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Embrace™

Rear-facing Child Restraint System

Child Requirements

Weight: 1.8 – 15.8 kg (4 – 35 lbs)

Height: 43 – 76 cm (17 – 30 inches)

! WARNING

To reduce the risk
of **SERIOUS INJURY** or
DEATH, read this owner's
manual prior to installing
and using this child
restraint.

More children are killed every year as passengers in car crashes than by any other type of injury. To reduce the risk of **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH**, read this owner’s manual and your vehicle owner’s manual before installing and using this child restraint. Using a child restraint makes a big difference. By properly using this child restraint and following these instructions (and the instructions that accompany your vehicle), you will greatly reduce the risk of serious injury or death to your child from a crash. Do not be misled by the commonly used term “safety seat”; no restraint system can prevent all injuries in all crashes. Many properly restrained adults and children are injured in motor vehicle crashes, including relatively minor crashes. A properly used child restraint is the best way to minimize injuries to your child and to increase the chances for your child’s survival in most crashes.

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U.S. REGULATORY NOTICE

This child restraint meets all applicable requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213.

For Canadian Models **CANADIAN REGULATORY NOTICE**

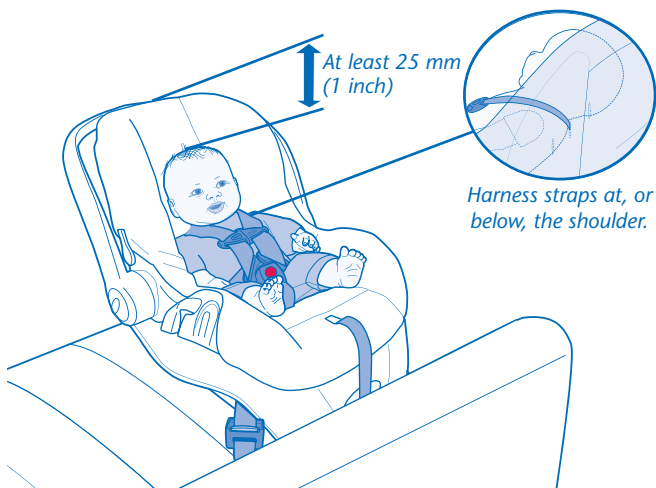
This child restraint meets all applicable requirements of Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards CMVSS 213 and 213.1.

Child Requirements

- *No restraint can guarantee absolute protection from injury in every crash.*
- *This child restraint is designed for use **ONLY** by children in rear-facing position. To use this child restraint properly, children **MUST** meet weight/size specifications as follows:*

For Rear-facing Use ONLY

- 1.8 – 15.8 kg (4 – 35 lbs)
- 43 – 76 cm (17 – 30 inches)
- **Top of head is at least 25 mm (1 inch) below the top of the child restraint seat back.**



Harness straps at, or below, the shoulder.

Symbol Legend



Air Bag Symbol – Alerts you to important information about air bag safety.



LATCH/UAS Symbol – Alerts you to important information about LATCH safety.

PREMATURE INFANT USE

Before using this child restraint for preterm or low birth weight infants, you must read and follow the guidelines in this section.

According to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a properly installed child restraint reduces the risk of death by over 70% for infants involved in crashes. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 213 establishes design and dynamic performance requirements for child restraint systems. However, the standard has no minimum weight limit and does not address the special medical needs of preterm or low birth weight infants. To ensure that preterm and low birth weight infants are transported safely, the guidelines published by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in Pediatrics 2009;123:1424–1429 must be followed.

All children should ride rear-facing in the vehicle as long as possible. Preterm and low birth weight infants are at additional risk of breathing difficulties and heart problems when placed in a child restraint. Evenflo requires that the evaluation recommended by the AAP be conducted for all infants born earlier than 37 weeks and all newborn infants who weigh less than 5 lb at birth before their first car trip to check for breathing difficulties or heart rate problems when traveling in a rear-facing child restraint.

The AAP recommends that appropriate hospital staff observe your infant in the child restraint for a period of 90 to 120 minutes or the duration of travel, whichever is longer. This period of observation must be performed with the infant properly positioned as described in these instructions and with the child restraint placed at an angle that is approved for use in the vehicle. The hospital staff will check for any breathing difficulties or heart rate problems. Your child's pediatrician will let you know if there are any special considerations for travel. The number of trips and the duration of time the infant is seated in the child restraint should be minimized. A caregiver should ride in the back seat to monitor the infant during travel.

You can learn more about the AAP's recommendations for observation of newborns and the guidelines for safe transportation of preterm and low birth weight infants, as well as other resources for parents and medical professionals, at

<http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/carseatsafety.cfm>

WARNING

General Warnings

- Child Restraints should be used only for travel. Potential adverse health effects from excessive use of infant child restraints have been documented. You should limit the time spent each day in a child restraint as much as possible. You must never use your child restraint as a sleeping environment in the home. Never leave your infant unattended in a child restraint in or out of the vehicle.
- Failure to follow installation instructions can result in your child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash. Serious injury or death may result. These instructions and the instructions in your vehicle owner's manual must be followed carefully. If there is a conflict between the two, the vehicle owner's manual regarding child restraint installation must be followed.
- This child restraint **MUST ALWAYS** face the **rear of the vehicle**. Serious injury or death can occur.
- **NEVER** leave child unattended.
- **DO NOT** use child restraint if it is damaged, broken, or missing parts.
- **DO NOT** use this restraint if it has been involved in a crash. It must be replaced.
- **DO NOT** attach additional padding, toys or other devices not made by Evenflo, or described in these instructions, to the child restraint. Items not tested with the child restraint could injure the child.
- Be sure that the handle is firmly locked in **Position 2** (Carry) before lifting the child restraint (p. 16).
- This child restraint must be securely belted to the vehicle at all times, even when unoccupied. An unsecured child restraint may injure someone if a crash occurs.

Premature Infants

- **DO NOT** use this or any other child restraint with a premature infant until after consulting your doctor. Premature infants may have difficulty breathing when in a sitting position.

WARNING



Air Bag Warnings

- **DO NOT** use this restraint in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with an air bag. Interaction between a rear facing restraint and air bags may cause serious injury or death. If your vehicle has an air bag, refer to the vehicle owner's manual for child restraint installation.
- If the rear seat of your vehicle is equipped with side air bags, refer to the following information for proper usage.

Vehicles built prior to the 2002 model year:

DO NOT use this restraint in a vehicle seating position equipped with a side air bag unless authorized by the vehicle manufacturer.

Model year 2002 and newer vehicles:

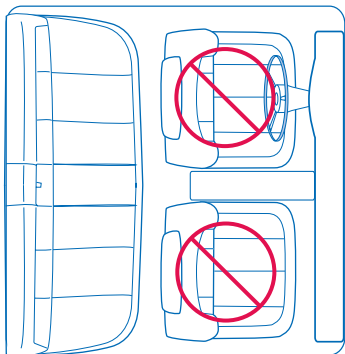
Refer to your vehicle owner's manual before placing this restraint in a seating position equipped with a side air bag.

- **DO NOT** place any objects between the restraint and the side air bag, as an expanding air bag may cause the items to strike your child.

WARNING



DO NOT place rear-facing child seat on front seat with air bag. **DEATH** or **SERIOUS INJURY** can occur. The back seat is the safest place for children 12 and under.



WARNING

Location Warnings

- **ALWAYS** read and follow exactly the instructions that accompany your vehicle and child restraint.
- According to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in a rear seating position than in a front seating position. Generally, the center rear is safest and should be used if available. Children 12 and under should ride in the back seat of the vehicle.
- If you are unable to use the center rear seating position and have to install this child restraint directly behind a front vehicle seat, ensure that there is at least 38 mm (1.5 inches) of space between any part of the child restraint and the vehicle seat that is closest to the child's head. This space may be necessary for the child restraint to properly perform in certain types of crashes.
- **ONLY** use this child restraint on forward-facing vehicle seats. **DO NOT** use on vehicle seats which face the rear or side.
- **ONLY** use this child restraint on vehicle seats with backs that lock into place.
- Some child restraints do not fit all vehicles or all seating locations. There are thousands of combinations of vehicle makes, models, child restraint configurations, seat belt designs and seat cushion shapes. The easiest way to determine whether your child restraint is suitable for a particular seating position is to check for a tight installation. If the child restraint cannot be properly installed, **DO NOT** use this child restraint. Consult vehicle owner's manual, try a different seating location or call Evenflo at 1-800-233-5921 (U.S), or 1-937-773-3971 (Canada).

Vehicle Seat Belt Warnings

- **DO NOT** use this child restraint in a vehicle seating position with door-mounted seat belts.
- **DO NOT** use this child restraint in a vehicle seating position with seat belts that automatically move along the vehicle frame when the door is opened. These seat belts will not hold a child restraint properly.

WARNING

Vehicle Seat Belt Warnings – cont.

- **DO NOT** use this child restraint rear-facing in a vehicle equipped with lap belts that only lock during a sudden stop or crash (emergency locking retractor – ELR).
You must use a seating location with a locking seat belt. Check your vehicle owner's manual to see if you have lap belts with ELR's.
- **DO NOT** loosen the vehicle seat belt to provide more leg room as this will prevent the child restraint from protecting your child.
- Fold-down armrests could pose a hazard to a rear-facing child in certain types of collisions. Consult your vehicle owner's manual before installing any rear-facing child restraint in front of a fold-down armrest.
- The headrest on the vehicle seat that the child faces should be placed in the lowest position. The vehicle seat back that the child faces must be fully padded and free of any hard objects.
- **DO NOT** use this child restraint if it moves more than 25 mm (1 inch) forward or side-to-side at the seat belt path. Serious injury or death may occur. Move the child restraint to another seating location.
- If the vehicle seat belts are not routed and fastened correctly, the child restraint may not protect your child in a crash.
- **DO NOT** allow the vehicle seat belt release button to touch the child restraint. Accidental contact may cause the seat belt to release. If necessary, turn the seat belt release button away from the child restraint or move the child restraint to a different location.
- Failure to adjust the harness snugly around your child may result in your child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash. Serious injury or death may occur.
- Remove locking clip from vehicle seat belt when not used with a child restraint, or the vehicle seat belt will not properly restrain an adult or child. Serious injury or death may occur.

