

# CAR SEAT SELECTION GUIDE



## WHAT IS THE CHILD'S AGE?

**2 YEARS AND UNDER**

**2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS**

**4 YEARS TO 8 YEARS**

**8 YEARS AND UP**

**Rear-Facing** Only Infant Car Seat with a Base for children within the weight and height limits of the car seat.

**OR**

Convertible Car Seat in the **Rear-Facing** position for children within the weight and height limits for rear-facing.

**READ** the labels and instructions for **Rear-Facing**.

Convertible Car Seat use **Rear-Facing** if a child is within the Rear-Facing weight and height limits and allowed by the car seat manufacturer.

**OR**

Read the labels and instructions for the **Forward-Facing** height and weight.

**OR**

Combination or All-in-One Car Seat **Forward-Facing** with a five-point harness. Use to the maximum height or weight allowed by the manufacturer.

**READ** the labels and instructions for **Forward-Facing**.

Continue using the five-point harness **Forward-Facing** if the child is within the height and weight limits and allowed by the car seat manufacturer.

**OR**

**Highback Booster** with the lap and shoulder belt.

**OR**

**Backless Booster** with the lap and shoulder belt.

**READ** labels and instructions for the booster seat age, weight and height requirements.

Continue using the **Booster Seat** if child is within the height and weight limits and allowed by the car seat manufacturer.

**OR**

Buckle the child with a **Lap and Shoulder Seat Belt** and position the vehicle head restraint behind the child's head.

Typically when the child can sit with their:

- Back against the vehicle seat without slouching,
- Knees bent over the front edge of the vehicle seat, and
- Feet flat on the floor.



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# CAR SEAT HARNESS AND SEAT BELT FIT GUIDE

**READ THE MANUALS**  
KEEP YOUR CAR SEAT AND VEHICLE MANUALS HANDY TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH INSTALLATION



Always read and follow the car seat instructions and vehicle manual to correctly position and fit the harness or seat belt on the child. The car seat harness and seat belts are designed to:

- Keep the child in the vehicle during a crash.
- Contact the strongest parts of the child's body.
- Manage the crash forces when correctly positioned
- Protect the head, brain, neck, and spinal cord.

## REAR-FACING

## FORWARD-FACING

## BOOSTER SEAT

## SEAT BELT

### Car Seat Harness Rear-Facing

Secure the harness **At or Below** the child's shoulders to better secure the child from sliding upwards.



### Car Seat Harness Forward-Facing

Secure the harness **At or Above** the child's shoulders to better secure the child from moving forward.



### Booster Seat with the vehicle lap and shoulder seat belt.

Adjust the **vehicle head restraint** so the shoulder belt guide is at or slightly above the top of the child's shoulder.



### Lap and Shoulder Seat Belt

Adjust the **vehicle head restraint height** behind and close to the child's head.



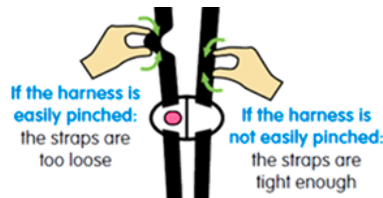
The **shoulder belt** is placed across in contact with the **center of the chest and shoulder**.

The **lap belt** is positioned **low and snug across the child's hips**.

### Tighten the Car Seat Harness

The car seat harness fits **snugly** at the shoulders and hips and passes the **"Pinch Test"**.

- Pinch the harness at the shoulder. You should not be able to pinch the webbing between your fingers.



Place the **chest clip** at the child's **armpit level**.

The **shoulder belt** is placed across in contact with the **center of the chest and shoulder**.

The **lap belt** is positioned **low and snug across the child's hips**.

### Best Practice

All children under 13 years old should ride in the back seat.

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