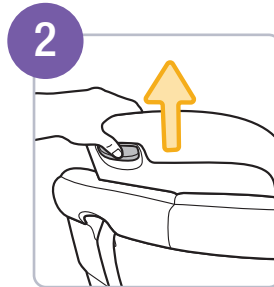


You **MUST** remove the head and body pillows, harness covers, and buckle cover before storing the harness system for **Booster Seat Mode**. See page 8 to remove these accessories.



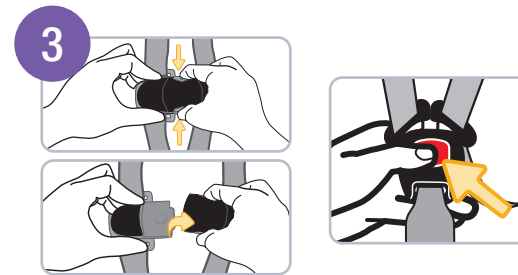
Fully loosen the harness straps

Push down on the harness release lever (through the opening in the seat pad) while pulling the harness straps away from the backrest.



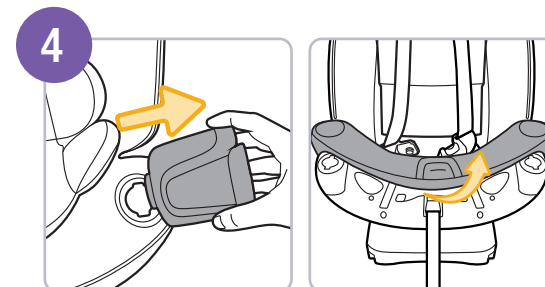
Adjust the headrest to the highest position

See page 16 for how to adjust the headrest.



Unfasten the chest clip and unbuckle the harness

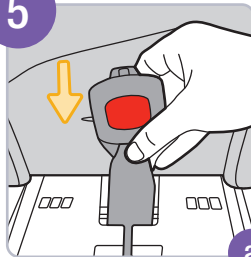
While holding both sides of the chest clip, press in on the top and bottom buttons and pull the chest clip apart. Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.



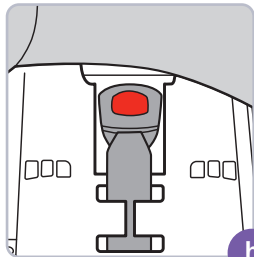
Remove the cup holders and lift up the seat pad

See page 12 for how to remove the cup holders.

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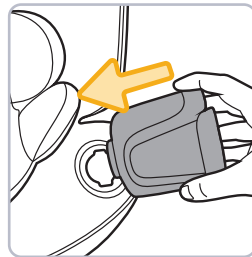
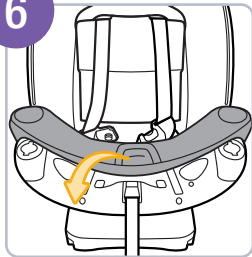
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Store the buckle

- a Push the buckle down through the seat pad.
- b Place the buckle in the storage compartment.

Note: The buckle can be in either slot when storing it.

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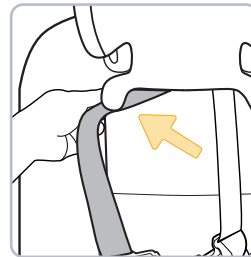
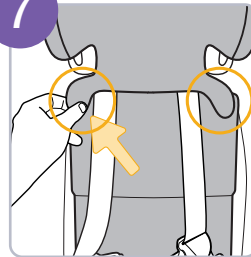


Pull the seat pad around the front of the seat and install the cup holders

Make sure the seat pad is fully tucked around the front edge of the seat (see page 92 for using the seat pad tool).

See page 12 for how to install the cup holders.

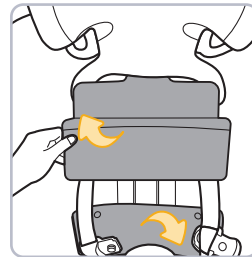
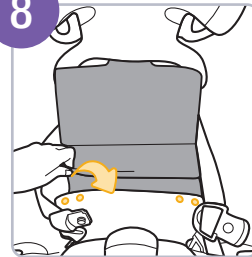
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Undo the fasteners near the shoulder slots and slide out the harness straps

Pull out the tab near the shoulder slot. Slide the harness strap out and tuck it behind the headrest pad. Repeat on the other side.

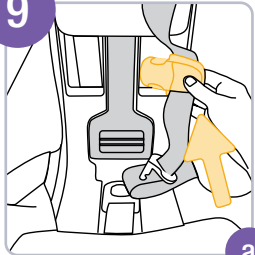
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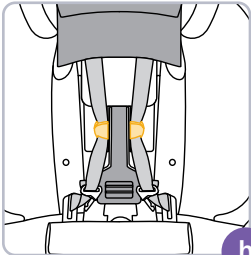
Undo the bottom snaps on the seat pad

Undo the four snaps toward the bottom of the backrest pad. Fold up the lower part of the headrest pad.