WARNING

LATCH Warnings

- This LATCH system is intended to be used **ONLY** as described in these instructions. Serious injury or death may result from misuse.
- In addition to these instructions, read and follow your vehicle owner's manual regarding installation of the child restraint and LATCH. If there is a discrepancy, follow your vehicle owner's manual.
- **ONLY** use for securing convenience base to lower LATCH anchor points.
- **NEVER** attach two LATCH connectors to one vehicle lower anchor point.
- **NEVER** use the vehicle seat belts when using the LATCH system. Using both together can cause slack in a sudden stop or crash.
- When not in use, the LATCH connectors should be securely stored in the storage area located in the convenience base. Keep out of reach of children.
- **ALWAYS** be sure that the LATCH connectors are fully engaged onto the LATCH anchor points by pulling hard on the LATCH harness. If they are not totally engaged, the LATCH system will not secure your child restraint. Serious injury or death may result.
- **DO NOT** use this child restraint if it moves more than 25 mm (1 inch) forward or side-to-side at the vehicle belt path. Serious injury or death may result from poor installation. If you can not tightly secure the child restraint, try again or move it to another location.

Usage Warnings

- Use **ONLY** the Embrace 35 convenience base with the Embrace 35 carrier. The Embrace 35 carrier **WILL NOT LOCK** safely into any other convenience base and serious injury or death will result. Refer to page 13 to properly identify the Embrace 35 convenience base.
- **ALWAYS** check the restraint and buckle for hot surfaces before putting a child into the restraint. Your child could be burned.

WARNING

Usage Warnings – cont.

- In cold weather, **DO NOT** dress the child in bulky clothing, like snowsuits, if the child is riding in a child restraint. This clothing makes it difficult to properly tighten the harness to the child, which may allow the child to be ejected from the restraint during a crash.
- **ALWAYS** place the handle in either *Position 1* (Canadian **or** U.S. models) or *Position 4* (U.S. models **ONLY**) when using this child restraint in a vehicle.
- When using this restraint in *Position 5* (Stand) (p. 16), **ONLY** use on level ground and **NEVER** prop the restraint up with any object.
- **NEVER** place this child restraint on beds, sofas, or other soft surfaces. The child restraint can roll over on soft surfaces and suffocate the child.
- **NEVER** leave the child in this child restraint when the harness straps are loose or undone. A child may strangle when straps are loose or undone.
- **NEVER** place this child restraint near the edges of counter tops, tables, shopping cart, or other high surfaces. The child's movements can cause the child restraint to slide and fall.
- The full-coverage canopy is not intended to provide UV protection.

Safe Practices

- **Everyone rides buckled up or the vehicle does not go.** Make no exceptions for adults or children. If someone unbuckles, stop the vehicle. Being firm and consistent right from the start will mean fewer discipline problems as children get older. Besides, an unrestrained child or adult can be thrown into and injure other passengers.
- **NEVER** try to tend to a crying baby's needs while driving. **NEVER** take a baby out of a child restraint for comforting while the vehicle is moving.
- Always place the handle in *Positions 1, 4, or 5* before removing infant from carrier.

- **DO NOT** allow a child to have objects such as lollipops or ice cream on a stick. The object can injure the child if the vehicle swerves or hits a bump.
- **DO NOT** feed an infant who is riding in a child restraint.
- Anything loose can be deadly in a crash. Put sharp or heavy items in the trunk.
- **DO NOT** dress the child in blanket sleepers or other clothing that would prevent the crotch strap from fitting snugly up against the child.

Recall Information for U.S. Customers

- Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address, the restraint's model number, and manufacturing date to
Evenflo Company, Inc.
1801 Commerce Dr.
Piqua, OH 45356
 or call **1-800-233-5921**.
 You may also register on-line at
www.evenflo.com/registercarseat
- 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***

Public Notice for Canadian Customers

- Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a public notice. Send your name, address, the restraint's model number, and manufacturing date to
Evenflo Company, Inc.
1801 Commerce Dr.
Piqua, OH 45356
 or call **1-937-773-3971** or register on-line at
www.evenflo.com/registercarseatcanada.
- For public notice information, call Transport Canada at 1-800-333-0510 or go to ***www.tc.gc.ca***

Airplane Usage

This restraint meets FAA Inversion requirements for airplane use. Airplane installation is the same as vehicle installation. Turn the top of the airplane seat belt buckle away from the restraint for easy release and removal.



LATCH/UAS Information

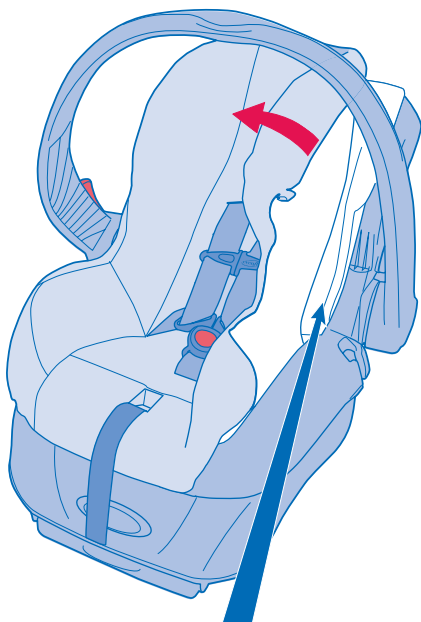
LATCH (**L**ower **A**nchorage and **T**ether for **C**hildren) is a system for attaching the child restraint to your vehicle seat. It can be used in place of the seat belts in vehicles with **LATCH** anchors. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for the locations of **LATCH** anchors.

Note: Your vehicle owner's manual may refer to this system as **ISOFIX** or **Universal Anchorage System (UAS)**.

Care and Cleaning

- To clean pad, slide the elastic loops/plastic clips of the seat pad off of the seat shell. Remove the harness system. See "Changing the Harness Position" on page 36 to ensure proper reinstallation of harness straps.
- Machine wash cloth pad, canopy, and head support separately in cold water, delicate cycle, and tumble dry 10 – 15 minutes, low heat.
- Wipe straps, buckles, and harness adjuster with warm damp cloth and mild soap. Air dry.
- To help protect the vehicle upholstery, place a towel beneath and behind the child restraint.

Storing Your Instructions



After thoroughly reading and following these instructions, store them in the carrier behind the seat pad, as shown.

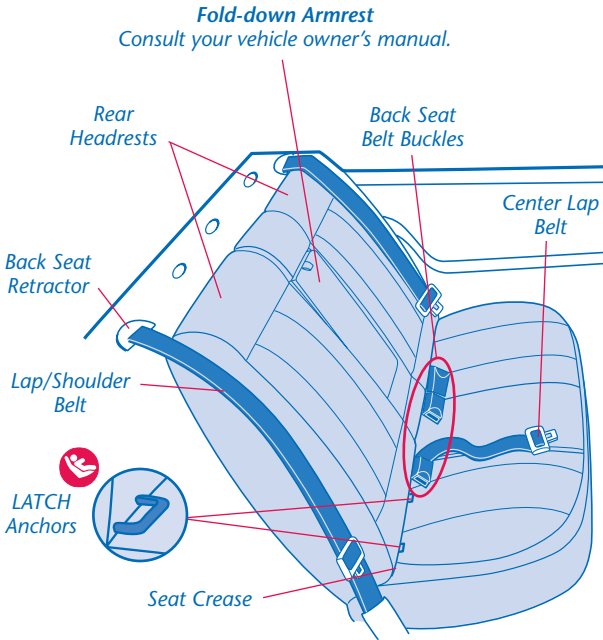
For future reference, record the **model number** of your child restraint AND the **date of manufacture** below.

