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## Alpha Select Alpha Prime

3-in-1 Car Seat



**KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.**  
Read all instructions before using this 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.

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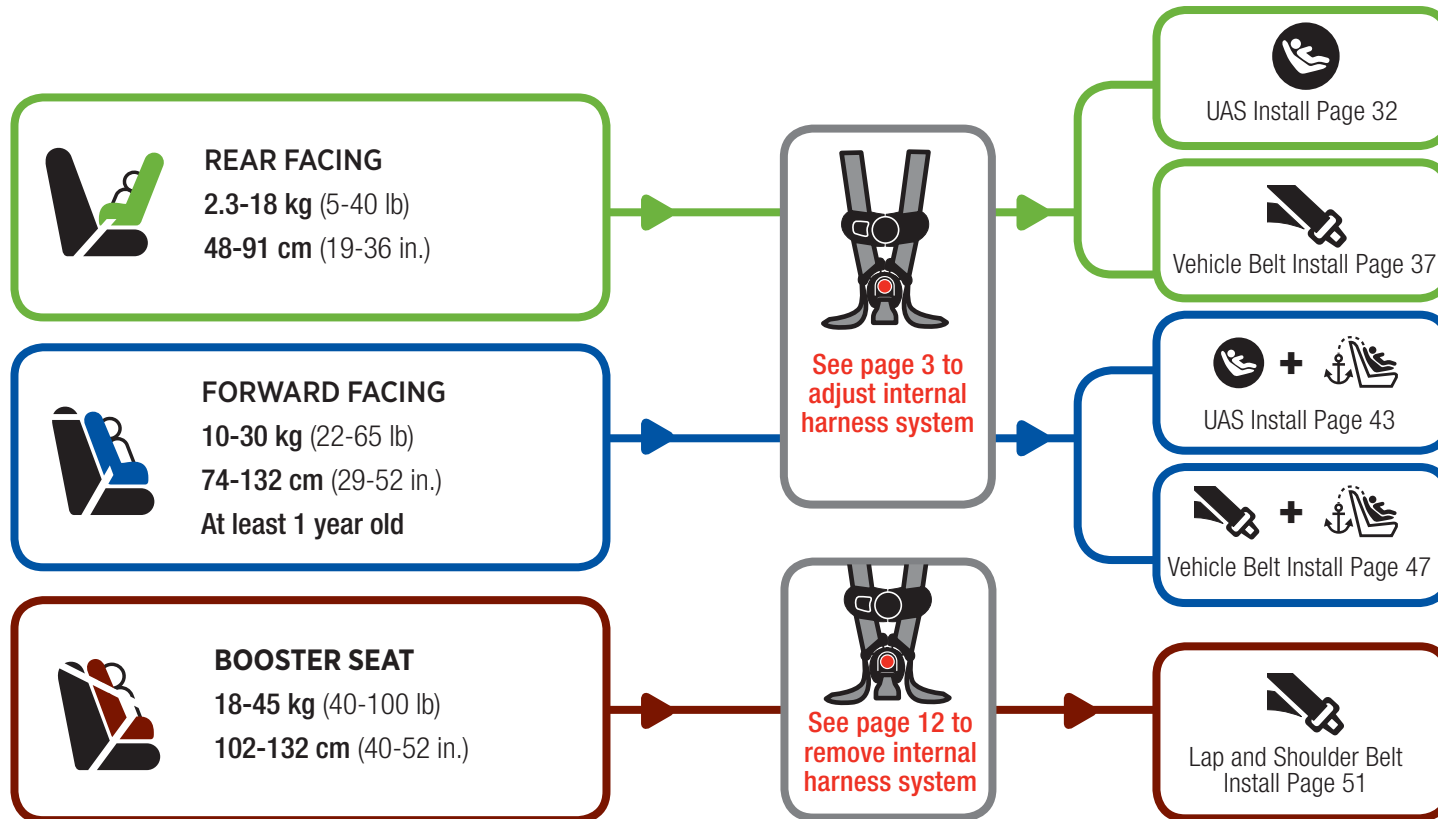
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### Choosing Rear Facing, Forward Facing, or Booster Seat

Your child's height, weight, and age determine how your child restraint or booster seat should be placed in the vehicle.

**⚠ WARNING:** Verify your child's weight and height (do not guess) before choosing the child restraint's position.

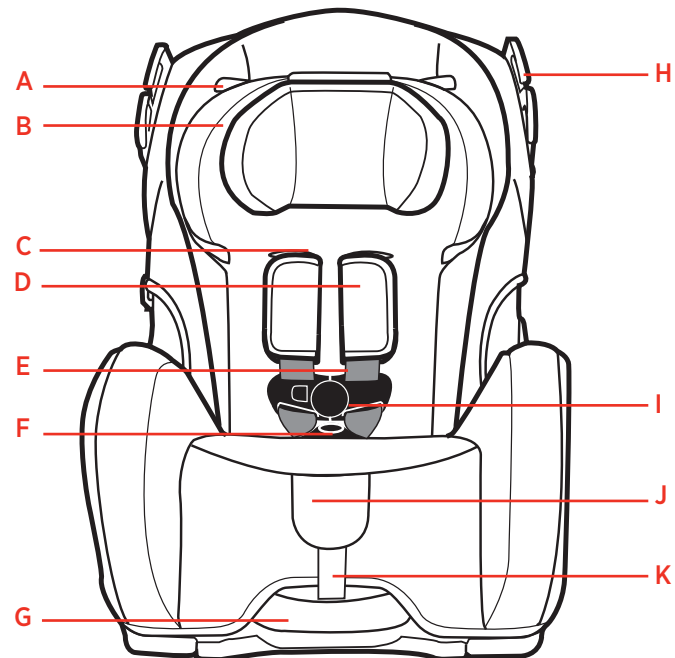


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## Parts of the Child Restraint

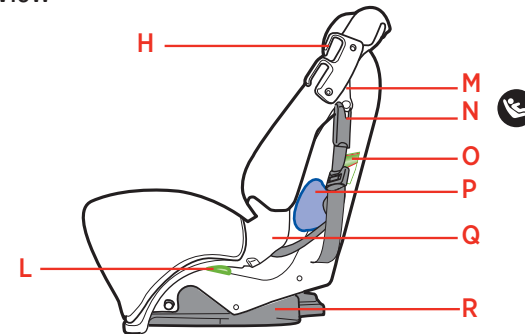
Front View



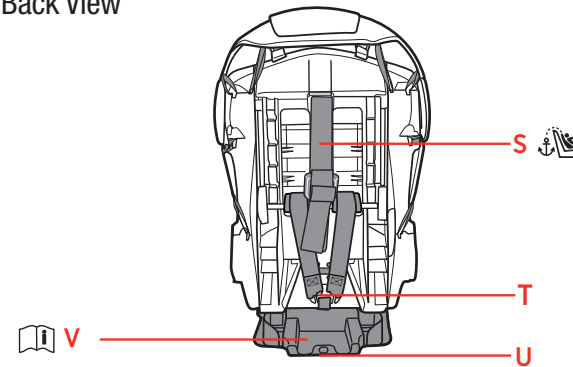
\*Accessories may vary by model. See page 20.

