



SNUGRIDE® SNUGLOCK™

INFANT CAR SEAT BASE

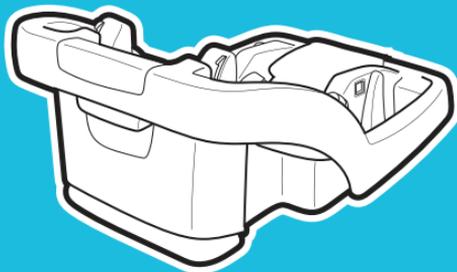


Read This Instruction Manual

Do not install or use this child restraint until you read and understand the instructions in this manual.

**FAILURE TO PROPERLY
USE THIS
CHILD RESTRAINT
INCREASES THE
RISK OF SERIOUS
INJURY OR DEATH IN
A SUDDEN STOP OR
CRASH.**

**KEEP INSTRUCTIONS
FOR FUTURE USE.**



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1-A Quick Guide to Your Manual

This base is compatible with any Graco® Click Connect car seat.

Get to Know Your Car Seat

Review section 2-A to see all of the features of this infant car seat.

What Seating Location Should I Use?

The best seating location for this infant car seat is one that:

- Is recommended by your vehicle owner's manual, and
- Results in a secure installation of this car seat.



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

Review section 4 of this manual AND your vehicle owner's manual.

Which Installation Method Should I Use?

This infant car seat base can be installed in your vehicle using either the vehicle seat belt **OR** the LATCH system. Both are equally safe to use. **DO NOT USE BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.**

This infant car seat carrier can be installed in your vehicle using only the vehicle seat belt. LATCH is not available to install the carrier.

When Installing Base

LATCH System



LATCH consists of lower anchors, which are built-in to your vehicle, and connecting hooks that are built-in your car seat.

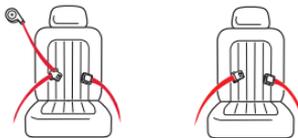


Review section 3-B of this manual AND your vehicle owner's manual.

Vehicle Seat Belt



There are two types of vehicle seat belts that can be used. Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt or Lap Only Seat Belt.



Review section 3-C of this manual AND your vehicle owner's manual.

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1-B Before You Begin

Your child's safety depends on you. No car seat can guarantee protection from injury in every situation, but proper use helps reduce the risk of serious injury or death.

Even if this car seat seems easy to figure out on your own, you must follow the detailed instructions in this instruction manual to ensure the steps below are performed correctly.

Register This Child Restraint

Please fill out the prepaid registration postcard attached to the harness and mail it in today **or register online at www.gracobaby.com/carseatregistration**.

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

Graco Children's Products, Inc.
Attn: Customer Service
P.O. Box 169, Elverson, PA 19520-9901
or call 1-800-345-4109
or register online at
www.gracobaby.com/carseatregistration

For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.NHTSA.gov>.

For future reference or if you change addresses, record the model name, model number, date of manufacture, and purchase date of this car seat below. You can find this information either on the registration card if you still have it or on the date label located on the back of the car seat.

Model Name _____

Model Number _____

Date of Manufacture _____

Date of Purchase _____

If You Need Help

In the U.S.A, please contact our Customer Service Department with any questions you may have concerning parts, use, or maintenance. When you contact us, please have your product's model number and date of manufacture ready so that we may help you efficiently. These numbers can be found on a sticker on the back side of your car seat.

For additional resources or to get your car seat checked by a child passenger safety technician, please visit the following web sites:

www.nhtsa.gov • www.seatcheck.org • www.safekids.org



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Certification

This child restraint base, when used with any Graco SnugRide® Click Connect™ car seat, meets or exceeds all applicable requirements of Federal motor vehicle safety standard 213 for use in motor vehicles.



This child restraint's **base** is NOT certified for use in aircraft.

Contact the airline for their specific policies.

Car Seat's Useful Life

STOP using this car seat and throw it away 7 years after the date of manufacture. Look for date of manufacture label on back of the car seat.

