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complete air™ 65 convertible car seat

rear facing 5-40 lbs (2.3-18 kg) 19-40 in. (48-101.6 cm)
forward facing 22-65 lbs (10.1-29 kg) 29-49 in. (73.6-125 cm)
and at least 1 year old



featuring

<air>protect®

side impact protection

KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.

Read all instructions before using this child restraint.

⚠ WARNING:

**Failure to follow the warnings on the labels
and in the instruction manual can result in
serious injury or death to your child.**



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1 in 4 car crashes involving children are side impact collisions. They are by far the deadliest type of collision for children, accounting for 1 in 3 child fatalities; nearly all of which are caused by head trauma. These are frightening facts, but Safety 1st has been by your side for over 25 years providing innovative products to help protect your child from becoming a statistic. It is in this tradition that we proudly announce Air Protect® side impact technology.

Safety 1st engineers designed Air Protect® using next generation testing methods that simulate the most violent types of side impact crashes, those with vehicle intrusion. Using this advanced methodology, Air Protect® was engineered to defend your child in two vital ways. During a crash, the system immediately shields your child's head from the impact. In a second layer of defense, Air Protect® allows air to escape from the headrest: channeling crash energy away from your child, creating more ride down time. It is this double layer of protection that makes Air Protect® technology unique.

At Safety 1st, we are proud of our history, but are always looking towards the future and developing innovative products. Products like Air Protect® that help shield your child from the most violent real world threats.

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A-1 Thank You...

Thank you for choosing this car seat, referred to throughout this manual as a child restraint. The DJG family is committed to creating a child restraint with the most comfort and convenience available today.

Remember, parents are a child's first teachers and examples. If you always buckle your seat belt, your child will think it is the natural thing to do. Make it a firm rule that the vehicle does not go until everyone is buckled up. Make no exceptions.

No one can predict if use of a child restraint will prevent injury or death in a particular crash. However, when combined with careful driving, proper use of a child restraint can lower a child's risk of injury or death in most crashes.

Your child's safety is worth the time it will take to read and follow these instructions. After reading, if you still have questions or have any problems with this child restraint, please contact our Consumer Relations Department at:

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.

Website: www.djgusa.com
Email: consumer@djgusa.com
Fax: 1-800-207-8182
Mailing Address: Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.
Consumer Relations Department
P.O. Box 2609
Columbus, IN 47202-2609
Telephone: 1-800-544-1108
8 A.M. to 6 P.M. EST M-TH
8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. EST FRI

Para recibir las instrucciones en español, llame al 1-800-544-1108 o solicítarse por escrito al dirección por arriba.

A-2 Registration and Safety Notices

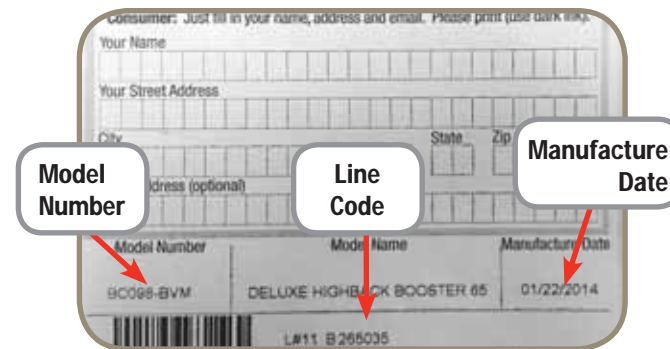
Please complete the postage-paid registration card that came with your child restraint, and send it to us. Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address, email address if available, and the restraint's model number and manufacture date to:

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.
PO Box 2609, Columbus, IN 47202-2609
Attn: Consumer Relations

or call 1-800-544-1108 or register online at www.djgusa.com/registration/carseat/us.

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

A. Before You Begin



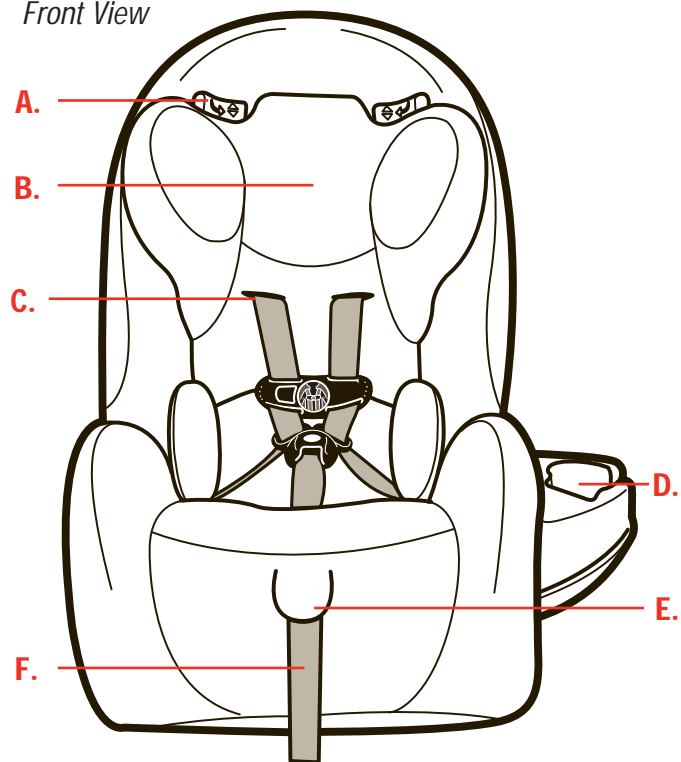
Example of model number, manufacture date, and line code.

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 side of shell.



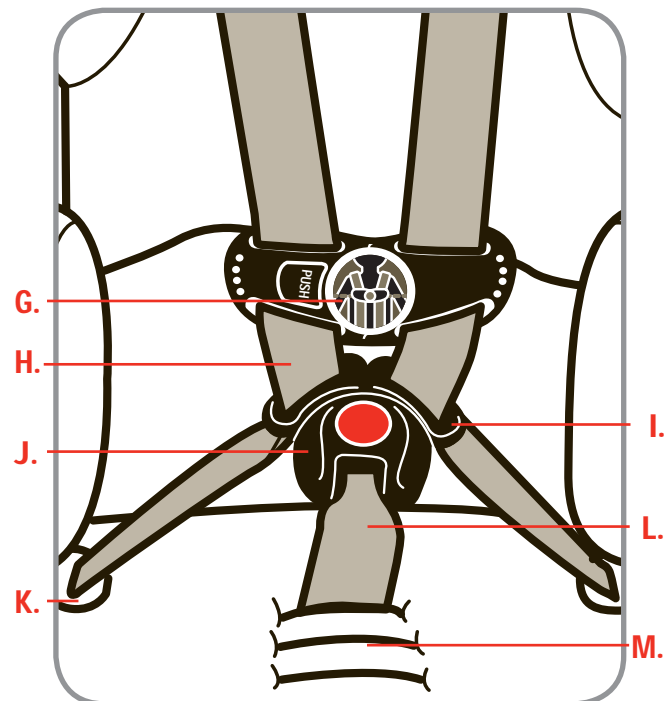
A-3 Understanding Your Child Restraint

Front View



- | | |
|---|--|
| A. Headrest/Harness Height Adjustment Levers | D. Cup Holder (on select models) |
| B. Adjustable Headrest and Headrest Pad | E. Harness Release Lever (under flap) |
| C. Upper Harness Slots | F. Harness Tightening Strap |

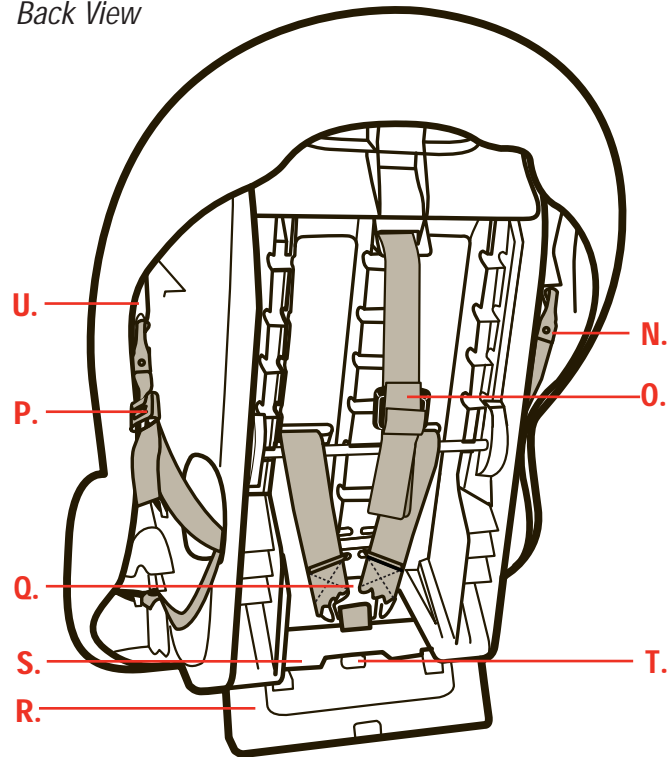
Harness System Detail



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| G. Chest Clip | K. Lower Harness Guides/Slots |
| H. Harness Strap | L. Buckle Strap |
| I. Buckle Tongue | M. Buckle Strap Slots |
| J. Buckle | |