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| <b>A.</b> Headrest/Harness Adjustment Levers | <b>H.</b> Shoulder Belt Positioning Guide    |
| <b>B.</b> Adjustable Headrest                | <b>I.</b> Harness Strap                      |
| <b>C.</b> Upper Harness Guides               | <b>J.</b> Harness Release Lever (under flap) |
| <b>D.</b> Harness Covers (see page 20)       | <b>K.</b> Harness Adjustment Strap           |
| <b>E.</b> Chest Clip                         | <b>L.</b> Rear-Facing Belt Path              |
| <b>F.</b> Buckle                             |  |
| <b>G.</b> Recline Handle                     |  |

Side View



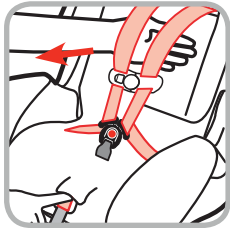
Back View



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| <b>M.</b> UAS* Attachment for Storage       | <b>S.</b> Tether (see page 42)                           |
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| <b>O.</b> Rear Facing Level-To-Ground Lines | <b>U.</b> Tether Attachment for Storage                  |
| <b>P.</b> Forward-Facing Belt Path          | <b>V.</b> Instruction Manual Storage (in bottom of base) |
| <b>Q.</b> Shell (child restraint)           |  |
| <b>R.</b> Base                              |  |

\*Universal Anchorage System

## Prepare Child Restraint to Fit Your Child



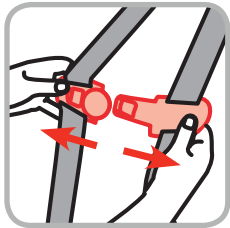
### 1. Fully Loosen Harness Strap

Push down on harness release lever (under flap on front of seat pad) while pulling out on harness strap as shown.



### 2. Unbuckle Harness

Press in towards the **top** of the red button.  
Pull buckle tongues out.



### 3. Release Chest Clip

Press on chest clip release button and pull apart.  
Place harness strap out of the way.



### 4. Place Child in Child Restraint to Determine Proper Harness Fit

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

**See page 4 for fit guidelines.**

## How Does Your Child Fit?

Use the guidelines below to determine if the buckle and harness strap are in the right place for your child.

### REAR FACING



Start in the 1st slot and adjust outward as your child grows. Buckle should be used in the slot closest to your child. The buckle should not be underneath or behind your child. 1st or 2nd slot **MUST** be used.



Always choose the shoulder harness slots that are closest to your child's shoulder height. Harness strap **MUST** be **at or slightly below** shoulders. If the lower shoulder harness slots for smaller infants are above the child's shoulders with the headrest in the lowest position, **do not** use this child restraint.

### FORWARD FACING



Start in the 1st slot and adjust outward as your child grows. Buckle should be used in the slot closest to your child. The buckle should not be underneath or behind your child. Any slot can be used.



Always choose the shoulder harness slots that are closest to your child's shoulder height. Harness strap **MUST** be **at or slightly above** shoulders. If the upper shoulder harness slots are below the child's shoulders with the headrest in the highest position and the child weighs at least 18 kg (40 lb), you must convert the child restraint to a booster seat.

To make changes to the buckle, see pages 5-6.

To adjust the headrest/harness strap, see page 7.



## Changing Position of Buckle



### 1. Unbuckle Harness

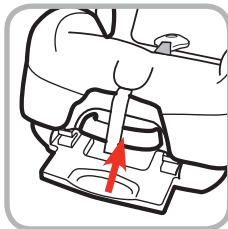
Press in towards the **top** of the red button.

Pull buckle tongues out.



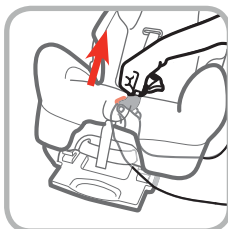
### 2. Fully Recline the Child Restraint

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

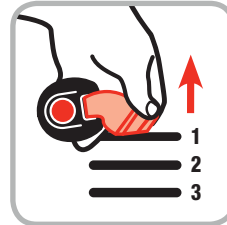


### 3. Locate Buckle's Metal Retainer

Reach under the seat between base and shell.



### 4. Rotate Metal Retainer and Push It Up Through Shell and Pad



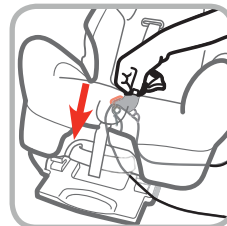
### 5. From Top of Seat, Pull Buckle Out of Shell and Pad



### 6. Insert Buckle's Metal Retainer into Slot Closest to Child

Buckle **MUST** face out.

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



### 7. Reach Under the Seat Between Base and Shell

Pull metal retainer completely through pad and shell.



### 8. Check Buckle

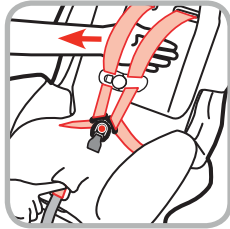
Pull up on buckle to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **MUST** not pull out.

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

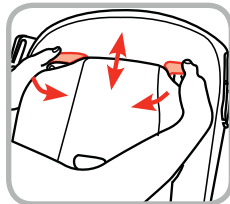


## Adjusting Headrest and Harness Height



### 1. Fully Loosen Harness Strap

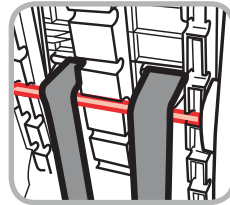
Push down on harness release lever (under flap on front of seat pad) while pulling out on harness strap as shown.



### 2. To Adjust Headrest/Harness Height

Rotate headrest/harness adjustment levers inward.

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



Release it into slot to lock. Make sure it is securely locked into place.

**⚠ WARNINGS:** Make sure the harness height is correct for your child's size.



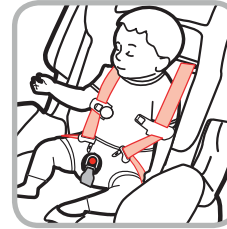
Do not use this child restraint rear facing if the top of your child's head is above the top of the child restraint's headrest.



Do not use this child restraint forward facing if the tops of your child's ears are above the top of the child restraint's headrest in its highest position.

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

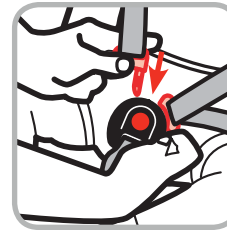
## Securing Child in Child Restraint



### 1. Place Child in Child Restraint

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

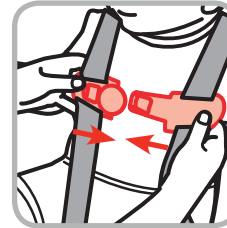
Position harness strap over child's shoulders and upper thighs.



### 2. Buckle Harness

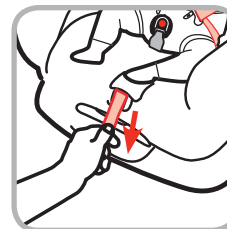
Push buckle tongues into buckle until you hear a "click."

