



DOREL
-COMMUTER
-VENTURA
-HIGH BACK BOOSTER
(Front-adjust harness models only)

Type: Combination child seat/booster

Last date made: Current

First made: 1999; with LATCH 2002

Weight limits: 22*-40 lbs. with harness, 40-80 lbs. as belt-positioning booster with vehicle lap-shoulder belt on child.

*Previous minimum weight limit was 20 lbs.

Harness: 5 point harness (removable)



Harness: Harness strap ends are sewn in loops and attached to a splitter plate behind seat (diagram 1). The lap straps are threaded through slots at hips and run straight across under seat. To tighten the harness, pull the strap end at lower front of seat. To loosen, lift or push lever (depending on model) while pulling on shoulder straps.

Harness slots: There are two sets of slots. Since the seat can only be used facing forward, all slots are permitted. To change strap slot height, remove straps from splitter plate, thread through desired slots and re-attach to splitter plate.

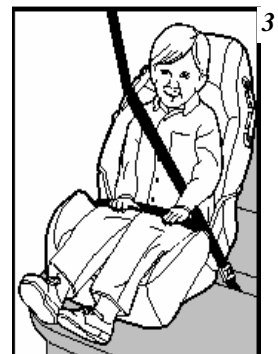
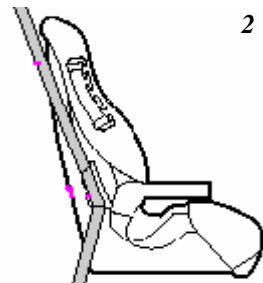
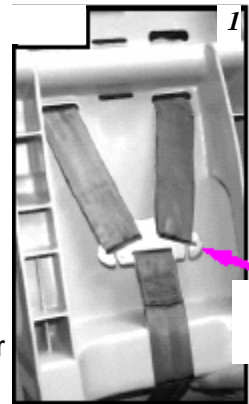
Crotch strap: The crotch strap is sewn to a metal slide which must lie flat against plastic shell under child. It is non-adjustable.

Angle adjustment: None

Belt path:

With harness: The vehicle belt is routed through the sides of the seat behind the child (diagram 2).

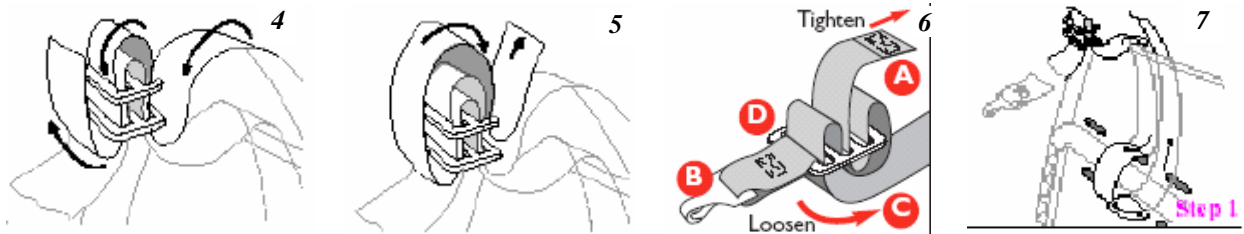
Without harness: Remove the harness from the seat, and secure the LATCH and tether hooks behind the seat shell to prevent them from striking anyone. Use the vehicle lap-shoulder belt on child (diagram 3). Do not use the belt guide on the side of the seat to position the shoulder belt unless absolutely necessary for correct fit on child. Caution parent to watch that child doesn't pull belt forward while in use, as it may not retract into position easily when the belt guide is used.



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LATCH: Comes with a single, attached LATCH strap. Earlier models which are not LATCH-equipped may be installed with the Dorel Cosco LATCH retrofit kit (see also separate instructions for kit). If the child is using the harness, LATCH installation may be used. Thread both ends of the strap through the belt path. Lower LATCH bars may be used in center seating position when the position is designated as a LATCH location in vehicle owner's manual or when vehicle manufacturer permits the use of the outboard bars (refer to Safe Ride News LATCH manual). If LATCH strap is not in use, hook LATCH connectors together behind seat to prevent them from striking anyone. LATCH strap is not used in belt-positioning booster mode.

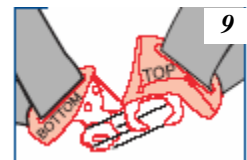
Tether: Yes, when seat is used with harness. There are three adjustment versions. If there are two double-slotted metal slides, thread as shown in diagrams 4-5. If there is one metal slide with three slots, thread as shown in diagram 6. Some recent models have a tilt-lock adjuster; simply pull on strap end to tighten. In either case, attach strap to seat shell as shown in diagram 7. When not in use, including as a belt-positioning booster, secure the hook under the seat or remove tether from seat completely. See full manufacturer's instructions for additional guidelines on adjusting tether strap snugly and storing when not in use.



Other:

On some models, the two parts of the buckle prongs must be joined together before inserting in buckle (diagram 9).

DOREL brands include: COSCO, EDDIE BAUER, SAFETY 1st, ALPHA ELITE and ALPHA SPORT. Model names may apply to any one or more of these brands. Some model names may be discontinued.



There have been many variations of this seat with several model names, which are usually not printed on the seat. Use these instructions only if the seat has a front adjuster strap. See other instructions for models with a metal plate in the back to adjust the harness or the original Cosco combination seat called "Highback Booster," which had straps crossed in the back with a metal slide for harness attachment and adjustment. Some models have armrests and cup holders.

Replacement Parts List

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

Part	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Crotch Strap/Buckle	\$5.99	X _____ = \$ _____	
Harness Strap	\$2.99	X _____ = \$ _____	
Seat Pad	\$29.99	X _____ = \$ _____	
Harness Retainer	\$1.50	X _____ = \$ _____	
Locking Clip	\$2.50	X _____ = \$ _____	
Top Anchorage (Tether) Kit	\$9.99	X _____ = \$ _____	
Latch Kit	\$24.99	X _____ = \$ _____	
Cup Holder	\$3.50	X _____ = \$ _____	
Instructions	\$0.00	X _____ = \$ _____	

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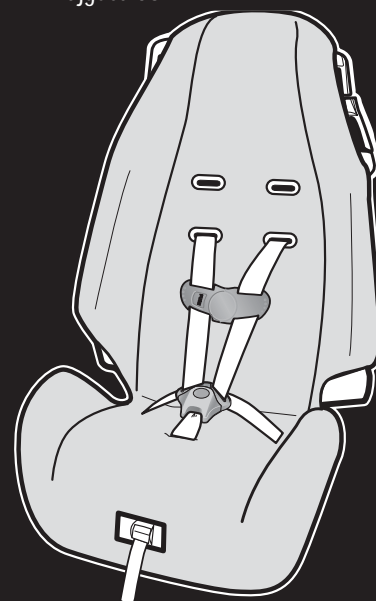
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This child restraint is designed for use by children whose:

Weight:
22-80 pounds
(10.1-36.3 kg)

Height:
34-52 inches
(85.1-132.1 cm)



Read all instructions
BEFORE USING
this child restraint.

KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.

▲ IMPORTANT!

