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INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

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WARNING

DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur:

- Use only in a rear-facing position when using restraint with an infant weighing less than 20 pounds (9 kg). The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends rear-facing until at least 1 year of age and 20 pounds.
- Use only with children whose weight is between 5 and 65 pounds (2.3 and 29 kg) and whose height is 49 inches (124 cm) or less. Rear-facing 5–33 pounds (2.3–15 kg) and forward-facing maximum 65 pounds (29 kg). (Upper weight limits refer to casted weight)
- Snugly adjust the belts provided with this child restraint around your child. 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.
- Secure the top anchorage strap provided with this child restraint.
- Secure this child restraint with the vehicle's child restraint anchorage system if available or with a vehicle belt.
- Follow all instructions on this child restraint and in the written instructions located on lanyard, under cover in front of seat.
- Register your child restraint with the manufacturer.
- Use vehicle belt (not LATCH hooks) for installations with children weighing more than 48 pounds (21 kg). Refer to the vehicle owner's manual or contact the vehicle manufacturer for the maximum weight rating for their LATCH anchors. Unless specified otherwise by the vehicle manufacturer, assume a 48-pound child is the vehicle LATCH anchor limit.
- For casted children, caregivers should consult with a medical professional for proper positioning.

- This child restraint must not be used in the home, in boats, or other non-certified applications.
- Based on crash statistics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends that parents select the rear seat as the safest location for a properly installed child restraint. Please study the section on Vehicle Safety Belts in this booklet to ensure the child's safety. If in doubt about installing the child restraint, consult the vehicle owner's manual.
- Secure this child restraint even when it is not occupied. In a crash, an unsecured child restraint may injure vehicle occupants.
- When using in vehicle with air bags, refer to the vehicle owner's manual for child restraint installation instructions and precautions.
- Restraint must be in the full upright position when installed in forward-facing mode with children over 33 pounds* (15 kg).
- Never use the adjuster strap to lift or carry this child restraint. Doing so could cause damage to the harness adjuster and webbing. Always carry this child restraint by the shell or tether strap.
- The primary protection for occupants of a vehicle in a collision is the structure of the vehicle itself; a child restraint will not protect a child when the vehicle is seriously impacted. However, correctly installed, a child restraint will substantially improve the chances for survival in most crashes. Make sure that all users fully understand the correct ways to use this child restraint in a vehicle.
- Discontinue use of a child restraint that is older than six years or has been in a severe crash to prevent injury due to deterioration or hidden damage.

* Casted Weight

- This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). **This restraint is certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft.**
- Visit BritaxUSA.com to register your restraint online!

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address, and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to:

Britax Child Safety, Inc.
13501 South Ridge Drive
Charlotte, NC 28273

Or call 1-888-427-4829.

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Weight Range

Rear-Facing

Weight 5 – 33 pounds (2.3 – 15 kg). (Upper weight limit refers to casted weight)

Forward-Facing

Weight 20 pounds (and 1 year) – 65 pounds (9 – 29 kg). (Upper weight limit refers to casted weight)

Maximum Height

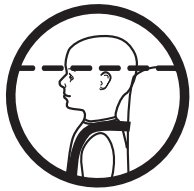
Rear-Facing

The child is too tall when the top of the head is 1 inch from the top of the restraint.

Forward-Facing

The child is too tall when the tops of ears are above the top of the restraint or height exceeds 49 inches (124 cm).

Rear-Facing


Forward-Facing

IMPORTANT

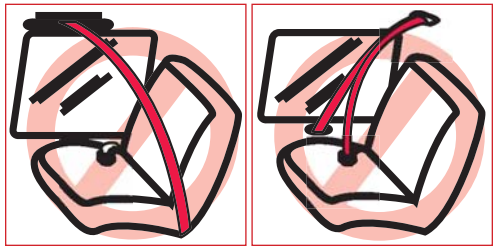
- Verify that the child restraint is secure and that the harness is properly adjusted around the child each time the child restraint is used.
- Adjust the harness to fit the clothes the child is wearing. The fit for a child in winter clothes will differ from a child in summer clothes.
- Cover the restraint when the vehicle is parked in direct sunlight. Parts of the child restraint could become hot enough to burn the child.
- Store the child restraint in a safe place when it is not being used. Avoid placing heavy objects on top of it.
- Do not leave children alone in a vehicle, even for a short time.
- Do not, except as described in this booklet, attempt to disassemble any part of the child restraint or change the way its harness or the vehicle restraint belts are used.
- Do not leave loose objects, e.g. books, bags, etc., in the back of a vehicle. In the event of a sudden stop, loose objects will keep moving, potentially causing serious injuries.
- Do not leave folding vehicle seats unlatched. In the event of a sudden stop, a loose seat back could prevent the child restraint from protecting the child as well as it should.
- Do not allow children to play with the child restraint.
- Do not use anything to raise the restraint off the vehicle seat. In a crash, it could slide and may not protect the child as well as it should.

