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Thank you for choosing this child restraint. The DJG family is committed to creating child restraints 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, when combined with careful driving, proper use of a child restraint can lower a child's risk of injury or death in most crashes.

If you still have questions or have any concerns with this child restraint, please contact our Consumer Care Department:

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EverFit ARB with Comfort Cool

3-in-1 Car Seat



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



Overview

Welcome to the Safety 1st family and thank you for choosing this car seat, also known as a child restraint!

To help you get started using your child's new car seat, here are the 4 main tasks you'll need to complete.



Measure Your Child



Adjust the Car Seat to Fit Your Child



Install the Car Seat into Your Vehicle



Secure Your Child in the Car Seat

Your child's safety is worth the time it will take to read and follow these instructions.

Ready? Let's go!

Pages 1-5 will introduce you to the parts of the car seat.

Page 79 has our contact information. If at any point you would like assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.



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*See pages 3-5 for Accessory Use.



Accessory Use





For Use in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing Mode

Harness Covers

Harness covers help provide comfort to the neck.

If the harness covers will not allow proper positioning of the chest clip or interfere with getting a tight enough harness fit for a smaller baby, remove and do not use.

Store until your child is large enough to use these harness covers while maintaining a properly fitting harness.

To remove harness covers, pull the fastening strips apart and pull them off of the harness strap.



For Use in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing Mode

Head Pillow

To remove head pillow, pull it up from behind the back body pillow.

You $\ensuremath{\textit{must}}$ use the body pillows in order to use the head pillow.

Body Pillows

The body pillows are two separate pieces: back and bottom.

When using upper harness slots:

To remove the body pillows: Undo the buckle and pull buckle through the slot in

bottom pillow. Slide back pillow out from behind the harness straps.

To install the body pillows: Slide back pillow in behind harness straps and pull buckle through buckle slot in bottom pillow.

Back and bottom body pillows **must** always be used together.

When using lower harness slots for smaller infants:

To remove the body pillows: From the back of seat, remove harness strap loops from splitter plate. From the front, pull harness straps out of shell and back pillow. Undo the buckle. Pull buckle through slot in bottom pillow and pull pillows out of seat.

Rethread harness for upper harness slots, see page 70-71.

To install the body pillows: From the back of seat, remove harness strap loops from splitter plate. From the front, pull harness straps out of shoulder slots. Place bottom pillow in seat and pull buckle through buckle slot in pillow. Place back pillow in seat. Rethread harness straps through the harness slots for smaller infants in back pillow and shell, see pages 16-19.

Back and bottom body pillows must always be used together.

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For Use in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing Mode

Buckle Cover

To remove buckle cover, slide the ends out of the buckle strap slot in pad. Pull up and off of the buckle.

To install buckle cover, slide buckle cover over buckle and tuck ends of buckle cover into buckle strap slot in pad.

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Choosing Car Seat Mode

Measure your child's weight and height (do not guess) before choosing the car seat's mode.

Your child's height, weight, and age determine how the car seat should be placed in the vehicle.

Children vary widely in body size, shape, and temperament please consult your doctor before switching between any of these modes within the limits and fit requirements of the seat.

State/Province Laws

Please be certain to follow your state's or province's laws regarding car seat use.

American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations

Infants and Toddlers

Should ride in a rear-facing car seat as long as possible, until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their seat.

Toddlers and Preschoolers

Once they are facing-forward, children should use a forward-facing car seat with a harness for as long as possible, until they reach the height and weight limits for their seats.

School-Aged Children

Once they have outgrown their forward-facing car seat, children should use a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle's lap and shoulder seat belt fits properly. This is often when they have reached at least 4 feet 9 inches in height and are 8 to 12 years old.

Older Children

All children younger than 13 years should be restrained in the rear seats of vehicles for optimal protection.



Cup Holder

The removable cup holders are top-rack dishwasher safe.



To remove cup holder, twist the cup holder counterclockwise. Pull it out of slot in shell.

To install cup holder, align tabs on bottom of cup holder with slots in shell. Twist clockwise to lock in place.

Preparing Car Seat for Child Fit

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REAR-FACING MODE

2.3-18 kg (5-40 lb) and 48-102 cm (19-40 in.)

Children under 1 year of age must ride Rear-Facing.

In this car seat, your child can remain Rear-Facing until they outgrow any one of the following:

- Weight Limit: 18 kg (40 lb); OR
- Height Limit: 102 cm (40 in.); OR
- **Rear-Facing** child fit requirements. See page 10.



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FORWARD-FACING MODE

10-30 kg (22-65 lb) and 74-125 cm (29-49 in.)

Children must be at least 1 year of age to ride Forward-Facing.

In this car seat, your child can remain harnessed Forward-Facing until they outgrow any one of the following:

- Weight Limit: 30 kg (65 lb); OR
- Height Limit: 125 cm (49 in.); OR
- Forward-Facing child fit requirements. See page 11.

BOOSTER SEAT MODE

18-45 kg (40-100 lb)

and 110-132 cm (43-52 in.)

In this car seat, your child can remain in a Booster Seat until they outgrow any one of the following:

- Weight Limit: 45 kg (100 lb); OR
- Height Limit: 132 cm (52 in.); OR
- Booster Seat child fit requirements. See page 60.



Fully Loosen Harness Straps

Push down on harness release lever (through opening in pad) while pulling out on harness straps as shown.



Unbuckle Harness

Press in towards the **top** of the red button to release the buckle tongues.