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

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

Before You Begin...

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, 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
Fax: 1-800-207-8182
Mailing Address: Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.
P.O. Box 2609
Columbus, IN 47202-2609
Telephone: 1-800-544-1108
7 A.M. to 6 P.M. EST M-TH
7 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. EST FRI

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

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! WARNING

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

- !** According to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions than in the front seating positions.
- !** Never place a child less than one-year old forward-facing.
- !** Check vehicle instructions for more information about air bag/child restraint use.
- !** Make sure the harness height is correct for your child's size.
- !** The harness must be snug.
- !** The vehicle or LATCH belt must stay tight at the belt path. When you switch from one mode to the next, review the sections of this instruction manual that apply to that mode. If you don't, your child could be seriously injured or killed.
- !** Never take your child out of the child restraint or try to tend to your child's needs while the vehicle is moving. Never leave child unattended.
- !** Do not use a child restraint with damaged or missing parts.

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! WARNING

- !** 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 a child restraint that has been in a crash. You must get a new child restraint.
- !** 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.
- !** Check the vehicle or LATCH belt before each use. Use only if the belt can be 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 other occupants.
- !** Do not use this child restraint if the midpoint of your child's head is above the top of the child restraint's back.
- !** Dorel Juvenile Group does not recommend the use of any child restraint accessories except those provided by DJG.
- !** Never allow any child to play with this child restraint; it is not a toy.

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WARNING

▲ Secure the top anchorage strap (tether) provided with this child restraint as specified in both the vehicle and child restraint manufacturer's instructions.

▲ Do not remove any of the warning labels or other labels on the child restraint.

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

▲ Do not use this child restraint without the seat pad.

▲ Read instructions for other warnings.

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General and Warm Weather Use

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

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

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

Registration and Recall Information

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Fill out the registration card attached to the child restraint or send your name, address and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to:

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.
P.O. Box 2609, Columbus, IN 47202-2609
Attn: Consumer Relations or call 1-800-544-1108

You can now register your child restraint online at **www.djgusa.com**. Please do not send in your registration card if you registered your child restraint online.

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>.

Aircraft Installation

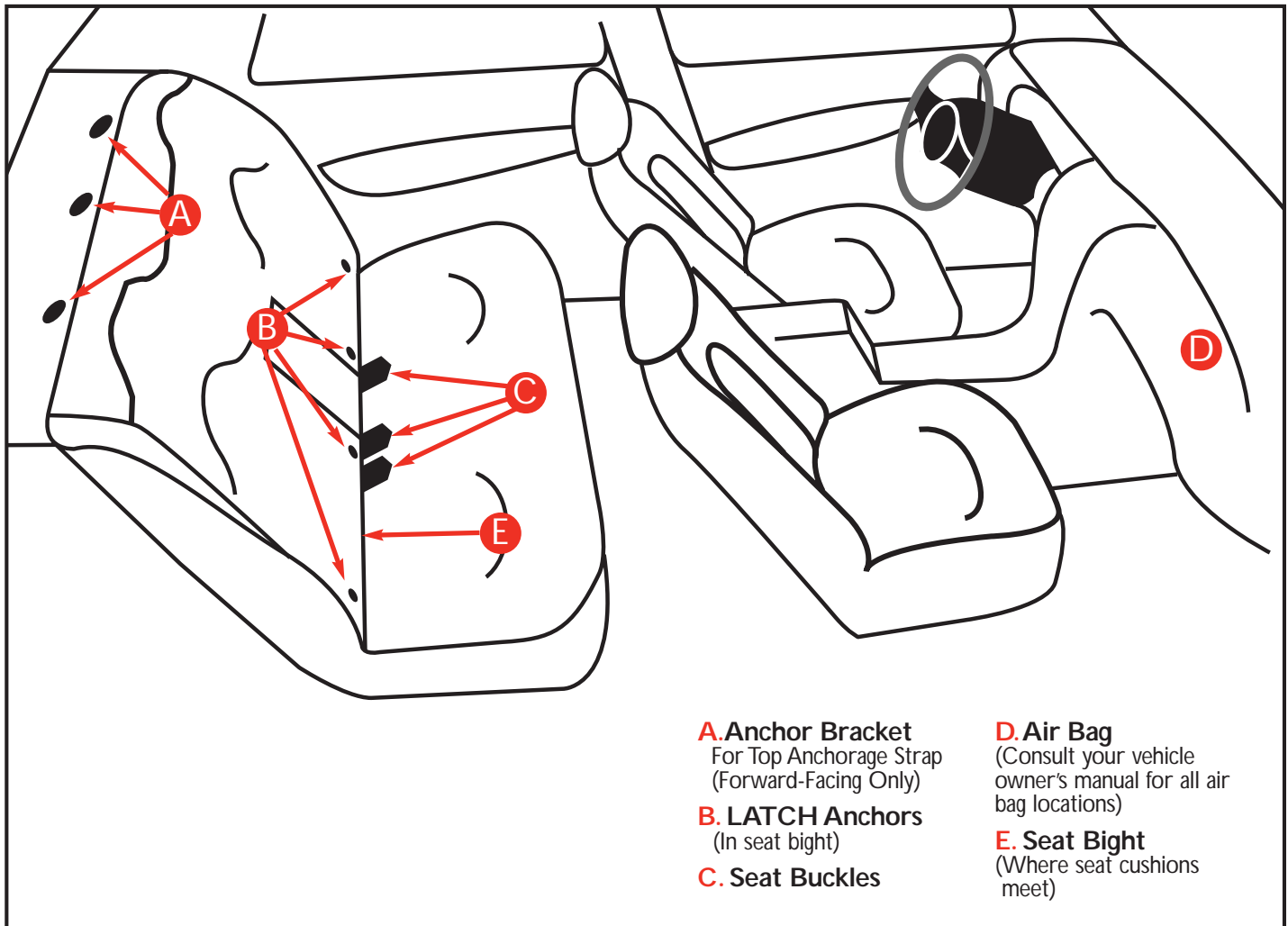
This restraint is certified for aircraft use only when used with the internal harness. Do not use as a belt-positioning seat because aircraft seats do not have shoulder belts. Use on forward-facing aircraft seats only and in a position where the lap belt can be tightened securely. This child restraint is installed in an aircraft seat the same way it is installed in the vehicle.

Use the child restraint only with F.A.A. certified equipment. Contact the airline prior to taking a child restraint on board in order to comply with their specific regulations.