A. Before You Begin

Back View

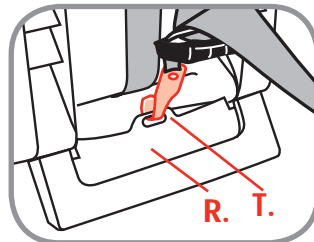


- N.** LATCH Hook
- O.** Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)
- P.** LATCH Adjuster
- Q.** Splitter Plate
- R.** Recline Stand
- S.** Instructions (in recline stand)

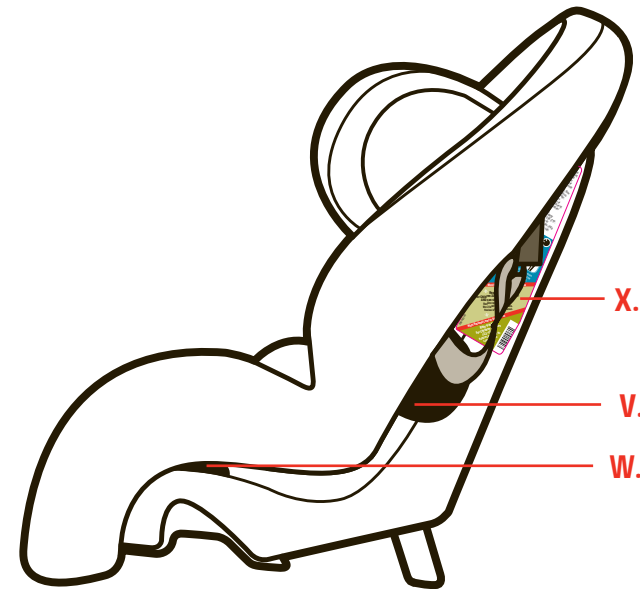


- T.** Top Anchorage Strap (Tether) Storage

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A. Before You Begin

⚠ WARNING:

Failure to follow these warnings can result in the serious injury or death of your child. To help you recognize instructions which are most critical to your child's safety, we use this symbol: ⚠

B-1 Vehicle Seating Position



⚠ Never place a child rear facing in a seating position with an active frontal airbag.

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

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

B-2 Installation in Vehicle

⚠ Check the vehicle belt or LATCH belt before each use. Use only if the belt is tightened properly and securely.

⚠ This child restraint should be securely belted in the vehicle even when not in use. In a crash or sudden stop, an unsecured child restraint could injure occupants.

⚠ Do not use a child restraint that has been in a crash. You must get a new child restraint.

B-3 Child Restraint Use

⚠ Do not use this child restraint unless the child is 5-65 lbs (2.3-29 kg) and 19-49 in. (48-125 cm).

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

⚠ Never leave child unattended.

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

⚠ Do not use a child restraint with damaged or missing parts.

⚠ Do not use cut, frayed, or damaged harnesses.

⚠ Do not lubricate buckles and fasteners.

⚠ Do not substitute parts or try to modify the child restraint in any way.

⚠ 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.

⚠ Read all instructions for additional warnings.

⚠ On the back of this child restraint there is an expiration date. Do not use this child restraint after the expiration date.

C-1 Choosing Position for Your Child

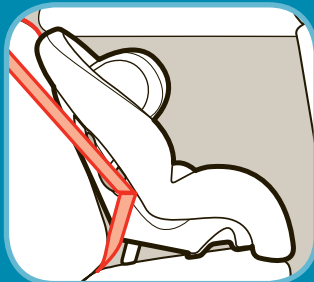
Your child's height, weight, and age determine how your child restraint should be placed in the vehicle.



**5-40 lbs (2.3-18 kg)
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Rear Facing using 5-point harness

Child and child restraint are placed in the back seat, facing the back of the vehicle.



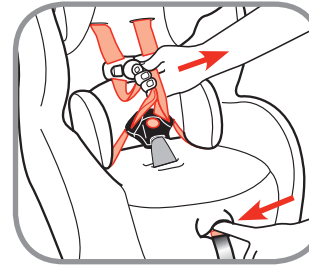
**22-65 lbs (10.1-29 kg)
and 29-49 in. (73.6-125 cm) and
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Forward Facing using 5-point harness

Child and child restraint are placed in the back seat, facing the front of the vehicle.

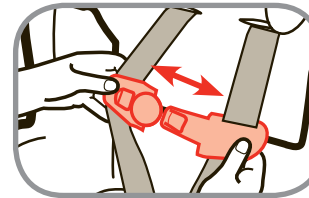
C-2 Preparing Child Restraint to Fit Your Child

You **MUST** make these adjustments with your child before you install the child restraint in the vehicle.



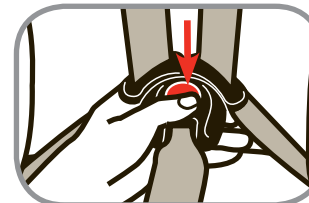
1. Loosen Harness

Push down on the harness release lever (under flap on the front of child restraint) while pulling out on the harness.



2. Release Chest Clip

Press on chest clip release button and pull apart.



3. Unbuckle Harness

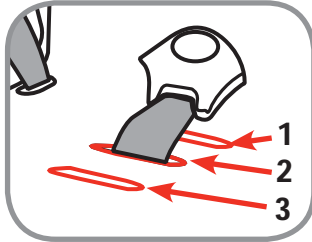
Press red button. Pull buckle tongues out. Place harness straps out of the way.



4. Place Child in Child Restraint

Place the child's bottom and back flat against the restraint.

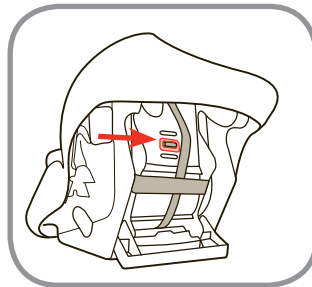
This will allow the harness to be properly tightened.



5. **Check Buckle Position**

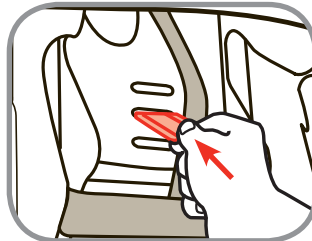
Determine which of the three slots is closest to the child and will provide a snug fit.

You **MUST** use the 1st or 2nd buckle strap slots when rear facing. Any slot can be used for forward facing.

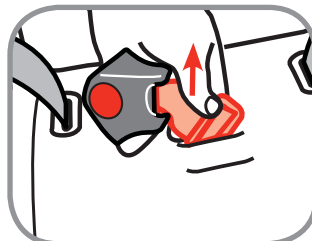


6. **To Change Buckle Position**

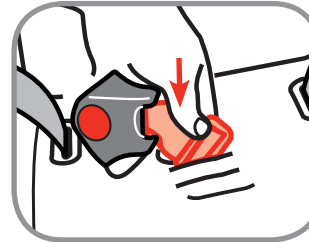
Lay the child restraint on its back and locate buckle's metal retainer on bottom of shell.



- a. Rotate metal retainer, then insert retainer up through the shell and pad.

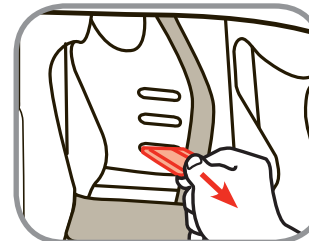


- b. From the top, pull buckle free from shell and pad.

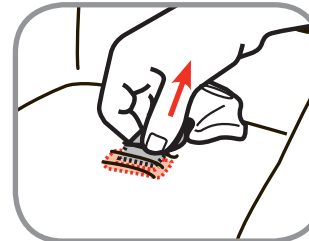


- c. Insert the buckle's metal retainer through the desired slot.

Make sure that the buckle is **facing out**.



- d. From the bottom of the child restraint, pull buckle's metal retainer **completely through pad and shell**.



- e. Pull up on buckle to make sure it is secured.
The buckle must not pull out.

⚠ WARNING:

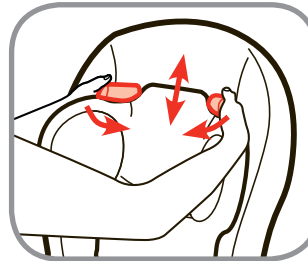
Failure to place buckle's metal retainer completely through pad and shell can result in serious injury or death.