Release Chest Clip

Hold each side of the chest clip and press on the release button with your thumb and pull apart.

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Place Harness Straps Out of the Way

The In and Out Harness Holders can be used two ways:

1. You can secure the harness straps around them as shown.

2. Or the buckle tongues can be placed into the slots in the harness holders as shown.



Head Position

Rear-Facing Child Fit

The top of your child's head **must be at least 2.5 cm** (1 in.) below the top of the car seat's headrest.







Harness Strap Position

The harness strap **must be at or** slightly below the shoulders; never above.



Place Child in Car Seat to Determine Proper Harness Fit

The child's bottom and back should be flat against the car seat.

For Rear-Facing child fit, see page 10. For Forward-Facing child fit, see page 11.



Buckle Position

Buckle must be used in either the **1st or 2nd slot**. Choose the slot closest to your child.

The buckle should not be underneath or behind your child.

Need to make adjustments?

To change headrest/harness height, see page 12. To change buckle position, see pages 13-15.





Forward-Facing Child Fit



Head Position

The tops of your child's ears **must be below** the top of the car seat's headrest.



Harness Strap Position

The harness strap **must be at or** slightly above the shoulders; never below.



Max Seated Shoulder Height In this car seat, the maximum seated

shoulder height is **42 cm** (16.5 in.). **To measure your child's seated shoulder height:** have them sit on

the floor with their back flat against a wall. Then measure from the floor up to the top of their shoulder.

Buckle Position

Buckle can be used in **any slot**. Choose the slot closest to your child.

The buckle should not be underneath or behind your child.

Need to make adjustments?

To change headrest/harness height, see page 12.

To change buckle position, see pages 13-15.

Changing Headrest/ Harness Height



Fully Loosen Harness Straps

Push down on harness release lever (through opening in pad) while pulling out on harness straps as shown.



Changing Headrest/ Harness Height

Squeeze the button on the headrest/harness adjustment handle.

Move the headrest up or down to the proper height for your child.

Make sure it is locked securely.

For Rear-Facing child fit, see page 10. For Forward-Facing child fit, see page 11.

Changing Buckle Position



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Unbuckle Harness

Press in towards the **top** of the red button to release the buckle tongues.



Rotate Metal Retainer and Push It Up Through Buckle Slot in Shell



Fully Recline the Car Seat

Pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.



From Top of Seat, Pull Buckle Out of Shell and Pad



Locate the Buckle's Metal Retainer

Reach under the seat between the base and shell and through the recline handle.



Insert Buckle's Metal Retainer into Slot Closest to Child

Buckle must face out.

Rear-Facing Mode:

You **must** use the 1st or 2nd buckle slots.

Forward-Facing Mode: Any slot can be used. *continued on next page*

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If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 16-19.

To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 53-55.

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

Harness System Adjustments for Smaller Infants

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, make these adjustments.

When using the lower shoulder harness slots for smaller children, you MUST use the body pillows and the headrest MUST be in the lowest position.



With Buckle in the 1st Slot, Fully Recline the Car Seat

If you need to move the buckle to the 1st slot, see pages 13-15.



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Pull Up Front of Car Seat Pad



From Bottom of Seat, Pull Metal Retainer Down and Push It Up into Middle Slot As Shown

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From Top of Seat, Lay the Metal Retainer Flat Against the Shell As Shown



From Back of Seat, Remove Harness Strap Loops From Splitter Plate



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Tuck Car Seat Pad Back Around Front of Car Seat and Check Buckle

Pull up on buckle to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **must not** pull out.

Adjust the Headrest to the Lowest Position

The headrest **must** be in the lowest position.



Fully Loosen Harness Straps

Push down on harness release lever (through opening in pad) while pulling out on harness straps as shown.



Pull Harness Straps Out of Upper Shoulder Harness Slots

Pull Back Body Pillow Forward Away from Seat

Thread harness straps through slots in back body pillow.

You **must** use the back and bottom body pillows.

Thread Harness Straps Through Lower Shoulder Harness Slots For Smaller Infants in Seat Pad and Shell

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From Back of Seat, Pull Harness Straps Through Shell

Harness straps **must** be in shoulder harness slots **below** the metal bar as shown.

Do not twist harness straps.

Attach 2nd Harness Strap Loops to Splitter Plate As Shown

Sewn ends of the harness strap loops **must** face towards you.

Do not twist harness straps or harness adjustment strap.

Make sure the same harness strap loops are fitted **completely on** both sides of the splitter plate.

Check your child's fit often.

The harness strap **must** be returned to the upper shoulder harness slots as your child grows.

WARNINGS: Harness system must be installed correctly.

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

Reclining the Car Seat

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This car seat has 3 positions.



Rear-Facing Mode - 3 Reclined or 2 Semi-Reclined

The level line on shell **must** be parallel with the ground using either position **3** or **2**.

Forward-Facing Mode - 1 Upright or 2 Semi-Reclined

Booster Seat Mode - 1 Upright or 2 Semi-Reclined

NOTE: When used in **Forward-Facing** or **Booster Seat** mode, the semi-reclined position is to be used only to install the child restraint or booster seat flush against the vehicle seat back. Vehicle seat back must be upright.



To Recline: Pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.

For More Upright: Pull out on recline handle and pull top of child restraint forward.

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sewn end

21 Installing Anti-Rebound Bar

The anti-rebound bar must be used in Rear-Facing Mode. The anti-rebound bar must be removed when using Forward-Facing or Booster Seat Mode.