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Understanding Your Vehicle

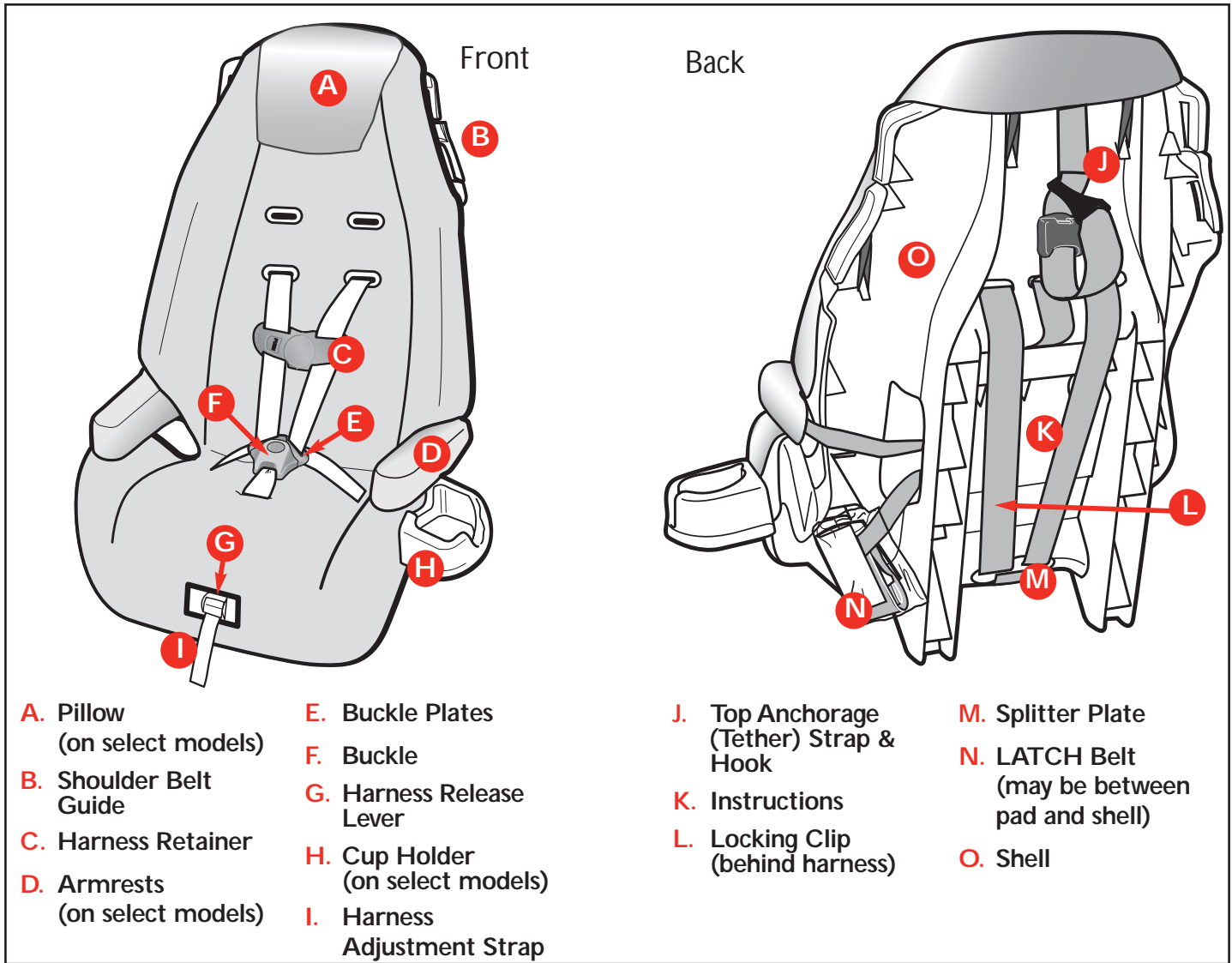
Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here. Consult your vehicle owner's manual to help identify your vehicle's specific features.



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Child Restraint Parts

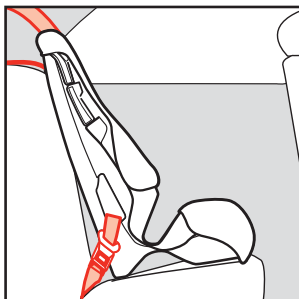


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Choosing Restraint and Position

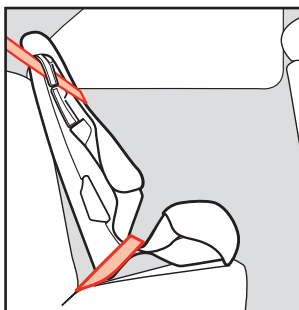
Your child's height, weight and age determine how your child restraint should be placed in the vehicle and which restraint should be used.



**22-40 lbs. (10.1-18 kg)
34-43 in. (85.1-110 cm)
and Over 1 Year Old**

Forward-Facing using 5-point harness

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



**40-80 lbs. (18.1-36.3 kg)
43-52 in. (110.1-132.1 cm)
and Over 1 Year Old**

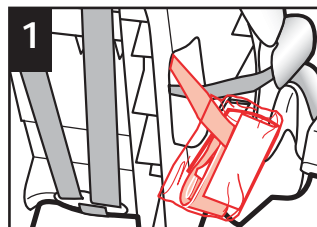
Belt-Positioning Booster using vehicle lap/shoulder belt combination

Child and child restraint face the front of the vehicle and are placed in the back seat. 5-point harness is removed.

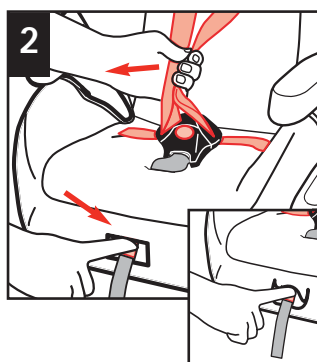
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Preparing Child Restraint to Fit Your Child

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

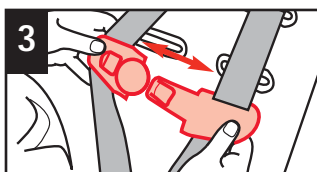


1 Make sure LATCH belt packaging is pulled free of child restraint shell.

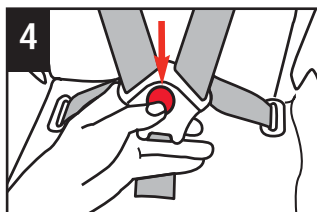


2 Loosen harness by pushing down on the harness release lever while pulling out on the harness.

Depending on your model, the harness release lever may be under a flap on the pad in the front of restraint.



3 Press on harness retainer release button and pull apart.



4 Press red button on buckle to release the buckle plates. Place harness over sides of child restraint.

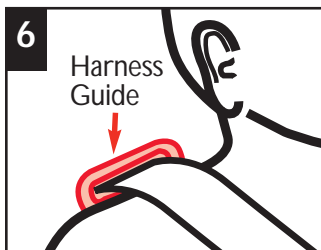
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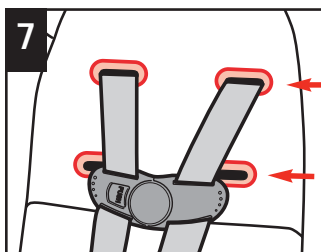
Place the child's bottom and back flat against the child restraint. This will increase comfort and allow the harness to properly tighten.

Check Harness Height



Forward-Facing Position: Harness guide must be **even with or just above** the shoulders.

If the top harness guides are below the child's shoulders, the child weighs at least 40 lbs. (18.1 kg) and is over 1 year old, convert the seat to a belt-positioning booster.