Safety Belts

NOTE: The information in this section applies only to installation with vehicle belts.

IMPORTANT: Vehicle seats and safety belts differ from vehicle to vehicle. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for specific information about the vehicle safety belts and their use with child restraints. Some vehicles have no seating positions which are compatible with this child restraint, or any other child restraint. If in doubt, contact the vehicle manufacturer for assistance. The following types of vehicle belts are not compatible with this child restraint:

- Front vehicle belts with top or bottom anchorage points in the door.
- Motor-driven automatic vehicle belts.
- Lap-shoulder belts that have separate retractors for the shoulder section and the lap section in which the lap section retractor does not lock without the use of a belt shortening clip.
- Lap belt Emergency Locking Retractor (ELR) vehicle belts without the use of a belt shortening clip.

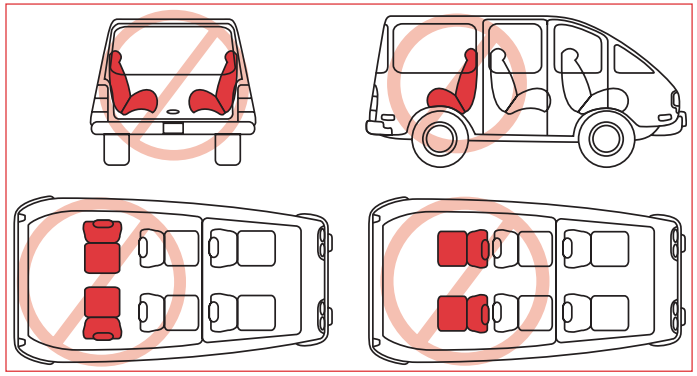


The owner's manual for your vehicle will have information on the types of vehicle belts in your vehicle. If your belt type is listed on the previous page, select another seating position or use Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH) installation.

This child restraint can fit securely in most vehicles using the existing vehicle belts. Due to the position of the vehicle belt lower anchorage points, some vehicle designs prevent a secure fit of the child restraint.

Seating Positions

WARNING: Forward facing vehicle seats MUST be used with this child restraint. Side facing or rear facing seats CANNOT be used.



WARNING! Do not place a child restraint in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag. DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur. The back seat is the safest place for children under 12.

1 Harness Slots
2 Comfort Pads
3 Chest Clip
4 HUGS™ Shoulder Pads
5 Harness Straps
6 Harness Adjuster Lever (Under Cover)
7 Buckle & Belly Pad
8 Perma-Book® (Under Cover)
9 Rear-Facing Lock-Offs
10 Recline Handle
11 LATCH Adjuster
12 LATCH Hooks
13 Harness Adjuster Strap
14 LATCH Harness
15 Wedge Positioning System (optional)

16 Cover
17 Versa-Tether® Pouch
18 Forward-Facing Lock-off
19 Pouch for LATCH Hooks (Under Cover)
20 Harness Yoke
21 Elastic Harness Holder
22 LATCH Bar
23 Base

Recline Adjustment

Pull the recline handle, then tilt the restraint shell into the desired position. Release the recline handle, then verify that the child restraint has locked into position.

- It may be necessary to loosen the tether and vehicle seat belt before adjusting the recline position.

Recline & Positioning Criteria

Restraint Orientation	Recline Position	Casted Child Weight
Rear-Facing	Must be reclined	Max. 33 pounds (15 kg)
Forward-Facing	Reclined	Max. 33 pounds (15 kg)
Forward-Facing	Must be upright	34-65 pounds (15.5- 29 kg)

- ALWAYS USE THE VERSA-TETHER FOR CHILDREN WEIGHING MORE THAN 40 POUNDS (18 kg) (Casted weight).