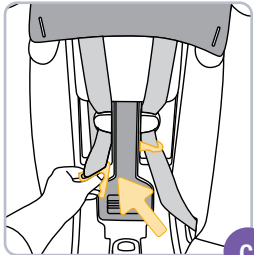
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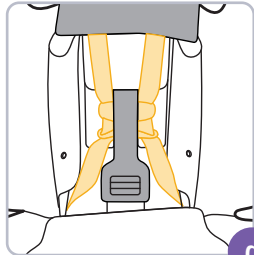
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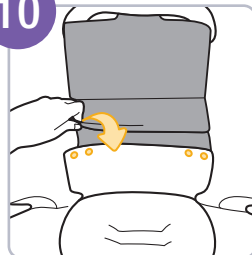


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Store the harness straps, chest clip, and buckle tongues

- a Place half of the chest clip in the storage area next to the lockoff arm. Repeat with the other half of the chest clip on the opposite side of the lockoff arm.
- b Reach behind the lockoff arm and buckle the chest clip.
- c Slide the buckle tongues up the harness strap and tuck them below the chest clip.
- d Make sure the harness straps and buckle tongues are tucked in the storage area with the chest clip buckled.

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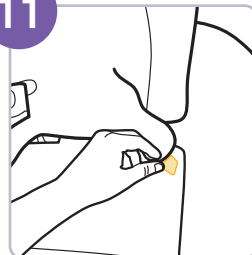


Unfold the headrest pad and snap together the fasteners on the seat pad

Fold up the lower backrest part of the seat pad. Unfold the bottom of the headrest pad.

Snap together the four fasteners on the lower backrest part of the seat pad.

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Redo the fasteners on the headrest pad

Reinsert the tab into the slot on the outer edge of the headrest pad. Repeat on the other side.

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The car seat has been converted to **Booster Seat** mode.

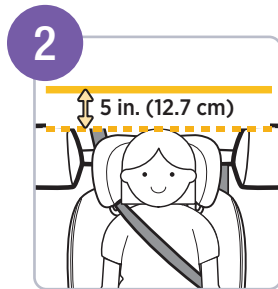
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Booster Seat Child Fit Requirements



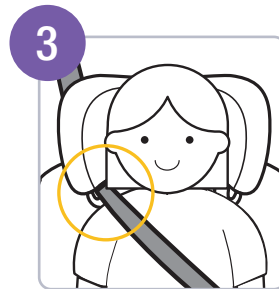
Check the head position

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 16).



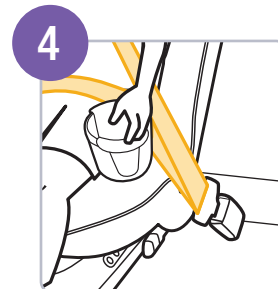
Check the vehicle position

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



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 16) 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.**

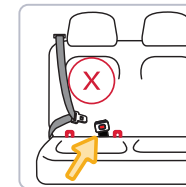


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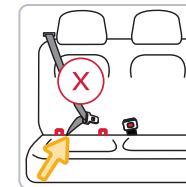
- Review your vehicle owner's manual to locate the LATCH: lower anchor seating positions.
- Determine whether you will be using both the rigid LATCH connectors and the lap/shoulder belt or only the lap/shoulder belt when installing the car seat. See LATCH: Lower Anchor Bars on page 102.

Booster Seat Use in Vehicle

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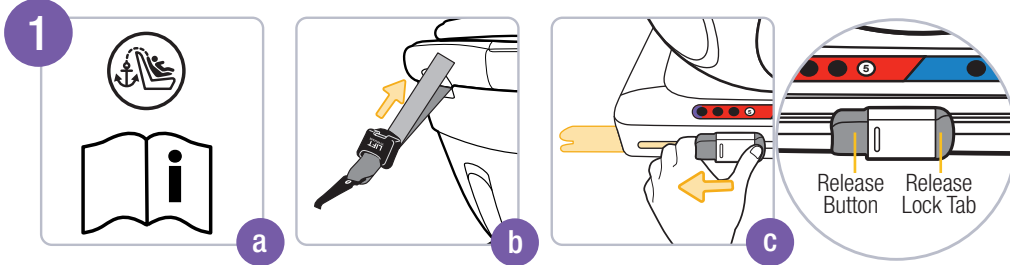


DO NOT use the LATCH system if the vehicle belt or vehicle belt buckle is not easily accessible with the car seat secured by anchors.



DO NOT use the LATCH system if the vehicle belt or the vehicle belt buckle is between the LATCH anchors.