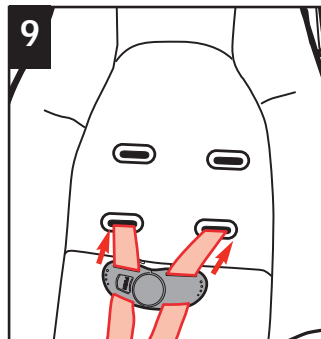
Determine which set of harness guide slots works best for your child. Adjust if needed.



To change harness location:

From the back of the seat, remove harness from splitter plate.

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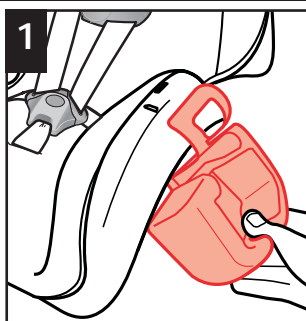
Pull harness through the harness guides from the front.

Rethread harness into new harness guide location. Refasten harness to splitter plate. Make sure harness does not twist.

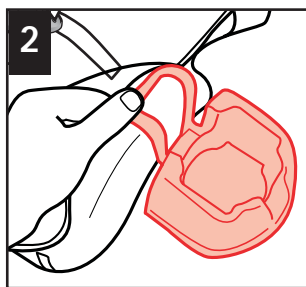
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Failure to reattach the harness correctly can result in serious injury or death.

Install Cup Holder (on select models)



Pull pad off corner. Hook bottom of cup holder on bottom edge of child restraint and rotate cup holder up.



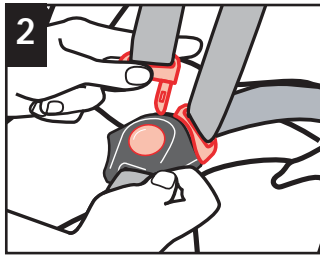
Snap top of cup holder on top edge of child restraint. Make certain cup holder is flush on the top and sides of child restraint. Replace pad.

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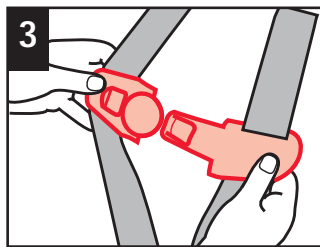
Securing Your Child in the Child Restraint



1 Position harness straps over the child's shoulders.

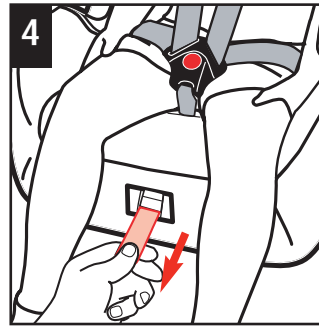


2 Push each buckle plate into buckle until you hear a "click". Remember to always pull up on harness straps to make sure buckle is locked tightly.



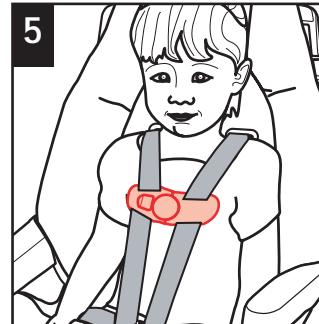
3 Snap the harness retainer together.

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4 Pull on harness adjustment 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.



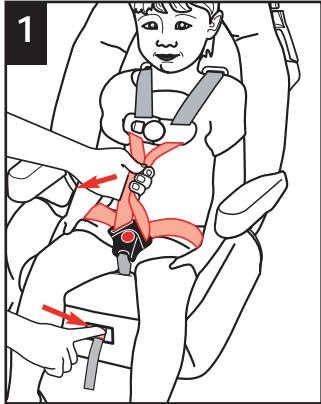
5 Position the harness retainer at mid-chest (even with arm pits), away from the child's neck.

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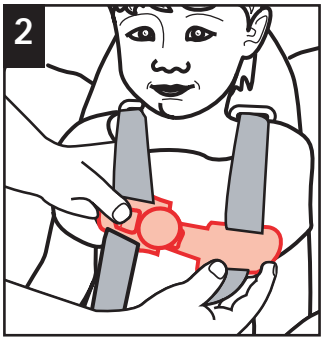
Failure to fasten and tighten the harness system correctly with each use can result in serious injury or death.

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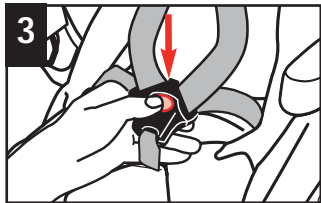
Removing Your Child From the Child Restraint



1 Loosen harness by pushing down on the harness release lever while pulling out on the harness.



2 Press on release button and pull apart.

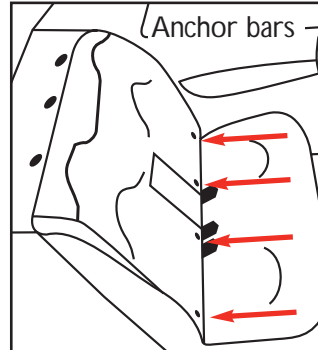


3 Press red button on buckle to release the buckle plates. Place harness over sides of child restraint. Remove child.

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Choosing LATCH or Vehicle Belts

The LATCH System

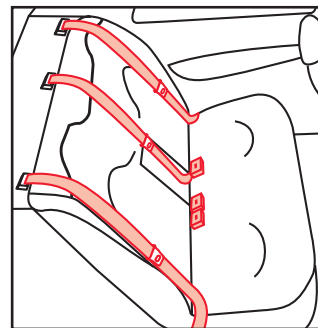


LATCH means Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children. Not all vehicles manufactured before September 2002 were equipped with LATCH.

The LATCH system allows a child restraint to be secured in the vehicle without using the vehicle belt system and can ONLY be used in vehicles that have the anchor bars installed.

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

Vehicle Belts



If LATCH is not an option, you will use your vehicle's belts. In most cases you will use the lap/shoulder belt combination. There are some vehicle belts that will not work with a child restraint or will require special attention. See next page for specific instructions.

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Knowing Your Vehicle Belts

Not all vehicle belts will work with this child restraint. You must determine if your vehicles belts are compatible with this child restraint. If you will use the LATCH system, refer to the LATCH section.

ELR - Emergency Locking Retractor Belts

Definition: These belts only lock in a sudden stop or crash. To see if you have this type of belt, pull on the lap belt, let it return part way, then pull on it again. If it moves freely, it is an ELR belt and the child restraint could work loose during normal driving. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual.

ELR shoulder belts either require a locking clip or cannot be used with any child restraint. **Note: You may use an ELR lap and shoulder belt when using this child restraint as belt-positioning booster; no locking clip is required.**

ELR lap-only belts must be replaced with a manual belt; contact your vehicle dealer. A locking clip will not correct this problem.

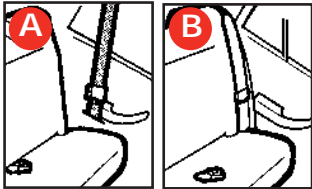
Automatic/Passive vehicle seat belts

Automatic (passive) 2-point belt has no lap belt. You must install a lap belt to secure a child restraint. You may also need to install an extra lap belt for an automatic 3-point belt. Refer to the vehicles owner's manual. A locking clip will not correct this problem.