Graco Children's Products Inc. advises against loaning or passing along a car seat unless you know the complete history of the product. We also advise against purchasing a car seat second hand.

Vehicle Seat Protection

Protect vehicle seat. Use a car seat mat, towel, or thin blanket under and behind car seat.

1-C Safety Warnings

No car seat can guarantee protection from injury in every situation, but proper use helps reduce the risk of serious injury or death. **READ THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY.**



1 Important

⚠ WARNING!

Failure to follow these instructions and child restraint's labels can result in child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash.



! NEVER PLACE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT REAR-FACING IN A VEHICLE SEATING LOCATION THAT HAS AN ACTIVE FRONT AIR BAG.

If an air bag inflates, it can hit the child and car seat with great force and cause serious injury or death to your child.

! Review your vehicle owner's manual for more information about air bags and car seat use.

! If your vehicle does not have a back seat, review your vehicle owner's manual.

! The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommend that children ride rear-facing until age 2 or until they reach the maximum rear-facing height or weight rating for their seat.

! Select a suitable location for the car seat in your vehicle.

! Secure car seat with a vehicle seat belt or LATCH that is properly routed as shown in this manual.

! Vehicle seat belt system MUST hold car seat securely. Not all vehicle seat belts can be used with a car seat.

! If vehicle seat belt does not hold car seat securely, read "Vehicle Seat Belts" section 4-E and your vehicle owner's manual.

! Always secure car seat with LATCH or a vehicle seat belt, even when unoccupied. In a crash, an unsecured car seat can injure passengers.

! DO NOT use car seat if it is damaged or missing parts.



! If car seat is in a crash, it must be replaced. DO NOT use it again! A crash can cause unseen damage and using it again could result in serious injury or death.

! DO NOT use accessories or parts other than those provided by Graco. Their use could alter the performance of the car seat.

! DO NOT remove LATCH system from car seat. If using vehicle seat belt to secure car seat, LATCH connectors must be stored.

! Rear-facing car seat must be properly leveled:

- Too reclined can result in injury or ejection.
- Too upright can result in breathing difficulties.

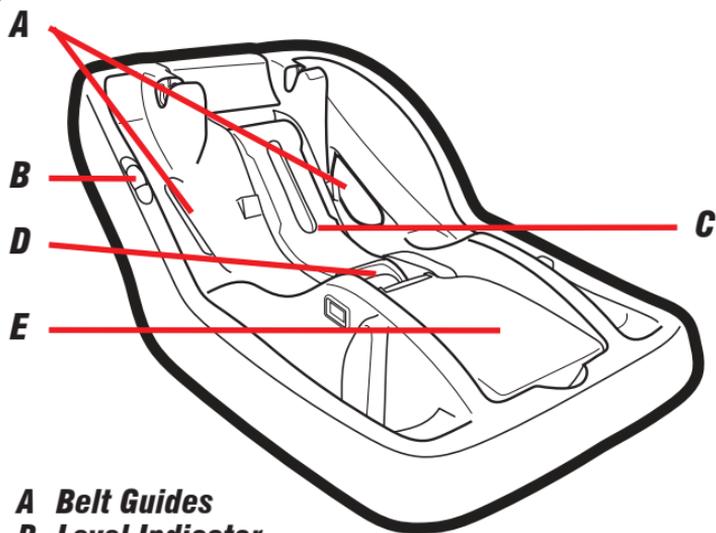


! Never attach two LATCH connectors to one vehicle lower anchor point unless specifically allowed by the vehicle manufacturer.

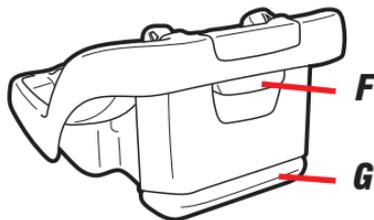
! Do not use both the vehicle seat belt and LATCH strap at the same time when using the car seat rear-facing.