Fully Recline Car Seat



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Place Car Seat Upside Down on Stable Flat Surface

Line the bottom of the car seat up with the edge of the surface as shown.

Locate Anti-Rebound Bar Connection Openings in Car Seat



Attach Anti-Rebound Bar to Car Seat

Firmly push the ends of the antirebound bar into the openings in the car seat until the bar cannot go any farther.

Pull up on anti-rebound bar to make sure it is locked securely in place.



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Removing Anti-Rebound Bar

The anti-rebound bar must be removed when using Forward-Facing or Booster Seat Mode.

The anti-rebound bar must be used in Rear-Facing Mode.

Fully Recline Car Seat

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Place Car Seat Upside Down on Stable Flat Surface

Pull the car seat to the edge of surface so the anti-rebound bar hangs over the edge as shown.



Locate Anti-Rebound Bar Release Tabs





Release Anti-Rebound Bar

With index finger, push down on both release tabs while gently pulling the bar towards you.

UAS Use



For Use in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing Mode

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Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here.

The UAS (Universal Anchorage System) is a universal system for installing child restraints without using vehicle seat belts.

The UAS can ONLY be used in vehicles that have the UAS bars installed in designated seating positions. Most vehicles manufactured after September 2002 are equipped with UAS bars.

Check your vehicle owner's manual to see which seating positions may be equipped with UAS bars.

WARNINGS

Do not use both the UAS belt and vehicle belt at the same time.

When used correctly the UAS belt or vehicle belts are equally safe.



Pull Anti-Rebound Bar Out of Car Seat As Shown



Store anti-rebound bar for future use in **Rear-Facing** Mode.



To Remove UAS Belt from Storage Location on Car Seat:

Press the red release button on each connector, then pull the connectors off of storage attachments.



UAS Belt Storage

Location

To Remove UAS Belt from Vehicle UAS Bars:

Press the red release button on each connector, then pull the connectors out of the vehicle seat bight.

To Store UAS Belt:

When using vehicle belts, using the booster seat mode, or when the car seat is not installed in a vehicle, the UAS belt must be properly stored in its storage location.

Thread UAS belt through rear-facing belt path then attach connectors to storage attachments as shown.

Gently tighten to remove slack.



Your vehicle's features may be considerably different

Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here.

If UAS anchors are not an option or if your child weighs more than **18 kg** (40 lb), you must use the vehicle seat belt system to install the child restraint.

Not all vehicle belts and seating positions will work with child restraints.

Please go through the following steps to understand how to lock a child restraint in Rear-Facing or Forward-Facing mode with a vehicle belt.





You MUST Review Your Vehicle Owner's Manual

Your vehicle owner's manual will let you know which vehicle belts and seating positions child restraints can be installed in.

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Determine How the Child **Restraint Will Be Locked** Into Place

The vehicle belt **must not** loosen after tightening. This means there needs to be a way to lock the vehicle belt.

The ways this can be done are:

- By using the seat belt's retractor (see step 3); OR
- By using the seat belt's latch plate (see step 4).

Types of Retractors

Switchable Retractor (most vehicles have this type)

This retractor can be switched to a locking mode.

You must have the retractor in the locking mode to use the seat belt with this child restraint.

Switching to locking mode: Slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out, then let it go back in an inch or two.

As it goes back in, you will most likely hear a ratcheting sound.

Gently pull the belt to see if it has locked. You will not be able to pull any more belt out if the lock has engaged.

Automatic Locking Retractor



This retractor always locks.

It will automatically lock after slowly pulling the seat belt out at least halfway and letting the belt go back into the retractor an inch or two.

See Step 4, "Check **Emergency Locking Retractor** the Latch Plates".

If the retractor does not lock, it is most likely an Emergency Locking Retractor. These retractors only lock during a sudden stop or collision.

You will need to determine if your seat belt's latch plate can lock the belt. See Step 4, "Check the Latch Plates".

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Check the Retractor

Retractors pull seat belts into stored positions and lock the belt to hold passengers in place.

See the next page for some common types of vehicle belt retractors that will work with this child restraint.

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Check the Latch Plates

Latch plates are the part of the seat belt that goes into the buckle.

To see if the latch plate locks:

Buckle the vehicle belt.

Then firmly tug the lap portion of the seat belt while pulling it up.

If the vehicle belt does not slide through the latch plate, it's locked.

If the latch plate slides up and down the vehicle belt, it is a sliding latch plate.



Emergency Locking Retractor with a **Sliding Latch Plate**

Sliding latch plates easily slip between the lap and shoulder portions of the belt.

If you have an Emergency Locking Retractor with a Sliding Latch Plate, you must use a locking clip.

Please contact us for one.

See page 78.

Never Use With This Child Restraint	
Emergency Locking Retractor Lap Only Belt	X
Inflatable Seat Belts	×

Tether Use



For Forward-Facing Mode Only

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Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here.

You must always attach, adjust, and secure the top anchorage (tether) strap when installing the child restraint forward-facing with internal harness. Tethers improve the installation and stability of child restraints and reduce the risk of injury.

Attach the tether hook to the tether anchor designated by your vehicle manufacturer for that seating position. Check your vehicle owner's manual for more information.

If the seating position does not have a tether anchor, use a different seating position or see your dealer or a qualified mechanic and have one installed.