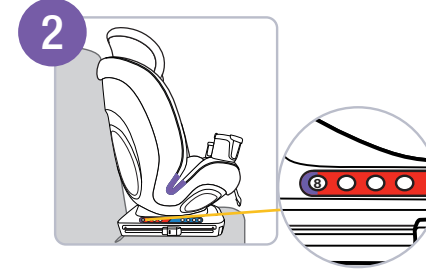
DO NOT fasten multiple lower anchor connectors on the same lower anchor bar in the vehicle.



Remove the tether strap from storage and extend rigid LATCH connectors

Skip to step 2 if you are not using rigid LATCH connectors.

- a** Review your vehicle owner's manual for the top tether locations and how to route the tether strap if there are vehicle headrests.
- b** Remove tether from storage location (see page 105) and loosen it. 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 below.
- c** Push to tilt the release lock tab backwards and then push in the release button on the other end to slide the release lock to the end of the **Booster** side of the base until the connector is fully extended. Repeat on the other side of the base.



Put the car seat in recline position 8

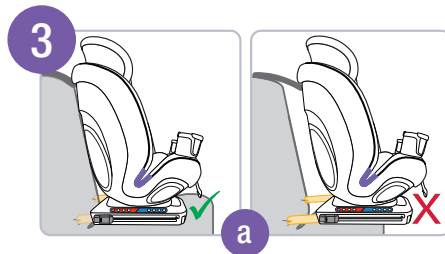
DO NOT use positions 1–7; see page 20 for how to adjust the booster seat position.

If you are using rigid LATCH connectors: Skip to step 3.

If you are NOT using rigid LATCH connectors: Place the booster seat in the back seat. The back of the booster seat should be flat against the vehicle seatback. The vehicle seatback **MUST** be in the upright position, but you can adjust the angle slightly to better match the angle of the booster seat. Refer to the vehicle owner's manual for how to adjust the vehicle seatback.

! WARNING

ONLY use Booster recline position 8 when using this child restraint in Booster mode. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

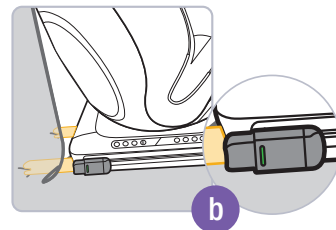


Attach the rigid LATCH connectors to the vehicle and then connect and tighten the tether

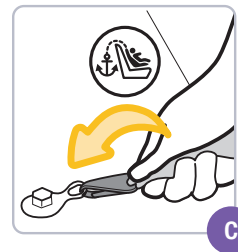
Skip to step 4 if you are not using rigid LATCH connectors.

- a** Place the booster seat on the vehicle seat so that both connectors are aligned with the lower anchors. Push both sides of the car seat base **EVENLY** towards the vehicle seatback. Continue to push it backwards until both connectors are attached to the anchors **AND** the car seat is touching the vehicle

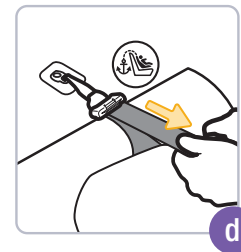
seatback. If the rigid LATCH connectors are fully retracted and the car seat is still not touching the vehicle seatback, then adjust the vehicle seatback so that it creates contact with the car seat. If the vehicle seatback is not adjustable, confirm that the connectors are completely attached to the anchor (see next step). The entire base should be completely on the vehicle seat.



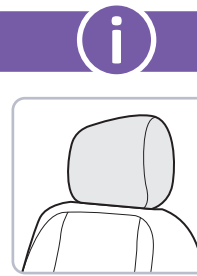
- b** Verify the car seat is securely attached to the lower anchors by checking the indicator on both rigid LATCH connector release locks to make sure no red is showing **AND** pulling the booster seat away from the vehicle seatback. If the booster seat is not securely attached, repeat steps 1–3a. If this still does not work, retract the rigid LATCH connectors, store the tether, and repeat step 2.



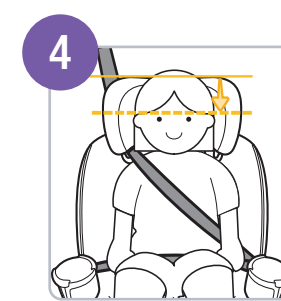
- c** Attach the tether hook to the vehicle's top tether anchor. See step 2b if you need to lengthen the strap to reach the anchor.



- d** Push firmly on the back of the booster seat and pull the free end of the tether strap to tighten it and remove all the slack.



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



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 16.

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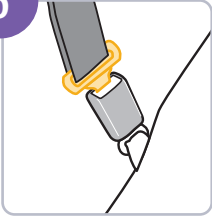


Position the lap belt on your child

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**.

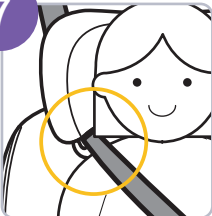
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Buckle the vehicle belt

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

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Position the shoulder belt on your child

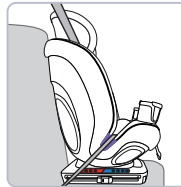
Thread the shoulder belt through the belt-positioning guide in the headrest.