! Do not to allow children to play with the base unit even outside the vehicle.

2-A Car Seat Features



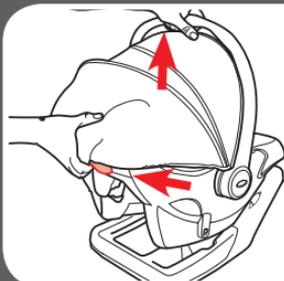
- A** Belt Guides
- B** Level Indicator
- C** SnugLock™ Lock-Off
- D** SnugLock™ Lock-Off Release Lever
- E** Instruction Manual and LATCH Storage
- F** Base Recline Lever
- G** Base Recline Foot



2-B Remove Car Seat from Base

To Remove Car Seat from Base

From the back of the car seat, squeeze the base release handle and then lift the car seat out of the base.

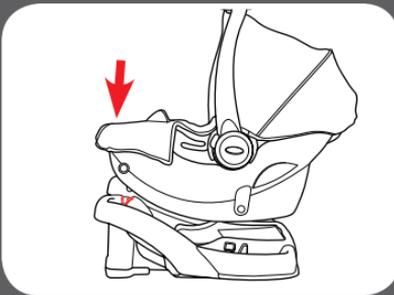
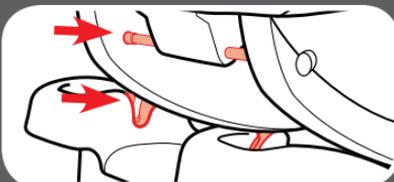


2-C Attach Car Seat to Base

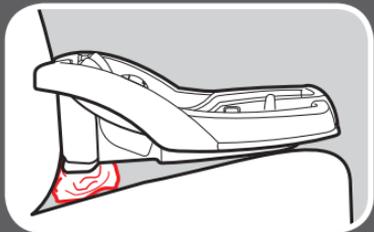
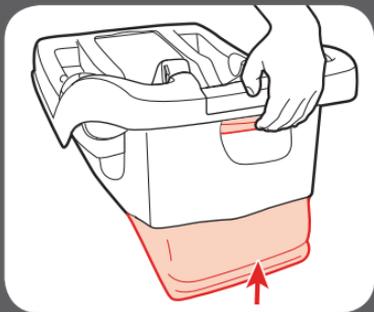
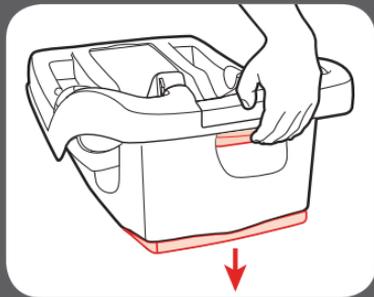
Attaching Car Seat To Base

Align the locking bar at the front of the car seat with the locks in the base. Set car seat in the base. Push down on the front of the car seat. You will hear a “click” when it is locked.

Pull up on the front corners of the seat to make sure it is locked.



2-D Recline the Base



Base Has 4 Recline Positions

Squeeze on the base recline lever and lift the base to extend the foot.

Squeeze on the base recline lever and lower the base to retract the foot.

Check the level indicator for appropriate install. (See below)

If the blue level indicator is still not completely inside the clear area for your infant's age when the foot is completely extended, then raise the foot and place a rolled towel under the foot until the blue level indicator is inside the clear area.

When Reading The Level Indicator

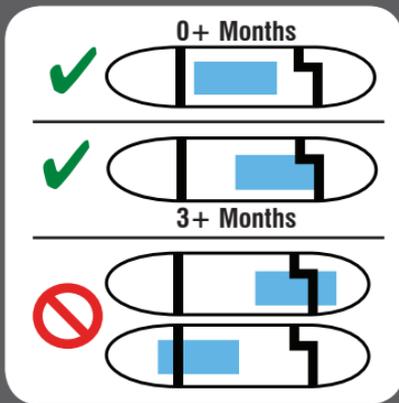
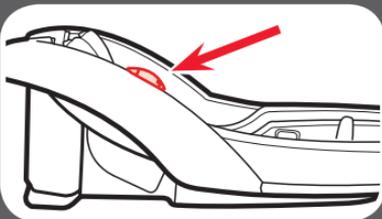
Vehicle **MUST** be on level ground.