A WARNINGS

Using this child restraint without the tether strap anchored as recommended by the manufacturer would be a misuse of the child restraint and, in a sudden stop or crash, could result in serious injury or death.

Do not fasten multiple tether hooks on the same tether anchor in the vehicle.

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Locking Latch Plate

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Tether Storage and Parts



Lift adjuster up to loosen

Storing Tether Strap

When installing rear-facing, using the booster seat mode, or when the car seat is not installed in a vehicle, attach the tether hook to its storage attachment on back of car seat as shown.

Gently tighten to remove slack.

restraint is locked into place

with the lower anchor/UAS belt

or vehicle belt, push down on

child restraint and gently pull

on free end of tether strap.

To loosen: Lift up on tether

adjuster and push it towards

tether hook.

2.3-18 kg (5-40 lb) and 48-102 cm (19-40 in.)

Rear-Facing Mode





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Lap/Shoulder Belt

UAS Belt

AWARNINGS

Lap Belt

Never install a rear-facing child restraint in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with an active frontal airbag.

Do not use the tether for rear-facing mode. Secure tether strap to its storage location.

Do not use the UAS belt along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt.

Check the vehicle belt or the UAS belt before each use. Use only if the belt can be tightened properly and locked securely in place.

Do not fasten multiple UAS connectors on the same UAS anchor bar in the vehicle.

The anti-rebound bar must be used in rear-facing mode.

This child restraint MUST always face the rear of the vehicle until the child is at least 1 year old and weighs 10 kg (22 lb).

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





Adjusting Tether Strap To tighten: After the child



Rear-Facing Vehicle Belt Install

Before you begin installing the seat into your vehicle, did you check:



Your child's weight and height? 2.3-18 kg (5-40 lb) and **48-102 cm** (19-40 in.)



Your child's fit? See page 10.

Do you need to make adjustments to the harness/headrest height or the buckle position?



Recline the Car Seat

Pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.



Check Rear-Facing Level Line

The level line on shell **must** be parallel with the ground using either position 3 or 2.



Install Anti-Rebound Bar

You must install the antirebound bar to use this seat in Rear-Facing Mode. See page 21.



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Place Car Seat Rear-Facing in Back Seat

The anti-rebound bar should make contact with the vehicle seat back, but it does not need to be flush with the vehicle seat back.



Check if Your Vehicle Belts Will Work With This Child Restraint

This is very important because not all vehicle belts will work with child restraints.

Review pages 26-29 and your vehicle owner's manual to determine what kind of vehicle belt you have and how to lock a child restraint in place.

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Locate Rear-Facing Belt Path

Route the Vehicle Belt

Thread the vehicle belt into

the Rear-Facing Belt Path

Pull it across the seat, under the seat pad, in front of the

buckle, and out through the

other belt path opening.

Do not twist belt.

opening.



Tighten Belt

Place hand in child restraint.

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Firmly push child restraint down and back towards the vehicle seat back while pulling the shoulder belt or the free end of lap belt parallel with the belt path through the belt path opening as shown.

Check Belt Tightness

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weaker hand.

Push and pull from side to side.

It should not move more than **2.5 cm** (1 in.).

If it moves more than 2.5 cm (1 in.), you can try:

A. Pulling the belt tighter.

B. Reinstalling the child restraint.

C. Changing to a different seating location.

D. Switching to UAS belt installation if UAS anchors are available in your vehicle.



Secure Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 53-55.

Check your child's fit often and make any needed adjustments to the car seat as they grow.

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Buckle the Vehicle Belt





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Recheck Rear-Facing Level Line

Redo the installation if the level line is not parallel with the ground.

NOTE: You may need to place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the base to help achieve the correct recline. Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the belt is tight.

Rear-Facing UAS Install

Before you begin installing the seat into your vehicle, did you check:



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2.3-18 kg (5-40 lb) **and 48-102 cm** (19-40 in.)

Your child's weight and height?

Your child's fit? See page 10.

Do you need to make adjustments to the harness/headrest height or the buckle position?



Finished!

Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened.



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Install Anti-Rebound Bar

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You **must** install the antirebound bar to use this seat in **Rear-Facing** Mode. See page 21.



Remove UAS Belt from Storage Location

Or if the UAS belt was used Forward-Facing, remove it from the Forward-Facing belt path so both connectors are on the same side of the seat.

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Locate Rear-Facing Belt Path

Thread the connector without the adjuster closest to it through the **Rear-Facing Belt Path** opening as shown.



Place Car Seat Rear-Facing in Back Seat

The anti-rebound bar should make contact with the vehicle seat back, but it does not need to be flush with the vehicle seat back.

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Pull UAS Belt Across the Seat

It must be under the seat pad, in front of the buckle, and go out through the other belt path opening.

Do not twist belt.



Recline the Car Seat

Pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.



Finished UAS Belt Routing



Check Rear-Facing Level Line

The level line on shell **must** be parallel with the ground using either position **3** or **2**.

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Attach UAS Connectors to Vehicle's UAS Anchors

Review your vehicle owner's manual for UAS anchor locations and UAS belt use.

Make sure arrows on connectors are facing up.

Fasten one UAS belt connector to the anchor located in the vehicle seat bight.

Repeat for other side of child restraint.

Tighten Belt

Place hand in child restraint.

Firmly push child restraint down and towards the vehicle seat back while pulling the free end of the belt parallel with the belt path through the belt path opening as shown.

Check Belt Tightness

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weaker hand.

Push and pull from side to side. It should not move more than **2.5 cm** (1 in.).

