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convertible car seat

rear facing 5-40 lbs (2.3-18 kg) and 19-40 in (48-101.6 cm)

forward facing 22-65 lbs (10.1-29 kg) and 29-49 in (73.6-125 cm)

and at least 1 year old

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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.


If you don’t have the card or if your address changes, you will find the model number and manufacture date on the label located on side of plastic shell.

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, 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:

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A-2 Registration and Safety Notices

Example of model number and manufacture date.

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A-3 Understanding Your Child Restraint

Front View

A. Adjustable Headrest
B. Headrest Adjustment Lever
   (on back of headrest)
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   (on select models)
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A. Before You Begin
**B. Safety Information**

### B-1 Vehicle Seating Position

- **⚠️ 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-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 car seat 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 bottom of the base there is an expiration date for use of this child restraint. 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) and 19-40 in. (48-101.6 cm)

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 at least 1 year old

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

Make these adjustments with your child in the child restraint before you install it in the vehicle.

1. Loosen Harness
Press 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 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 child restraint. This will allow the harness straps to be properly tightened.

5. Check Buckle Position
   Determine which of the three slots is closest to the child.

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
   Fully recline the child restraint and locate the buckle's metal retainer. To recline, see section C-5.

   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. Reach under seat and pull buckle's metal retainer **completely through pad and shell**.

Place Child in Child Restraint
Place the child's bottom and back flat against the child restraint. This will allow the harness straps to be properly tightened.

4. Check Buckle Position
Determine which of the three slots is closest to the child.

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

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Place the child's bottom and back flat against the child restraint. This will allow the harness straps to be properly tightened.

4. Check Buckle Position
Determine which of the three slots is closest to the child.

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
Fully recline the child restraint and locate the buckle's metal retainer. To recline, see section C-5.
f. 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 Harness/Headrest Height

With child in the child restraint, check the location of the harness slot.

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

8. To Adjust Harness/Headrest Height

Loosen harness straps. Squeeze the headrest adjustment lever and move headrest up or down to the proper height and lock into place.

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**Forward-Facing Position**

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

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

**Rear-Facing Position**

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

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

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WARNING:

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.

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-4 Removing Child From Child Restraint

1. Loosen Harness
   Press on harness release lever while pulling on harness straps above the buckle to loosen.

2. Release Chest Clip
   Press on release button and pull apart.

3. Unbuckle
   Press red button on buckle to release the buckle tongues. Move harness away and remove child.

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.
C-5 Redining Child Restraint

This child restraint has 4 recline positions:

**Rear Facing**
For children 5-22 lbs (2.3-10 kg), recline so that the bottom most recline level to ground line is level to the ground when installed.

For children 22-40 lbs (10.1 - 18 kg), rotate the restraint so the recline angle is between the 2 level to ground lines. Review installation sections.

**Forward Facing** - Use **4** upright position.

**To Recline**
From the back, pull out on handle to correct angle position.

C-6 Removing Seat Pad for Cleaning

1. **Remove Harness Strap from Splitter Plate**
   Fully loosen harness straps. Locate splitter plate on the back of the child restraint and unfasten the harness straps.

2. **Remove Harness Strap**
   (1) Pull harness strap through the slots from the front.
   (2) Unthread harness strap from the chest clip.
   (3) **Do not unbuckle the buckle.** Unthread harness strap from the buckle tongues.

3. **Remove Buckle**
   Fully recline the child restraint and locate the buckle's metal retainer.

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5. Remove Seat Pad
Slide the pad attachment tab down and out of the slot on both sides of the shell.

4. Adjust Headrest in the Middle of Seat Back

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

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

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b. Pull the harness straps out of the pad and then pull the pad out from behind the headrest.

a. Starting from the front, pull the pad off shell and around the cup holder.
Replacing Seat Pad and Harness System

1. Replace Headrest Pad
Starting from the bottom, slip the headrest pad on the headrest.

2. Replace Seat Pad
Starting from the top, slide the seat pad behind the headrest.

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**WARNING:**
Do not use child restraint without the seat pad.