Use corrected age for preemies.

- If the blue indicator is in the smaller area between the black lines, the restraint is level for infants 0+ months in age.

- If blue indicator is in the larger partially notched area, the restraint is level for a child 3+ months in age.

- If any blue appears outside the black lines, the child restraint is NOT level. You must adjust your recline position.



2-E Choosing Vehicle Seat Location

Review your vehicle owner's manual for seating locations. Review section 4 for additional information.

Some vehicles have specific requirements for where the car seat can be installed. Be sure to check your vehicle owner's manual for all available seating positions.

According to accident statistics, the safest place for your child in any vehicle is the back seat. The center of the back seat can be the safest during a possible side impact.



⚠️ WARNING!



NEVER place this child restraint rear-facing in a vehicle seating location that has an active front air bag.

In the event there is no back seat, review your vehicle owner's manual to see how to use your infant child restraint.

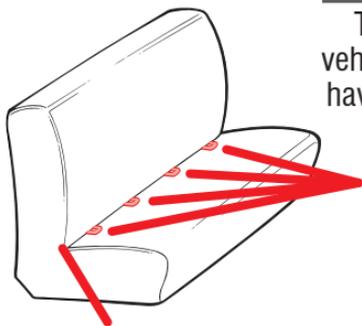
2-F Choosing LATCH or Seat Belts

This car seat can be installed in your vehicle using either the vehicle seat belt OR the LATCH system. Both systems are equally safe to use. DO NOT USE BOTH AT THE SAME TIME. Review section 4 for additional information.

2-G What is LATCH?

LATCH consists of lower anchors, which are built-in to your vehicle, and connecting hooks that are built-in to your car seat. Lower anchors are used INSTEAD of the vehicle's seat belt to secure the child seat to the vehicle.

Review your vehicle's owner manual for exact location and use. Review section 4 for additional information.



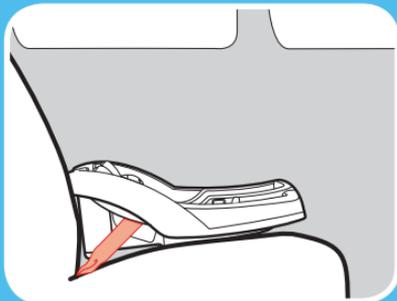
Vehicle Seat Crease

Typical seat in a passenger vehicle. Other vehicle types may have different LATCH locations.

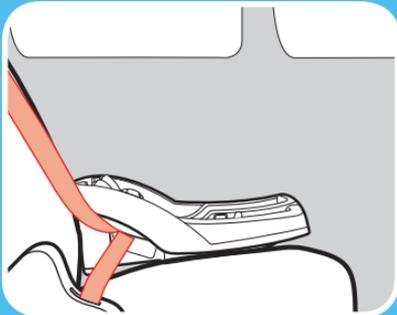
Vehicle Lower Anchor Points



3-A Rear-Facing Checklist



LATCH Strap



Vehicle Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt

Rear-Facing*:

- Car seat **MUST** be rear-facing in the vehicle back seat.
- Make sure LATCH strap or vehicle seat belt is routed through the rear-facing belt path, marked with a blue label.
- Install this car seat tightly in your vehicle. Car seat **should not move** at the belt path more than 1" (2.5 cm) from side to side and front to back.
- Make sure to check the level indicator or level line for proper recline.
- Harness straps must be **at or just below** the top of child's shoulders and chest clip must be at **armpit level**.