Model Number: _____

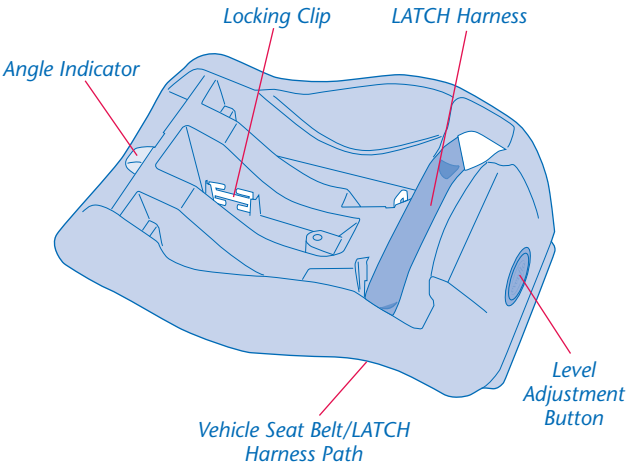
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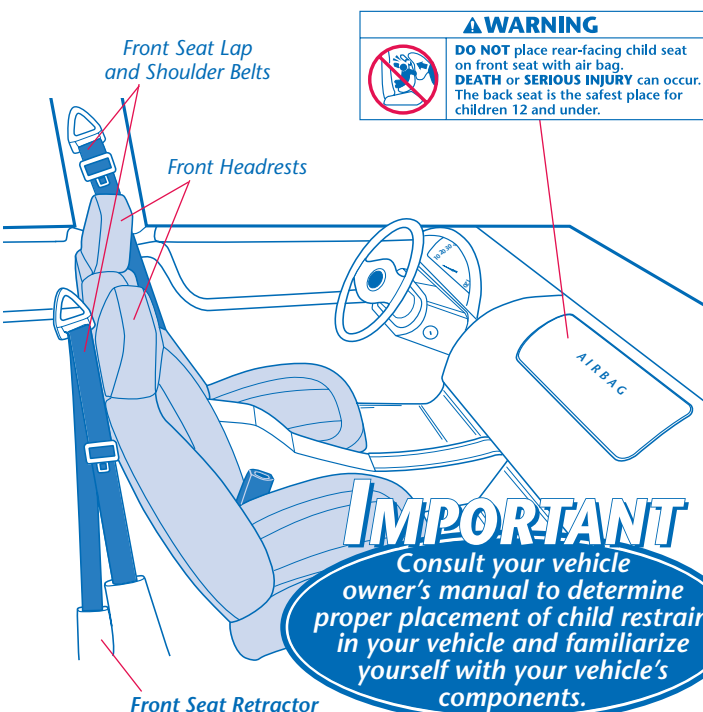
Visual Glossary

Your vehicle components may be significantly different than pictured. Consult your vehicle owner's manual to help you identify your vehicle components.

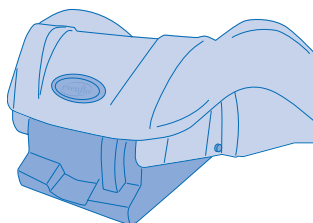


Embrace 35 Convenience Base





Convenience Base Identification



Embrace 35 Convenience Base

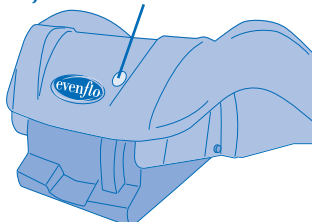
This is the correct base to use with the Embrace 35 Carrier.

ONLY use the Embrace 35 Carrier with this base.

Embrace Convenience Base

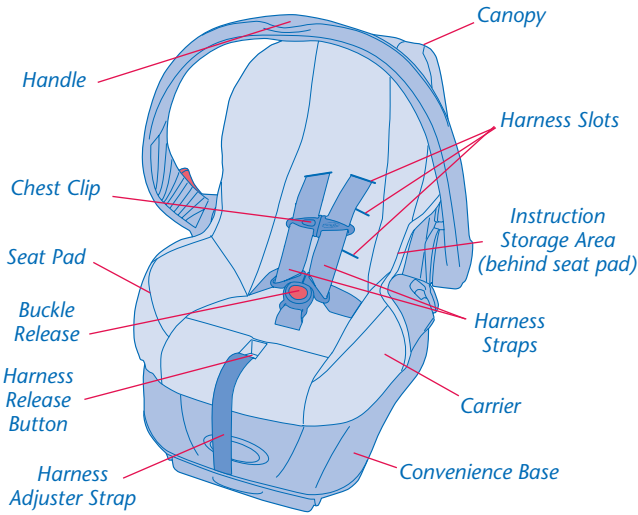
This base **DOES NOT** work with the Embrace 35 Carrier. **NEVER** use it with the Embrace 35 Carrier.

Adjustment Foot Level Window

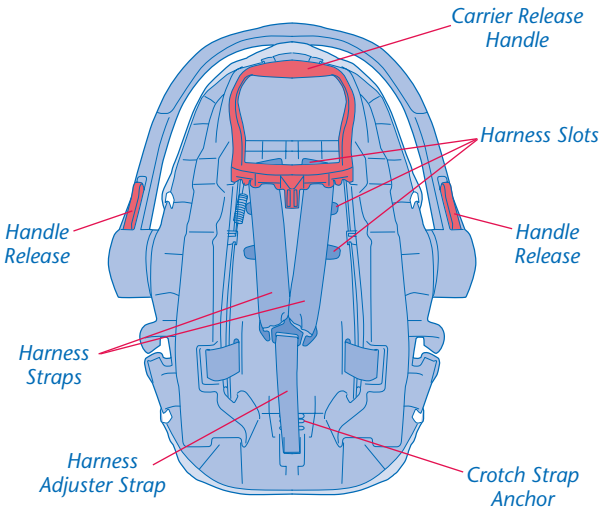


Visual Glossary

Front View

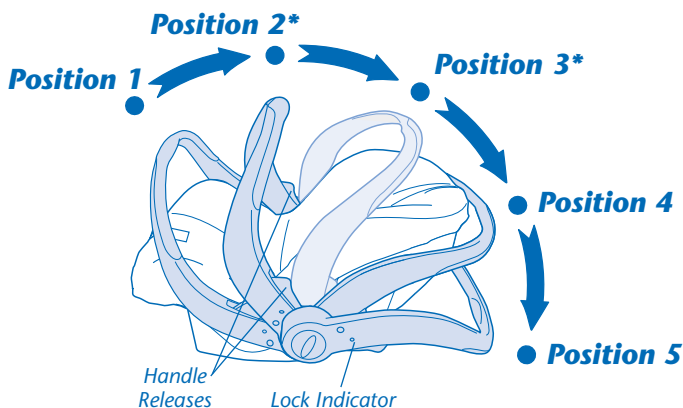


Back View



Using the Embrace Handle

To change handle positions, squeeze **both** red *Handle Releases* and rotate the handle to the desired position. When the handle is locked into position, the *Lock Indicator* will be **green**.



***IMPORTANT: NEVER** use **Positions 2 or 3** when traveling in a vehicle.

Position 1 – This position can be used while traveling in a vehicle (U.S). *For Canadian Models, you **MUST** place the handle in this position while traveling.*

Position 2 – This position is **ONLY** to be used to carry your child. **NEVER** use this position in a vehicle.

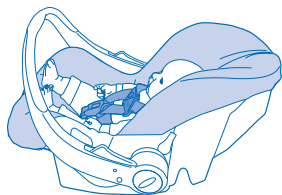
Position 3 – **NEVER** use this position to carry your child in the carrier. **NEVER** use this position in the vehicle.

Position 4 – This position can be used while traveling in a vehicle (U.S). *For Canadian Models, you **MUST** place the handle in **Position 1** while traveling.*

Position 5 – Place the handle in this position when you set the carrier on the floor.

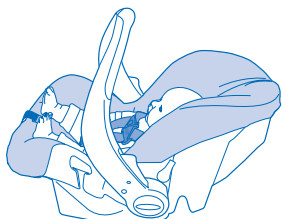
Using the Embrace Handle

IMPORTANT: Always secure the child in the carrier. Refer to "Securing your Child in the Carrier" on page 33.



Position 1 (Travel)

This position can be used while traveling in a vehicle. **For Canadian Models, you *MUST* place the handle in this position while traveling.**



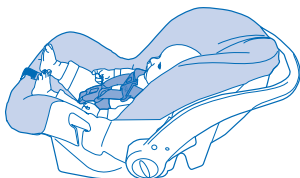
Position 2 (Carry)

This position is **ONLY** to be used to carry your child. **NEVER** use this position in a vehicle.



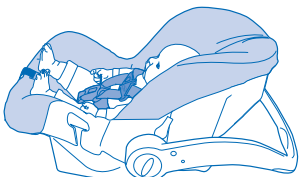
Position 3 (Convenience)

NEVER use this position to carry your child in the carrier. **NEVER** use this position in the vehicle.



Position 4 (Travel – U.S.)

This position can be used while traveling in a vehicle (U.S.). **For Canadian Models, you *MUST* place the handle in Position 1 while traveling.**



Position 5 (Stand)

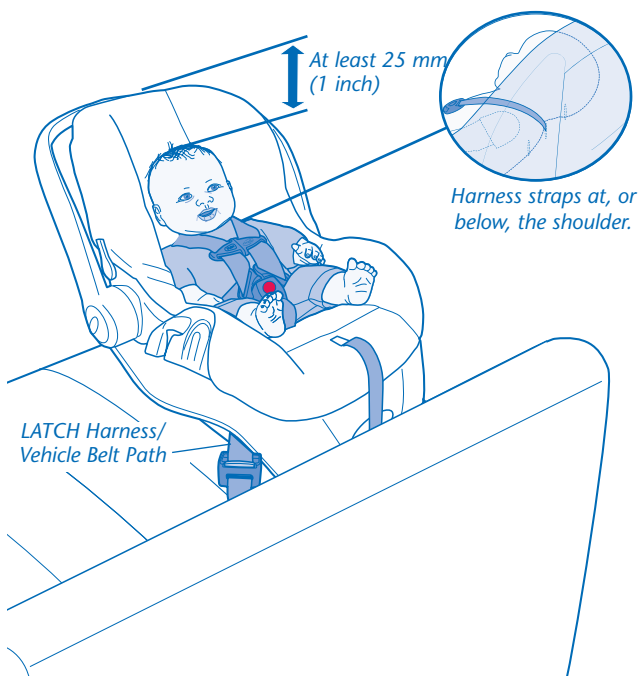
Place the handle in this position when you set the carrier on the floor.

Proper Installation WITH the Convenience Base

Child Requirements

Weight: 1.8 – 15.8 kg (4 – 35 lbs)

Height: Top of head must be at least 25 mm (1 inch) below the top of the child restraint seat back.



Tip!