If it moves more than 2.5 cm (1 in.), you can try:

A. Pulling the belt tighter.

- **B.** Reinstalling the child restraint.
- **C.** Changing to a different seating location.

D. Switching to vehicle belt installation.









Secure Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 53-55.

Check your child's fit often and make any needed adjustments to the car seat as they grow.

Recheck Rear-Facing Level Line

Redo the installation if the level line is not parallel with the ground.

NOTE: You may need to place a tightly rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the base to help achieve the correct recline. Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the belt is tight.

Finished!

Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened.



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Forward-Facing Mode

10-30 kg (22-65 lb) and 74-125 cm (29-49 in.) and at least 1 year old









Lap/Shoulder Belt and Tether

Lap Belt and Tether

UAS Belt and Tether Do not install by this method for a child weighing more than 18 kg (40 lbs).

AWARNINGS

Do not use the UAS anchors of the child restraint anchorage system (UAS) to attach this child restraint when restraining a child weighing more than 18 kg (40 lbs).

The vehicle belt must be used for installation if your child weighs more than 18 kg (40 lb).

Do not use the UAS belt along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt.

Check the vehicle belt or the UAS belt before each use. Use only if the belt can be tightened properly and locked securely in place. Do not fasten multiple UAS connectors on the same UAS anchor bar in the vehicle.

In forward-facing mode, you must remove the anti-rebound bar. In this child restraint your child MUST be at least 1 year old and weigh 10 kg (22 lb) before they sit forward-facing.

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

Forward-Facing Vehicle Belt + Tether Install



Before you begin installing the seat into your vehicle, did you check:

Your child's weight and height? 10-30 kg (22-65 lb) and 74-125 cm (29-49 in.)



Your child's fit? See page 11.

Do you need to make adjustments to the harness/headrest height or the buckle position?



Remove Anti-Rebound Bar

You must remove the antirebound bar to use this seat in Forward-Facing Mode, See pages 22-23.



Place Car Seat Forward-Facing in Back Seat

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Make Car Seat Flush Against Vehicle Seat

Put the child restraint into Position **1**. Do not use any recline positions except to make the child restraint flush against the vehicle seat back.

Vehicle seat back must be upright.

NOTE: If your vehicle seat has a headrest that interferes with achieving a flush car seat fit, check your vehicle owner's manual to see if it can be removed, adjusted, or if there are other possible seating locations.

Loosely Attach Tether Hook to Vehicle's Tether Anchor

Check vehicle owner's manual for specific location.



Check if Your Vehicle Belts Will Work With This Child Restraint

This is very important because not all vehicle belts will work with child restraints.

Review pages 26-29 and your vehicle owner's manual to deter-

mine what kind of vehicle belt you have and how to lock a child restraint in place.









Route the Vehicle Belt

Thread the vehicle belt through **Forward-Facing Belt Path** opening.

Pull it across the seat. Then thread it through the other belt path opening.

Do not twist belt.

Buckle the Vehicle Belt

Tighten Belt

Place hand in child restraint. Firmly push child restraint down while pulling the shoulder belt or free end of the lap belt parallel with the belt path through the belt path opening as shown.

Tighten Tether

Push firmly on the back of the seat and pull the tether strap to remove all slack and create tension on the strap.

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Check Belt Tightness

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weaker hand. Push and pull from side to side. It should not move more than **2.5 cm** (1 in.).

If it moves more than 2.5 cm (1 in.), you can try:

- **A.** Putting your knee in the seat and pulling the belt tighter.
- **B.** Reinstalling the child restraint.
- **C.** Changing to a different seating location.

D. Switching to the UAS belt installation if UAS anchors are available in your vehicle.



Finished!

Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened.



Securing Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 53-55.

Check your child's fit often and make any needed adjustments to the car seat as they grow.

Forward-Facing UAS + Tether Install



Do not use the UAS anchors of the child restraint anchorage system (UAS) to attach this child restraint when restraining a child weighing more than 18 kg (40 lbs).

Before you begin installing the seat into your vehicle, did you check:



Your child's weight and height? 10-18 kg (22-40 lb) and 74-125 cm (29-49 in.)

Your child's fit? See page 11.

Do you need to make adjustments to the harness/headrest height or the buckle position?



Remove Anti-Rebound Bar

You **must** remove the antirebound bar to use this seat in **Forward-Facing** Mode. See pages 22-23.



Remove UAS Belt from Storage Location

Remove it from the rear-facing belt path so both connectors are on the same side of the seat.

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Route the Connector with the Adjuster Closest to it Through the Forward-Facing Belt Path As Shown

Pull it across the seat. Then thread it through the other belt path opening.

Do not twist belt.

Finished UAS Belt Routing



Make Car Seat Flush **Against Vehicle Seat**

Put the child restraint into Position 1.

Do not use any recline positions except to make the child restraint flush against the vehicle seat back.

Vehicle seat back must be upright.

NOTE: If your vehicle seat has a headrest that interferes with achieving a flush car seat fit, check your vehicle owner's manual to see if it can be removed, adjusted, or if there are other possible seating locations.







Place Car Seat Forward-Facing in **Back Seat**



Loosely Attach Tether Hook to Vehicle's Tether Anchor

Check vehicle owner's manual for specific location.







Attach UAS Connectors to Vehicle's UAS Anchors

Review your vehicle owner's manual for UAS anchor locations and UAS belt use.

Make sure arrows on connectors are facing up.