Pull the shoulder belt up to tighten it 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 and buckled even when unoccupied.

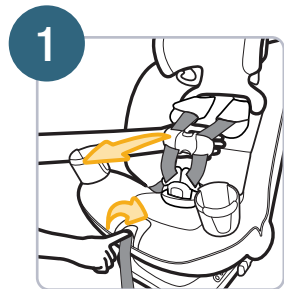
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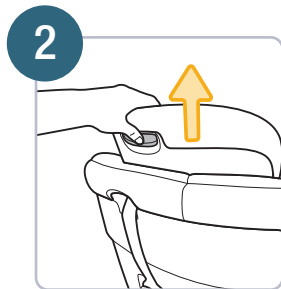
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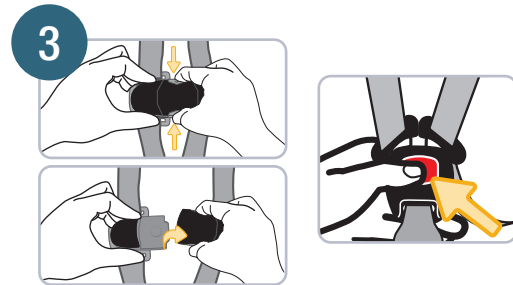
Fully loosen the harness straps

Push down on the harness release lever (through the opening in the seat pad) while pulling the harness straps away from the backrest.



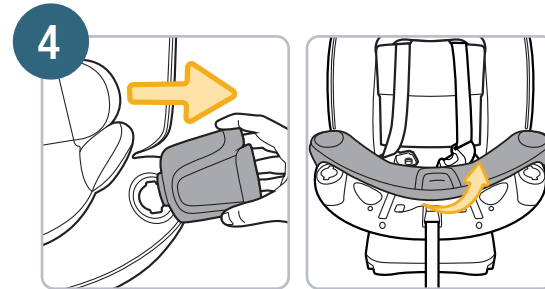
Adjust the headrest to the highest position

See page 16 for how to adjust the headrest.



Unfasten the chest clip and unbuckle the harness

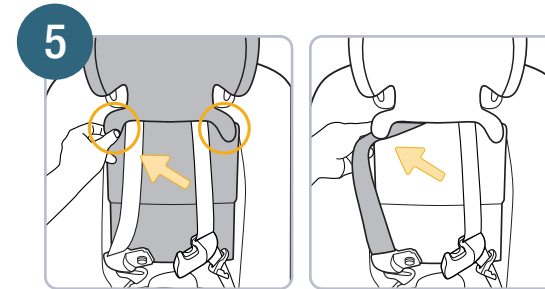
While holding both sides of the chest clip, press in on the top and bottom buttons and pull the chest clip apart. Press the red button to release the buckle tongues.



Remove the cup holders and lift up the seat pad

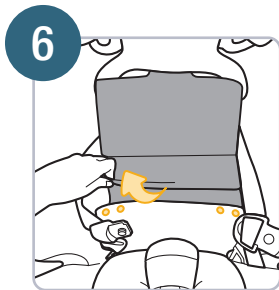
See page 12 for how to remove the cup holders.

Note: Remove the head and body pillows and harness covers if installed (see page 8).



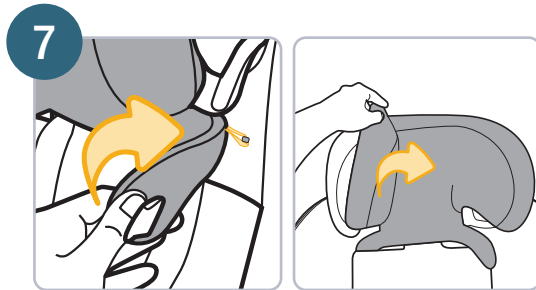
Undo the fasteners near the shoulder slots and slide out the harness straps

Pull out the tab near the shoulder slot. Slide the harness strap out from the headrest pad. Repeat on the other side.



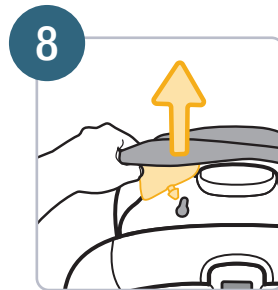
Undo the bottom snaps on the seat pad

Undo the four snaps toward the bottom of the backrest pad. Fold up the lower part of the backrest pad.