Vehicle belt too short

Contact your vehicle dealer for a seat belt extender.

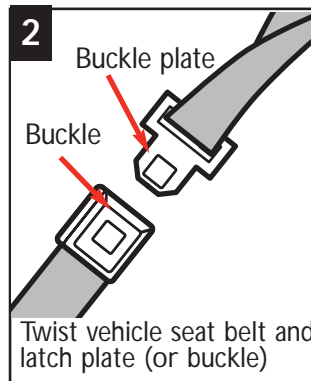
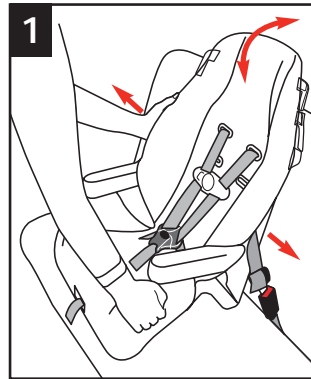
Belts in center of the door or side panel (A) or middle of the vehicle seat cushion (B).



You must move the child restraint to another seating location. A locking clip will not fix this problem.

See "Locking Clip" section.

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Manual Belts

Manual lap belts are common in the center rear seat and can allow the child restraint to loosen when it is tilted or jarred. After tightening the lap belt securely, tilt and push the child restraint forward and to both sides. If no loosening occurs, your child restraint should be secure.

If loosening does occur, try the following: If the buckle plate slides on the belt, turn the buckle plate over. If the buckle slides, turn the buckle. Refasten the vehicle lap belt. The release button should face **out** after twisting so that it is easy to reach in an emergency.

If the lap belt continues to loosen, the child restraint must be moved to another location in the vehicle. A locking clip will not correct this problem; see your vehicle owner's manual.

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Failure to check and adjust the manual belt as described above can result in serious injury or death.

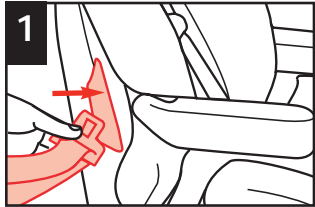
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Locking Clip

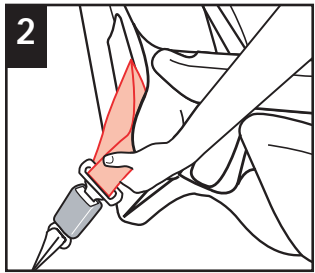
NOTE: The locking clip is located on the back of the seat. You do not need a locking clip when using this seat as a belt-positioning booster.

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.**

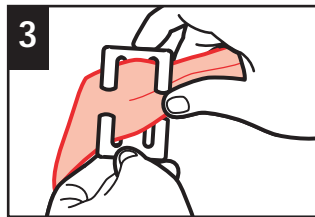
Before you put your child restraint in the vehicle, buckle the lap/shoulder belt. Pull on the lap belt portion. If it loosens or slips, you must either use a locking clip to hold the seat belt tight or move the child restraint to another seating location.



1 Thread both vehicle lap and shoulder belts through the slot (as shown) and out other side. Buckle. Pull up on shoulder belt until all slack is out and lap belt is tight.

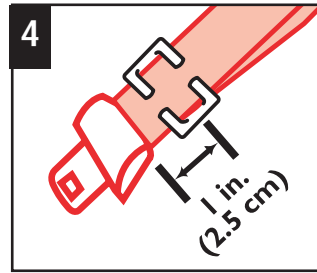


2 Grasp both vehicle belts together just behind the buckle plate and unbuckle. **NOTE:** If the buckle plate ends up behind the child restraint, grasp the belts to the outside of the child restraint, as close to the buckle plate as possible.

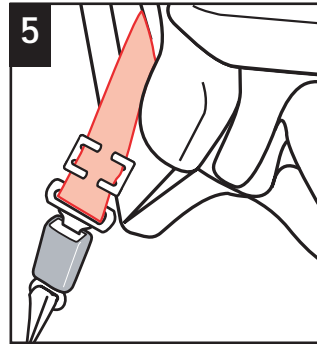


3 Thread both portions of the vehicle belt onto the locking clip.

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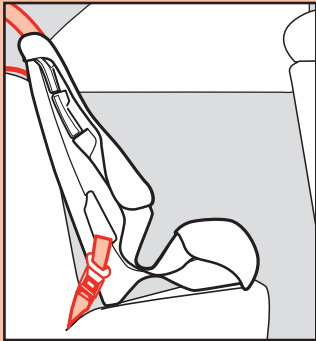
4 Position locking clip about 1 in. (2.5 cm) from vehicle belt's buckle plate.



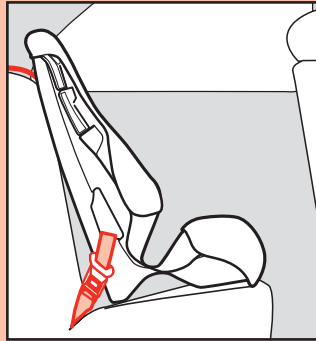
5 Rebuckle belt. Lap belt portion should now be tight. If not, remove locking clip and repeat all steps.

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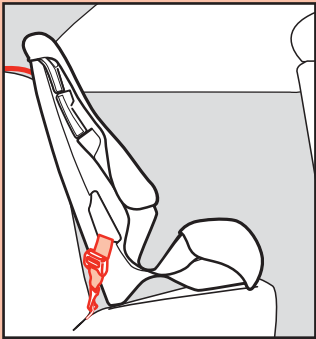
Forward-Facing Use



Lap/Shoulder Belt



Lap Belt



LATCH Belt

Refer to the "Choosing Restraint and Position" section to make sure your child is at the proper weight and height.

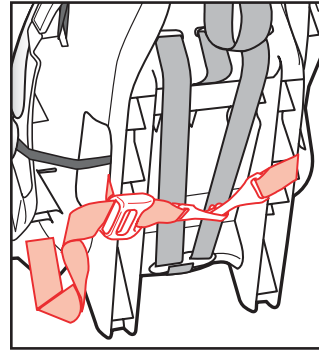
⚠ WARNING:

Using this child restraint in any vehicle seat where the lap or LATCH belts cannot be tightened securely and properly or where it can be loosened by pulling on it can result in serious injury or death.

Check vehicle instructions for more information about air bag/child restraint use.

Forward-Facing Installation

After deciding whether to use your Vehicle Belts or LATCH, be sure to read the warnings below as they pertain to both systems.

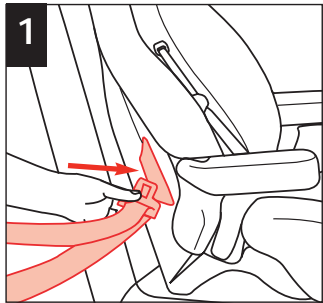


When LATCH is not being used, fasten belt hooks together behind the child restraint as shown.

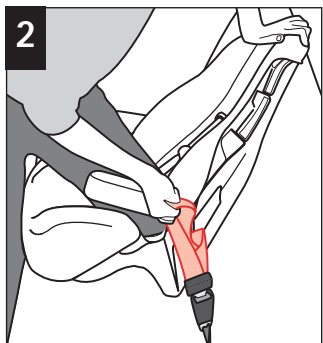
⚠ WARNING:

Loose LATCH hooks can result in serious injury or death.