To make installation easier, watch the installation video of this child restraint at www.evenflo.com.

Installation Checklist

1. Secure convenience base to the vehicle seat.

- ✓ Convenience base is securely installed with LATCH system (shown) (p. 20).

OR

- ✓ Convenience base is securely installed with vehicle seat belt (p. 23).

IMPORTANT: A properly secured convenience base does **NOT** move more than 25 mm (1 inch) from side-to-side or from front-to-back **at the LATCH harness/vehicle belt path**.

- ✓ Locking clip is installed, if necessary (p. 41).
- ✓ Convenience base is adjusted so that level indicator is completely green (pp. 21 and 23).
- ✓ If necessary, a towel/small blanket is rolled up and placed beneath the front edge of the base for additional leveling (p. 26).

2. Secure child to the carrier. Refer to p. 33.

- ✓ Harness straps **MUST** start as close as possible to, but **NEVER** above, the child's shoulders (p. 36).
- ✓ Both buckle tongues are fastened (p. 33).
- ✓ Chest clip is connected and positioned at armpit level (p. 34).
- ✓ Harness straps are snug against the child with **no more** than two finger-widths between your child and straps (p. 34).
- ✓ Crotch strap is snug against the child but **NOT** under the child's bottom (p. 38).

3. Check your work.

- ✓ The convenience base does **NOT** move more than 25 mm (1 inch) from side-to-side or from front-to-back **at the LATCH harness/vehicle belt path**.
- ✓ The base is level with **only** green (no red) showing in the level indicator window (pp. 21 and 23).
- ✓ The handle is in **Position 1** (Canadian **OR** U.S. models) or **Position 4** (U.S. models **ONLY**) (p. 26). (**Position 4** shown at left.)



Installing the Convenience Base with the LATCH System

LATCH is a system for attaching the child restraint system to your vehicle seat. It is to be used in place of your vehicle's seat belts, and can only be used in vehicles with LATCH anchors. **Your vehicle owners manual may refer to this system as ISOFIX or Universal Anchorage System.**

WARNING

- This LATCH system is intended to be used **ONLY** as described in these instructions. Serious injury or death may result from misuse.
- In addition to these instructions, read and follow your vehicle owner's manual regarding installation of the child restraint and LATCH. If there is a discrepancy, follow your vehicle owner's manual.
- **ONLY** use for securing convenience base to lower LATCH anchor points.
- **NEVER** attach two LATCH connectors to one vehicle lower anchor point.
- **NEVER** use the vehicle seat belts when using the LATCH system. Using both together can cause slack in a sudden stop or crash.
- When not in use, the LATCH connectors should be securely stored in the storage area located in the convenience base (see page 40). Keep out of reach of children.
- **ALWAYS** be sure that the LATCH connectors are fully engaged onto the LATCH anchor points by pulling hard on the LATCH harness. If they are not totally engaged, the LATCH system will not secure your child restraint. Serious injury or death may result.
- **DO NOT** use this child restraint if it moves more than 25 mm (1 inch) forward or side-to-side at the vehicle belt path. Serious injury or death may result from poor installation. If you can not tightly secure the child restraint, try again or move it to another location.
- This child restraint **MUST** face the rear of the vehicle.



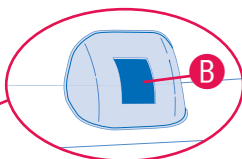
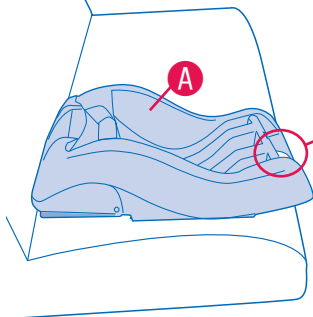
! WARNING

- The carrier **MUST** be locked firmly into the base. Check by lifting up on the carrier.
- **NEVER** use this child restraint in the forward-facing position.

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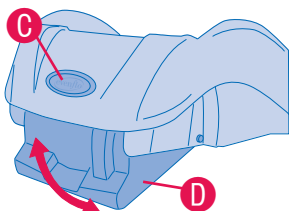
Before you begin, be sure the vehicle is on a level surface.

Place the base **A** on the vehicle seat and check the level indicator **B**.



If the indicator is **red**, adjust the level of the base by pressing adjustment button **C** and lowering the adjustment foot **D**.

Note: The adjustment foot has multiple levels.



The base is level when only green (no red) is showing in the level indicator window **B**.

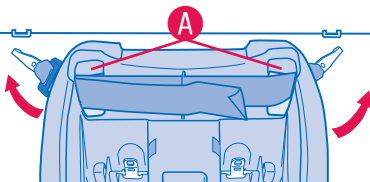
Tip!

A green filled window means go to Step 2.

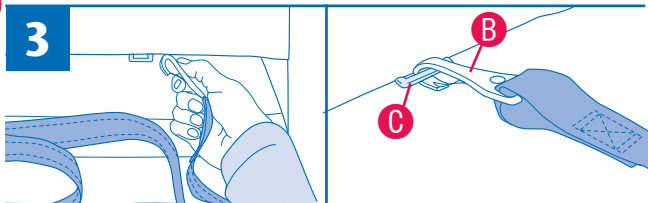
IMPORTANT

Not all models are equipped with an adjustment foot. If your model does not have one, use a rolled-up towel to adjust base level (p. 26).

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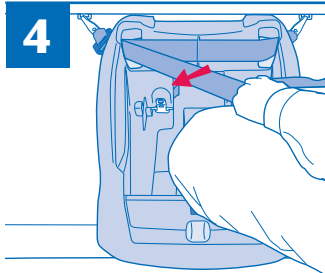


Route LATCH harness and hook through LATCH harness openings **A**.

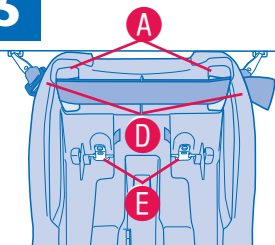
**3**

Refer to your owner's manual to locate the lower anchors on your vehicle seat.

Attach the right hook **B** to the right anchor **C**, and the left hook to the left anchor. **DOUBLE CHECK** that the hooks are fully engaged by pulling hard on each side of the LATCH harness.

4

Using your full weight, push the base firmly into the vehicle seat, while pulling up on the strap to tighten.

5

! WARNING

*Make sure the LATCH harness is tight. Grab the base at the areas **D**, as shown. If you can move the base more than 25 mm (1 inch) forward or side-to-side the*

harness is not tight enough. You will need to try again, or find another location for your convenience base.

IMPORTANT

*Route any excess LATCH harness strap through the openings **A**, on the sides of the base, so it does not interfere with the metal carrier retainers **E** when attaching the carrier.*

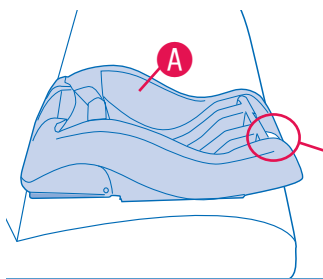
Installing the Convenience Base with the Vehicle Seat Belt

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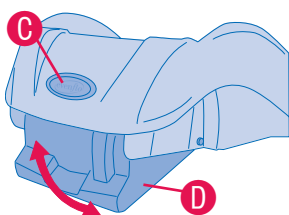
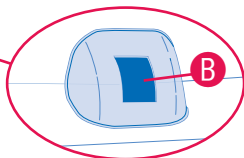
- The carrier **MUST** be locked firmly into the convenience base. Check by lifting up on the carrier.
- **NEVER** use this child restraint in the forward-facing position.
- **DO NOT** use this child restraint rear-facing in a vehicle equipped with lap belts that only lock during a sudden stop or crash (emergency locking retractor – ELR). You must use a seating location with a locking seat belt. Check your vehicle owner's manual to see if you have lap belts with ELR's.

1

Before you begin, be sure the vehicle is on a level surface.



Place the base **A** on the vehicle seat and check the level indicator **B**.



If the indicator is **red**, adjust the level of the base by pressing adjustment button **C** and lowering the adjustment foot **D**.

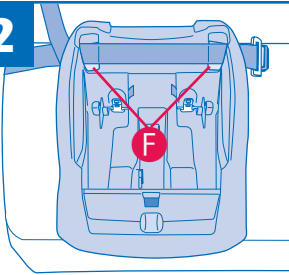
Note: The adjustment foot has multiple levels.



The base is level when only green (no red) is showing in the level indicator window.

IMPORTANT

Not all models are equipped with an adjustment foot. If your model does not have one, use a rolled-up towel to adjust base level (p. 26).

2

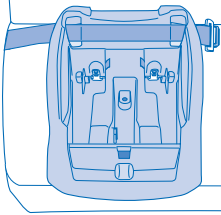
Secure the base to your vehicle seat by routing the vehicle seat belt through the openings **F** on the sides of the base.

IMPORTANT: Some ELR vehicle belts can be switched so that they lock when tightened. It may not be necessary to use a locking clip in these situations.

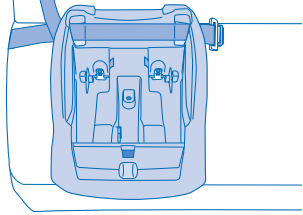
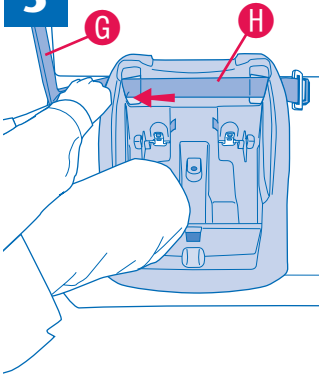
To install a locking clip, refer to p. 41.