Fasten one UAS belt connector to the anchor located in the vehicle seat bight.

Repeat for other side of child restraint.



Tighten Tether

Push firmly on the back of the seat and pull the tether strap to remove all slack and create tension on the strap.

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Check Belt Tightness

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weaker hand.

Push and pull from side to side. It should not move more than 2.5 cm (1 in.).

If it moves more than 2.5 cm

(1 in.), you can try: A. Putting your knee in the seat and pulling the belt tighter. B. Reinstalling the child restraint. C. Changing to a different seating location. **D.** Switching to vehicle belt installation.



Tighten Belt

Place hand in child restraint.

Firmly push child restraint down while pulling the free end of the belt parallel with the belt path through the belt path opening as shown.



Finished!

Check the tightness of the install often to make sure it has not loosened.

Securing Child in Car Seat

To properly secure your child in the car seat, see pages 53-55.

Check your child's fit often and make any needed adjustments to the car seat as they grow.



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Securing Child in Car Seat



Place Child in Car Seat

The child's bottom and back should be flat against the car seat. Position harness straps over your child's shoulders and upper thighs.



Tighten Harness

Pull on harness adjustment strap to snugly tighten harness.



Buckle Harness

Push buckle tongues into buckle until you hear them "click".

Pull up on harness straps to make sure buckle is locked.



Position Chest Clip

Slide chest clip up the harness straps and position it at mid-chest (even with armpits) and away from the child's neck.



Fasten Chest Clip

Insert right half of chest clip into left half and snap together.



Check Harness Tightness

Try to pinch the harness at the shoulders and hips vertically between index finger and thumb as shown.

If your fingers slip off, the harness is tight enough.

If you can pinch the harness strap, tighten more.

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. *continued on next page*

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To Remove Child from Car Seat:

- 1. Loosen Harness Strap
- 2. Unbuckle Harness
- 3. Release Chest Clip
- 4. Remove Child

WARNINGS

Failure to fasten and tighten the harness system correctly may allow the child to be ejected from the child restraint in a crash or sudden stop causing serious injury or death.



Do not mistake comfort for safety. Harness system must be snugly adjusted.

Do not put snowsuits or bulky garments on your child when placing them in the child restraint. Bulky clothing can prevent the harness straps from being tightened properly. **Booster Seat Mode**



18-45 kg (40-100 lb) and 110-132 cm (43-52 in.)

Lap/Shoulder Belt Keep booster seat belted when not in use.

WARNINGS

Do not use the harness system when using as a booster seat.



Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this booster seat. Do not use only the lap belt when using this seat as a booster seat.

The shoulder belt must always be adjusted snugly across the child's chest. NEVER place shoulder belt under the child's arms or behind their back.

Do not use this booster seat if the tops of your child's ears are above the top of the booster seat's headrest.

Do not use the UAS or tether strap when using as a booster seat. Secure UAS belt and tether strap to their storage locations.

In booster seat mode, you must remove the anti-rebound bar.

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



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Storing Harness System

You must store the harness system and remove accessories when using the Booster Seat mode. To remove accessories, see pages 3-5.



Remove Anti-Rebound Bar

You **must** remove the anti-rebound bar to use this seat in **Booster Seat** Mode.

See pages 22-23.



Buckle

Tongue

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Fully Loosen Harness Straps

Push down on harness release lever (through opening in pad) while pulling out on harness straps as shown.

Unbuckle Harness

Press in towards the **top** of the red button to release the buckle tongues.

Locate Buckle's Metal Retainer

Fully recline the child restraint and reach under the seat between the base and shell and through the recline handle.

Rotate metal retainer and push it up through shell and pad.





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Pull Headrest Pad Off Bottom of Headrest As Shown

From Top of Seat,

Adjust Headrest to

Highest Position

and Pad

for future use.

Pull Buckle Out of Shell

Store the buckle in a safe place



Undo Fasteners on Seat Pad As Shown



Thread Harness Straps into Slots on Sides of Headrest As Shown

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Place Chest Clip, Harness Straps, and Buckle Tongues Behind the Headrest and Seat Pad As Shown

Push chest clip up so it is behind the headrest.

Booster Seat Child Fit





Head Position

Tops of the child's ears should never be above the top of the headrest.

Adjust headrest if needed, see page 12.



Tighten Harness

Pull on harness adjustment strap to remove any slack from the harness system.



Shoulder Belt Position

The shoulder belt should lay snugly across the center of the child's shoulder and across the chest and not on their face or neck.



Attach Fasteners on Seat Pad As Shown



Max Seated Height

In this booster seat, the maximum seated height is **47 cm** (18.5 in.).

To measure your child's seated height: have them sit on the floor with their back flat against a wall. Then measure from the floor up to the top of their shoulder.



Finished!

The car seat has been converted to **Booster Seat** Mode.



Lap Belt Position

The lap belt should lay snugly across the child's hips and not on their stomach.



Lap/Shoulder Belt Use

You must store the harness system when using the Booster Seat mode. See pages 57-59.





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Put the booster seat into Position 1.

Do not use any recline positions except to make the booster seat flush against the vehicle seat back.

Vehicle seat back must be upright.

NOTE: If your vehicle seat has a headrest that interferes with achieving a flush car seat fit, check your vehicle owner's manual to see if it can be removed, adjusted, or if there are other possible seating locations.

Have Child Sit in Booster Seat



Position Lap Belt on Child

Route the lap belt portion of vehicle belt through the booster belt path as shown.