7. Check Headrest/ Harness Height

With child in the child restraint, check the location of the upper harness slots.

Follow the guidelines below to determine the correct headrest/harness height.



8. To Adjust Headrest/ Harness Height

Loosen harness straps. Rotate headrest/harness height adjustment levers inward.

Move headrest to the proper height and lock into place.



Rear-Facing Position

Upper harness slots must be **even with or just below** the shoulders.

If the upper harness slots are above the child's shoulders with the headrest in the lowest position, **do not** use this child restraint.

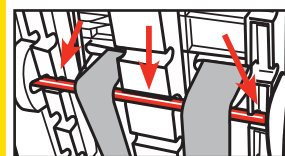


Forward-Facing Position

Upper harness slots must be **even with or just above** the shoulders.

If the upper harness slots are below the child's shoulders with the headrest in the highest position, **do not** use this child restraint.

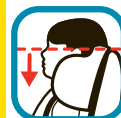
⚠ WARNING:



Make sure **metal bar is locked** into position. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death.



Do not use this child restraint rear facing if the top of your child's head is above the top of the child restraint's headrest.



Do not use this child restraint forward facing if the midpoint of your child's head is above the top of the child restraint's headrest.

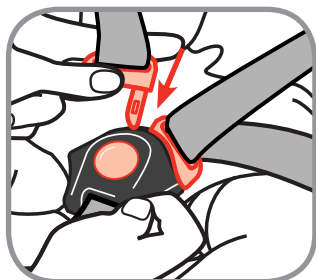
Make sure the harness height is correct for your child's size.

Failure to follow these steps can result in serious injury or death.

C-3 Securing Child in Child Restraint



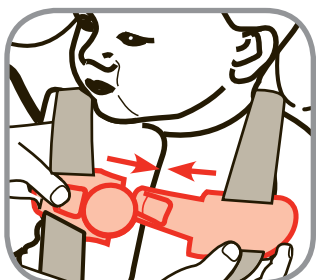
- 1. Position Harness Straps Over the Child's Shoulders**



- 2. Buckle Harness**

Push each buckle tongue into buckle until you hear a "click."

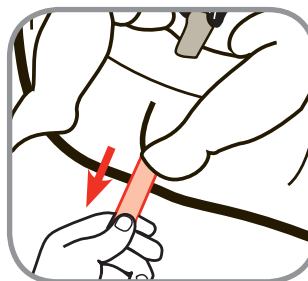
Pull up on harness straps to make sure buckle is locked.



- 3. Close Chest Clip**

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

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- 4. Tighten Harness**

Pull on harness tightening strap to tighten harness snugly.

NOTE: 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.



- 5. Check Harness Tightness**

Try to pinch the harness at the shoulders. If you can pinch the harness strap, tighten more. If your fingers slip off, the harness is tight enough.



- 6. Position Chest Clip**

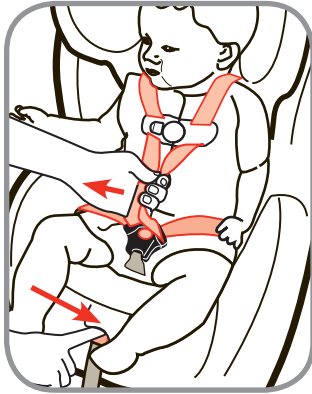
The chest clip must be placed at mid-chest (even with armpits) and away from the child's neck.

⚠ WARNING:

Failure to fasten and tighten the harness system correctly and snugly can result in serious injury or death.

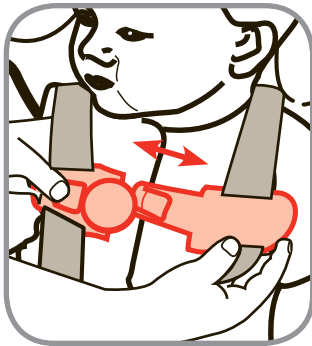
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C-4 Removing Child From Child Restraint



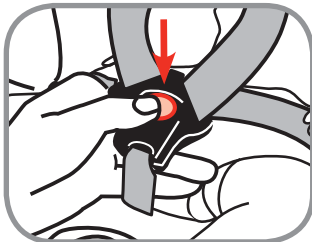
1. Loosen Harness

Push down on the harness release lever (under flap on the front of child restraint) while pulling out on the harness.



2. Release Chest Clip

Press on chest clip release button and pull apart.



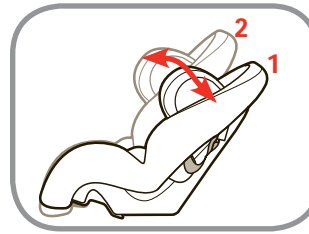
3. Unbuckle Harness

Press red button on buckle to release the buckle tongues.

Move harness away from child and remove child.

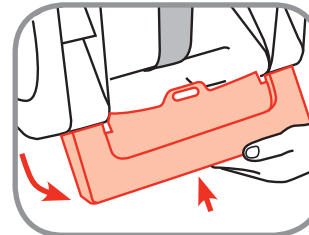
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C-5 Reclining Child Restraint



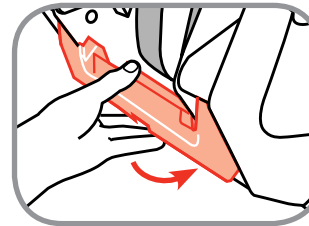
Rear Facing - 1 Must be fully reclined. Recline restraint so that the level-to-ground line on the side of shell that matches your child's weight is level with ground.

Forward Facing - 2 Must be upright.



Upright

Rotate recline stand out and push upward to lock in position.

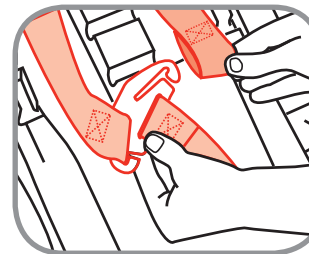


To Recline

Pull recline stand down and rotate under child restraint.

C. Basic Use

C-6 Removing Harness System

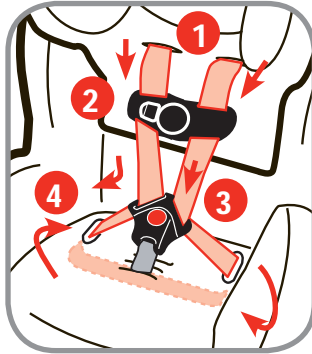


1. Remove Harness Strap from Splitter Plate

Fully loosen harness. Locate splitter plate on the back of the child restraint and unfasten the harness strap.

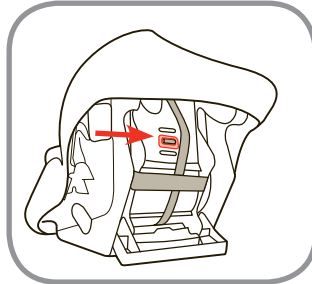
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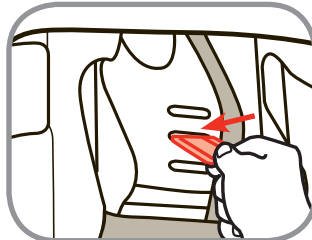
2. Remove Harness Strap

- (1) Pull harness strap ends through the upper harness slots from the front.
- (2) Unthread harness strap ends from the chest clip.
- (3) Unthread harness from the buckle tongues.
- (4) Pull harness strap out of shell.

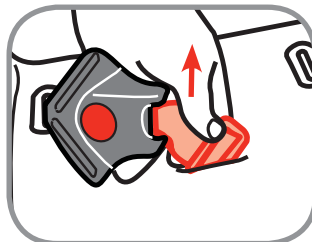


3. Remove Buckle

Lay the child restraint on its back and locate buckle's metal retainer on bottom of shell.



- a. Rotate metal retainer, then insert retainer up through the shell and pad.



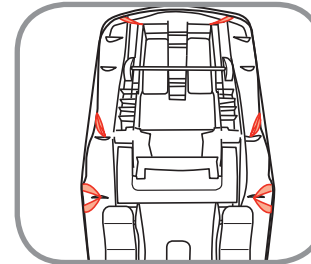
- b. From the top, pull buckle free from shell and pad.

C-7 Removing Pad for Cleaning

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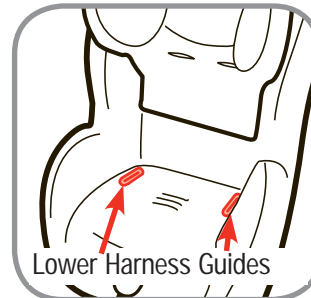
DO NOT remove the headrest pad. Spot clean with warm sudsy water.