Refer to the vehicle owner's manual to determine which type of belt retractor is in the vehicle.

LAP BELT

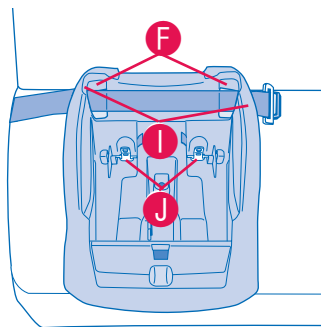


LAP AND SHOULDER BELT

**3**

Pull the shoulder belt **G** tightly to remove all slack from the lap portion of the belt **H**, at the same time push down on the base using your full weight. Check to be sure the base is secured in the vehicle seat.

4



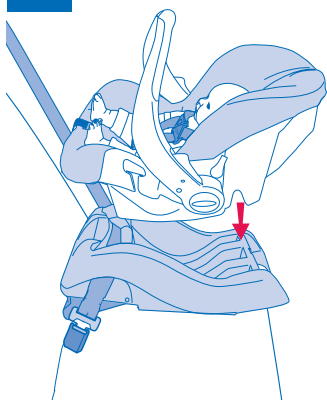
! WARNING

*Make sure the lap belt is tight. Grab the base at the areas **I**, as shown. If you can move the base more than 25 mm (1 inch) forward or side-to-side the lap belt is not tight enough. You will need to try again, or find another location for your convenience base.*

Route any excess lap belt through the openings **F**, on the sides of the base, so it **does not interfere** with the metal carrier retainers **J** when attaching the carrier.

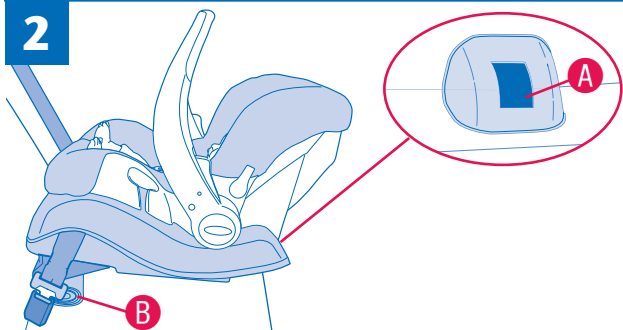
Placing the Carrier in the Base

1



Secure the carrier to the base by placing it into the base and pressing down on the front and back.

The carrier *MUST* be locked firmly into the base. Check by lifting up on the carrier handle or the front of the carrier to make sure it's locked in place.

2

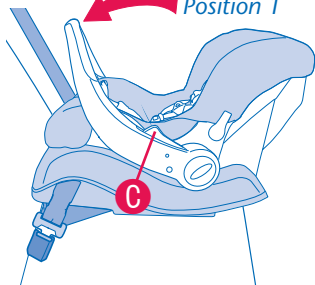
The level indicator must be completely green **A**. If you have fully adjusted the convenience base and the level indicator is still not level, use a tightly rolled towel or small blanket **B** beneath the front edge of the base.

IMPORTANT: *Infants may have difficulty breathing when in a sitting position. Make sure they recline enough for their head to lie back comfortably and safely. Failure to properly recline the child restraint could increase the child's risk of serious injury or death.*

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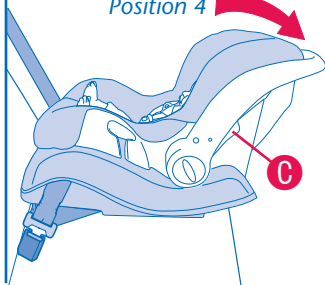
**Canadian OR
U.S. Models**

Position 1



**U.S. Models
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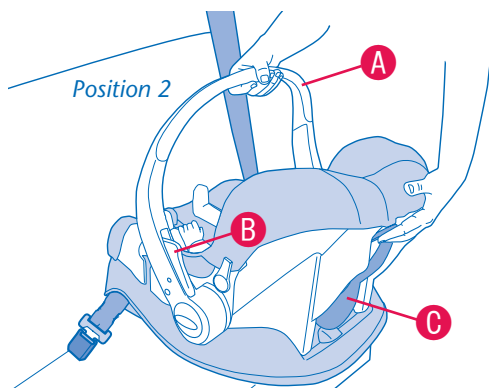
Position 4



Squeeze both handle releases **C** and move the handle to either **Position 1** (Canadian **OR** U.S. models) or **Position 4** (U.S. models **ONLY**) until it locks into place.

Note: When using **Position 4**, make sure there is at least 38 mm (1.5 inches) of space between any part of the carrier and the vehicle seat that is closest to the child's head. If you need additional clearance, place the handle in **Position 1**.

Releasing the Carrier from the Base



Move the handle **A** to **Position 2** (Carry) by squeezing in on both handle releases **B** and rotating the handle until it locks into place above the carrier. Squeeze the carrier release handle **C** while lifting up the carrier.

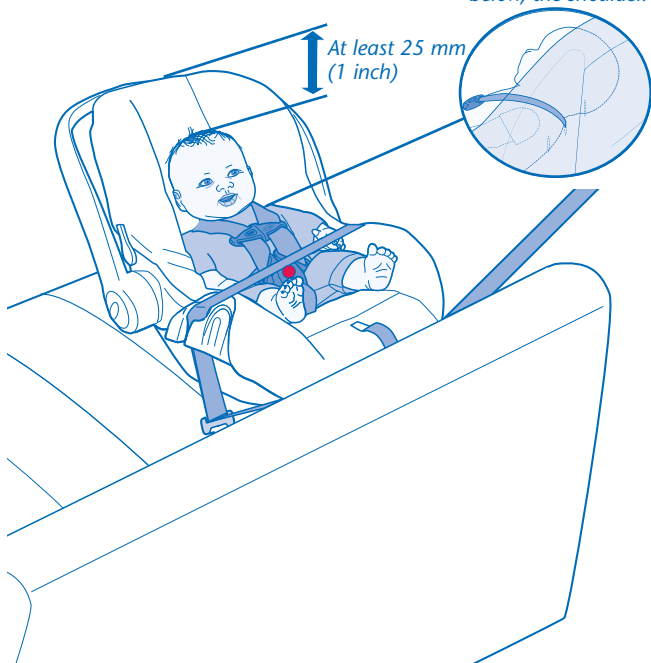
Proper Installation WITHOUT the Convenience Base

Child Requirements

Weight: 1.8 – 15.8 kg (4 – 35 lbs)

Height: Top of head must be at least 25 mm (1 inch) below the top of the child restraint seat back.

Harness straps at, or below, the shoulder.



To make installation easier, watch the installation video of this child restraint at www.evenflo.com.

Installation Checklist

1. Place the child in the carrier.

- ✓ The child's back and bottom are flat against the back and bottom surfaces of the carrier.
- ✓ Top of child's head is at least 25 mm (1 inch) below the top of the child restraint seat back.

2. Secure child to the carrier. Refer to p. 33.

- ✓ Harness straps **MUST** start as close as possible to, but **NEVER** above, the child's shoulders (p. 36).
- ✓ Both buckle tongues are fastened (p. 33).
- ✓ Chest clip is connected and positioned at armpit level (p. 34).
- ✓ Harness straps are snug against the child with **no more** than two finger-widths between your child and straps (p. 34).
- ✓ Crotch strap is snug against the child, but **NOT** under the child's bottom (p. 38).

3. Secure child restraint to the vehicle seat.

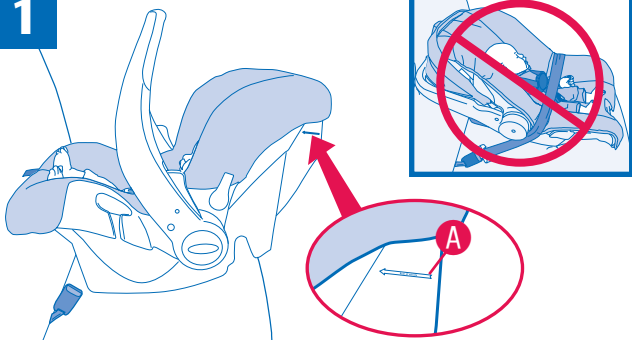
- ✓ Carrier is securely installed with vehicle seat belt (p. 30).
- ✓ The shoulder strap portion of the seat belt is lying across the vehicle seat back, (p. 31).
- ✓ Locking clip is installed, if necessary (p. 41).
- ✓ The level line is level with ground (p. 30).
- ✓ The handle is in **Position 1** (Canadian **OR** U.S. models) or **Position 4** (U.S. models **ONLY**) (p. 32). (**Position 4** shown at left.)
- ✓ If necessary, a towel/small blanket is rolled up and placed beneath the front edge of the carrier so the child's head lies back comfortably (p. 32).

4. Check your work.

- ✓ To properly protect your child, the carrier **MUST NOT** move more than 25 mm (1 inch) from side-to-side or from front-to-back **at the vehicle belt path**.