The lap belt should lay snugly across the child's hips and not on the stomach.





Buckle the Vehicle Belt Pull up on lap belt to tighten.

Position Shoulder Belt on Child

Pull up on shoulder belt to tighten.

The shoulder belt should lay under the In and Out Harness Holder as shown.

The shoulder belt should lay snugly across the center of the child's shoulder and across the chest and not on their face or neck.

Only use the shoulder beltpositioning guide in the headrest if necessary to help position the shoulder belt correctly on the child.

Finished!

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





Removing Seat Pad Set for Cleaning

You DO NOT need to remove the harness system to remove the pad from the shell. To remove accessories, see pages 3-5.



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Unbuckle Harness

Press in towards the top of the red button.

Pull buckle tongues out.

Fully Loosen Harness Straps

Push down on harness release lever (through opening in pad) while pulling out on harness straps as shown.

Adjust the Headrest to the **Highest Position**

At the Headrest/Harness Adjustment Handle, Pull the Fabric Tab Out from Between the Headrest and Headrest Foam As Shown



At the Back of the Headrest, Pull the Fabric Tab out from Slot in Headrest As Shown Repeat for other side.







Gently Pull Headrest Pad Off Bottom of Headrest As Shown

Remove headrest pad from shell.

Undo Fasteners on Seat Pad As Shown

Locate Seat Pad Tabs on Bottom of Seat

Release elastic straps from tabs.

Locate Seat Pad Tab on Sides of Seat There is one on each side.

Pull Down Seat Pad to Stretch Elastic Strap

Release elastic strap from tab on each side of seat.

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Pull Pad Off Bottom of Seat

Untuck Pad from Under Side of Armrest

Lift Pad Off Front of Seat

Pull buckle strap and harness adjustment strap out of openings in seat pad.



Pull Pad Down and Off of **Bottom of Harness Holders** Pull up to remove completely.

Off of Shell

Cleaning and Installing Seat Pad Set

Cleaning Pad and Accessories: Machine wash separately with cold water on a gentle cycle. Make sure harness covers are closed so fastening strips are not exposed. Do not use bleach. Tumble dry separately for 10-12 minutes on low heat. Remove immediately.

Cleaning Harness Strap: Spot clean using warm sudsy water and damp cloth.

WARNINGS: Do not use child restraint without the seat pad. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death.



Adjust the Headrest to the **Highest Position**

Gently Pull Headrest Pad onto Headrest





Slide the Fabric Headrest Tabs in Slots on Back of Headrest

Slide the fabric headrest tab between the headrest and headrest foam at the headrest/ harness adjustment handle.

Slide Harness Straps into Slots in Pad

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From Top of Seat, Pull Pad



Starting at Top of Seat, Slip Pad on Shell



Push Harness Holders Through Slots in Pad



Wrap Around Bottom and Sides of Shell

Tuck pad behind armrest as shown.

Tuck Seat Pad in Rear-Facing Belt Path and Under Armrest As Shown

Pull Seat Pad Down As Shown

Pull harness adjustment strap and buckle through openings in pad.



Tuck Seat Pad Around Bottom of Seat

Locate Seat Pad Tabs on Sides of Seat

There is one on each side.

Attach Elastic Straps to Tabs

Locate Seat Pad Tabs on Bottom of Seat Attach elastic straps to tabs.

Attach Fasteners on Seat Pad As Shown



Installing Harness System



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Fully Recline the Child Restraint

Pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.



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Insert Buckle's Metal Retainer into Slot Closest to Child

Buckle **must** face out. **Rear-Facing Mode**: You **must** use the 1st or 2nd buckle slots. **Forward-Facing Mode**: Any slot can be used.

Reach Under Seat Between Base and Shell and Through Recline Handle

Pull metal retainer completely through pad and shell.



Check Buckle

Pull up on buckle to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **must** not pull out.



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Adjust Headrest to Highest Position



Unthread harness straps from slots on side of headrest. Loosen harness straps.

Pull chest clip, harness straps, and buckle tongues out from behind the headrest and seat pad.

Pull headrest pad down around bottom of headrest.

Slide harness straps into slots in headrest pad.

Attach seat pad fasteners.

If you have removed the harness straps from the splitter plate, and the buckle tongues and chest clip have been unthreaded from the harness straps, follow the steps below to rethread them.



Thread Buckle and Chest Clip

Harness strap ends go through the **back** of buckle tongues and through the chest clip **front to back** as shown.

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Thread Harness Straps into Upper Shoulder Harness Slots

If you will be using the lower shoulder harness slots for smaller children, see pages 16-19.

From Back, Thread Harness Straps OVER Metal Bar

Do not twist harness straps.

Attach 1st Harness Strap Loops to Splitter Plate As Shown

Sewn ends of the harness strap loops **must** face towards you.

Do not twist harness strap or harness adjustment strap.

Make sure the same harness strap loops are fitted **completely on** both sides of the splitter plate.

If you cannot achieve a snug harness fit for your child, see pages 16-19. To learn how to check harness tightness, see pages 53-55.

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

Aircraft Information



This restraint is certified for aircraft use when used with the internal harness.

This child restraint is not certified for aircraft use when used as a booster seat because aircraft seats do not have shoulder belts.

Install the child restraint in a window seat to avoid blocking the aisle. If the aircraft lap belt is too short, ask the flight attendant for a belt extender.

Use only on forward-facing aircraft seats.

Contact the airline for their specific policies.