You must remove the harness system to remove the pad from the shell.



1. Remove the Elastic Straps

Release the elastic straps on the back of the child restraint.

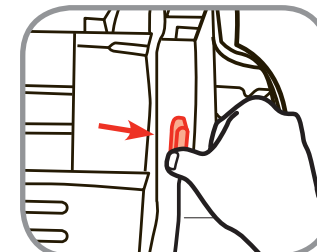
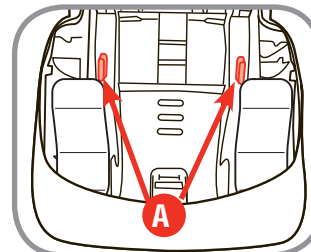


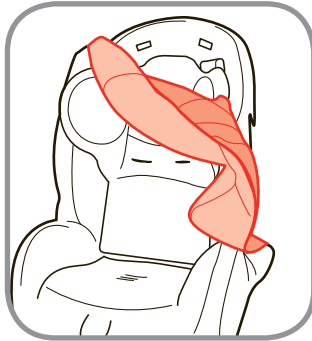
2. Remove Harness Guides

Remove both lower harness guides (A) in bottom of child restraint under recline stand.

From underneath child restraint, push harness guide lip toward outside of shell with one hand

while pulling top of harness guide from above with the other.





3. Remove Pad

Adjust backrest to lowest position. Pull pad off the top of child restraint and around headrest.

Cleaning Pad

Machine wash separately with cold water on a gentle cycle. Do not use bleach. Tumble dry separately for 10-12 minutes on low heat. Remove immediately.

Spot clean the harness straps.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use child restraint without the pad.

Replace child restraint pad by reversing order.

Starting from bottom of child restraint, slip pad on shell.

Pull harness tightening strap through pad.

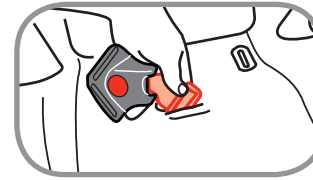
Make sure pad is under headrest.

Replace lower harness guides.

Attach all of the elastic straps.

Rethread harness (see section C-8).

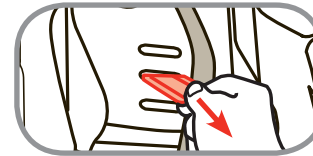
C-8 Installing Harness System



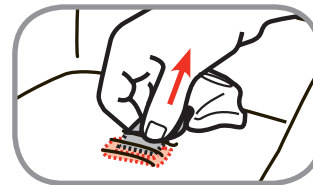
1. Install Buckle

Insert the buckle's metal retainer through the desired slot.

Make sure that the buckle is **facing out**.

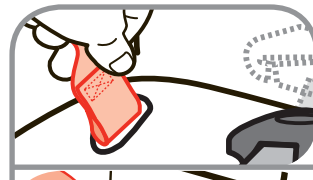


b. From the bottom of the child restraint, pull buckle's metal retainer **completely through pad and shell**.



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

The buckle must not pull out.

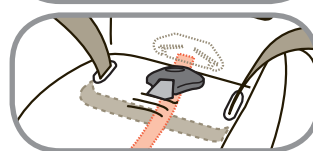


2. Thread Harness Strap

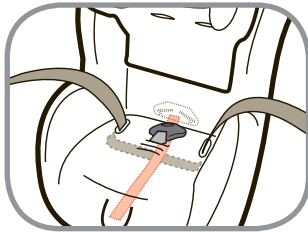
(1) With sewn end of the harness strap loop facing the buckle, thread the harness strap down through lower harness guide on left side of shell.



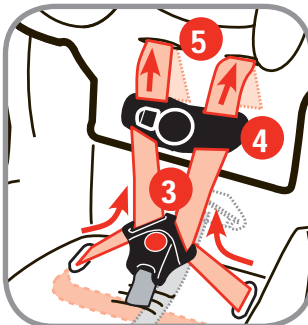
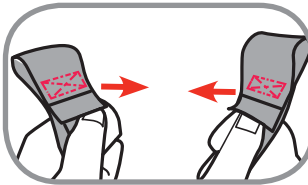
(2) Pull across bottom of shell and up through lower harness guide on right side of shell.



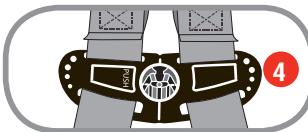
Harness tightening strap MUST lay between shell and harness strap as shown.



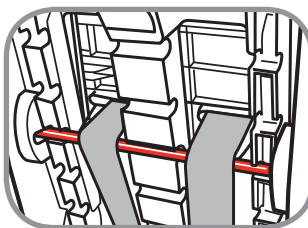
- a. Take both ends of the harness strap and make them even in length.
The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **MUST** face each other as shown.



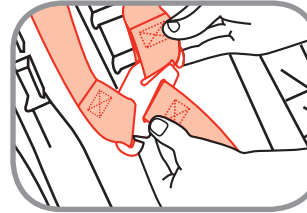
- b. (3) Thread left harness strap end through the **back** of the left buckle tongue. Repeat for right harness strap end.
(4) Thread the chest clip from front to back as shown.
(5) Push harness strap ends through upper harness slots.



DO NOT twist harness straps.



- c. **Thread Harness Strap OVER Metal Bar**

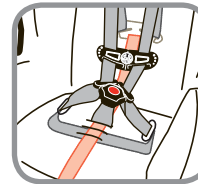


3. **Attach Harness Strap to Splitter Plate**

From the bottom of the child restraint, fit the harness strap loops onto the splitter plate.

The sewn ends of the harness strap loops **MUST** face towards you. **DO NOT** twist harness straps or harness tightening strap and make sure the harness strap loops are **COMPLETELY ON** the splitter plate.

⚠ WARNING:



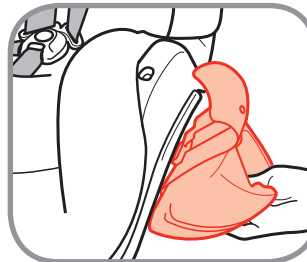
Failure to place the harness tightening strap between shell and the harness straps as shown can result in serious injury or death. **Harness MUST** be threaded over the metal bar.

Harness system must be reattached correctly.

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.

C. Basic Use

C-9 Accessories



Install Cup Holder (on select models)

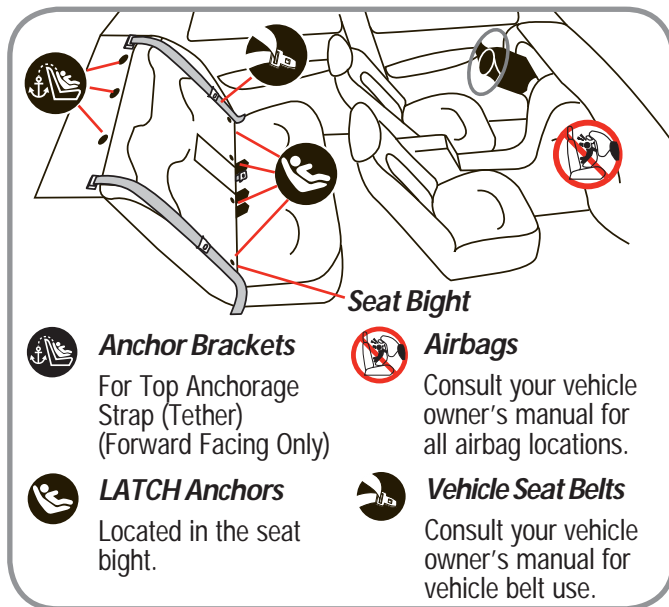
Pull pad off corner. Hook bottom of cup holder to edge of shell.

Rotate cup holder up until it snaps into the hole on the shell.

Replace pad.

D-1 Understanding Your Vehicle

Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here. Consult your vehicle owner's manual to help identify your vehicle's specific features and locations.



Safety Tip:

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

1. Park in the shade or where sun does not directly hit the child restraint.
2. Cover the child restraint with a sheet or blanket when not in use.
3. Check for hot child restraint and buckles before placing child in child restraint.

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

D-2 Vehicle Seating Position

Some seating positions in your vehicle may not be safe for this child restraint. Some vehicles do not have a seating position that can be used safely with this child restraint. If you are not sure where to place the child restraint in your vehicle, consult your vehicle owner's manual or contact Dorel Juvenile Group Consumer Relations Dept.

⚠ WARNING:



Never place a child rear-facing in a seating position with an active frontal airbag. This can result in serious injury or death.

⚠ WARNING:



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.