Britax recommends that the tether be used forward facing. Using the tether will improve the stability of your child restraint and reduce hte risk of injury.

Rear-Facing: LATCH Installation

- Figure A illustrates a typical rear-facing LATCH installation.

1 Verify that your vehicle is equipped with LATCH anchors.

- If LATCH anchors are not installed, you must use standard vehicle belt installation methods.

2 If stored, remove LATCH hooks from storage pouches under cover.

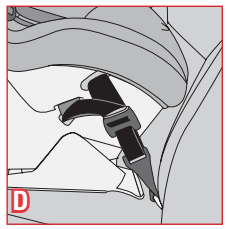
3 Press and hold the LATCH adjuster release button, then pull to lengthen each LATCH harness to full length.

4 Fully recline the restraint and place it sideways on the vehicle seat, with the front facing toward you.

5 Verify that the LATCH harness is not twisted, then attach the farthest hook to LATCH anchor (Fig. B).

6 Rotate seat into rear-facing position.

7 Verify that the LATCH harness is not twisted, then attach the closest hook to LATCH anchor (Fig. C & D).



8 Push the child restraint firmly into the vehicle seat while pulling each LATCH harness tight (Fig. D).

9 Verify that the LATCH harness is tight and the child restraint is secure. A secure restraint should allow no more than 1 inch of side-to-side or forward movement at the belt path.

IMPORTANT: When correctly reclined, the red line on the shell will be level with the ground, and the back angle of the child restraint should be approximately 45° from vertical. If there is a problem achieving the proper angle, place a rolled towel under the front of the base to help level the restraint.

WARNING: Do not raise the base beyond horizontal or off of the vehicle seat; doing so will reduce the protection for the child.

Removal

- Release each LATCH harness from the LATCH anchor by depressing the hook release and disengaging the hook from the LATCH anchor.
- When not in use, always store the LATCH hooks in storage pouches sewn in cover above rear-facing lock-offs.

Rear-Facing: Lap-Shoulder Belt Installation

- Figure A illustrates a typical rear-facing lap-shoulder belt installation.
- When not in use, always store the LATCH hooks in storage pouches sewn in cover above rear-facing lock-offs.

1 Place the child restraint rear-facing and in full recline position on the vehicle seat.

2 Open rear-facing lock-off farthest from where the vehicle belt will be buckled.

3 Pull the vehicle belt out, then pass it through the first rear-facing belt slot (Fig. B).

- The vehicle belt can be routed over or under the cover.

4 Route vehicle belt behind and under the buckle strap, then through the opposite side rear-facing belt slot (Fig. C).

5 Verify that the vehicle belt is not twisted, then buckle (Fig. D).

6 Push the restraint firmly into the seat while removing slack from the lap portion of the vehicle belt, then the shoulder portion.

7 Position both sections of vehicle belt through the rear-facing lock-off farthest from vehicle buckle, then close lock-off arm (Fig. E).

- Lock-off is properly closed when a positive click is heard.
- To prevent breakage, never bend the lock-off arm up or down.

8 Verify that the vehicle belt is tight and the child restraint is secure. A secure restraint should allow no more than 1 inch of side-to-side or forward movement at the belt path.

IMPORTANT: When correctly reclined, the red line on the shell will be level with the ground, and the back angle of the child restraint should be approximately 45° from vertical. If there is a problem achieving the proper angle, place a rolled towel under the front of the base to help level the restraint.

WARNING: Do not raise the base beyond horizontal or off of the vehicle seat; doing so will reduce the protection for the child.

Removal

Reverse the above directions.

Rear-Facing: Lap Belt Installation

- Figure A illustrates a typical rear-facing lap belt installation.
- When not in use, always store the LATCH hooks in storage pouches sewn in cover above rear-facing lock-offs.

1 Place the child restraint rear-facing and in full recline position on the vehicle seat.

2 Open rear-facing lock-off farthest from where the vehicle belt will be buckled.

3 Pull the vehicle belt out, then pass it through the closest rear-facing belt slot (Fig. B).

- The vehicle belt can be routed over or under the restraint cover.

4 Route vehicle belt behind and under the buckle strap, then through the opposite rear-facing belt slot (Fig. C).

5 Verify that the vehicle belt is not twisted, then buckle (Fig. D).

6 Push the restraint firmly into the vehicle seat while removing slack from the vehicle belt.

7 Position the vehicle belt through the rear-facing lock-off farthest from the vehicle buckle, then close lock-off arm (Fig. E).