Installing the Carrier without the Convenience Base

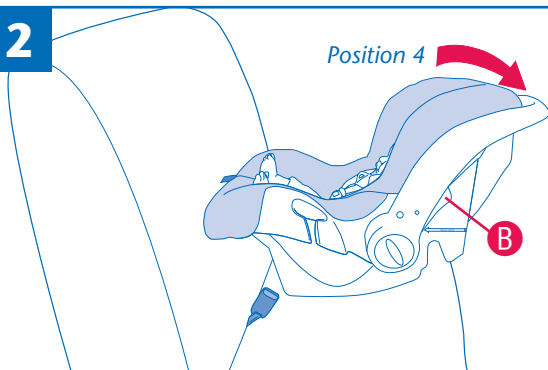
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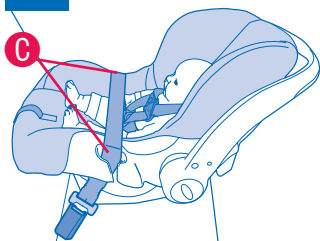
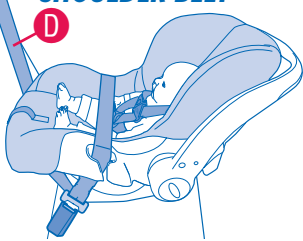
After securing the infant, place the restraint into your vehicle. Adjust the restraint so that the level line **A** is parallel with the vehicle floor.

Note: Generally, the center rear seating position is the safest. ***This infant restraint **MUST** face the rear of the vehicle.***

2



Move the handle out of the way by squeezing both handle releases **B** and placing in *Position 4*.

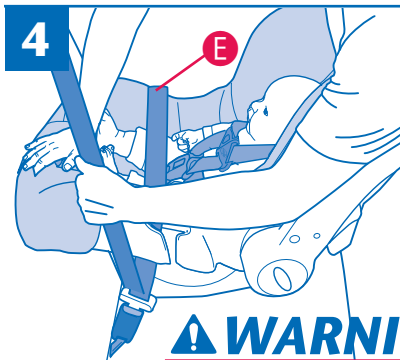
3**LAP BELT****LAP AND SHOULDER BELT**

Route **ONLY** the **lap portion** of the vehicle seat belt through the belt slots **C** on the carrier. In vehicles with a lap **and** shoulder belt **D**, **DO NOT** route the shoulder belt through the belt slots. Instead, let it lay across the vehicle seat back, as shown.

IMPORTANT: Some ELR vehicle belts can be switched so that they lock when tightened. It may not be necessary to use a locking clip in these situations.

To install a locking clip, refer to p. 41.

Refer to the vehicle owner's manual to determine which type of belt retractor is in the vehicle.

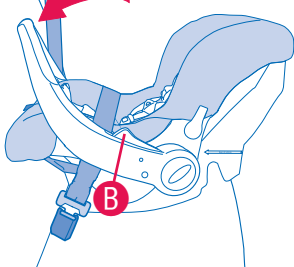
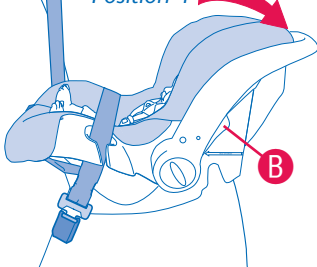
4**TIP!**

Push down on the bottom of the seat using your full weight.

⚠ WARNING

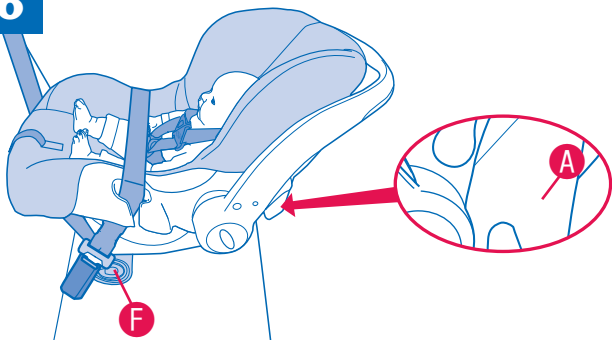
- **NEVER** use this child restraint in forward-facing position.
- **DO NOT** use this carrier if it moves more than 25mm (1 inch) forward or side-to-side at the belt path. Serious injury or death may occur. Move the child restraint to another seating location, or try to tighten the seat belt again.

The seat belt **E** must be as tight as possible. Put your full weight into the seat as you tighten the seat belt. If you can move the child restraint more than 25 mm (1 inch) forward or side-to-side at the belt path, the seat belt is not tight enough, and you need to try again.

5**Canadian OR
U.S. Models***Position 1***U.S. Models
ONLY***Position 4*

Squeeze both handle releases **B** and move the handle to either **Position 1** (Canadian OR U.S. models) or **Position 4** (U.S. models **ONLY**) until it locks into place.

Note: When using **Position 4**, make sure there is at least 38 mm (1.5 inches) of space between any part of the carrier and the vehicle seat that is closest to the child's head. If you need additional clearance, place the handle in **Position 1**.

6

If the level line **A** is not parallel to the vehicle floor, use a tightly rolled towel or small blanket **F** beneath the front edge of the child restraint to provide enough recline for an infant's head to lie back comfortably.

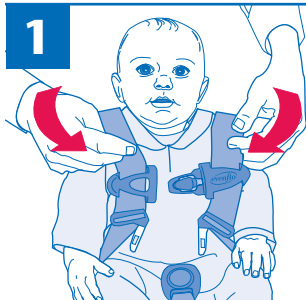
IMPORTANT: Infants may have difficulty breathing when in a sitting position. Make sure they recline enough for their head to lie back comfortably and safely. Failure to properly recline the child restraint could increase the child's risk of serious injury or death.

Securing the Child in the Carrier



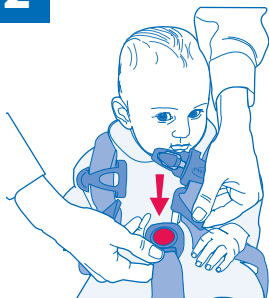
Place the baby into the carrier. Baby's bottom and back should be flat against the seat. If there is a gap, baby will not be comfortable.

1



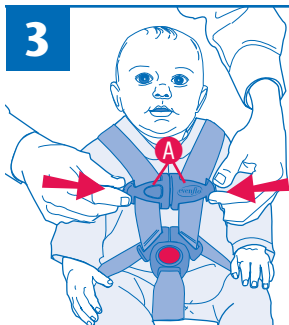
Slide each harness strap over the child's shoulders.

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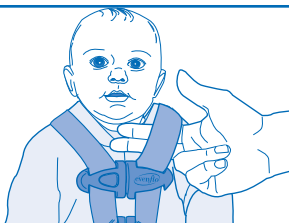


Insert the buckle tongues into the buckle. Pull up on the harness strap to ensure the buckle tongues are engaged.

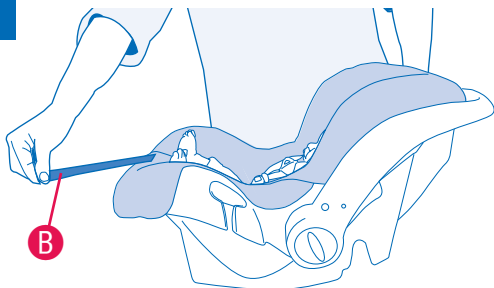
IMPORTANT: The buckle strap should be snug against the baby's crotch, but never under the baby's bottom. Adjust the crotch strap if necessary (p. 38).

3

Align the two sides of the chest clip **A** and snap them together. The chest clip must be positioned at armpit level.



The harness straps must be snug against the child. A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position. Check the harness straps near the shoulders for slack and adjust as needed.

4

To tighten the harness straps, pull the harness adjuster strap **B** on front of the restraint, as shown.

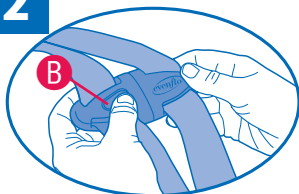
Removing the Child from the Carrier

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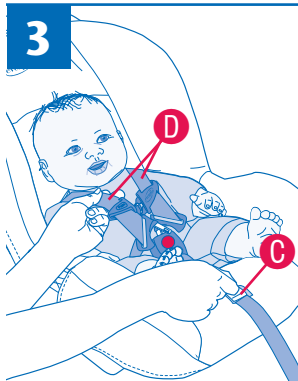
Press the red buckle release **A**, and remove the buckle tongues.

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Push the release button **B** and pull the chest clip apart.

3



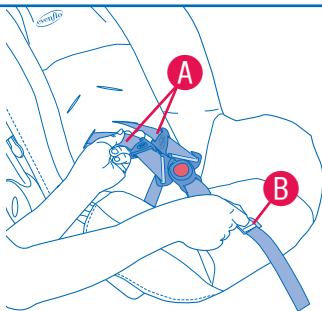
To loosen the harness straps, press the harness release button **C** while pulling upward on the harness straps **D**.

Changing the Harness Position

As your child grows, you will need to change the harness strap position so they are routed through the slots closest to the child's shoulders. The shoulder harness straps should **ALWAYS** be as close as possible to, **but NEVER** above, the child's shoulders.

1

Loosen the harness straps **A** by pressing the harness release button **B** while pulling on the straps.

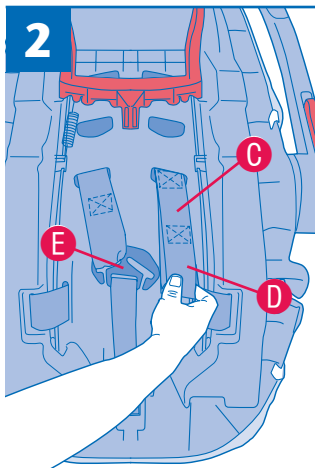


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There are two positions on the harness straps.

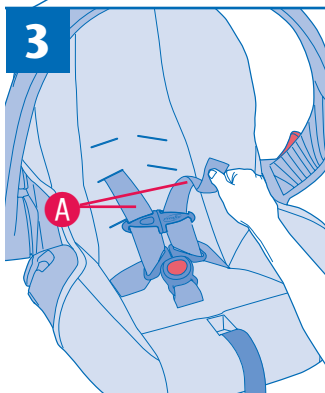
The top loop **C** is for newborn use. The bottom pocket **D** is for use as your child grows.