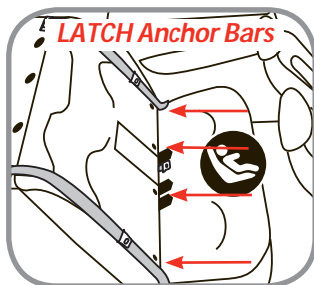
Safety Tip:



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

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration information, children in rear seating positions are statistically safer, whether you have airbags, advanced airbags, or no airbags at all.

D-3 Choosing LATCH or Vehicle Belts



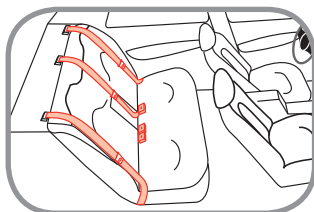
The LATCH System

LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) is a universal system for installing child restraints without using vehicle seat belts.

The LATCH system can ONLY be used in vehicles

that have the LATCH anchor bars installed and designated LATCH seating positions. Most vehicles manufactured after September 2002 are equipped with LATCH.

Check your vehicle owner's manual to see which seating positions may be equipped with the LATCH system.



Vehicle Belts

If LATCH is not an option, you must use the vehicle seat belt system to install the child restraint. There are some vehicle belts that will not work with a child

restraint or will require special attention.

See next page and check your vehicle's owner's manual for specific instructions.



WARNING:

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

D-4 Knowing Your Vehicle Belts

Review your vehicle owner's manual for vehicle seat belt use with child restraints. This is your best source for information concerning your vehicle.

Not all vehicle belts will work with this child restraint. This child restraint must be tightly locked in place at all times, during travel. You must determine if your vehicles belts are compatible with this child restraint.

Vehicle Belts

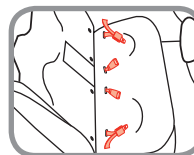
• Automatic/Passive vehicle seat belts

You MUST have a vehicle lap belt to install any child restraint. An automatic (passive) shoulder vehicle belt may or may not have a separate vehicle lap belt. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.



• Vehicle belts in center of the door or side panel

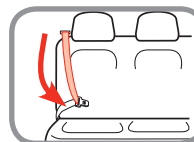
You must move the child restraint to another seating location. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.



• Vehicle belts that are in front of the seat bight

You may need to move the child restraint to another seating location. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.

• **Do Not Use with inflatable seat belts** You may need to move the child restraint to another seating location or use LATCH belts only.



• ELR (Emergency Locking Retractor) vehicle belts

These lap and shoulder vehicle belts only lock in a sudden stop or crash, and do not properly secure a child restraint alone. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.

To learn if you have this type of vehicle belt, gently pull the vehicle belt all the way out of the retractor (spool), let it return several inches, then pull on it again. If it moves freely, it is an ELR vehicle belt. If it is locked and will not allow any more vehicle belt to come out, it is a switchable retractor.

⚠ WARNING:

ELR lap-only vehicle belts MUST NOT be used with this child restraint.

• **Switchable retractor**

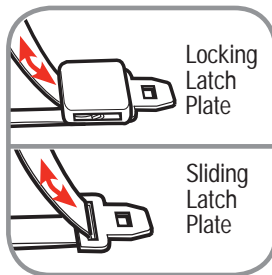
These vehicle belts switch from ELR to ALR (Automatic Locking Retractor). You must have the vehicle belts in the locking mode to use them. Follow the instructions in the installation sections.

• **ALR (Automatic Locking Retractor)**

These vehicle belts lock after pulling the webbing out and letting the vehicle belt go back into the retractor an inch or two. Follow the instructions in the installation sections.

Vehicle Latch Plates

• **Check the Latch Plates**



Grasp the tongue portion of the latch plate (the part that goes inside the buckle) and pull straight out, inline with the vehicle lap belt. If the latch plate does not slide up and down the vehicle belt, you have a locking latch plate. You should not need to use a locking clip. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.

If the latch plate slides up and down on the vehicle belt, and you have an ELR retractor, you **MUST** use a locking clip to install the child restraint. You may not need to use the locking clip with a switchable or ALR retractor. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.

D-5 Aircraft Information



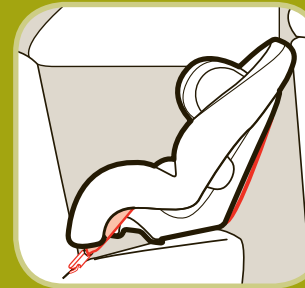
This restraint is certified for aircraft use.

Use only on forward-facing aircraft seats. Follow instructions for vehicle installation.

Contact the airline for their specific policies.

E-1 Preparing to Install Rear Facing

5-40 lbs (2.3-18 kg) and 19-40 in. (48-101.6 cm)
Rear-Facing using 5-point harness



LATCH Belt



Lap/Shoulder Belt



Lap Belt

⚠ WARNING:

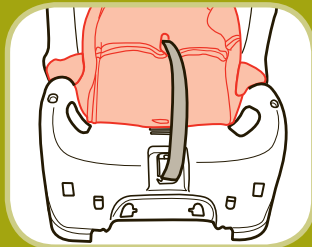


Never place a child rear facing in a seating position with an active frontal airbag. This can result in serious injury or death.

This child restraint must always face the rear of the vehicle and be in the fully reclined position when the child is less than 1 year old.

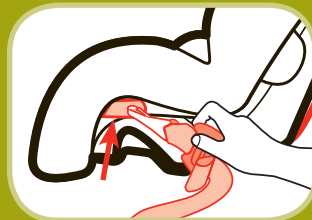


E-2 Preparing to Install LATCH Rear Facing



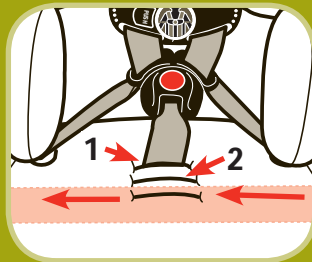
1. Pull Pad Off Corners of Child Restraint

Pull the pad off the front corners of shell.



2. Routing LATCH Belt

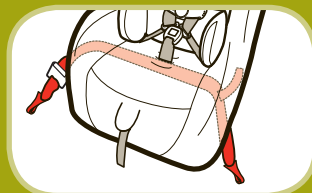
Insert the LATCH hook with adjuster closest to it through the rear-facing belt path.



3. Pull Hook Across to Opposite Side

LATCH belt **MUST** be under pad and in front of buckle strap.

NOTE: You must use the 1st or 2nd buckle strap slots when rear facing.



4. Replace Pad Over Corners

Make sure the LATCH belt is not twisted.



E-3 Installing Rear Facing with LATCH

NOTE: Review your vehicle owner's manual for LATCH belt use.

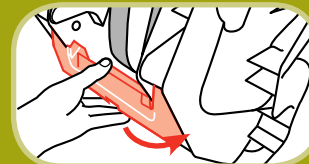
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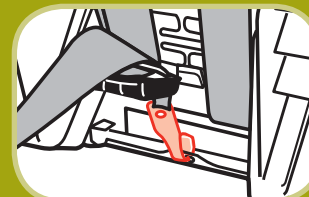
Check LATCH belt before each use. Use only if the belt can be tightened properly and securely.

Store the top anchorage hook (tether) to recline stand when used rear facing.

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.

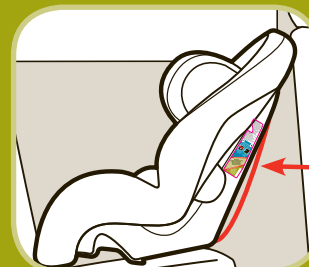


1. Fold Recline Stand Under Child Restraint



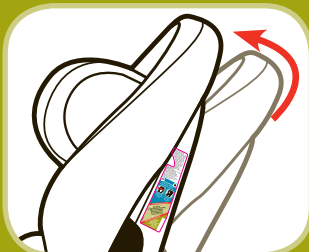
2. Store Top Anchorage Hook (Tether)

Attach the top anchorage hook (tether) to recline stand as shown. Gently tighten tether to remove the slack.

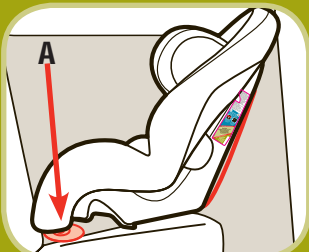


3. Place Child Restraint in the Back Seat Rear Facing

For children 5-22 lbs (2.3-10 kg), the bottom level-to-ground line **MUST be level to the ground.**



For children 22-40 lbs (10.1-18 kg) and can sit up unassisted, rotate the child restraint between the 2 level-to-ground lines. Start by making the bottom level-to-ground-line level, then rotate seat up.



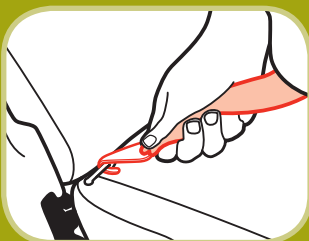
DO NOT rotate past the top most upright level-to-ground line.