- Lock-off is properly closed when a positive click is heard.
- To prevent breakage, never bend the lock-off arm up or down.

8 Verify that the vehicle belt is tight and the child restraint is secure. A secure restraint should allow no more than 1 inch of side-to-side or forward movement at the belt path.

IMPORTANT: When correctly reclined, the red line on the shell will be level with the ground, and the back angle of the child restraint should be approximately 45° from vertical. If there is a problem achieving the proper angle, place a rolled towel under the front of the base to help level the restraint.

WARNING: Do not raise the base beyond horizontal or off of the vehicle seat; doing so will reduce the protection for the child.

Removal

Reverse the above directions.

Forward-Facing: LATCH Installation

- Figure A illustrates the forward-facing LATCH installation.

1 Verify that your vehicle is equipped with LATCH anchors.

- If LATCH anchors are not installed, you must use standard vehicle belt installation methods.

2 If stored, remove LATCH hooks from storage pouches under cover and Versa-Tether® from pouch on rear of cover.

3 Press and hold the LATCH adjuster release button, then pull to lengthen each LATCH harness to full length.

4 Place the restraint sideways on the vehicle seat, with the back facing toward you.

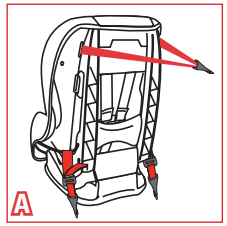
- Restraint must be in the full upright position when installed in forward-facing mode with children over 33 pounds* (15kg).

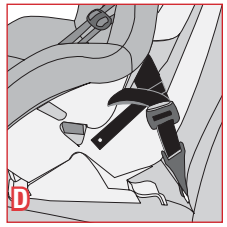
5 Verify that LATCH harness is not twisted, then loosely attach the farthest hook to LATCH anchor (Fig. B).

6 Rotate seat into forward-facing position.

7 Verify that LATCH harness is not twisted, then loosely attach the closest hook to LATCH anchor (Fig. C & D).

* Casted Weight





8 Install Versa-Tether® as instructed on page 26–27.
9 Push the restraint firmly into vehicle seat while pulling each LATCH harness tight (Fig. D).
10 Verify that the LATCH harness is tight and the child restraint is secure. A secure restraint should allow no more than 1 inch of side-to-side or forward movement at the belt path.

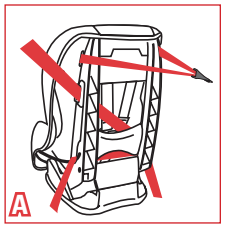
WARNING: Use vehicle belt (not LATCH hooks) for installations with children whose casted weight is more than 48 pounds (21 kg). Refer to the vehicle owner's manual or contact the vehicle manufacturer for the maximum weight rating for their LATCH anchors. Unless specified otherwise by the vehicle manufacturer, assume a 48-pound (21 kg) child is the vehicle LATCH anchor limit.

WARNING: **The Versa-Tether® must be used after 40 pounds (casted weight).**

Removal

- Release each LATCH harness from the LATCH anchor by depressing the hook release and disengaging the hook from the LATCH anchor.
- Disconnect the Versa-Tether from the tether anchor.
- When not in use, always store the LATCH hooks in storage pouches sewn in cover above rear-facing lock-offs.

Forward-Facing: Lap-Shoulder Belt Installation



- Figure A illustrates the forward-facing lap-shoulder vehicle belt installation.
- When not in use, always store the LATCH hooks in storage pouches sewn in cover above rear-facing lock-offs.

1 Place the child restraint forward-facing on the vehicle seat.

- If child's weight is over 40 pounds* (18 kg), Versa-Tether must be used. Install Versa-Tether as instructed on page 26–27.

2 Pull the vehicle belt out, then pass it over the LATCH bar, through the forward-facing belt path, then over the LATCH bar on the other side (Fig. B).
3 Verify that the vehicle belt is not twisted, then buckle (Fig. C).
4 Rotate the forward-facing lock-off down to open.

- Only use lock-off farthest from where the vehicle belt is buckled.