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



### 3. Close Chest Clip

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



### 4. Tighten Harness

Pull on harness adjustment strap to tighten harness snugly.



### 5. Position Chest Clip

The chest clip must be placed at mid-chest (even with armpits) and away from the child's neck.



### 6. Check Harness Tightness

Try to pinch the harness at the shoulders 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 harness 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.

**⚠ 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.

To keep infant warm, buckle your child in the child restraint and place a blanket around the child or place the child's coat on backwards after buckling in.

### To Remove Child From Child Restraint

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





## Reclining Child Restraint



This child restraint has 4 positions:

### Rear Facing - 4

For children 2.3-10 kg (5-22 lb), fully recline the child restraint so that the bottom level line is parallel with the ground.

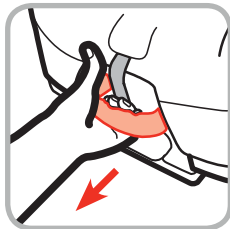
For children 10-18 kg (22-40 lb) **AND are able to sit up unassisted,**

rotate the restraint so the recline angle is between the 2 level lines.

**Forward Facing** - 1 Upright or 2 or 3 Semi-reclined

**Booster Seat** - 1 Upright or 2 or 3 Semi-reclined

**NOTE:** When forward facing, the semi-reclined positions are to be used only to install the child restraint and booster seat flush against the vehicle seat back. Vehicle seat back must be upright.



### How to Change Positions

To **recline**, pull out on recline handle and push top of child restraint back.

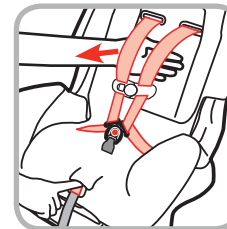
For **upright or semi-recline position**, pull out on recline handle and pull top of child restraint forward.

## Removing Harness System



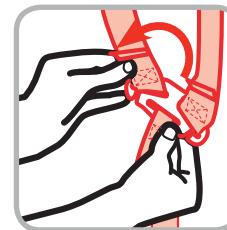
Only remove the harness system to clean the seat pad or to convert into a booster seat.

To remove accessories, see page 20.

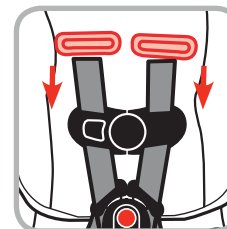


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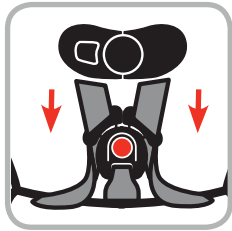
Push down on harness release lever (under flap on front of seat pad) while pulling out on harness strap as shown.



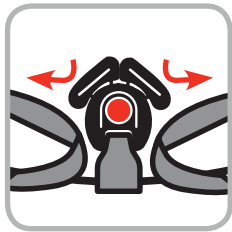
### 2. From Back, Remove Harness Strap Loops From Splitter Plate



### 3. Pull Harness Strap Out of Shoulder Harness Guides

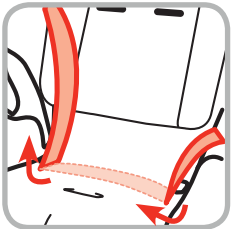


**4. Unthread Chest Clip**

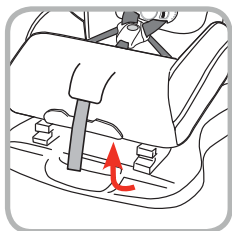


**5. Unthread Buckle**

Do not unbuckle the buckle.

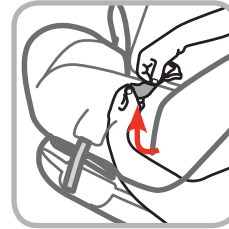


**6. Pull Harness Strap Out of Seat**



**7. Locate Buckle's Metal Retainer**

Fully recline the child restraint.  
Reach under the seat between base  
and shell.



**8. Rotate Metal Retainer  
and Push It Up Through  
Shell and Pad**



**9. From Top of Seat,  
Pull Buckle Out of Shell and Pad**



**For Booster Seat Use**

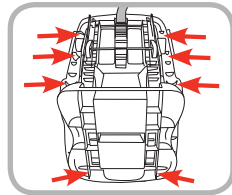
Store the harness strap, chest clip, and buckle for future use.

Store the splitter plate by wrapping the harness adjustment strap/splitter plate around the center rib as shown.



## Removing Seat Pad for Cleaning

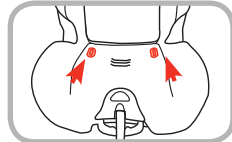
You must remove the harness system to remove the pad from the shell. See pages 12-14.



### 1. Release Elastic Straps as Shown

(on select models)

The positions of the elastic straps may vary by model.



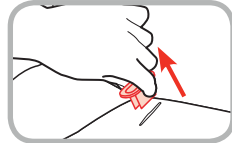
### 2. Remove Hip Harness Guides

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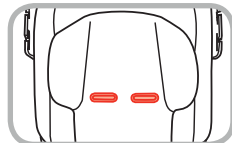
In the fully upright position, insert a flat head screw driver into the hole in the base where the harness guide is located.



Place the screw driver's tip between shell and harness guide, then twist the screw driver while pulling the harness guide from the front.



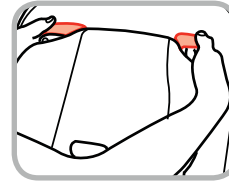
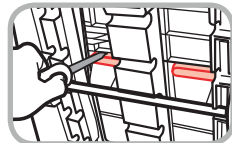
Repeat for other side.



### 3. Remove Shoulder Harness Guides

(on select models)

From the back of child restraint, pinch top and bottom of harness guide together or use a screwdriver to press in on harness guide edge as shown. With the other hand, from the front of the child restraint, pull the harness guides out of the headrest.

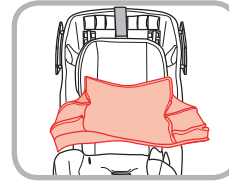


### 4. Adjust the Headrest to the Lowest Position

Pull pad off the top of seat and around headrest pad.

Pull the pad off the bottom of shell and remove the pad.

Remove headrest pad.



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

### Cleaning Pad and Accessories

Machine wash all pieces separately with cold water on a gentle cycle. Do not use bleach. Tumble dry separately for 10-12 minutes on low heat. Remove immediately.

### Cleaning Harness Strap

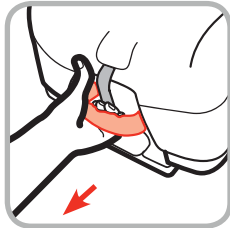
Spot clean using warm sudsy water and damp cloth.

### Replacing Pad

Gently pull headrest pad onto headrest. Starting from bottom of child restraint, slip pad on shell. Pull harness adjustment strap through pad. Make sure pad is behind headrest and backrest. Install harness guides. Attach all of the elastic straps. Install harness system, see pages 17-19.



## Installing Harness System



### 1. Fully Recline the Child Restraint

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

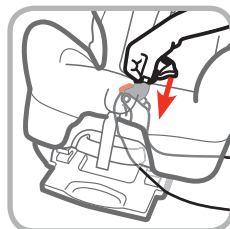


### 2. Insert Buckle's Metal Retainer into Slot Closest to Child

Buckle **MUST** face out.