Adjust child restraint if needed.

You may need to place a large rolled towel(s) (A) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the child

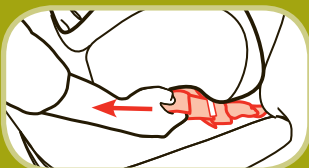
restraint to allow the level-to-ground line on the side of the shell that matches your child's weight to be level with the ground.

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



4. Hook LATCH to Vehicle LATCH Anchor

Fasten one LATCH belt hook to the anchor in the vehicle seat located in the vehicle seat bight. Repeat for other side of child restraint.

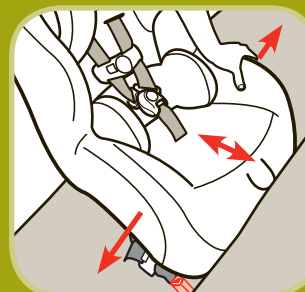


5. Tighten LATCH Belt

Push down firmly on the child restraint and pull up on the free end of LATCH belt to tighten.



It may be easier to tighten the belt through the belt path opening as shown.

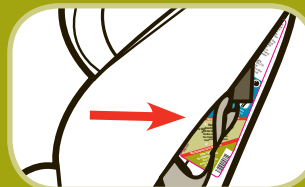


6. Check Belt Tightness

Grasp the child restraint at the belt path with one hand. Push and pull the child restraint from side to side, forward and back. The child restraint should not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm).

NOTE: If it moves more than 1 in. (2.5 cm), try reinstalling the child restraint or try another seating location.

Secure your child in the child restraint.



Recheck the recline angle to make sure it is reclined according to your child's weight.

Repeat steps if not reclined correctly.



To Remove LATCH Belt From Vehicle Anchor

Remove child from child restraint. Press down firmly on adjuster side of child restraint and press release button to release tension. Unhook LATCH from bar by squeezing spring lever and twist hook.



E-4 Installing Rear Facing with Vehicle Belts

NOTE: Review section D-4 and your vehicle owner's manual to determine what kind of vehicle belts you have.

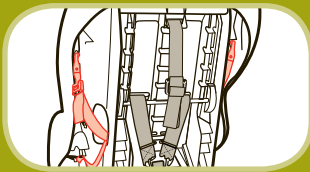
⚠ WARNING:

Do not use the LATCH system along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt. Store LATCH belts when using the vehicle belts.

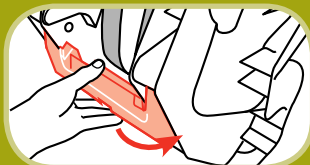
Check the vehicle belt before each use. Use only if the belt is tightened properly and securely.

Store the top anchorage hook (tether) to recline stand when used rear facing.

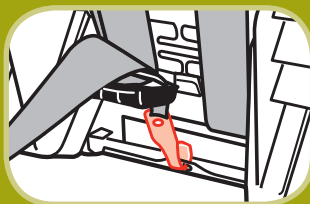
Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.



1. Store LATCH

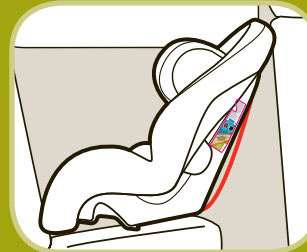


2. Fold Recline Stand Under Child Restraint



3. Store Top Anchorage Hook (Tether)

Attach the top anchorage hook (tether) to recline stand as shown. Gently tighten tether to remove the slack.



4. Fully Recline and Place Child Restraint in the Back Seat Rear Facing

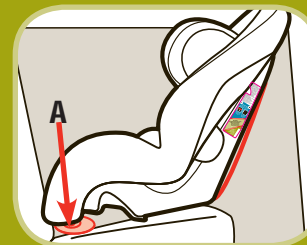
For children 5-22 lbs (2.3-10 kg), the bottom level-to-ground line **MUST** be level to the ground.

For children 22-40 lbs (10.1-18 kg) and can sit up unassisted, rotate the child restraint between the 2 level-to-ground lines. Start by making the bottom level-to-ground-line level, then rotate seat up.

DO NOT rotate past the top most upright level-to-ground



line. Adjust child restraint if needed.



You may need to place a large rolled towel(s) (A) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the child restraint to allow the level-to-ground line on the side of the shell that matches your child's weight to be level with the ground.

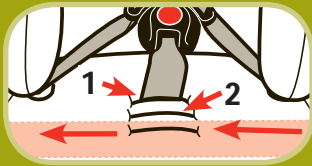
Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the belt is tight.



5. Thread Vehicle Belt

With an ALR vehicle belt, pull the vehicle belt all the way out before threading the child restraint.

Thread the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt combination through the rear-facing belt path.



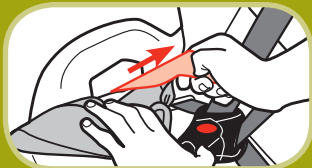
- a. Reach under pad and pull the vehicle belt across the shell. Vehicle belt **MUST** be under pad and in front of buckle strap.
Buckle vehicle belt.

Do not place vehicle belt over child's legs. NOTE: You must use the 1st or 2nd buckle strap slots when rear facing.



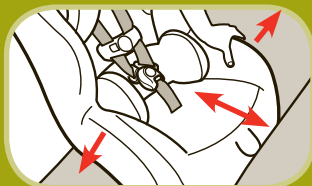
6. Tighten Vehicle Belt

Push down firmly on the child restraint and pull on the vehicle shoulder belt to tighten.



It may be easier to tighten the vehicle belt through the belt path opening as shown.

With a switchable retractor, pull the vehicle shoulder belt all the way out to switch the retractor into the ALR mode before tightening. Feed the slack back into the retractor while tightening.



7. Check Belt Tightness

Grasp the child restraint **at the belt path** with one hand. Push and pull the child restraint from side to side, forward and back.

The child restraint should not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm).

NOTE: If it moves more than an 1 in. (2.5 cm), try reinstalling the child restraint or try another seating location.

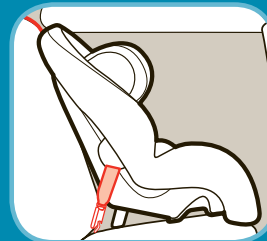
Secure your child in the child restraint.



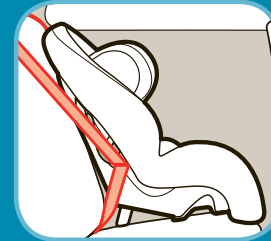
Recheck the recline angle to make sure it is reclined according to your child's weight. Repeat steps if not reclined correctly.

F-1 Preparing to Install Forward Facing

22-65 lbs (10.1-29 kg) and 29-49 in. (73.6 -125 cm) and at least 1 year old. Forward Facing using 5-point harness



LATCH Belt with tether
up to 40 lbs.
(18 kg)



Lap/Shoulder Belt with tether
up to 65 lbs.
(29 kg)



Lap Belt with tether
up to 65 lbs.
(29 kg)

⚠ WARNING:

Never place a child less than 1 year old or weighing less than 22 lbs. (10.1 kg) forward facing.

Safety Tip:

Experts agree that children should remain rear-facing as long as possible. In this child restraint, your child can remain rear facing up to 40 lbs (18 kg) and up to 40 inches (101.6 cm).



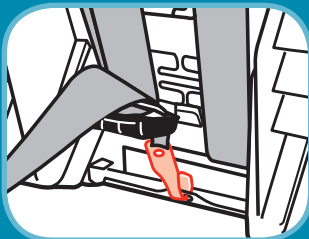
F-2 Adjusting Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)

The tether is used for the forward-facing position only.

NOTE: We strongly recommend that you use the tether in the forward-facing position. If your vehicle does not have an anchor bracket, please see your dealer or a qualified mechanic and have one installed. The tether can greatly improve the performance of this child restraint.

Storage of Top Anchorage Strap (Tether):

When the tether is not in use, attach the tether hook to the recline stand as shown.



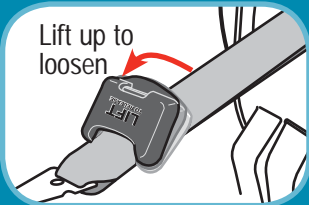
Gently tighten to remove slack.

To Adjust Top Anchorage Strap (tether):



Pull free end to tighten

To tighten: After the child restraint is locked into place with LATCH or vehicle belt, push down on child restraint and gently pull on free end of tether.



Lift up to loosen

To loosen: Lift up on top anchorage lock and push lock adjuster toward tether hook.