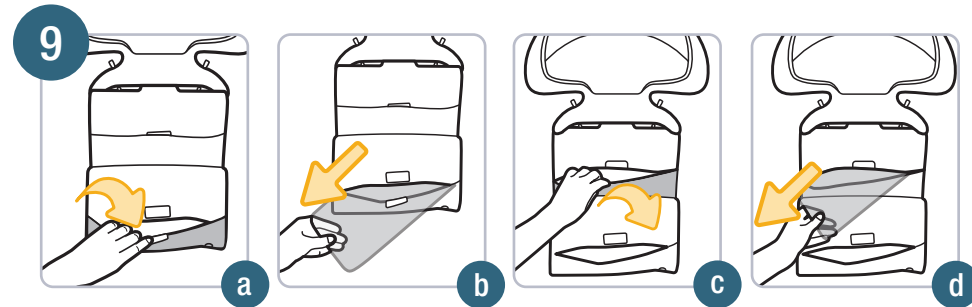
Unfasten the elastic straps and begin to remove the headrest pad

Remove the elastic strap on the tab just below the belt-positioning guide. Repeat with the elastic strap on the other side and then begin to gently pull the headrest pad off the headrest.



Undo the pegs on the back of the headrest

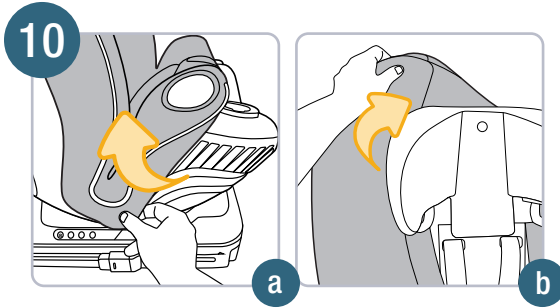
Press down on the peg on the back of the headrest to slide it out of the slot underneath the headrest pad. Repeat with the other peg on the back of the headrest and then lift off the headrest pad.



Remove both inserts from the headrest pad

- a** On the back of the headrest pad, undo the hook-and-loop fastening strip on the bottom panel.
- b** Remove the plastic insert from the bottom panel.
- c** Undo the hook-and-loop fastening strip on the top panel.
- d** Remove the plastic insert from the top panel.

Cleaning the Seat Pad Set and Parts of the Car Seat



Remove the seat pad from the car seat

- a** Gently pull the seat pad off both sides of the car seat.
- b** Gently pull the seat pad around the headrest and off the car seat.

To clean the seat pad set, head and body pillows, and buckle cover:

Machine wash separately with cold water on gentle cycle. **DO NOT** use bleach. Tumble dry separately for 10–12 minutes on low heat. Remove immediately.

To clean the harness straps:

Check the harness straps often for wear or damage. Spot clean using warm sudsy water and a 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.

To clean the harness covers, buckle, and the car seat:

Spot clean using warm sudsy water and a damp cloth.

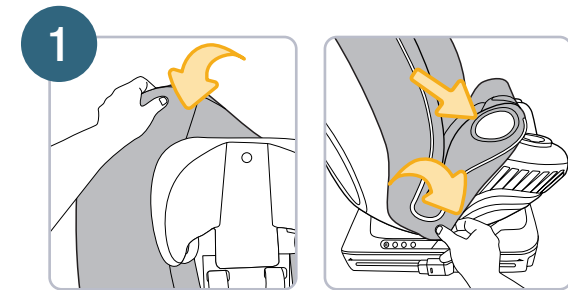
DO NOT submerge into water.

The cup holders are dishwasher-safe.

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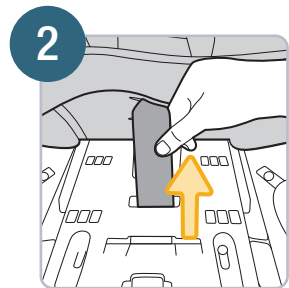
DO NOT use the child restraint without the seat pad or with damaged harness straps. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death. Serious injury can include paralysis and/or permanent brain injury.

Installing the Seat Pad Set



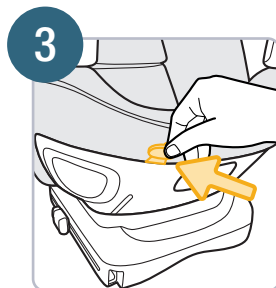
Pull the seat pad over the top and sides of the car seat

DO NOT pull the seat pad around the front of the seat yet.



Pull the buckle through the seat pad and then pull the seat pad around the front of the car seat

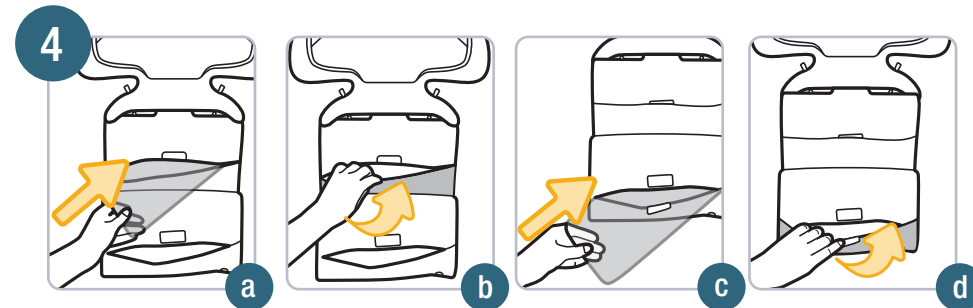
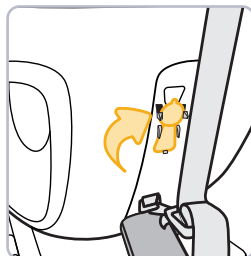
Pull the buckle through the same slot in the seat pad as used for the buckle.