Slide the harness strap off of the splitter plate **E**.

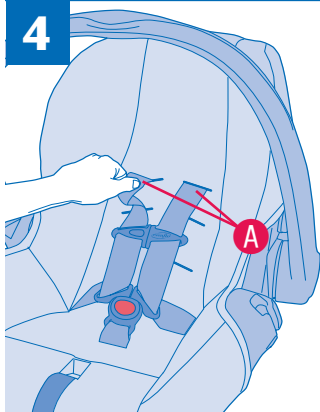


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Pull both harness straps **A** through the front of the child restraint.



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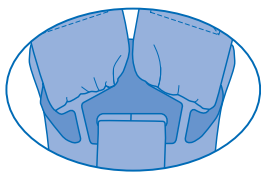
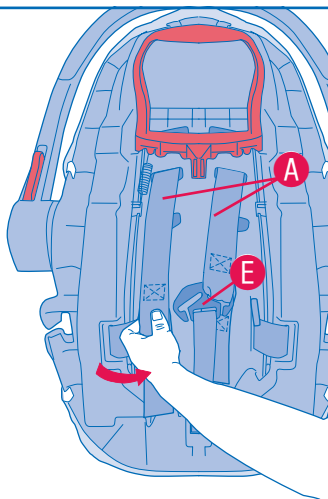


Insert both harness straps **A** into the new harness position slots.

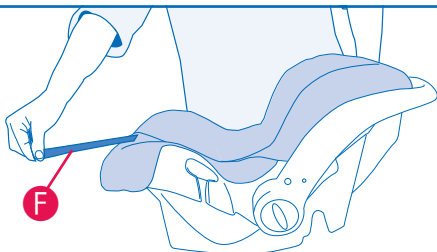
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Attach the appropriate pocket on the harness straps **A** (according to your child's size) to the splitter plate **E**.

IMPORTANT: Make sure both harness straps are installed completely on the splitter plate, as shown.



6



Tighten the harness straps by pulling the adjustment strap **F** on front of the restraint.

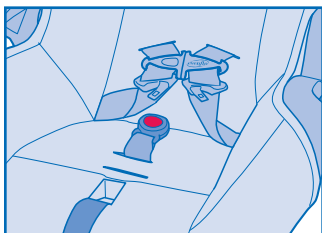
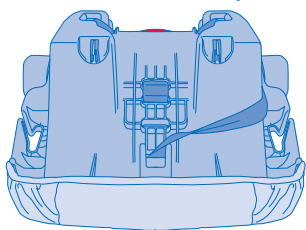
Note: Final adjustment of the harness straps must be completed with the baby in the child restraint.

Changing the Crotch Strap Position

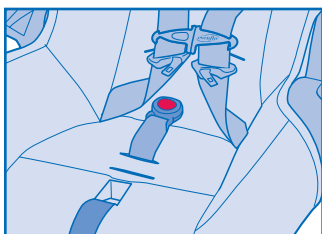
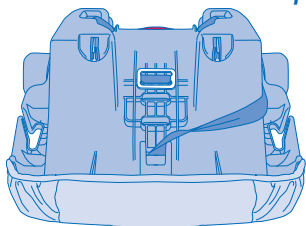
As your child grows, you will need to change the crotch strap position so that it is in the slot closest to your child. The crotch strap should **ALWAYS** be as close as possible to, but **NEVER** under, the child's bottom.

There are four positions for the crotch strap to be used based upon your child's maximum security and comfort.

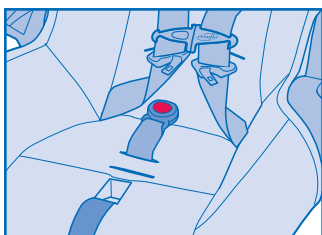
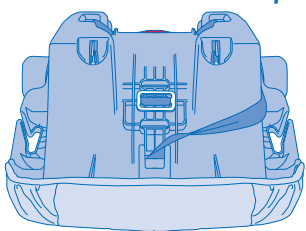
Crotch Strap in the Newborn Position



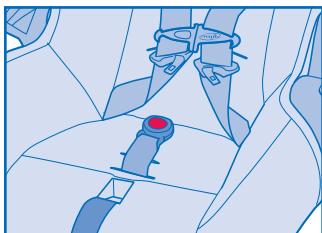
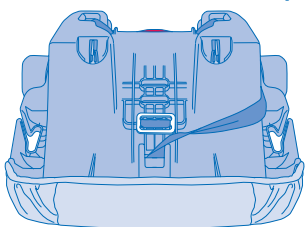
Crotch Strap in the Rear Slot

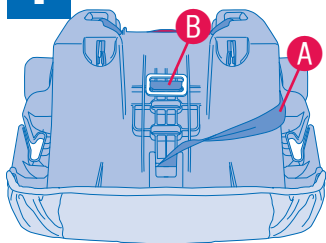


Crotch Strap in the Middle Slot



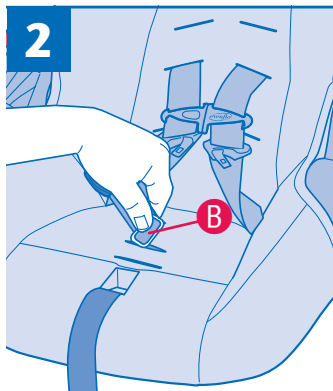
Crotch Strap in the Front Slot



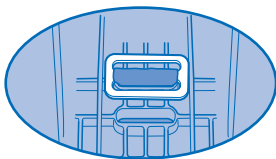
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Loosen the harness straps (p. 34) and move the strap **A** out of the way.

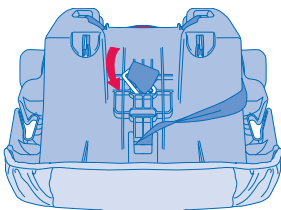
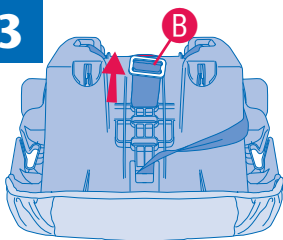
Remove the crotch strap anchor **B** from its position on the bottom of the carrier, and push the anchor up through the slot to the top of the seat.

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Insert the crotch strap anchor **B** into the slot that is the *closest* to the child **AND** the *most comfortable* for the child.

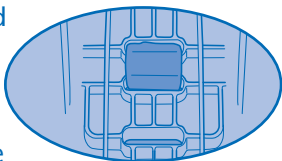


Make sure the anchor is completely through and is lying flat against the bottom of the seat. Pull up on the crotch strap to make sure it is securely fastened.

3

For newborn position, place the anchor **B** through the rear slot, then feed it through the middle slot.

Make sure the anchor is completely through the middle slot and is lying flat against the bottom of the seat.

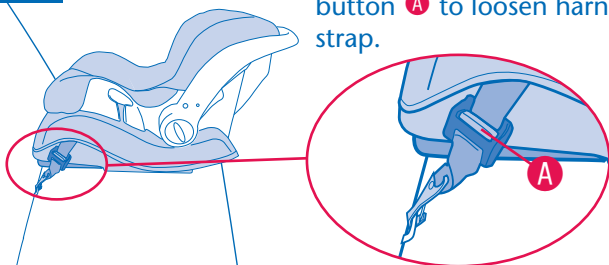




Removing the LATCH System

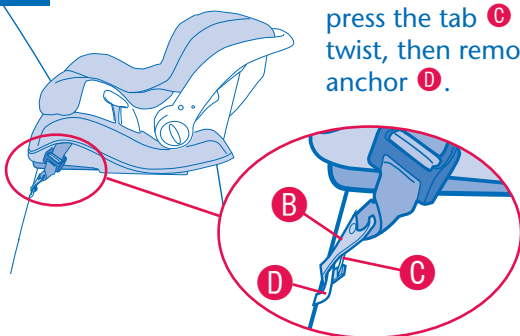
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Press the adjuster release button **A** to loosen harness strap.

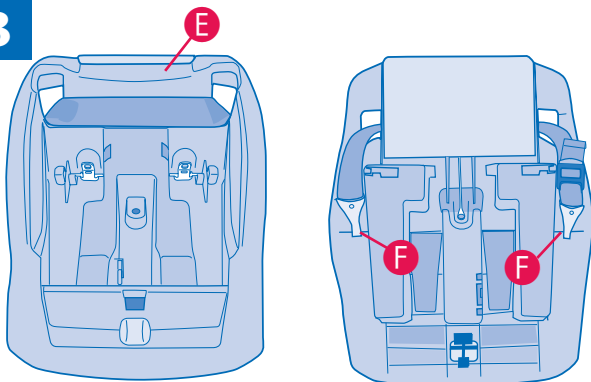


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To remove the hook **B**, press the tab **C** and twist, then remove from anchor **D**.



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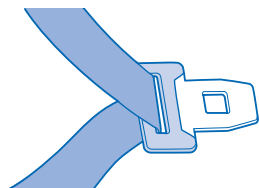
When the LATCH system is not in use, you **MUST** securely store it in the area provided in the bottom of the base **E**.

Route the harness strap through the belt path on top of the base then attach the hooks to the slots **F** located on each side of the storage area beneath the base.

A loose LATCH harness and hook may injure your child.

Using the Locking Clip

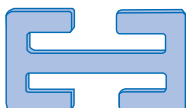
To watch a video about installing a locking clip, go to www.evenflo.com.