You **MUST** use the 1st or 2nd buckle slots when child restraint is used rear facing.

Any slot can be used when forward facing.



### 3. Reach Under Seat Between Base and Shell

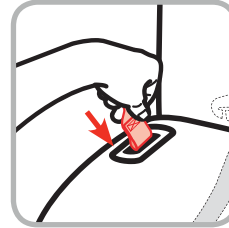
Pull metal retainer completely through pad and shell.



### 4. Check Buckle

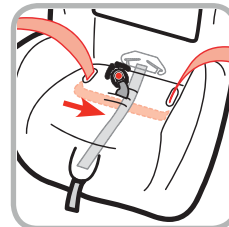
Pull up on buckle to make sure it is secured.

The buckle **MUST** not pull out.



### 5. Rethread Harness Strap

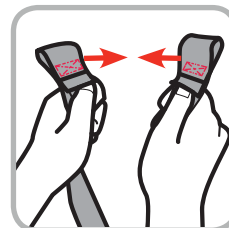
With sewn end of harness strap loop facing the buckle, thread harness strap down through hip harness guide.



### 6. Pull Harness Strap Across Shell and Up Through Opposite Hip Harness Guide

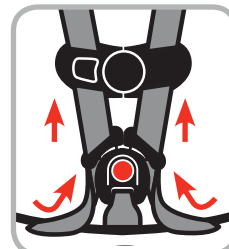
Make sure the harness strap is between shell and base and not underneath only the seat pad.

Harness adjustment strap **MUST** lay above the harness strap as shown.



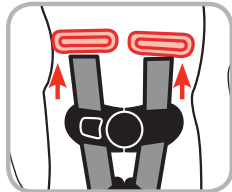
### 7. Make Harness Strap Even

Sewn ends of harness strap loops **MUST** face each other.

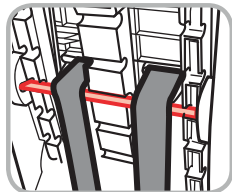


### 8. Thread Buckle and Chest Clip

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

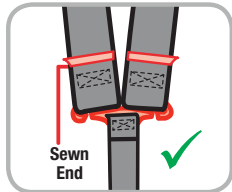


9. Thread Harness Strap Into Shoulder Harness Guides



10. From Back, Thread Harness Strap OVER Metal Bar

DO NOT twist harness strap.



11. Attach 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.

Correct

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



**⚠ WARNINGS:** Failure to place the harness adjustment strap between shell and the harness strap as shown can result in serious injury or death.

Harness strap **MUST** be threaded over the metal headrest adjustment bar.

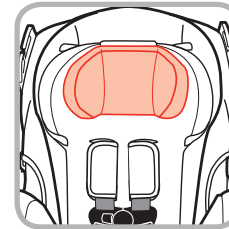
Harness system must be installed correctly. Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.



### Infant Head Support

Infant head support **MUST** not cover the infant's face in any way. Remove the head support when the infant's head has reached the top, inside part of the infant head support.

**To remove the support,** unhook the harness strap from splitter plate, pull harness strap out of the upper harness guides and remove infant head support. Rethread harness strap and attach the harness strap loops to the splitter plate. (See page 19.)

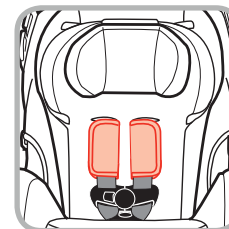


### Child Head Support

The child head support provides extra comfort for your child.

**To remove support,** pull support to unfasten from headrest pad.

**To attach support,** match up the fastening strips and press into place to secure.



### Harness Covers

**To remove harness covers,** unhook the harness strap from splitter plate, pull harness strap out of the upper harness guides and remove harness covers.

Rethread harness strap and attach the harness strap loops to the splitter plate. (See page 19.)



## Child Restraint and Booster Seat Use

Do not use a child restraint or booster seat that has been in a crash or a collision. The system must be replaced.

Do not use a child restraint or booster seat if you do not know the history of the restraint.

Never take your child out of the child restraint or booster seat or attend to the child's needs while the vehicle is moving.

Never leave child unattended in the child restraint or booster seat.

To avoid the child being seriously burned, always check for hot seat and buckles before using this child restraint.

Do not use a child restraint or booster seat with missing or damaged parts.

Do not lubricate the buckles, harness system or fasteners for any reason.

DJG does not recommend the use of accessories or add-ons that have not been certified with this child restraint and booster seat at original purchase date.

Never allow any child to play with this child restraint and booster seat; it is not a toy.

Do not remove the warning labels.

This child restraint has been certified for use in passenger vehicles and aircraft. This booster seat has been certified for use in passenger vehicles only. 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. Do not modify for use as a crib or a swing. Do not leave on stove top or any other hot surface.

On the back of the child restraint there is a date of manufacture label. Do not use this child restraint more than 10 years after date of manufacture.

Read all instructions and warning labels 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 securely.

When unoccupied the rear-facing child restraint must be firmly secured to the vehicle with a lower universal anchorage system if available or with a vehicle seat belt. The tether strap must be stored as described in the instruction manual.

When unoccupied, the forward-facing child restraint must be firmly secured to the vehicle with a lower universal anchorage system if available or with a vehicle seat belt and the tether strap.

When unoccupied, the booster seat must be firmly secured to the vehicle with the vehicle's seat belt only. The lower universal anchorage system and tether strap must be stored as described in the instruction manual.

In a crash or sudden stop, an unsecured child restraint or booster seat could injure the driver or other occupants in the vehicle.

Always check vehicle owner's manual for proper use of vehicle seat belts and the universal anchorage system (UAS) with your child restraint.

In very few vehicles, the child restraint and booster seat cannot be properly installed because of the type of seat belt system, airbag system and/or lack of location to anchor the tether strap. Always read and follow the vehicle owner's manual instructions for child restraint use.



## Vehicle Seating Position



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

**Always check vehicle owner's manual for child restraint and booster seat use with side airbags.**

**For vehicles with no rear seats, check the vehicle owner's manual for location and installation of a child restraint and booster seat.**



**Use the child restraint or booster seat only on vehicle seats that face forward.**



**Do not use on seats that face the sides or rear of the vehicle.**

**For vehicles with an airbag, but without a back seat, refer to your vehicle owner's manual.**

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.



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

**According to accident statistics, children in rear seating positions are**

**statistically safer, whether you have airbags, advanced airbags, or no airbags at all.**

**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.

## 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 child restraint to the applicable safety standards and place specified warnings and information on the labels fastened to each child restraint and in this instruction manual.