Some airlines may ask to see a label stating that this child restraint is certified for aircraft use.

There is an airplane certification label located on the side of this child restraint as shown.

AWARNING: Store UAS belt, tether strap, and antirebound bar when installing with aircraft belts.



Rear-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow pages 33-37, skipping the antirebound bar installation steps.

Forward-Facing Aircraft Installation

Follow pages 44-47, skipping the tether strap steps.



73 Replacement and Expiration of Car Seat

Do not risk your child's safety.

To keep your child as safe as possible, Dorel Juvenile Group strongly recommends replacing the car seat even after a minor crash; even if it was not occupied at the time.

Replacement After a Minor Crash

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states that for a crash to be considered minor **ALL of the following must be true:**

- Vehicle able to drive away from the crash site; AND
- Vehicle door nearest the car seat was not damaged; AND
- No passengers were injured; AND
- Airbags did not deploy; AND
- There is no visible damage to the car seat.

If the crash your car seat was involved in meets **ALL** the criteria, you may not need to replace the car seat.

If one or more of these criteria are not true or if you are uncertain of any of your answers, replace the car seat immediately.

Replacement After a Moderate to Severe Crash

You **must** replace this car seat if it has been in a moderate to severe car crash.

This car seat is intended to protect a child in a single crash. During a crash, the car seat and all of its parts absorb crash energy which can deform or weaken it. Damage is not always visible. A damaged car seat must be replaced immediately.

Expiration



On the side of the child restraint there is a date of manufacture label as shown.

Do not use this child restraint more than 10 years after the date of manufacture.



Child Restraint Use

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 substitute parts or try to modify the child restraint in any way. Do not lubricate buckles and fasteners.

Do not use any child restraint 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.

This child restraint has been certified for use in passenger vehicles. Do not use in a boat, on a motorcycle or in a cargo van or bus where there are no seat belts or tether anchors.

Read all instructions for additional warnings.

🚹 Installation in Vehicle

Check the vehicle belt or UAS belt before each use. Use only if the belt is tightened properly and locked securely in place.

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.

Transport Canada Regulations

Transport Canada Road Safety Directorate regulates children's restraint systems under the Motor Vehicle Restraint Systems Safety Regulations (RSSR).

The regulations require the manufacturer and/or importer to certify the restraint to the applicable safety standards and place specified warnings and information on the labels fastened to each restraint and in this instruction manual.

🛕 Vehicle Seating Position



Never place a child rear-facing in a seating position with an active frontal air bag.

Check the vehicle owner's manual for more information about air bag/child restraint use.



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.

For vehicles without a back seat, refer to your vehicle owner's manual.



Children are safer when properly restrained in rear seating positions than in the front seating positions.

According to accident statistics, children in rear seating positions are statistically safer, whether you have air bags, advanced air bags, or no air bags at all.

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 Care Department.

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.

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

Registration and Safety Notices 🚺 76

Although child restraints are tested, evaluated, and certified by the manufacturer and tested by Transport Canada, it is possible that a safety-related problem may be found. If there is ever a safety issue with your child restraint, we use registration information to reach owners.



Example of model number, manufacture date, and line code.



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

There are three additional ways to register your information:

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Online:	www.djgusa.com/registration/carseat/can	
Telephone:	1-800-544-1108	
Mail:	Send your name, address and your child restraint's model number, manufacture date, line code, and date of purchase to:	
Dorel Juvenile Canada Consumer Care Department 2855 Argentia Road, Unit 4 Mississauga, ON L5N 8G6		
your child restr	send in your registration card if you have registered aint online. For information on safety-related problems, all Transport Canada's Road Safety Dept. at: 1-800-	

333-0371.

Warranty

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. (DJG) warrants this product to the original retail purchaser as follows:

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This product is warranted against defective materials or workmanship for one year from the date of original purchase. **An original receipt is required to validate your warranty.** DJG will, at its option, provide replacement parts or replace this product. DJG reserves the right to substitute if the part or model has been discontinued.

To make a claim under this warranty, please contact our Consumer Care Department by phone: 1-800-544-1108; text: 1-812-652-2525; or chat with us: www.safety1st.com.

Our hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

Proof of purchase is required and shipping charges are the responsibility of the consumer.

Warranty Limitations: This warranty does not include damages which arise from misuse or abuse of this product.

Limitation of Damages: The warranty and remedies as set forth are exclusive and in lieu of all others, oral or written, expressed or implied. In no event will DJG or the dealer selling this product be liable to you for any damages, including incidental or consequential damages, arising out of the use or inability to use this product.

Troubleshooting

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 child restraint to help prevent twisting. Lock the buckle and tighten harness so it will be ready for next use.

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If requested color is not available, similar color will be substituted. Prices are subject to change. Applicable tax and shipping & handling will also be added.

Part	Cost
Anti-Rebound Bar	\$25.00
Buckle Assembly	\$7.99
Seat Pad Set	\$99.99
Cup Holder (1)	\$2.50
Chest Clip	\$1.50
Tether	\$6.00
UAS Belt	\$24.99
Instructions	\$0.00
Locking Clip	\$2.50

For parts availability and questions, please call: 1-800-544-1108; text: 1-812-652-2525; or chat with us: www. safety1st.com.

Hours of Operation:

M-TH from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM EST FRI from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM EST

If you already know which parts you need, you may complete your order with a credit card by calling us at 1-800-544-1108.

See list above for available parts. We accept Visa or MasterCard.