Use the locking clip with:

- Lap/shoulder seat belt combinations that have a buckle tongue that slides freely along the belt without locking into place; **OR**
- Seat belts equipped with an emergency locking retractor (ELR). Some ELR vehicle belts can be switched so that they lock when tightened. It may not be necessary to use a locking clip in these situations.

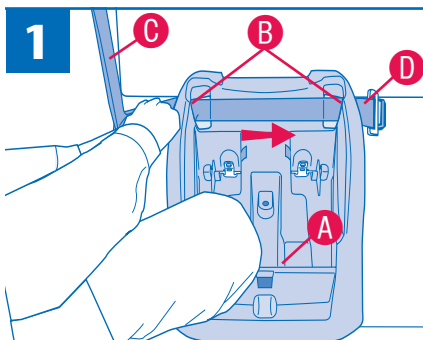
Locking Clip



Consult your vehicle owner's manual before installing the locking clip.

! WARNING

Remove locking clip from vehicle seat belt when not used with a child restraint, or the vehicle seat belt will not properly restrain an adult or child. Serious injury could occur.



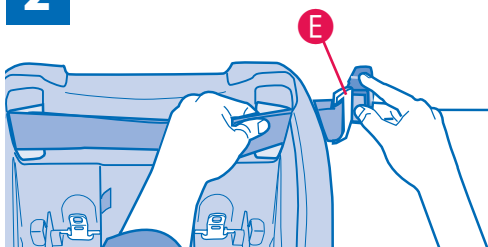
TIP!

Push down on the base using your foot or knee.

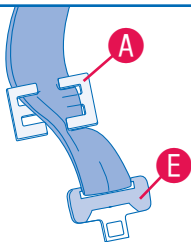
Remove the locking clip **A** from the slot in your convenience base.

Thread the seat belt through the base openings **B** for the vehicle belt path, and buckle the seat belt.

Pull the shoulder belt **C** tightly to remove all slack from the lap portion **D** of the belt.

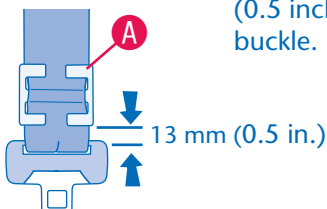
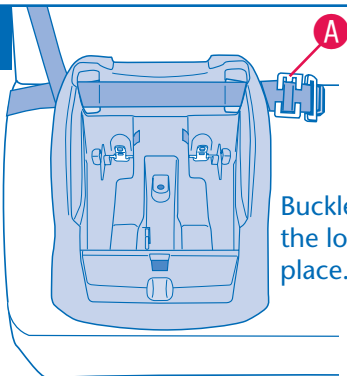
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Hold the lap/shoulder belts together just behind the free sliding buckle tongue **E** and *unfasten* the seat belt.

3

While holding the belts and buckle tongue **E**, thread the locking clip **A** onto the seat belt, and slide it into place.

Note: Locking clip must be placed within 13 mm (0.5 inch) of seat belt buckle.

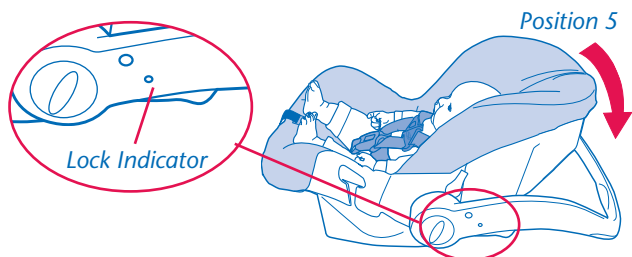
**4**

Buckle the seat belt with the locking clip **A** in place.

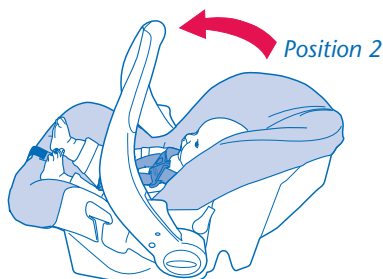
- If installing the **convenience base** with a vehicle seat belt, return to page 24, Step 3.
- If installing the **carrier** (no convenience base) with a vehicle seat belt, return to page 31, Step 4.

Using as an Infant Carrier

Secure the child in the carrier by following "Securing the Child in the Carrier" on page 33.



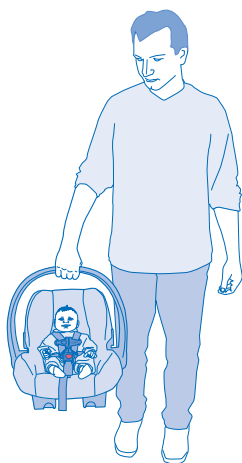
To use as a stand: Squeeze both handle releases and rotate the handle to **Position 5** (Stand) until it locks into place (the *Lock Indicator* will be **green**) and the carrier rests on a level surface.



To use as a carrier: Squeeze both handle releases and rotate the handle to **Position 2** (Carry) until it locks into place (the *Lock Indicator* will be **green**). Carry at your side, using the handle as shown.

IMPORTANT

The harness **MUST** be securely buckled **at all times**.



! WARNING

- **NEVER** place this carrier near the edges of counter tops, tables, or other high surfaces. The child's movements can cause the carrier to slide and fall.
- **NEVER** leave the child in this carrier when the harness straps are loose or undone. A child may strangle when straps are loose or undone.

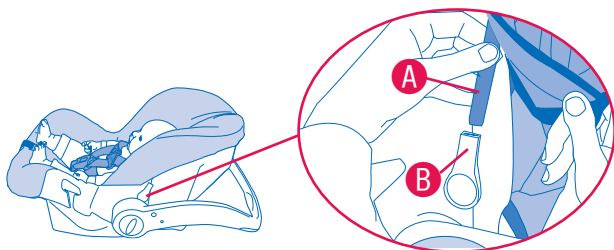


- **NEVER** place the carrier in any position in a shopping cart. The carrier may fall from the cart and injury may occur to your child.



- **DO NOT** carry on your hip.

Installing the Canopy

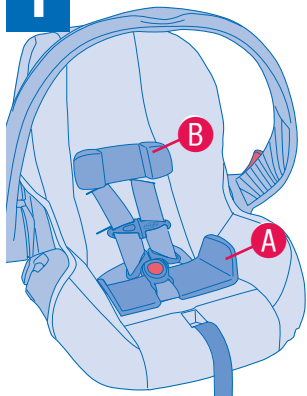


Insert front canopy end **A** into the holder **B**. Repeat on the other side.

Installing the Accessories

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Not available on all models.



The optional Body Pillow **A** is used to help support your child by placing it in the restraint, as shown.

The optional Head Support **B** should lie flat against the seat back, as shown.

Be sure to cut off the plastic attachment between the head support and the seat pad. Small parts may be a choking hazard.

IMPORTANT:

Support the child's head. Infants may have difficulty breathing when in a sitting position. Using additional padding or pillows behind the infant's head, or failure to properly recline the child restraint could increase the child's risk of serious injury or death.

Replacement Parts

Not available on all models.

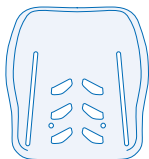
To order replacement parts you can order online at **www.evenflo.com** or contact Evenflo. When you contact us, please have the product model number and date of manufacture (found on the back of the child restraint).



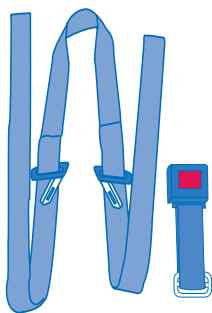
Locking Clip



Head Foam



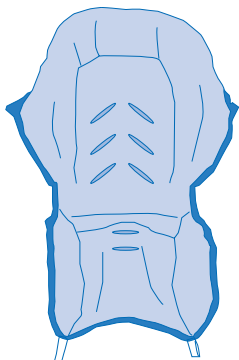
EPS Foam



Harness System



Canopy



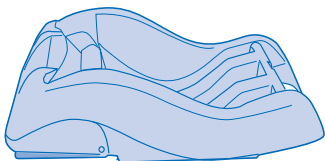
Seat pad



Head Support



Body Pillow



Accessory Base

Proper Disposal of this Child Restraint

At the end of this child restraint's useful life, Evenflo encourages you to dispose of it properly. Most of the components in this child restraint are recyclable.

1. Remove all fabric and padding.
2. Remove all screws and disassemble the restraint.
3. Recycle all plastic/foam parts and discard the rest.

If your local recycling center won't accept the padding, you may dispose of it in the landfill.

Note: Evenflo uses recycled materials in the manufacturing process whenever possible but never for components that are critical for safety.

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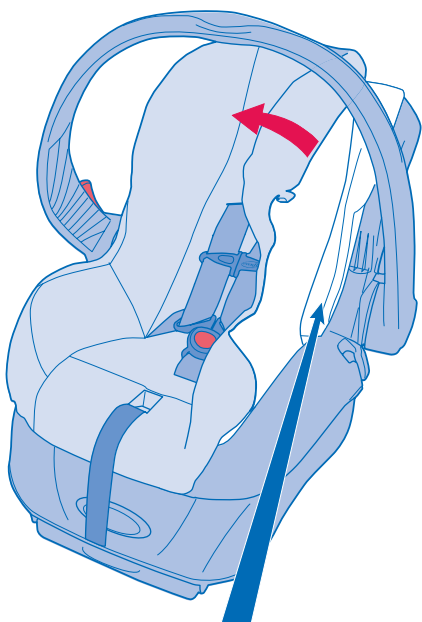
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After thoroughly reading and following these instructions, store them in the carrier behind the seat pad, as shown.

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