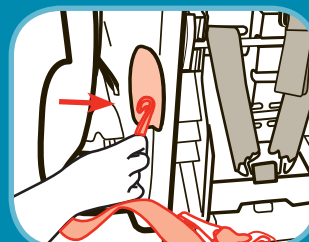
F-3 Preparing to Install LATCH Forward Facing



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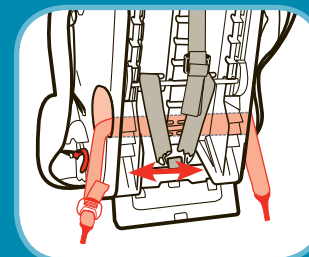
Do not use the lower anchorage system (LATCH system) to attach this child restraint when restraining a child weighing more than 40 lbs (18 kg) with the internal harness of the child restraint.

NOTE: Pull the LATCH belt out of the rear-facing belt path if you have used this child restraint rear facing.



1. Routing LATCH Belt

Insert the hook without the adjuster closest to it, through the forward-facing belt path.



2. Thread LATCH Across

Pull the LATCH hook across the back and out the other side as shown.

Make sure the belt is not twisted.



F-4 Installing Forward Facing with LATCH



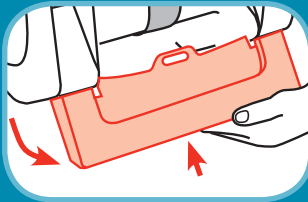
NOTE: Review your vehicle owner's manual for LATCH belt use.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use the LATCH system along with the vehicle belt.

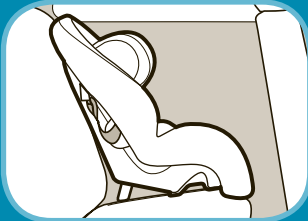
Check LATCH belt before each use. Use only if the belt can be tightened properly and securely.

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.



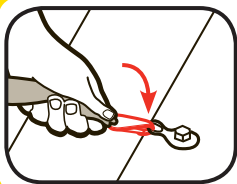
1. *Child Restraint Must Be Upright*

Rotate recline stand out and push upward to lock in position.

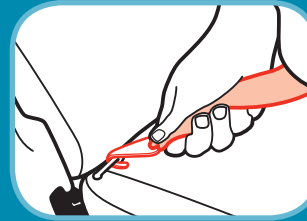


2. *Place Child Restraint Flush Against Vehicle Seat Back Forward Facing*

Installation Tip:

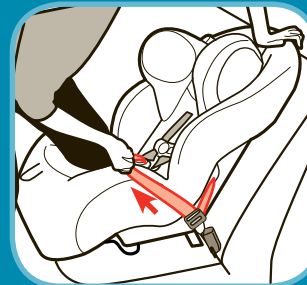


Loosely attach the top anchorage hook (tether) before connecting the LATCH belt. Consult vehicle owner's manual for specific location.



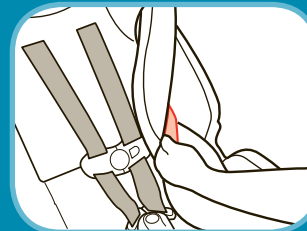
3. *Hook LATCH to Vehicle Anchor*

Fasten one LATCH belt hook to the anchor in the vehicle seat bight. Repeat for other side of child restraint.

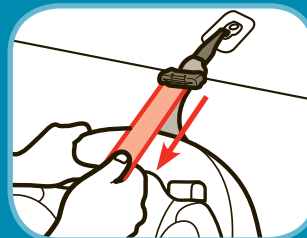


4. *Tighten LATCH Belt*

Place knee in child restraint. Push down firmly while pulling the free end of the LATCH belt to tighten.

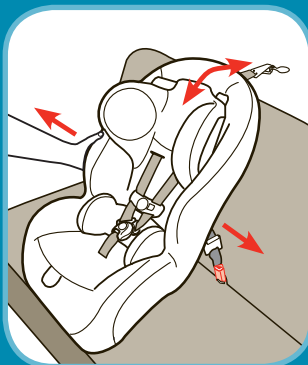


It may be easier to tighten the LATCH belt through the belt path opening as shown.



5. *Tighten Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)*

With knee still in child restraint, push firmly on the back of the child restraint and tighten top anchorage strap (tether).

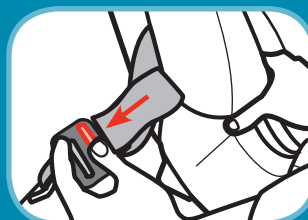


5. Check Belt Tightness

Grasp the child restraint at the belt path with one hand. Push and pull the child restraint from side to side, forward and back. The child restraint should not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm).

NOTE: If it moves more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) try reinstalling the child restraint or try another seating location.

Secure your child in the child restraint.



To Remove LATCH Belt From Vehicle Anchor

Press down firmly on adjuster side of child restraint and press release button to release tension. Unhook LATCH from bar by squeezing spring lever and twist hook.



F-5 Installing Forward Facing With Vehicle Belts



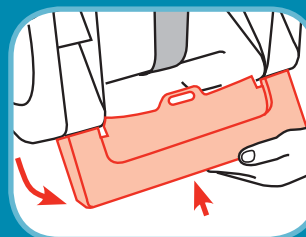
NOTE: Review section D-4 and your vehicle owner's manual to determine what kind of vehicle belts you have.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use the LATCH system along with the vehicle belt. Store LATCH belts when using the vehicle belts.

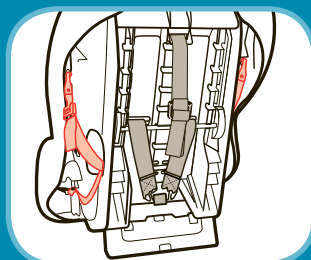
Check the vehicle belt before each use. Use only if the belt is tightened properly and securely.

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.

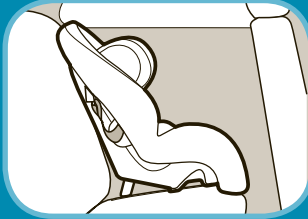


1. Child Restraint Must Be Upright

Rotate recline stand out and push upward to lock in position.

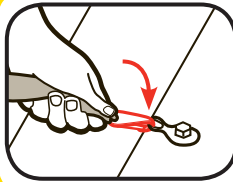


2. Store LATCH



3. Place Child Restraint Flush Against Vehicle Seat Back Forward Facing

Installation Tip:

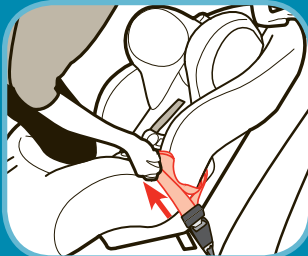


Loosely attach the top anchorage hook (tether) before threading the vehicle belt. Consult vehicle owner's manual for specific location.



4. Thread Vehicle Belt

Thread the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt combination through the forward-facing belt path and out the other side. Buckle vehicle belt.

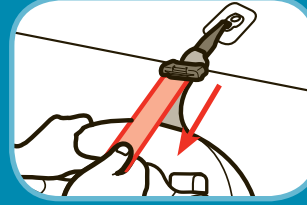
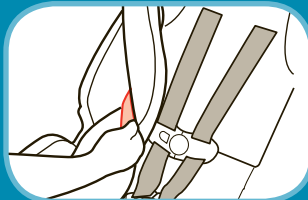


5. Tighten Vehicle Belt

Place knee in child restraint. Firmly push down while pulling the free end of belt to tighten.

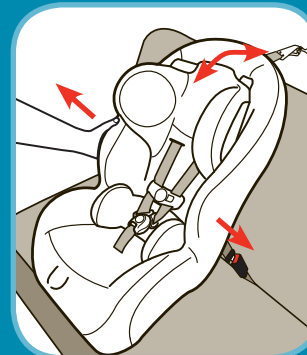
It may be easier to tighten the vehicle belt through the belt path opening as shown.

With a switchable retractor, pull the vehicle shoulder belt all the way out to switch the retractor into the ALR mode before tightening. Feed the slack back into the retractor while tightening.



6. Tighten Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)

With knee still in child restraint, push firmly on the back of the seat and tighten top anchorage strap (tether).



7. Check Belt Tightness

Grasp the child restraint at the belt path with one hand. Push and pull the child restraint from side to side, forward and back. The child restraint should not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm).

NOTE: If it moves more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) try reinstalling the child restraint or try another seating location.

Secure your child in the child restraint.

Using the Locking Clip

You will rarely need to use a locking clip except in some older vehicles. Built in child restraint locking systems have been required in vehicles since 1996, and many vehicles had these features even earlier.

Check your vehicle owner's manual to learn how to use the systems in your vehicle. If you need a locking clip, return to the store where you purchased this child restraint to purchase a locking clip or call us at 1-800-544-1108 to order one.

Locking clips from any child restraint manufacturer are okay to use.