### Storing Child Restraint

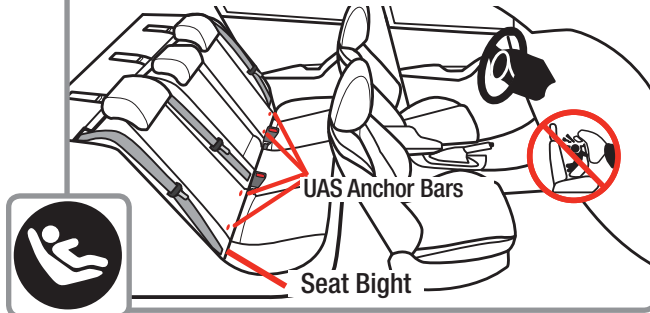
To protect your child restraint, store in the house, not in the garage or attic.

The hot and cold temperatures can harm the shell and/or the harness system if stored for a long period of time.



## Choosing UAS or Vehicle Belts

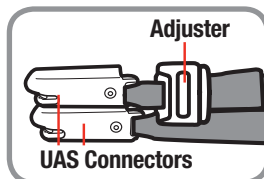
Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here.



Consult your vehicle owner's manual to help identify your vehicle's specific features and locations.

### The UAS

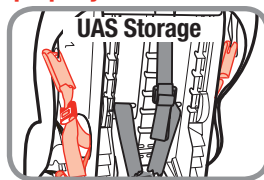
The Universal Anchorage System (UAS) is for installing child restraints without using vehicle seat belts.



The UAS can ONLY be used in vehicles that have the UAS anchor bars installed and designated UAS seating positions. Most vehicles manufactured after September 2002 are equipped with UAS. Check your vehicle owner's manual to see which seating positions may be

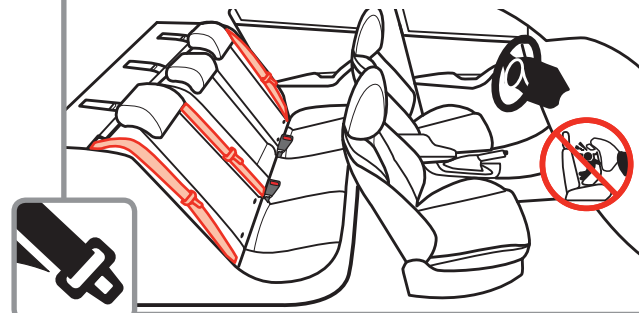
equipped with UAS.

**When installing this child restraint with vehicle belts or when using as a booster seat, the UAS connectors and belt MUST be properly stored.**



**To store UAS on this child restraint:** Thread UAS belt through forward-facing belt path. Then attach connectors to storage attachments as shown. Gently pull free end of belt to remove slack.

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



### Vehicle Belts

If UAS is not an option, you must use the vehicle seat belt system to install the child restraint.

There are some vehicle belts that will not work with a child restraint or will require special attention. Check your vehicle owner's manual for specific instructions.

**⚠ WARNINGS:** When used correctly the UAS belt or vehicle belts are equally safe.

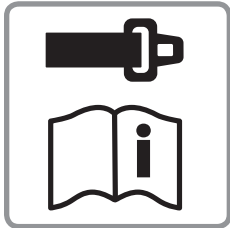
Do not use both the UAS belt and vehicle belt at the same time.





## Knowing Your Vehicle Belts

Not all vehicle belts and seating positions will work with child restraints. Please follow the following steps to understand how to lock a child restraint with a vehicle belt.



### 1. You MUST Review Your Vehicle Owner's Manual

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



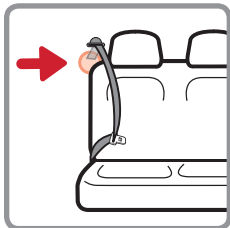
### 2. Determine How the Child Restraint Will Be Locked Into Place

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; or
- By using the seat belt's latch plate.



### 3. Check the Retractor

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

A retractor is most likely how you will be locking a child restraint into place.

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

## 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.

### Emergency Locking Retractor

See Step 4, "Check the Latch Plates," on next page.

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

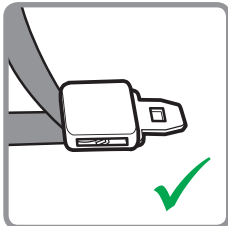
You will need to determine if your seat belt's latch plate can lock the belt. See Step 4, "Check the Latch Plates," on next page.



**4. Check the Latch Plates**

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

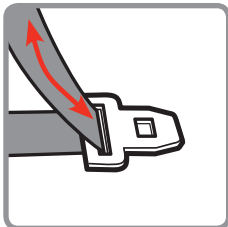
Hold the lap belt with one hand and with your other hand grasp the tongue of the latch plate (the part that goes inside the buckle). Pull the latch plate straight out in line with the lap belt.



**Locking Latch Plate**

If the latch plate does not slide up and down the vehicle belt, it is a **locking latch plate**.

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 to install the child restraint. See pages 53-54.

**Never Use With This Child Restraint**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Emergency Locking Retractor Lap Only Belt | ✗ |
| Inflatable Seat Belts                     | ✗ |

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

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.

**⚠ WARNING:** Store UAS belts and tether strap when using the aircraft belts.



**Rear Facing Aircraft Installation**

For rear facing installation follow pages 37-40.



**Forward Facing Aircraft Installation**

For forward facing installation follow pages 47-49.



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



Rear Facing

UAS Installation



2.3-18 kg (5-40 lb)  
48-91 cm (19-36 in.)




 UAS Belt



 Lap Belt



 Lap/Shoulder Belt



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

This child restraint must always face the rear of the vehicle and be in the fully reclined position until the child is at least 1 year old, weighs 10 kg (22 lb) AND is able to walk unassisted.

**⚠ WARNINGS:** Do not use the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt when using the Universal Anchorage System (UAS).

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



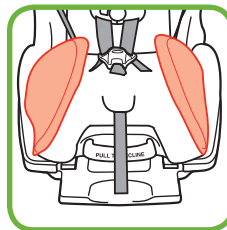
Store the tether hook when used rear facing. Attach the tether hook to storage attachment as shown and gently tighten to remove slack.

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

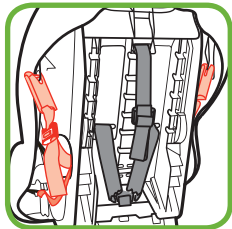
Fully recline the child restraint and rotate the child restraint to the correct recline angle that matches the weight of your child. Do not use any other recline positions rear facing. Do not rotate the child restraint beyond the bottom or top level lines.

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

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



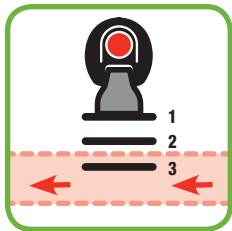
**1. Pull Pad Off Front Corners of Child Restraint As Shown**



**2. Remove UAS from Storage Location**



**3. Route UAS Connector with Adjuster Closest to It Through Rear-Facing Belt Path**



**4. Reach Under Pad and Pull Connector Across to Opposite Side**

**Do not twist belt.**

Belt **MUST** be in **front** of buckle strap.

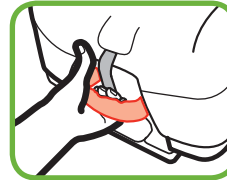
You **MUST** use the 1st or 2nd buckle slot. **Do not** place belt over child's legs.