5 Remove slack from the lap portion of the vehicle belt.

* Casted Weight

6 Push the restraint firmly into the vehicle seat while pulling the shoulder portion of the vehicle belt tightly through the lock-off to remove slack (Fig. D).

7 Hold the shoulder belt tight, then rotate the lock-off upward until it clicks in place (Fig. E).

- Lock-off is not engaged and vehicle belt is not secured until a click is heard.

8 Verify that the vehicle belt is tight and the child restraint is secure. A secure restraint should allow no more than 1 inch of side-to-side or forward movement at the belt path.

- See *Checking Buckle Position* on page 28.
- Installation can be improved by the use of the Versa-Tether® (see pages 26–27).

- **ALWAYS USE THE VERSA-TETHER® FOR CHILDREN WEIGHING MORE THAN 40 POUNDS (18 kg) (CASTED WEIGHT).**

Removal

Reverse the above directions.

Forward-Facing: Lap Belt Installation

- Figure A illustrates the forward-facing lap belt only vehicle belt installation.
- When not in use, always store the LATCH hooks in storage pouches sewn in cover above rear-facing lock-offs.

1 Place the child restraint forward-facing on the vehicle seat. (See Recline table on page 14).

- Restraint must be in the full upright position when installed in forward-facing mode with children over 33 pounds* (15kg)

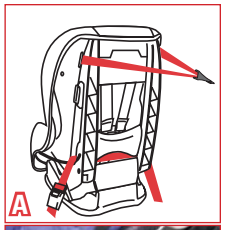
2 Pull the vehicle belt out, then pass it under (Fig. B) the LATCH bar, through the forward-facing belt path, then under the LATCH bar on the other side (Fig. C).

3 Verify that the vehicle belt is not twisted, then buckle.

4 Push the restraint firmly into the vehicle seat while removing slack from the vehicle belt.

5 Verify that the vehicle belt is tight and the child restraint is secure. A secure restraint should allow no more than 1 inch of side-to-side or forward movement at the belt path.

- See *Checking Buckle Position* on page 28.
- Installation can be improved by the use of the Versa-Tether® (see pages 26–27).



WARNING:

- **ALWAYS USE THE VERSA-TETHER® FOR CHILDREN WEIGHING MORE THAN 40 POUNDS (18 kg) (CASTED WEIGHT).**
- Britax recommends that the tether be used forward-facing. Using the tether will improve the stability of the child restraint and reduce the risk of injury.
- When using the restraint in forward-facing mode, attach the Versa-Tether only to tether anchors identified by the vehicle manufacturer as tether anchorage points. Use of other locations is not approved or permitted.
- If the vehicle does not currently have a tether anchor attachment, refer to the vehicle owner's manual or contact the vehicle manufacturer for assistance.
- If a tether anchorage is not available, do not modify the vehicle without advice from the vehicle manufacturer.
- Do not hook the Versa-Tether to the bottom of a vehicle seat adjuster!

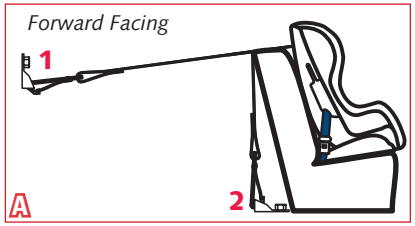
*** Casted Weight**

Using the Versa-Tether

1 Once the child restraint is secure, locate the tether on the rear of the restraint.
2 Press and hold the tether adjuster release button, then pull to extend tether strap into a V-shape.
3 Locate the hook on the strap.
4 Hook the tether to an anchor point.
   - See Figure A for forward-facing installation.
   - Vehicle anchor point locations in vehicles vary. Consult your vehicle owner's manual to identify locations.
5 Pull the tether adjuster strap to remove all slack.
6 Verify that there is tension in the tether strap and that child restraint is properly secured.

Removal

Loosen, then release the tether hook.

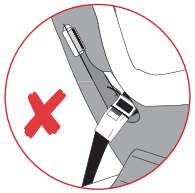


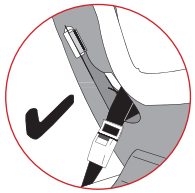
Checking Buckle Position

WARNING: The position of the vehicle belt buckle can affect the stability of the child restraint. In a crash, an improperly positioned buckle could become loose and the child would be unprotected.