Tuck the seat pad around the car seat

Use the seat pad tool to help tuck the pad completely into all edges of the car seat. Hold the tool at the circle and push the seat pad fabric down into the edges with the other end of the tool.

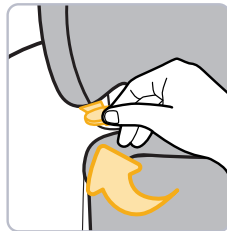
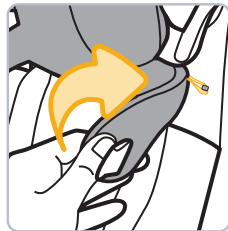
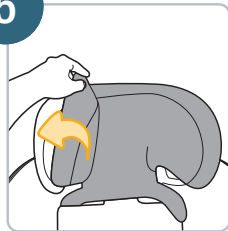
To access the seat pad tool: Open the tether storage door on the back of the car seat and lift the seat pad tool out from the clips holding it in place.



Place both inserts into the headrest pad panels

- a** Place the larger of the two inserts into the top panel closest to the shoulder slots.
- b** Reattach the hook-and-loop fastening strip on the top panel.
- c** Place the smaller of the two inserts into the bottom panel.
- d** Reattach the hook-and-loop fastening strip on the bottom panel.

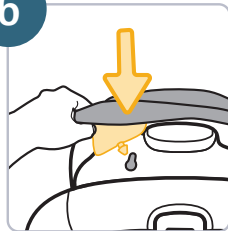
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**Pull the headrest pad over the headrest
and fasten the elastic straps**

Pull the headrest pad onto the headrest. Fasten the elastic strap onto the tab just below the belt-positioning guide. Repeat with the elastic strap on the other side of the headrest. Use the seat pad tool to tuck the sides and bottom of the headrest pad around the edges of the headrest just above the belt-positioning guides.

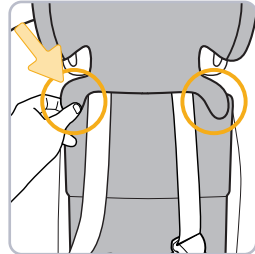
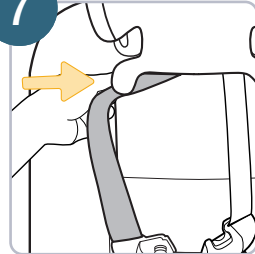
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**Secure the pegs on the
back of the headrest**

Slide both pegs on the underside of the headrest pad into the slots on the back of the headrest. Press down on both pegs to fasten. Use the seat pad tool to tuck the headrest pad completely around the front edges and the booster belt path.

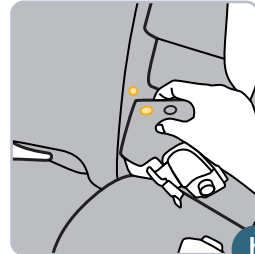
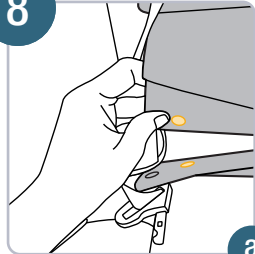
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**Reposition the harness straps
and redo the fasteners**

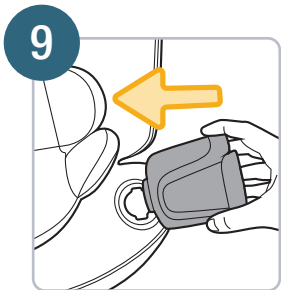
Slide the harness straps in the headrest pad as shown. Reinsert the tabs into the slots on the outer edges of the headrest pad.

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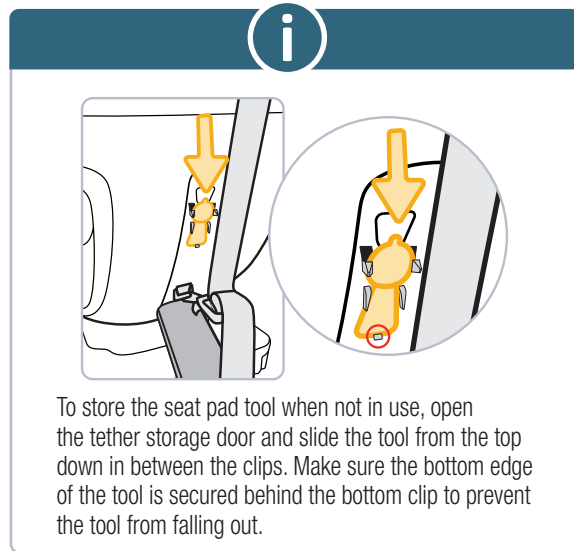
Redo the four snaps at the bottom of the backrest pad

- a** Snap together the two inner fasteners on the bottom panel of the headrest to the seat pad. Repeat on the other side.
- b** Snap together the two outer fasteners to the sides of the seat pad. Repeat on the other side.