**5. Finished UAS Routing**

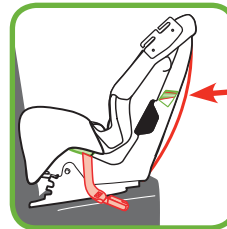
Replace pad over corners.

Adjuster **MUST** be on left side of the child restraint as shown.



**6. Fully Recline the Child Restraint**

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

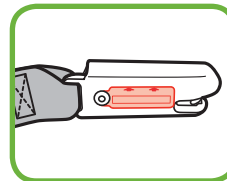
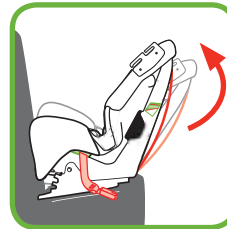


**7. Place Child Restraint Rear Facing in Back Seat**

For children between 2.3-10 kg (5-22 lb), the bottom level line on shell **MUST** be parallel with the ground.

For children 10-18 kg (22-40 lb) who can sit up unassisted, rotate the child restraint between the 2 level lines.

Start by making the bottom level line parallel with the ground, then rotate seat up. Do not rotate past the top level line.

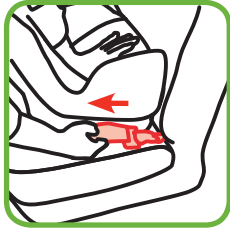


**8. Connect UAS to Vehicle Anchor**

**NOTE:** The UAS connector's red release button **MUST** face away from child restraint and the arrows on connectors **MUST** face up.

Fasten one UAS connector to the UAS anchor bar in the vehicle seat bight. Repeat for other side of child restraint.





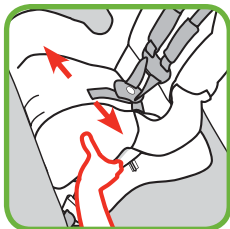
### 9. Tighten Belt

Place hand in child restraint.

Firmly push down and towards the vehicle seat back while pulling free end of belt to tighten.



It may be easier to pull pad away from shell and tighten the belt through the belt path opening as shown.



### 10. Check Belt Tightness

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weakest 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.



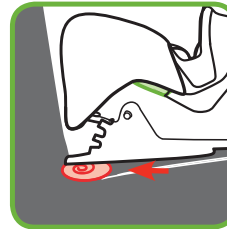
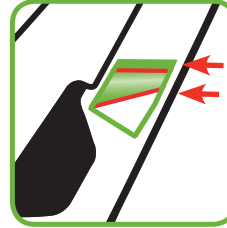
### 11. Secure Child in Child Restraint

Recheck the level lines to make sure it is reclined according to your child's weight.

Repeat steps 7-10 if not reclined correctly.

You may need to place a large rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under front of child restraint to help achieve the correct recline angle.

Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the belt is tight.

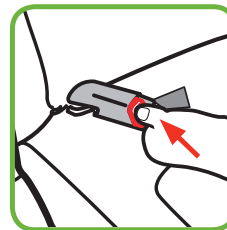


### To Release UAS

**Remove child from child restraint.**

Remove UAS from vehicle anchors by pressing the red release button on each connector.

**Store UAS when not in use.  
See page 25.**





## Vehicle Belt Installation



**⚠ WARNINGS:** Do not use the Universal Anchorage System (UAS) when using the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt. Secure UAS connectors as shown when installing with vehicle belts.

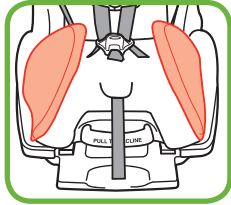


Secure the tether hook when used rear facing. Attach the tether hook to storage attachment as shown and gently tighten to remove slack.

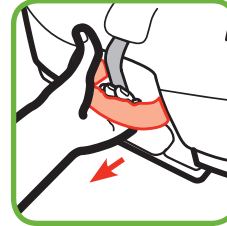
Check vehicle belt before each use. Use only if the belt can be tightened properly and locked securely in place.

Fully recline the child restraint and rotate the child restraint to the correct recline angle that matches the weight of your child. Do not use any other recline positions rear facing. Do not rotate the child restraint beyond the bottom or top level lines.

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

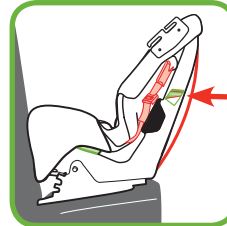


**1. Pull Pad Off Front Corners of Child Restraint As Shown**



**2. Fully Recline the Child Restraint**

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

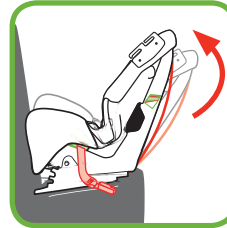


**3. Place Child Restraint Rear Facing in Back Seat**

For children between 2.3-10 kg (5-22 lb), the bottom level line on shell **MUST** be parallel with the ground.

For children 10-18 kg (22-40 lb) who can sit up unassisted, rotate the child restraint between the 2 level lines.

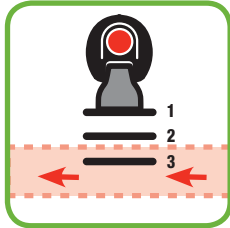
Start by making the bottom level line parallel with the ground, then rotate seat up. **Do not** rotate past the top level line.



**4. Route Vehicle Lap or Lap/Shoulder Belt Through Rear-Facing Belt Path**

Review pages 27-29 and your vehicle owner's manual to determine what kind of vehicle belts you have and how to lock a child restraint in place.

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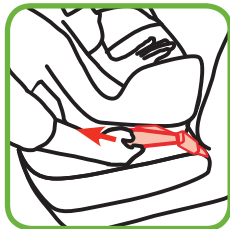
**5. Reach Under Pad and Pull Vehicle Belt Across the Shell**

**Do not twist belt.**

Belt **MUST** be in front of buckle strap.

You **MUST** use the 1st or 2nd buckle slot. **Do not** place belt over child's legs.

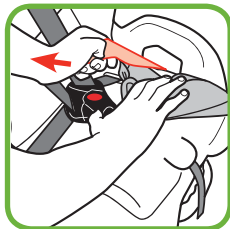
**Buckle vehicle belt.** Replace pad over corners.



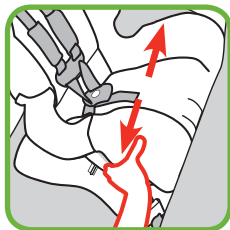
**6. Tighten Belt**

Place hand in child restraint.

Firmly push down and towards the vehicle seat back while pulling shoulder belt or free end of lap belt to tighten.



It may be easier to pull pad away from shell and tighten the belt through the belt path opening as shown.



**7. Check Belt Tightness**

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weakest 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.



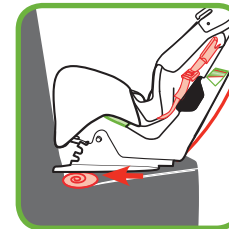
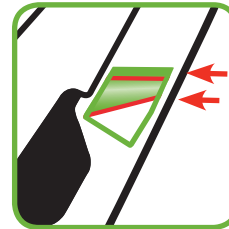
**8. Secure Child in Child Restraint**

Recheck the level lines to make sure it is reclined according to your child's weight.