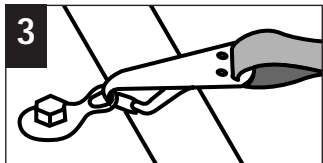
Forward-Facing Installation with Vehicle Belts:



1 Connect and tighten harness straps prior to installing in vehicle. Place child restraint **flush** against the back of the vehicle seat **forward-facing** in the back seat. Thread the vehicle lap belt or lap/shoulder belt combination through the belt path and out other side. Buckle.



2 Place one knee in the child restraint and push down firmly while pulling up on belt to tighten. For a manual belt, refer to "Knowing your Vehicle Belt" section.

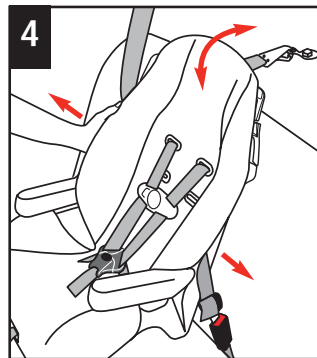


3 With knee still in child restraint, attach hook to anchor in vehicle. Push down firmly and tighten top anchorage strap.

To adjust top anchorage strap: See "Adjusting Top Anchorage Strap" section.

NOTE: If your vehicle does not have an anchor bracket, tuck the top anchorage strap's hook under the child restraint.

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4 With weakest hand at belt path, tilt and push the child restraint forward and back, and from side to side. If the seat belts do not loosen, your child restraint should be secure.

NOTE: Some "play" from front to back or about an inch from side to side is acceptable. If it moves more, review "Knowing Your Vehicle Belts" and "The Locking Clip" sections.

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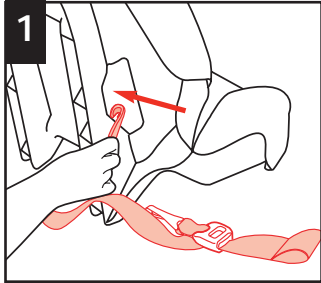
Using this child restraint in any vehicle seat where the lap belt cannot be tightened securely and properly or where it can be loosened by pulling on it can result in serious injury or death.



5 After checking for hot seat and buckles, place your child in the child restraint as described in the "Securing Your Child in the Child Restraint" section.

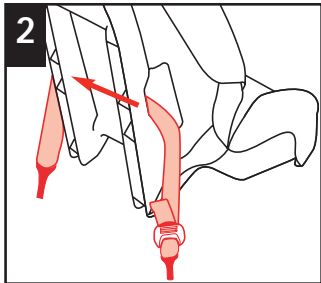
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Forward-Facing Installation with LATCH Belt: Install LATCH Belts



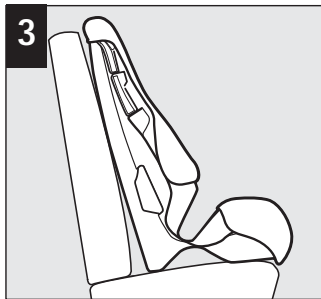
NOTE: Do not use LATCH system along with the adult lap or lap/shoulder belt.

Route LATCH belt through upper slot in side of shell.



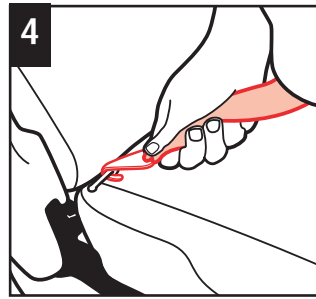
Pull one LATCH hook across the back and out the other side.

The LATCH adjuster can be on either side, but the belt should not be twisted.

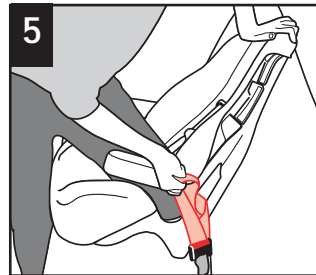


Connect and tighten harness straps prior to installing in vehicle. Place child restraint **flush** against the back of the vehicle seat **forward-facing** in the back seat.

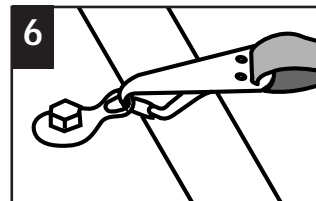
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Fasten one LATCH belt hook to the anchor in the vehicle seat located in the vehicle seat bight. Repeat for other side of child restraint. See your vehicle owner's manual for locations and more information.



Place one knee in the child restraint and push down firmly while pulling up on the loop to tighten belt.



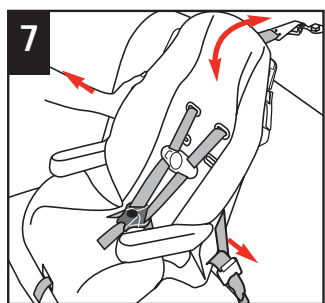
With knee still in child restraint, attach hook to anchor in vehicle. Push down firmly and tighten top anchorage strap.

To adjust top anchorage strap: See "Adjusting Top Anchorage Strap" section.

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continued on next page.

Forward-Facing Use: 22-40 lbs. (10.1-18 kg), 34-43" (85.1-110 cm), Over 1 year of age.



With weakest hand at belt path, tilt and push the child restraint forward and back, and from side to side. If the LATCH belts do not loosen, your child restraint should be secure.

NOTE: Some "play" from front to back or about an

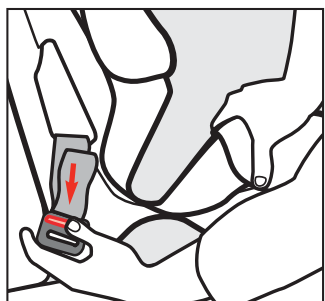
inch from side to side is acceptable.

If the child restraint does not remain tight, do not use the child restraint in this seating location with this LATCH system.

⚠ WARNING
LATCH hooks MUST be securely fastened. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death.



After checking for hot seat and buckles, place your child in the child restraint as described in the "Securing Your Child in the Child Restraint" section.



To release LATCH: Press down firmly on adjuster side of child restraint and press release button on adjuster to release tension. Unhook LATCH hooks.

Adjusting the Top Anchorage Strap

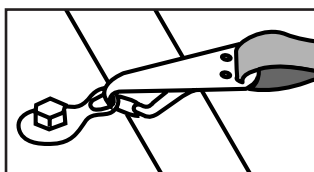
The top anchorage strap is used for the forward-facing position only.

Most vehicles made after 9/1/99 already have the anchor hardware for a top anchorage strap. Refer to your owner's manual or call your dealer.

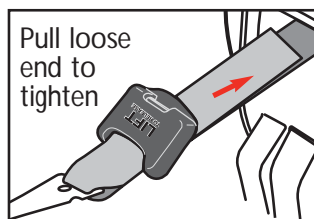
Storage of Top Anchorage Strap:

Belt-Positioning Booster position: Place top anchorage strap and anchor hook under the child restraint.