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**Cleaning Seat Pad**

**Pad Care:**
Hand wash pad with warm sudsy water, rinse clean and air dry. Spot clean the harness straps and headrest. Do not use bleach or use other harsh cleaners. Do not dry clean.

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**WARNING:**
Do not use child restraint without the seat pad.

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DO NOT remove the Air Protect or G-Cell side foam protection systems.

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Gently pull the pad off the headrest by starting at the top and pull the pad down and off.

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b. Pull both harness straps through the lower harness slots.

c. From the front, push the harness adjustment strap up through the pad.

d. Fit the pad around the shell and tuck the pad under the cup holder.

e. Stretch pad over the side and reconnect the pad tab into the upper slot on both sides.

3. Install Buckle

Insert the buckle's metal retainer through the slot closest to child. Make sure that the buckle is facing out.

When using child restraint rear facing, you MUST use the 1st or 2nd buckle strap slots. Any slot can be used for forward facing.

a. With child restraint fully reclined, reach under seat between base and shell. Pull buckle's metal retainer completely through pad and shell.
Append Harness Straps to Splitter Plate

From the back of the child restraint, fit the harness strap loops onto the splitter plate. The sewn end of the harness strap loops MUST face towards you. DO NOT twist harness straps or harness tightening strap and make sure the harness straps are COMPLETELY ON the splitter plate.

Harness system must be reattached correctly. Failure to follow these steps can result in serious injury or death.

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

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

Thread Harness Straps

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

Thread left harness strap through the back of the left buckle tongue. Repeat for right harness strap.

Thread the chest clip from front to back as shown.

Push harness ends through upper harness slots at the same height. DO NOT twist harness straps.

WARNING:

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

C-8 Accessories On Select Models

Body Pillow

To remove the pillow, recline the child restraint and rotate the buckle’s metal retainer up through the shell, pad and pillow. Remove pillow. Replace the buckle. Pull up on the buckle to make sure it cannot be pulled out.
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.
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.

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.

D-3 Choosing LATCH or Vehicle Belts

LATCH Anchor Bars

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.

D. General Vehicle Installation

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.

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 vehicle 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.

• 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, in line 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.

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**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.

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**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

- [Diagram of LATCH Belt]
- [Diagram of Lap/Shoulder Belt]
- [Diagram of Lap Belt]

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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 one year old.

E-2 Preparing to Install LATCH Rear Facing

1. Unhook Pad from Side of Shell
   Slide the pad attachment tab down and out of the slot on both sides of the shell.

2. Pull Pad Off of Front of Shell

3. Routing LATCH Belt
   Insert the LATCH hook that has the adjuster closest to it through the rear-facing belt path.

4. Thread LATCH Across
   Reach under pad and pull the LATCH hook across the shell. LATCH belt MUST be under pad and in front of buckle strap.

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

5. Attach Pad to Shell
   Stretch pad over the side and reconnect the pad tab attachment into the upper slot on both sides.
   Make sure the belt is not twisted.
E-3 Installing Rear 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 lap or lap/shoulder belt.

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

Attach the top anchorage strap (tether) to the back of base when used rear facing.

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

1. **Fully Recline and Place Child Restraint in the Back Seat Rear Facing**
   - 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.

2. **Store Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)**
   - Attach the top anchorage strap (tether) to the back of base as shown.
   - Tighten tether to remove the slack.

3. **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.

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

Adjust child restraint if needed.

You may need to place large rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) (A) under the front of the child restraint to achieve the correct recline. Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the LATCH belt is tight.

Store Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)

Attach the top anchorage strap (tether) to the back of base as shown.

Tighten tether to remove the slack.

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

2. Store Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)

3. Hook LATCH to Vehicle LATCH Anchor

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4. Tighten LATCH Belt

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

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

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.

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 the 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.