If the buckle lies near the position marked as wrong (✘) when the vehicle belt is tightened, try fitting the child restraint in another seating position in the vehicle.

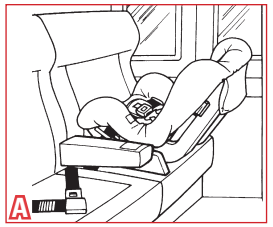
If it is not possible to achieve the correct position (✔) for the buckle, then another seating position MUST be used.



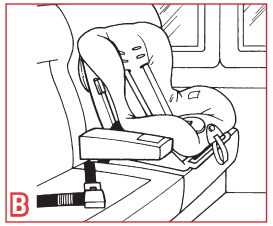


Aircraft Installation

This child restraint is certified for aircraft use. Most airlines in the U.S. and Canada will allow the use of a child restraint if it is labeled as an approved child restraint for airline use and fits properly in the aircraft seat. Contact the airline about their policy prior to traveling.



- Place the child restraint next to a window to avoid blocking the aisle.
- If the aircraft lap belt is too short, ask the flight attendant for a Belt Extender.



Rear-Facing Installation

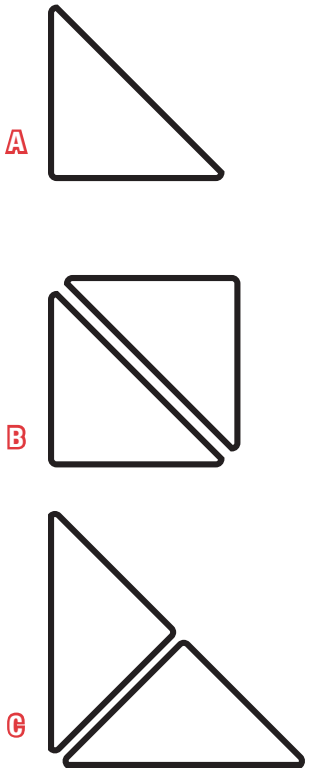
For rear-facing aircraft installation (Fig. A), follow instructions on pages 19–20.

Forward-Facing Installation

For forward-facing aircraft installation (Fig. B), follow instructions on page 25.

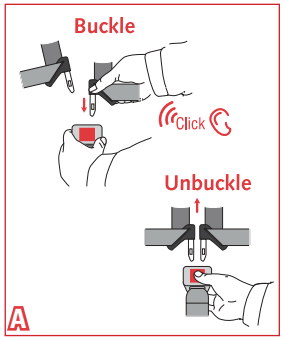
Wedge Positioning System

A wedge positioning system has been provided to assist in achieving a snug fit. Consult a medical professional for proper use. See illustrations for profile view of possible configurations.



Fastening the Buckle

- Hold the buckle with one hand.
- Use the other hand to insert one tongue at a time into the buckle. Proper connection is confirmed with a positive click after inserting the second buckle tongue (Fig. A).



Releasing the Buckle

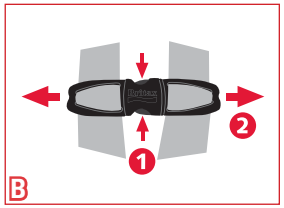
- Brace the rear of the buckle with hand.
- Press release button until tongues are released from buckle.

IMPORTANT: Periodically clean the buckle to ensure proper operation. See section, Cleaning the Buckle, on page 39.

Fastening the Chest Clip

Fasten the chest clip by pushing the two halves together until a positive click is heard.

IMPORTANT: The correct height for the chest clip is at the middle of the chest, level with the armpit.

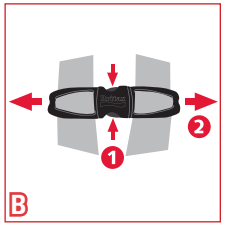


Releasing the Chest Clip

Release the chest clip by squeezing the middle tabs, then pull the two pieces apart (Fig. B).

Securing the Harness

1 Loosen the harness by lifting the adjuster lever located in front of the restraint, then pull the shoulder straps forward (Fig. A).
2 Unfasten the chest clip by squeezing the middle tabs (Fig. B).
3 Unfasten the buckle by pressing the release button.
4 Move the harness straps to the side of the restraint.
   - Use the elastic harness holder located on sides of the cover to aid in holding the straps.
5 Place child in the restraint.
6 Position the harness straps around the child and fasten the child restraint buckle (Fig. C) and chest clip (Fig. D).
   - Proper connection of the buckle is confirmed with a positive click after inserting the second buckle tongue.