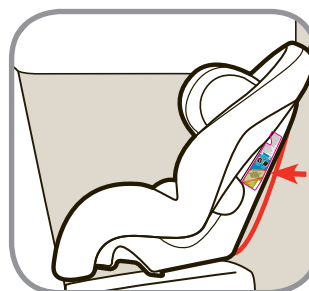
Remove the locking clip when the vehicle seat belt is not being used with the child restraint. **A locking clip will not fix all types of seat belt problems.**

Refer to section D-4 to determine if your vehicle belts require a locking clip.

The following directions describe installing the child restraint rear-facing. Same steps apply for forward facing, except install the restraint forward facing and thread the vehicle belt in the forward-facing belt path.

WARNING:

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

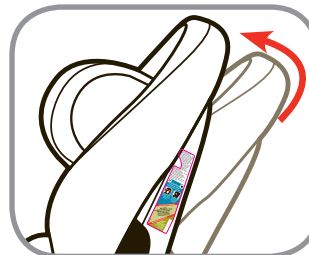


1. **Place Child Restraint in Vehicle Rear Facing**

With child restraint fully reclined, place child restraint in the back seat.

Check for proper recline.

NOTE: Store top anchorage hook (tether) on the base. See section E-1.

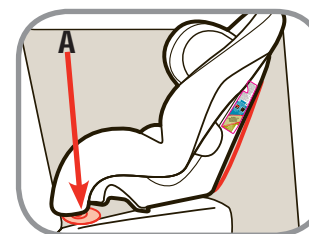


For children between 5-22 lbs (2.3-10 kg), the bottom level to ground line **MUST** be level to the ground.

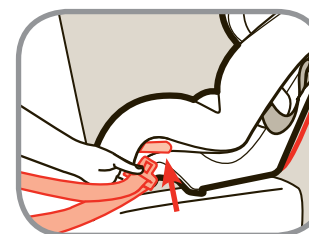
For children 22-40 lbs (10.1-18 kg) and can sit up unassisted, rotate the child restraint between the 2 level to ground lines. Start by

making the bottom level to ground line level, then rotate seat up. **DO NOT** rotate past the top most upright level to ground line.

Adjust child restraint if needed.

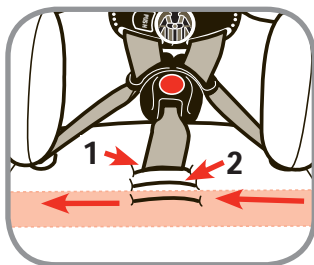


You may need to place a large rolled towel(s) (A) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the child restraint to allow the level line on the side of the shell that matches your child's weight to be level with the ground. Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the belt is tight.



2. **Thread Vehicle Belt**

Thread the vehicle lap/shoulder belt combination through the rear-facing belt path.

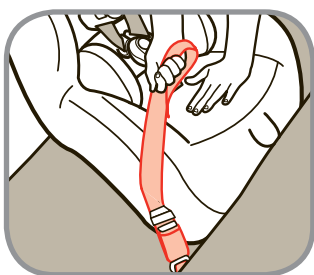


3. Pull Vehicle Belt Across Child Restraint

Thread vehicle seat belt **under** pad in front of buckle strap to the opposite side. Buckle vehicle belt.

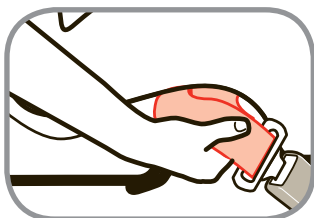
Do not place vehicle belt over child's legs.

NOTE: The buckle **MUST** be in the 1st or 2nd buckle strap slots when rear facing. Any slot can be used for forward facing.



4. Tighten Vehicle Belt

Push down firmly on the child restraint and while pulling on the vehicle shoulder belt to tighten.

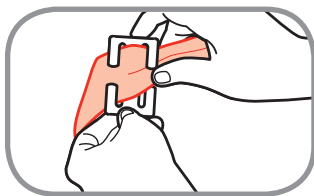


5. Determine Locking Clip Location

Grasp both vehicle belts together just behind the latch plate and unbuckle.

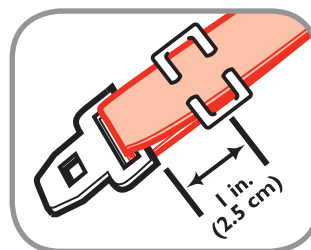
NOTE: If the latch plate ends up just at the belt path

opening, grasp the vehicle belts on the opposite side of the child restraint, as close to the latch plate as possible.



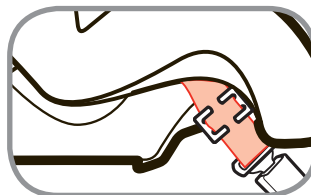
6. Attach Locking Clip

Thread both portions of the vehicle belt onto the locking clip, as close to the latch plate as possible.

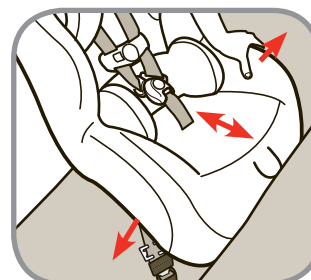


7. Position Locking Clip

Position locking clip about 1 in. (2.5 cm) from vehicle belt's latch plate.

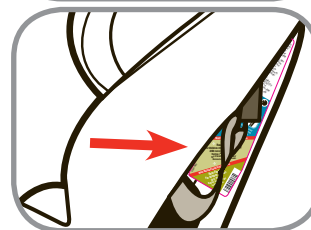


8. Rebuckle Vehicle Belt



9. Check Belt Tightness

Grasp the child restraint **at the belt path** with one hand. Push and pull the child restraint from side to side, forward and back. The child restraint should not move more than 1 in. (2.5 cm).



NOTE: If it moves more than 1 in. (2.5 cm), redo the steps 5 through 9 again or try another seating location.

Secure your child in the child restraint.

Recheck the recline angle to make sure it is reclined according to your child's weight. Repeat steps if not reclined correctly.

Remove the locking clip when the seat belt is not being used with a child restraint.

Troubleshooting

1. Locate a Child Safety Seat Inspection Station for hands on training on how to use your child restraint:

Visit your local Child Passenger Inspection Station or go to <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cps/cpsfitting/index.cfm> to find your closest station.

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

3. If your harness twists: Straighten the harness each time you put your child in the seat to help prevent twisting. Lock the buckle and tighten harness and it will be ready for next use.

Replacement Parts Order Form

Complete the form below. Your model number with color code and manufacturer date code **MUST** be included on the form to ensure proper replacement parts. Your model number with color code and the date code can be found on a sticker on the side of child restraint. Payment in U.S. dollars must accompany your order. Choose parts needed from the list on the next page.

Return the form with payment to:

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.
Consumer Relations Department
P.O. Box 2609
Columbus, IN 47202-2609

Fax orders to: 1-800-207-8182

Please make money orders payable to Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. Fill in the area below to charge to Visa or Mastercard. We do not accept cash, personal checks, or Discover Card. All outside of U.S. and Canada **MUST** use credit card.

Ship To (Please Print): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

We **MUST have this information
to process your order:**

Model Number (8 to 9 characters): _____

Manufacture Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Replacement Parts List

NOTE: If requested color is not available, similar color will be substituted. Prices are subject to change.

Part	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Buckle Strap/Buckle....	\$4.99	X _____	= \$ _____
Harness Strap	\$2.00	X _____	= \$ _____
Seat Pad.....	\$32.99	X _____	= \$ _____
Chest Clip.....	\$1.50	X _____	= \$ _____
Locking Clip	\$2.50	X _____	= \$ _____
Tether Kit	\$9.99	X _____	= \$ _____
Latch Kit.....	\$17.99	X _____	= \$ _____
Instructions	\$0.00	X _____	= \$ _____

Merchandise Total \$ _____

Shipping and handling:

Up to \$25.00	\$5.95	\$100.01 to \$150.00	\$10.95
\$25.01 to \$50.00	\$6.95	\$150.01 to \$200.00	\$11.95
\$50.01 to \$75.00	\$8.95	\$200.01 and up	\$13.95
\$75.01 to \$100.00	\$9.95		

Outside Continental USA \$10.00

Sales Tax

(Indiana, California, and Massachusetts residents add applicable sales tax.)

Grand Total \$ _____

No shipping and handling on instructions for quantities under 6. Add \$.50 for each instruction over 6, then add applicable shipping and handling.

Fill Out For Credit Card

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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.

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To make a claim under this warranty you may contact us at www.djgusa.com, fax us at 1-800-207-8182 24 hours a day, write to DJG, Consumer Relations Department, P. O. Box 2609, Columbus, IN 47202-2609, or call 1-800-544-1108 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.**

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