Attach the top anchorage strap (tether) to the back of base when used rear facing.

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

NOTE: You may need to raise the headrest to thread the LATCH belt.

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

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.

3. Store Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)

Attach the top anchorage strap (tether) to the back of base as shown.

Tighten tether to remove the slack.

4. Thread Vehicle Belt

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

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

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5. Pull Latch Plate Across to Opposite Side

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

Do not place vehicle belt over child’s legs.

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 shoulder belt or lap belt adjuster to tighten.

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

With a switchable retractor, pull the 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.

E. Installing Rear Facing
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)

F-1

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 in (101.6 cm).

NOTE: We strongly recommend that you use the top anchorage strap (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 top anchorage strap (tether) can greatly improve the performance of this child restraint.

Storage of Top Anchorage Strap (tether):

When top anchorage strap (tether) is not in use, attach top anchorage strap’s hook to storage location as shown.
Tighten tether to remove the slack.

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Adjusting Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)

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

WARNING:
Never place a child less than 1 year old or weighing less than 22 lbs (10.1 kg) forward facing.
To Adjust Top Anchorage Strap (tether):

- **To tighten:** After the child restraint is locked into place with LATCH or vehicle belt, put knee in child restraint and push down. Pull on free end of top anchorage strap (tether).
- **To loosen:** Lift up on top anchorage lock and push lock toward top anchorage hook.

**NOTE:** Loosen or remove the top anchorage strap (tether) from the storage location when changing the recline position.

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**F-3 Preparing to Install LATCH Forward Facing**

**WARNING:**

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.

**1. Routing LATCH Belt**

Insert the LATCH hook that has the adjuster closest to it, through the forward-facing belt path.

**NOTE:** You may need to raise the headrest to thread the LATCH belt.

**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.

**NOTE:** Pull the LATCH belt out of the rear-facing belt path if you have used this child restraint rear facing.
**F-4 Installing Forward Facing**

**With LATCH**

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

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**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.

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**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 in (101.6 cm).

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1. **Place Child Restraint in the Back Seat Forward Facing**

Place child restraint flush against the vehicle seat back forward facing.

Only use the 1st recline position to install the child restraint flush against the back of the vehicle seat if needed.

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2. **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.

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3. **Tighten LATCH Belt**

Push down firmly while pulling 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.

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4. **Tighten Top Anchorage Strap**

Push firmly on the back of the seat and tighten top anchorage strap.

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.

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**F-5 Installing Forward Facing With Vehicle Belts**

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

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**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 in (101.6 cm).

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**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.

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**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.

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1. **Store LATCH**

**NOTE:** You may need to raise the headrest to thread the LATCH belt.
2. Place Child Restraint in Vehicle Forward Facing

Place child restraint flush against the vehicle seat back forward facing. Only use the 1st recline position to install the child restraint flush against the back of the vehicle seat if needed.

Installation Tip:
Loosely attach the tether hook before threading the vehicle belt. Consult vehicle owner’s manual for specific location.

3. 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.

4. Tighten Vehicle Belt
Push down firmly on the child restraint and pull on the shoulder belt or lap belt adjuster to tighten. It may be easier to tighten the belt through the belt path opening as shown. With a switchable retractor, pull the 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.

5. Tighten Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)
Push firmly on the back of the seat and tighten top anchorage strap.

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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.

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

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

With child restraint fully reclined, place child restraint in the back seat. Check for proper recline.

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.

**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.

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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 plastic 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 vehicle belt is tight.

2. Thread Vehicle Belt
Thread the vehicle lap/shoulder belt combination through the rear-facing belt slot.

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.

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. Locate 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 so you cannot grasp the vehicle belt at the latch plate, 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

Grasp the child restraint at the vehicle 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 inch, 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.

9. Check Vehicle Belt Tightness

Grasp the child restraint at the vehicle 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 inch, redo the steps 5 through 9 again or try another seating location.

Secure your child in the child restraint.

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**Trouble Shooting**

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **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.

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