Repeat steps 3-7 if not reclined correctly.

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Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the belt is tight.



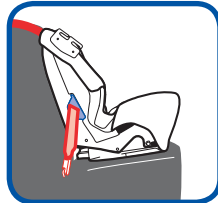


## Forward Facing

## Tether Use



10-30 kg (22-65 lb)  
74-132 cm (29-52 in.)  
At least 1 year old



UAS Belt  
with Tether



Lap Belt with  
Tether



Lap/Shoulder Belt  
with Tether

**⚠ WARNING:** Never place a child less than 1 year old or weighing less than 10 kg (22 lb) forward facing.

**⚠ WARNING:** Tether straps are required in Canada. 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 cause serious injury or death.

The tether strap is used for the forward-facing position only.

Vehicles manufactured today already have the tether anchor hardware installed in the vehicle.

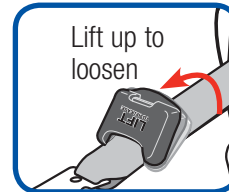
Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for locations. If your vehicle does not have a tether anchor bracket, please see your dealer or a qualified mechanic and have one installed.



Pull free  
end to  
tighten

### Adjusting Tether Strap

**To tighten:** After the child restraint is locked into place with UAS or vehicle belt, push down on child restraint and gently pull on free end of tether.



Lift up to  
loosen

**To loosen:** Lift up on tether lock adjuster and push it towards tether hook.



### Storing Tether Strap

**When installing rear facing or when seat is not in use,** attach the tether hook to its storage attachment on the base as shown. Gently tighten to remove slack.





## UAS Installation

**⚠ WARNINGS:** Do not use the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt when using the Universal Anchorage System (UAS).

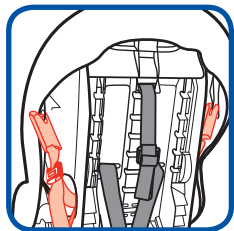
Check UAS belt before each use. Use only if the belt can be tightened properly and securely.

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

Do not use any recline position except to install the child restraint flush against the vehicle seat back. Vehicle seat back must be upright.

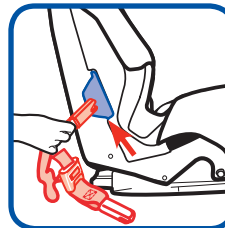
Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.

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



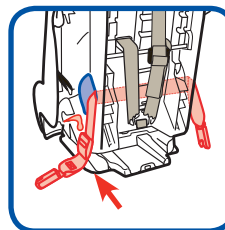
### 1. Remove UAS from Storage Location

Or if UAS was used rear facing, pull UAS belt out of rear-facing belt path so both connectors are on the same side of the seat.



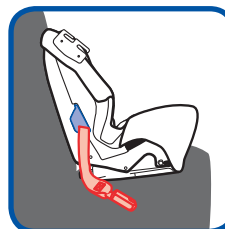
### 2. Route UAS Connector without Adjuster Closest to it Through Forward-Facing Belt Path

Do not twist belt.



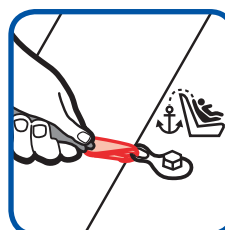
### 3. Finished UAS Routing

Adjuster **MUST** be on the left side of the child restraint as shown.



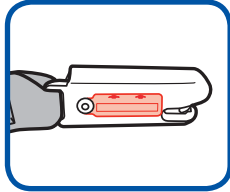
### 4. Place Child Restraint Forward Facing Flush Against Vehicle Seat Back

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



### 5. Loosely Attach Tether Hook

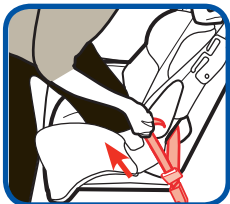
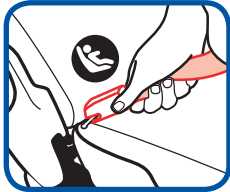
Check vehicle owner's manual for specific location.



### 6. Connect UAS to Vehicle Anchor

**NOTE:** The UAS connector's red release button **MUST** face away from child restraint and the arrows on connectors **MUST** face up.

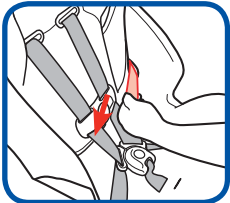
Fasten one UAS connector to the UAS anchor bar in the vehicle seat bight. Repeat for other side of child restraint.



### 7. Tighten Belt

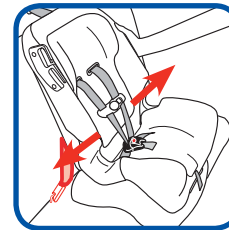
Place knee in child restraint. Firmly push down while pulling free end of belt to tighten.

It may be easier to pull pad away from shell and tighten the belt through the belt path opening as shown.



### 8. Tighten Tether

With knee still in child restraint, push firmly on the back of the seat and tighten tether strap.



### 9. Check Belt Tightness

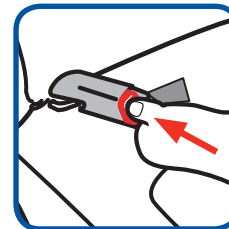
Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weakest hand.

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.



### To Release UAS

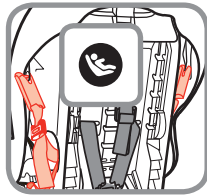
#### Remove child from child restraint.

Remove UAS from vehicle anchors by pressing the red release button on each connector.

**Store UAS when not in use. See page 25.**



## Vehicle Belt Installation



**⚠ WARNINGS:** Do not use the UAS along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt. Secure UAS connectors as shown when using the vehicle belts. Check the vehicle belt before each use. Use only if the belt is tightened properly and securely.

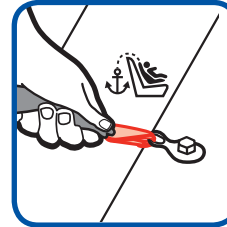
Do not use any recline position except to install the child restraint flush against the vehicle seat back. Vehicle seat back must be upright.

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



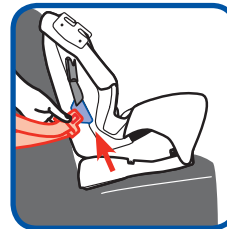
### 1. Place Child Restraint Forward Facing Flush Against Vehicle Seat Back

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



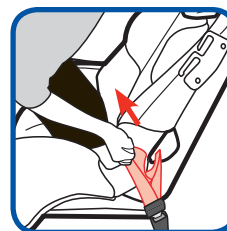
### 2. Loosely Attach Tether Hook

Check vehicle owner's manual for specific location.



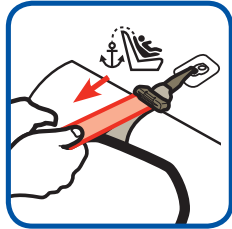
### 3. Route Vehicle Lap or Lap/Shoulder Belt Through Forward-Facing Belt Path

Review pages 27-29 and your vehicle owner's manual to determine what kind of vehicle belts you have and how to lock a child restraint in place. **Do not twist belt. Buckle vehicle belt.**



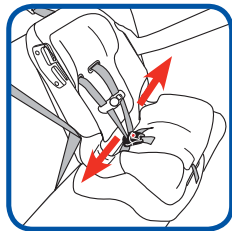
### 4. Tighten Belt

Place knee in child restraint. Firmly push down while pulling shoulder belt or free end of lap belt to tighten.