Install the cup holders

See page 12 for how to install the cup holders.

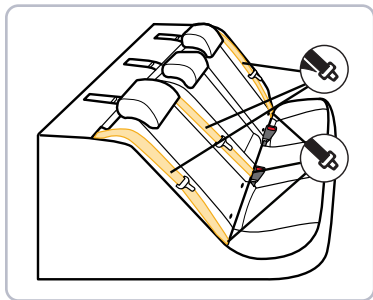


To store the seat pad tool when not in use, open the tether storage door and slide the tool from the top down in between the clips. Make sure the bottom edge of the tool is secured behind the bottom clip to prevent the tool from falling out.

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Vehicle Belts



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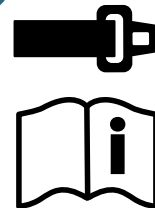
WARNING

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 35 lb (15.9 kg) in **Rear-Facing** mode or 40 lb (18 kg) in **Forward-Facing** mode, 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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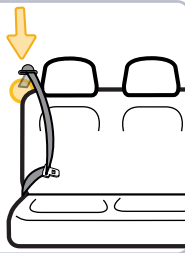


Check how this car seat can be locked into place with the vehicle belt

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.

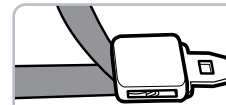
Continue to step 4 to determine if your vehicle belt's latch plate can lock the belt.

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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:

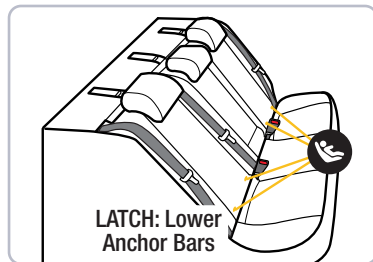
1. Buckle the vehicle belt.
2. Slowly pull up on the lap portion of the vehicle belt.
 - a If the vehicle belt does not slide through the latch plate, it's locked. You can use the locking latch plate with this car seat.
 - b If the vehicle belt slides through the latch plate, it is a sliding latch plate.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



NEVER use the following with this car seat:

- Emergency locking retractor lap-only belt
- Inflatable seat belts

LATCH: Lower Anchor Bars

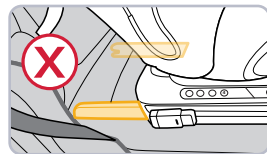


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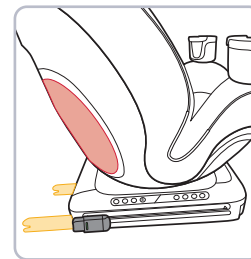
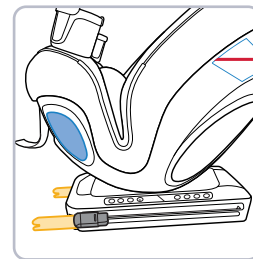
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The lower anchors of LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren) is a universal system for installing car seats without using vehicle seat belts. The rigid LATCH connectors can **ONLY** be used in vehicles that have the lower anchor bars installed 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.



If LATCH: lower anchors are not an option or if your child weighs more than 35 lb (15.9 kg) in **Rear-Facing** mode or 40 lb (18 kg) in **Forward-Facing** mode, you **MUST** use the vehicle seat belt system to install the car seat.

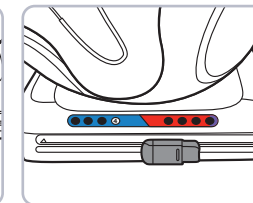
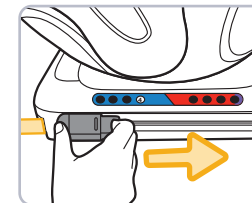
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To install the car seat with rigid LATCH connectors:

- In **Rear-Facing** mode, see page 28.
- In **Forward-Facing** mode, see page 57.

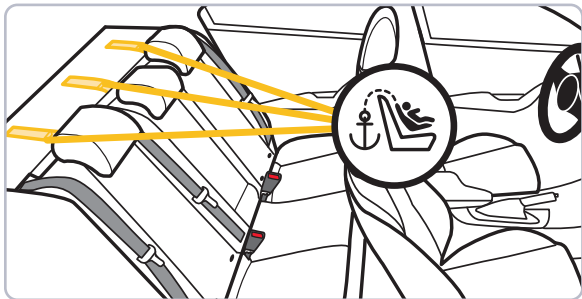
In **Booster** mode, you have the option to install the car seat with rigid LATCH connectors and the tether strap. See page 79.