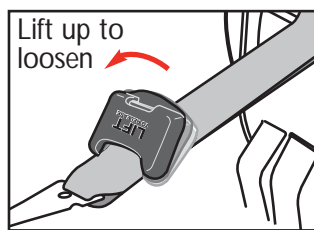
See pictures below and on next page to determine which top anchorage strap model you have. Follow applicable steps.



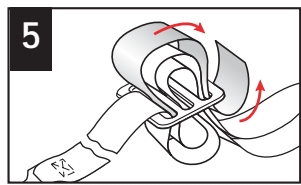
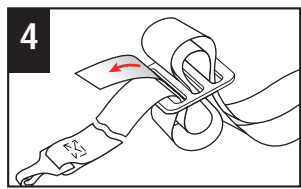
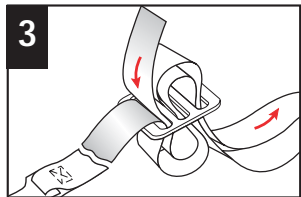
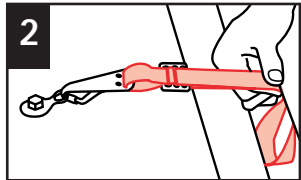
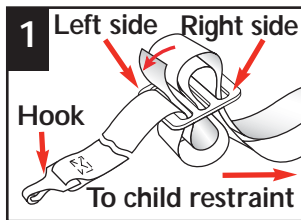
To Attach Top Anchorage Strap: Put knee in child restraint and push down; attach hook to anchor in vehicle.



To Adjust Top Anchorage Strap: To tighten; pull on free end of top anchorage strap.



To loosen; lift up on top anchorage lock and push lock toward top anchorage hook.



To Attach Top Anchorage Strap: At the adjuster, unlace free end of strap from right side of adjuster slide and loosen into "loops" (1). Put knee in child restraint and push down; attach hook to anchor to estimate how much you need, then unhook (2).

To loosen top anchorage strap: With adjuster in hand, pull the top strap (3) between adjuster and child restraint to desired length. Attach hook to anchor, check fit, repeat steps if necessary. **You must rethread the free end of strap back down through the right slot (5) or the tether will not hold.**

Tighten strap so "loops" are gone and there is no slack or play.

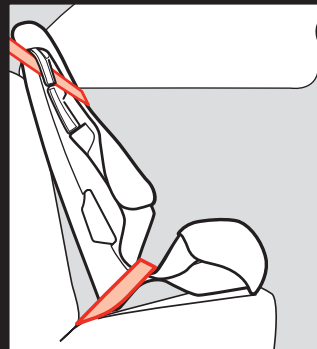
To tighten tether: With adjuster in hand, pull the top strap (4) between adjuster and hook to the desired length. Attach hook to anchor, check fit, repeat steps if necessary. **You must rethread the free end of strap back down through the right slot (5) or the tether will not hold.**

Tighten strap so "loops" are gone and there is no slack or play.

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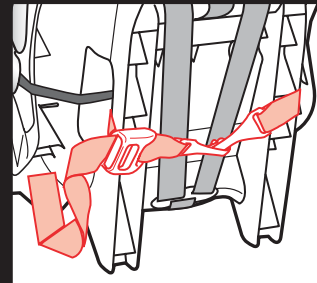
You must follow the threading diagram exactly. Failure to follow these steps could cause the strap to loosen in a crash, which can result in serious injury or death.

Belt-Positioning Booster Use



Lap/Shoulder Belt

Refer to the "Choosing Restraint and Position" section to make sure your child is at the proper weight and height to use the belt-positioning booster.



Do not use LATCH or tether strap when using the Belt-Positioning Booster.

You MUST fasten the LATCH belt hooks together behind seat.

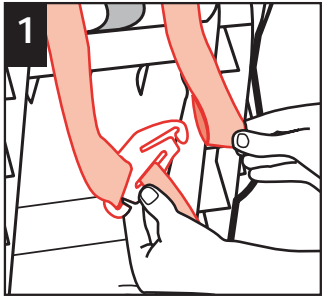
When your child is over 40 lbs. (18.1 kg) or 43" (110.1 cm) and over 1 year old, you must remove the harness and use this child restraint as a belt-positioning booster.

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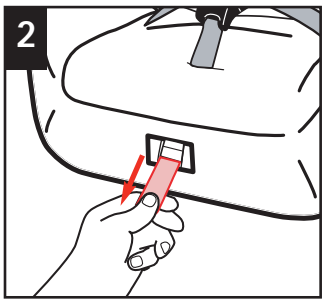
Loose LATCH hooks can result in serious injury or death.

Removal of Harness

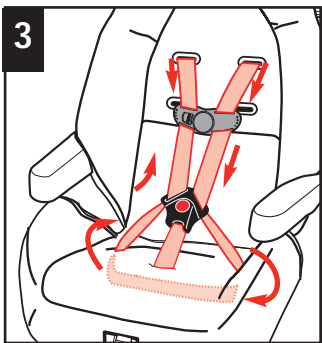
Harness must be removed for use as a Belt-Positioning Booster.



1 From the back of the seat, unfasten harness from splitter plate.

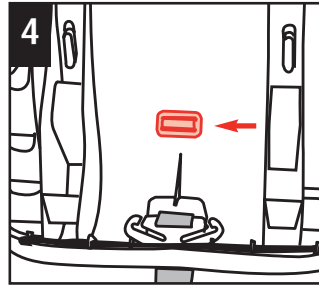


2 Pull harness adjustment strap as far out as possible.

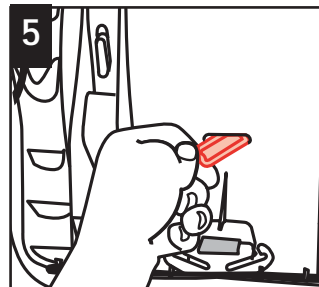


3 Pull harness through the slots from the front.
Unthread harness from the harness retainer.
Unthread harness from the buckle plates.
Pull harness out of shell.

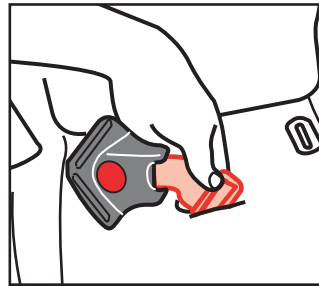
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4 From bottom of seat, locate buckle's metal clip.



5 Insert metal clip up through the shell and pad. From the front, pull buckle free from shell and pad. Lock buckle plates into buckle for future use.



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Belt-Positioning Booster Installation



1 Place child restraint against the back of the vehicle seat. **NOTE:** Tuck the top anchorage strap and hook under the child restraint.

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



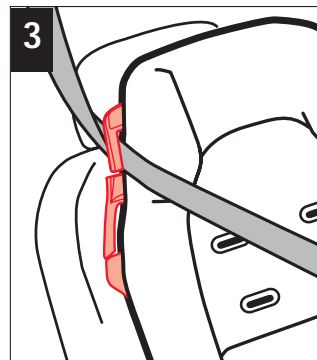
2 Place lap belt across child's thighs. Lock buckle.