**5. Tighten Tether**

With knee still in child restraint, push firmly on the back of the seat and tighten tether strap.



**6. Check Belt Tightness**

Hold child restraint at the belt path with your weakest 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.



18-45 kg (40-100 lb)  
102-132 cm (40-52 in.)



Lap/Shoulder Belt

You **MUST** remove the harness system (see pages 12-14) and accessories (see page 20) to use this seat as a booster seat.

**⚠ WARNINGS:** Do not use the harness system when using as a booster seat.



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



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 the shoulder belt behind the child's back or under the child's arms.



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



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



## Lap and Shoulder Belt Installation



### 1. Place Booster Seat Forward Facing Flush Against Vehicle Seat Back

Do not use any recline position except to make the booster seat flush against the vehicle seat back. Vehicle seat back must be upright.



### 2. Place Child in Booster Seat

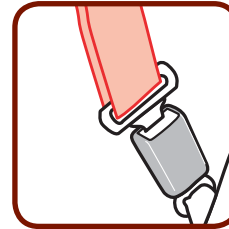
Tops of child's ears should be at the midpoint of the headrest, but never above the top of the headrest.

Adjust headrest if needed, see page 7.



### 3. Position Lap Belt on Child

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



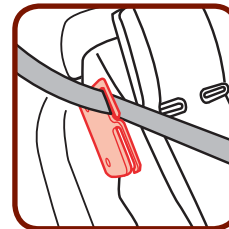
### 4. Buckle Vehicle Belt



### 5. Position Shoulder Belt on Child

Pull up on shoulder belt to tighten.

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



To help position the shoulder belt, you may need to secure the shoulder belt in one of the two shoulder belt-positioning guides.

**NOTE:** Use the shoulder belt positioning guide only if necessary to correctly position the shoulder belt on the child.

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



## Using a Locking Clip

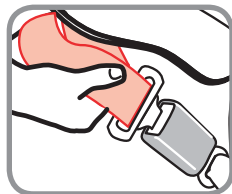
You will rarely need to use a locking clip except in some older vehicles. Built-in child restraint locking systems have been required in vehicles since 1996, and many vehicles had these features even earlier. Review pages 27-29 and your vehicle owner's manual to determine if your vehicle belts require a locking clip.

If you need a locking clip immediately, they are likely available at an auto dealership, an auto store, or where you purchased this child restraint. You can also call us at 1-800-544-1108 or text us at 1-812-652-2525 for one.

A locking clip will not fix all types of seat belt problems. You **MUST** have a lap and shoulder belt to use a locking clip. **Do not use the locking clip when using this seat as a booster seat.**

**For Rear Facing installation,** follow Pages 37-39 Warnings and Steps 1-6 before starting locking clip installation.

**For Forward Facing installation,** follow Pages 47-49 Warnings and Steps 1-5 before starting locking clip installation.

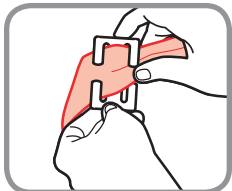


### 1. Determine Locking Clip Position

Grasp both vehicle belts together just behind the latch plate to mark the position for locking clip.

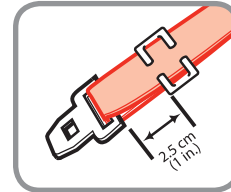
Unbuckle the belt.

**NOTE:** If the latch plate ends up just at the belt path opening so you cannot grasp the vehicle belt at the latch plate, grasp the vehicle belts on the opposite side of the child restraint, as close to the latch plate as possible.



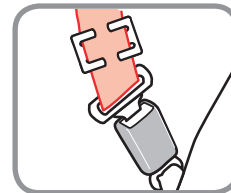
### 2. Attach Locking Clip

Thread both portions of the vehicle belt onto the locking clip, as close to the latch plate as possible.

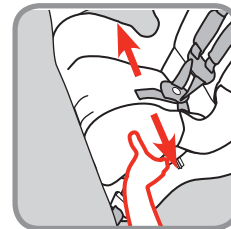


### 3. Position Locking Clip

It should be about 2.5 cm (1 in.) from vehicle belt's latch plate.



### 4. Rebuckle Vehicle Belt



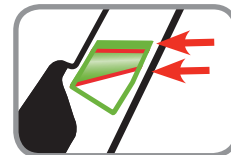
### 5. Check Belt Tightness

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

Push and pull from side to side.

If it moves more than 2.5 cm (1 in.), try reinstalling the child restraint or try another seating location.

**When installed rear facing,** recheck the level lines to make sure it is reclined according to your child's weight.



**When installed forward facing,** make sure to tighten the tether strap.



**Remove the locking clip when the seat belt is not being used with a child restraint.**

## Dorel Juvenile Group Information

Thank you for choosing this child restraint and booster seat. 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.

Your child's safety is worth the time it will take to read and follow these instructions. After reading, if you still have questions or have any concerns with this child restraint, please contact our Consumer Care Department:

**Call:** 1-800-544-1108

**Text:** 1-812-652-2525

**Website:** [www.djgusa.com](http://www.djgusa.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

## Registration and Safety Notices

Although child restraints and booster seats 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.

**Consumer:** Just fill in your name, address and email. Please print.  
**Client:** Simplement inscrire votre nom, adresse et courriel. S.V.P. imprimez.

Your Name/Votre nom: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Street Address/Votre adresse: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

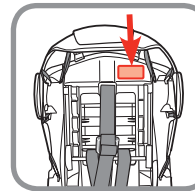
Model Number: 22710CAXO

Line Code: SF ALPH OMEGA

Manufacture Date: 2015/01/22

Date of Purchase/Date d'achat: \_\_\_\_\_ L#11 B265035

### 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 back of the shell. There are three additional ways to register your information:

**Online:** [www.djgusa.com/registration/carseat/can](http://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  
2855 Argentia Road, Unit 4  
Mississauga, ON L5N 8G6  
Attn: Consumer Care

Please do not send in your registration card if you have registered your child restraint online.

For information on safety-related problems, you can also call Transport Canada's Road Safety Dept. at: 1-800-333-0371.

## Replacement Parts List

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.

| <b>Part</b>          | <b>Cost</b> |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Buckle Assembly..... | \$7.99      |
| Harness Strap.....   | \$2.99      |
| Seat Pad Set.....    | \$74.99     |
| Chest Clip.....      | \$1.50      |
| UAS Kit.....         | \$24.99     |
| Instructions.....    | \$0.00      |
| Locking Clip.....    | \$2.50      |

**For availability and questions,** please call us at: 1-800-544-1108; or text us at 1-812-652-2525.

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**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.**

## Warranty

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

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 contact our Consumer Care Department by phone at 1-800-544-1108; or text us at 1-812-652-2525.

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.