To remove rigid LATCH connectors from the vehicle anchors:

Push to tilt the release lock tab backwards and then push in the release button on the other end to slide the release lock to the middle of the base until the connector is fully retracted. Make sure the connector does not extend out the opposite side of the base. Repeat on the other side of the car seat base.

Tether Strap



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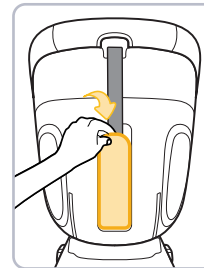
When anchors are available, you **MUST ALWAYS** attach, adjust, and secure the tether (top anchorage) strap when installing the car seat in **Forward-Facing** mode with the internal harness or when installing the car seat with rigid LATCH connectors in **Booster** mode. Tethers improve the installation and stability of car seats and reduce the risk of injury. Attach the tether hook to the tether

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.

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 to have one installed.



Storing the tether strap



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

- Installing the car seat in **Rear-Facing** mode; **OR**
- If you are not using rigid LATCH connectors to install the car seat in **Booster** mode; **OR**
- The car seat is not installed in a vehicle.

Pull down the door on the back of the seat to store the tether strap. Squeeze the spring lever on the tether hook to open it

and attach it to the storage bar behind the door. Use the tether strap adjuster to gently tighten the tether strap to remove any slack. Fold the strap up, tuck it into the compartment, and close the door.

To remove it for use, open the door and then squeeze the spring lever on the hook and detach it from the storage tether hook. Use the tether strap adjuster to slightly loosen the tether strap to add slack and allow you to detach it from the hook.

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Child Restraint Use

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 www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle-safety/car-seats-and-booster-seats to find your closest station.

⚠ WARNING

Check the vehicle belt or rigid LATCH 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 rigid LATCH connectors or with the vehicle seat belt.

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

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.

Replacement and Expiration

DO NOT risk your child's safety.

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

Replacement After a Minor Crash

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

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

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

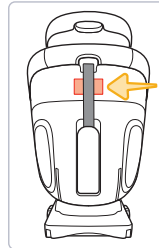
If one or more of these criteria are not true or if you

are uncertain of any of your answers, replace the car seat immediately.

Replacement After a Moderate to Severe Crash

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

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



Expiration

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

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

Registration and Safety Notices

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

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons.

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

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

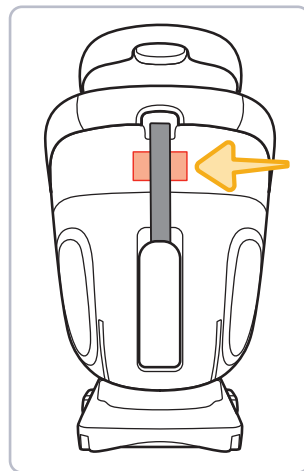
Dorel Juvenile Group
P.O. Box 2609
Columbus, IN 47202

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.

A registration card with a header "Tear Off and Mail This Part or Register Online". It contains fields for "Consumer" information (Name, Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Email Address), "Model Number" (AB123CDE), "Model Name" (Brand Car Seat), and "Manufacture Date" (2026/05/01). A barcode and line code "L#11 B265035" are at the bottom. Three orange circles highlight the Model Number, Model Name, and Manufacture Date fields.

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 back of the car seat.

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



Rear-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the vehicle belt installation steps on pages 33–37.



Forward-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow the vehicle belt installation steps on pages 46–55, 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.

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

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



Some airlines may ask to see a label stating that this car seat is certified for aircraft use. There is an airplane certification label located on the side of this car seat as shown.

! WARNING

You **MUST** store the rigid LATCH connectors and tether strap when installing with aircraft belts.

Warranty

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. (DJG) warrants this product to the original retail purchaser as follows:

This product is warranted against defective materials or workmanship for one year from the date of original purchase. An original receipt is required to validate your warranty. DJG will, at its option, provide replacement parts or replace this product. DJG reserves the right to substitute if the part or model has been discontinued.

To make a claim under this warranty, please contact our Consumer Care Department by phone: 1-800-544-1108 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.

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

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

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

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

Fulfillment by a third party does not guarantee you are purchasing from one of these authorized retailers.

Pricing which is inconsistent with the majority of retailers is a strong indication that the retailer is not authorized, as we have a consistent price offering across all authorized retailers.

If you are unsure of the authorization status of a retailer you are considering purchasing from, or have purchased from, you can check www.maxicosi.com/us-en/shops.aspx; or call our Consumer Care Department at 1-800-544-1108; or text us at 1-812-652-2525.

Replacement Parts

- Chest Clip
- Seat Pad Set
- Cup Holders
- Instructions
- Seat Pad Tool

For parts availability and questions, text, chat, call, or email (see back cover).

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

Applicable tax and shipping & handling will also be added.