NOTE: If your child restraint has armrests, make sure the lap and shoulder belt are placed under armrest as shown.

⚠ WARNING

Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this booster seat. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death.

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3 Secure the shoulder belt through one of the notches in the shoulder belt guide. The belt should cross the base of the child's neck and across the chest (not the face or neck). Pull up on the shoulder belt to tighten.

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

⚠ WARNING

Check vehicle instructions for more information about air bag/child restraint use.

Do Not Use only the lap belt when using this seat as a belt-positioning booster without the internal harness.

The shoulder belt must always be adjusted snugly across the child's chest.

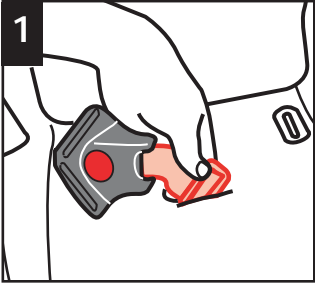
NEVER place the shoulder belt under the child's arms.

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

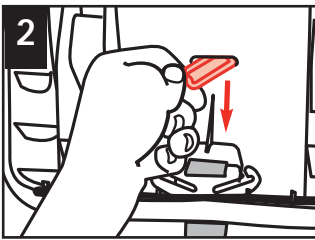


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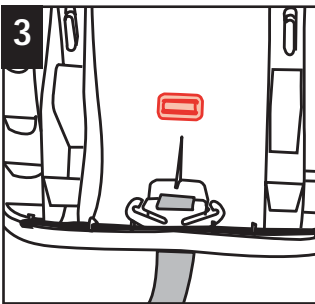
Reinstall Harness



1 From the front of child restraint push buckle's metal plate through pad and shell. Make sure buckle faces out.



2 From underneath, pull buckle's metal clip through pad and shell.

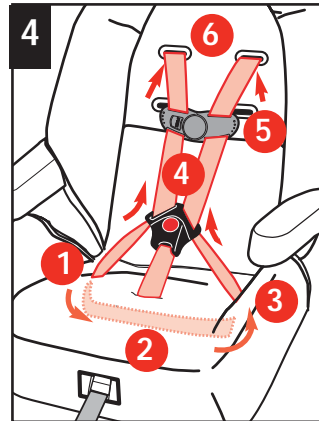


3 Pull up on buckle to make sure buckle's metal plate stops against the shell.

⚠ WARNING

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

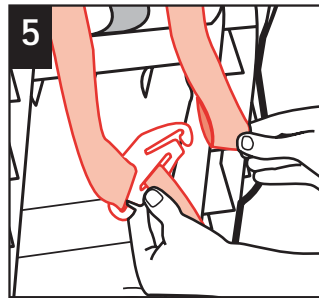
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4 Thread the harness down through slot on left side of shell (1), across bottom of shell (2) and up through slot on right side (3).

Thread one latch plate onto harness from back to front (4). Thread the harness retainer (5). Do the same to the other harness end. Make sure the harness is not twisted.

Push harness ends through upper slots in shell (6).



5 Fit loops on harness ends onto the splitter plate.

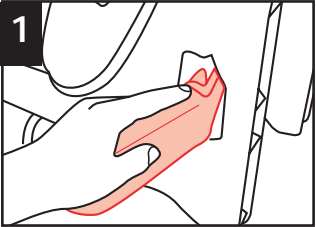
⚠ WARNING

Failure to reattach the harness correctly, can result in serious injury or death.

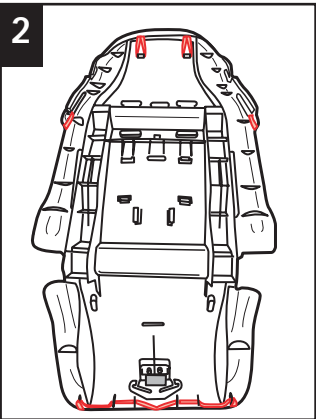
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Removing Seat Pad for Cleaning

⚠ WARNING
Do not use this child restraint without the seat pad. Failure to do this can result in serious injury.

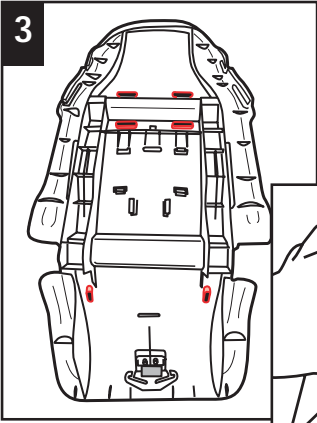


1 Remove harness as described in the "Belt-Positioning Booster" section.
 If your child restraint has armrests, pull armrest covers off armrests and pull through hole in back of shell.

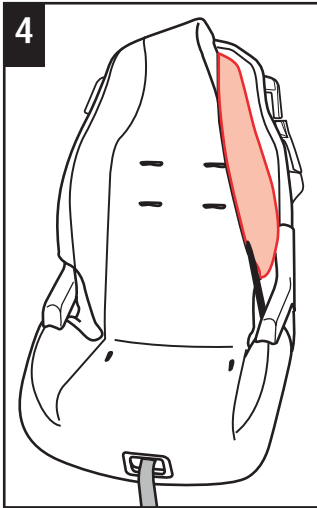
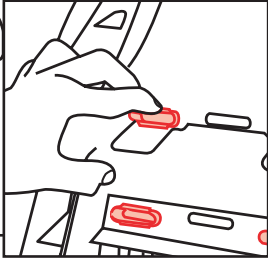


2 From underneath bottom of shell, release the elastic straps shown in red.

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3 Remove the 6 harness guides (shown in red) by pushing down on one edge with one hand and pulling out from the front side with the other.



4 Pull pad off shell.
 Clean with warm sudsy water, rinse clean and air dry. Do not use bleach or other harsh cleaners.

Replace seat pad by reversing order; lay pad on shell, replace all harness guides, turn shell over to expose the back, rehook elastic straps, and replace armrest covers. Rethread harness (see belt-positioning booster section).

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Trouble Shooting

✓1. If your child restraint is not held securely by the belt:

Press down firmly on the child restraint and remove all the slack in the belt. Make sure the belt buckle is not up against the child restraint where the belt cannot be tightened. Review Locking Clip section and Top Anchorage Strap Section. If you cannot secure the child restraint tightly, move it to another seating location.

✓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 buckle and harness release lever 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 or ropes:

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.

✓4. In belt-positioning mode, if your child restraint is not held securely by the vehicle belt:

Remove all the slack in the vehicle belt. Make sure the belt buckle is not up against the child restraint where the belt cannot be tightened. If you cannot secure the child restraint tightly, move it to another seating location.

✓5. In belt-positioning mode, if the shoulder belt crosses the child's neck when using the child restraint:

Try moving the child restraint toward the center of vehicle or move the vehicle seat forward or back. Check to see if your vehicle has adjustable shoulder belt anchor points. **Do Not** place the shoulder belt behind the child.

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Replacement Parts Order Form

Complete the form below. Your model number with color code and manufacture 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.

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Columbus, IN 47202-2609

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