7 Gently pull up on the harness straps to tighten the lap section of the harness, which should fit low on the child's body.
8 Slowly pull the adjuster strap to tighten the harness around the child (Fig. E).

IMPORTANT: Snugly adjust the belts provided with this child restraint around your child. 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. For casted children, caregivers should consult with a medical professional for proper positioning.

9 Position the chest clip at the middle of the child's chest, level with the child's armpit (Fig. F).
10 Verify that harness is not twisted and child is properly secured.
11 See *Checking Harness Height* on page 34.

IMPORTANT:

- Always pull on the harness after securing the child to make sure the buckle and harness are locked. If not, the buckle or adjuster area may be clogged with food, drink, or objects that need to be removed. See page 39 for cleaning instructions.
- Always make sure that the harness is tight before each use, or after any adjustments.

Checking Harness Height:

1 Place child in restraint, then secure harness (see pages 32–33).
2 Observe where the shoulder harness is positioned on the child.
   - Rear-Facing Strap Height: Harness straps should be located in the nearest slot at or below the child's shoulder.
   - Forward-Facing Strap Height: Harness straps should be located in the nearest slot at or above the child's shoulder.
3 If harness height is okay, continue using child restraint without adjustment. If harness height requires adjustment, refer to *Harness Height Adjustment* on page 35.

IMPORTANT: Once the top slots become necessary, the child may continue to use the restraint forward-facing until the top of the ears become level with the top of the restraint shell or child's weight exceeds 65 pounds* (29 kg).

* Casted Weight

Harness Height Adjustment

1 Loosen the harness by lifting the harness adjuster lever while pulling the harness straps forward as far as possible (Fig. A).
2 From the rear of the child restraint, unhook the shoulder harness from the yoke (Fig. B).
3 Pull straps through the shell and cover, to the front of the restraint.

NOTE: Do not remove HUGS pads for forward-facing use. Removal of HUGS is optional for rear-facing use only.

4 Thread the harness straps through the appropriate harness height slots (Fig. C).
5 Reattach harness straps to the yoke (Fig. B).
6 Pull harness adjuster strap to tighten the harness.
7 Verify that both harness straps are threaded at the same height and are not twisted.

Cover Removal

1 Loosen the harness by lifting the harness adjuster lever while pulling the harness straps forward as far as possible.
2 Unhook the shoulder straps from the yoke on the rear of child restraint.
3 Remove the buckle (see page 38) and remove the belly pad from the buckle.
4 Pull upper harness straps through the shell and cover to the front of the restraint.
5 Gently remove the upper portion of the cover. Be careful not to damage the energy absorbing foam.
6 Pull the lower harness straps, buckle tongues, chest clip, and buckle through the slots in the cover.

WARNING:

- Do not take apart or attempt to take apart the harness. It is unnecessary and dangerous to do so.
- Never remove the buckle tongues from the harness. They cannot be reattached after removal.

7 Remove the entire cover from the restraint.

Refitting the Cover

To refit the cover, reverse *Cover Removal* directions. Make sure that the harness straps are threaded through the chest clip properly and that the harness is not twisted.

Cleaning the Cover

Care Symbols

HAND WASH, using cold water and mild soap.

LINE DRY, to prevent cover from shrinking.

Do not: Bleach, machine wash, machine dry, iron or disassemble the harness.

Cleaning the Shell & Seat Pan

REMOVE seat pan (Fig. A).

SPONGE CLEAN, using warm water and mild soap.

TOWEL DRY.

Do not: Use solvents, abrasive cleaners or disassemble the harness.

Cleaning the Harness

SPONGE CLEAN, using warm water and mild soap.

TOWEL DRY.

Do not: Bleach, machine wash, machine dry or disassemble the harness.

Cleaning the Harness Adjuster

Periodically check the adjuster area to be sure it is clean and free of food, coins, dirt, and other objects. If debris is present, it must be removed to prevent interference with the adjuster mechanism.

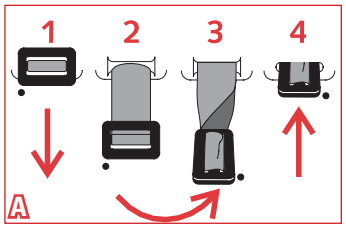
BRUSH AWAY LOOSE DEBRIS, using a soft bristled brush.

