

REAR-FACING CAR SEATS

Children should ride rear-facing until at least 2 years of age or until they outgrow their rear-facing car seat by height or weight.



Infant Car Seat

- This car seat offers convenience for placing the car seat in and out of the car.
- May have a base that stays in the vehicle.
 - Weight range is from 3-5 lbs. up to 30-35 lbs.



Convertible Car Seat

- This car seat remains in the vehicle and allows rear-facing to a higher weight limit.
- Often a transitional seat to maintain rear-facing until 2 years of age before the child transitions to forward-facing.

Why Rear-Facing?



Because it is safest!

- A rear-facing car seat spreads the crash forces across a child's body and the back of the car seat, cradling the head, neck, and back.
- The child's neck, head, and spine are protected rear-facing.

Harness Adjustment

- Tighten the harness, so it is snug with no slack.
- Chest clip placed at armpit level.
- Harness slots **AT or BELOW** child's shoulders.



Installation Tips



- Car seat does not move more than one-inch side-to-side or front-to-back.
- Car seat is at the recline angle specified by the car seat manufacturer.
- If using LATCH, the seat is in a vehicle seat position allowed by the vehicle manual and car seat instructions.
- The car seat is **NOT** in front of an air bag.



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FORWARD-FACING CAR SEATS



TYPES OF FORWARD-FACING CAR SEATS

Forward-Facing Convertible

- This car seat goes from rear-facing to forward-facing.
- Secure a child forward-facing once they have outgrown the rear-facing mode.

Combination Car Seat

- This car seat is used forward-facing with a five-point-harness.
- Once the child outgrows the harness, this car seat is used as a booster seat.

All-In-One-Seat

- This seat can be used:
 - Rear-facing,
 - Forward-facing,
 - and then as a booster seat.

Always read the car seat instructions guidelines including:

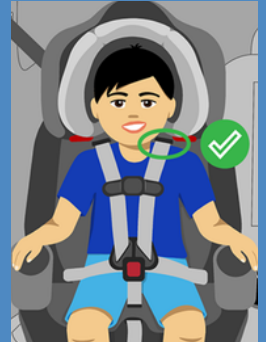
- Age,
- Weight and height limits, and
- Basic use.

Children should ride forward-facing when they are over 2 years of age **AND** have outgrown the weight or height limits of the rear-facing car seat.

Remain in the forward-facing harness until the highest height or weight allowed by the car seat.

Harness Adjustment

- Tighten the harness, so it is snug with no slack.
- Chest clip at armpit level.
- Harness slots **AT or ABOVE** child's shoulders.

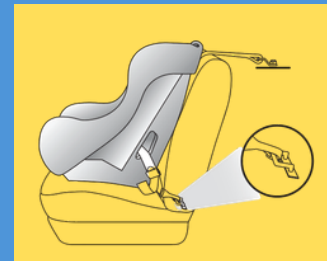


Tether Use

- The tether limits the forward movement of the child in a crash.



- Use the tether with seat belt or lower anchors.
- Follow vehicle manual instructions to locate tether anchors.



Installation Tips



- The car seat is in tight and does not move more than one-inch from side-to-side or front-to-back.
- If using lower anchors, the child is within the weight allowed by the car seat manufacturer.
- The child's head is within the car seat's shell.



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BOOSTER SEATS

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- A booster seat raises a child up so the seat belt fits.
- Always use the lap and shoulder belt to secure the child.



TYPES OF BOOSTER SEATS

HIGH BACK

- Supports the child's head, neck, and spine and provides side impact protection.
- May ease the transition from a car seat with a harness to a booster seat.



BACKLESS BOOSTER

- Position the vehicle head restraint behind the child's head.
- Often used for older children before they transition to a seat belt.

Children ride in booster seats once they outgrow the weight or height limits of the forward-facing car seat and are at least 4 years of age and older.

Why use a booster seat?

- Booster seats lower the risk of injury by 45% among children ages 4 to 8 years old when compared to a seat belt.



- Seat belts are designed for adults.
- Booster seats position a child so the vehicle seat belt fits correctly over the child's body.



Seat Belt Adjustment



- Shoulder belt lays across the center of the chest.
- Lap belt lays across the upper thighs.
 - Never across the stomach.
- Child sits without slouching.
- Requires a lap AND shoulder belt.



Installation Tips

- Children under 13 years of age ride in the back seat.
- Always follow the car seat's weight and height requirements.
- Never leave a child alone in the car.



**UNDER 13
YEARS OLD?**
ALWAYS SIT IN BACK SEAT.



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SEAT BELT READINESS GUIDE

MOVING FROM A BOOSTER SEAT TO A SEAT BELT

Must say YES to ALL FIVE.

1



Child's back is against the vehicle seat.

- No slouching



2



Knees bend at the front edge of the vehicle seat & feet are on the floor.

3



Shoulder belt lays across the center of the shoulder and the center of the chest.

- Not across the neck or arm



4



Lap belt lays across the upper thighs.

- Never across the stomach

5



Child can remain in the correctly seated position for the entire trip.