SPONGE CLEAN, using warm water and mild soap.

TOWEL DRY.

Do not: Use solvents, abrasive cleaners, or disassemble the harness.

Buckle Removal



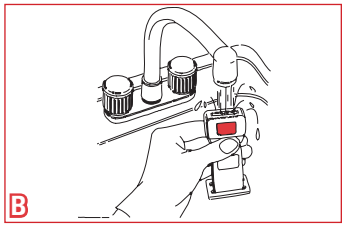
1 Fully recline the child restraint.
2 Locate the metal buckle strap retainer on bottom of the restraint.
3 Pull retainer away from child restraint to loosen.
4 Turn the retainer so that the short side will go through the slot in the restraint shell (Fig. A).
5 Push the retainer through slots in the shell and cover to the front of the restraint.

Rethreading the Buckle

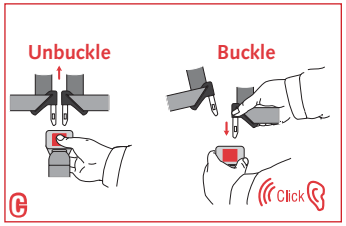
1 Locate the buckle slot.
2 Turn the buckle retainer so that the short side will go through the slot in the cover and restraint shell (Fig. A).
3 Pull buckle away from restraint until tight, then verify that the strap is not twisted and the release button is facing outward.

Cleaning the Buckle

If a child eats and drinks while in the restraint, the buckle may need to be periodically checked and cleaned of any accumulated debris or dried liquids.



1 THOROUGHLY RINSE, using warm water (Fig. B).
2 SOAK, overnight if possible, using warm water to loosen hardened drinks or food.
3 TEST THE BUCKLE, by fastening and unfastening until a positive click is heard after inserting the second buckle tongue (Fig. C). If click is not heard, repeat cleaning procedure.
4 TOWEL DRY.
5 ***DO NOT:*** Lubricate, use solvents, abrasive cleaners, soap or household detergents.



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Snug Seat, Inc.
PO Box 1739
Matthews, NC 28106

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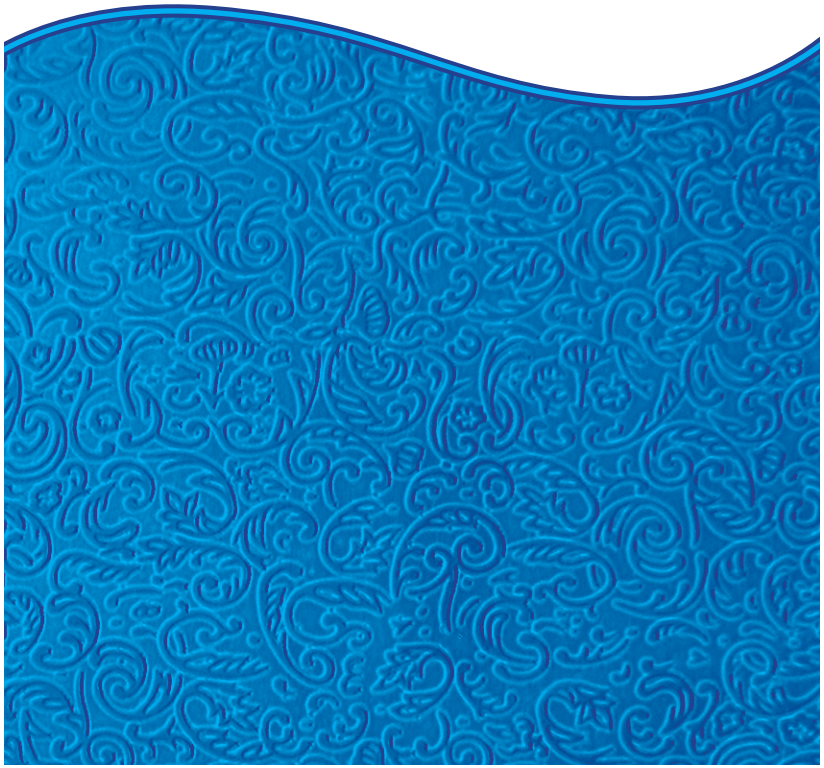
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