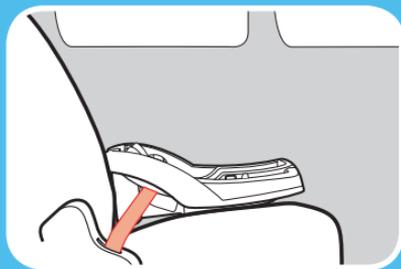
Note: Preterm or low birth weight infants may be at special risk in a vehicle or aircraft. According to the AAP, these infants may suffer breathing issues if improperly reclined in a car seat. Use the corrected age for preemies. Graco advises that you have your physician or hospital staff evaluate your infant and recommend the proper car seat or car bed before you and your infant leave the hospital.

! WARNING!



NEVER
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*Check your state laws and the AAP/NHTSA recommendations. See page 12.



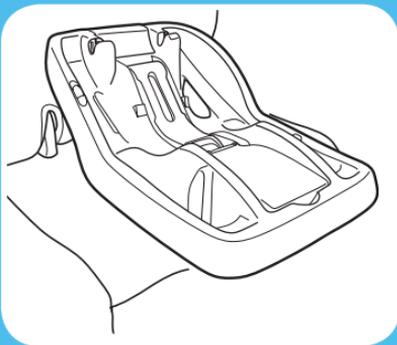
Vehicle Lap Only Seat Belt



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Facing**

3-B Install With Base With LATCH Strap

Review your vehicle's owner's manual for LATCH location and use.



1. Place Base in Back Seat of the Vehicle

Place the base flat on the vehicle seat. Push it back until the front of the base touches the vehicle seat back. Center the base between the lower LATCH anchors.

If allowed by your Vehicle Owner's Manual, the center seating position may be used if the anchor spacing is 11" (28 cm) or greater.



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2. Remove **LATCH** Hooks from Storage Location

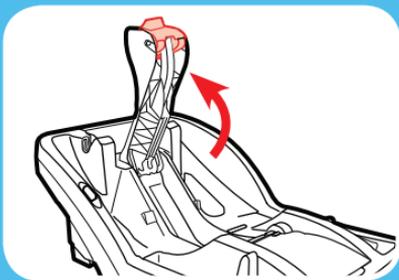
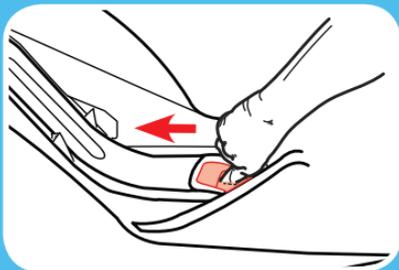
Lift the storage lid and remove the LATCH hooks.

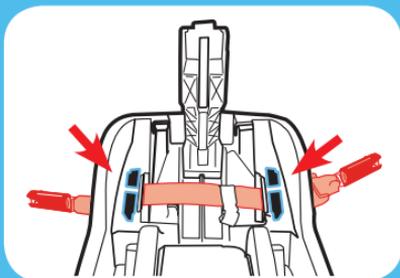
Close the storage lid.



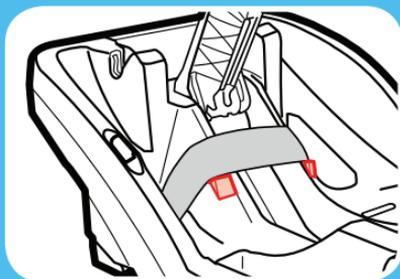
3. Open the **SnugLock™**

Squeeze the red lever to open the SnugLock™

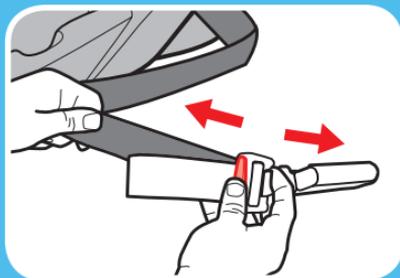




4. Route the LATCH Strap through the Rear-Facing Belt Path, Marked With a Blue Outlined Label



5. Make sure the strap is threaded above the notches near the lock-off.



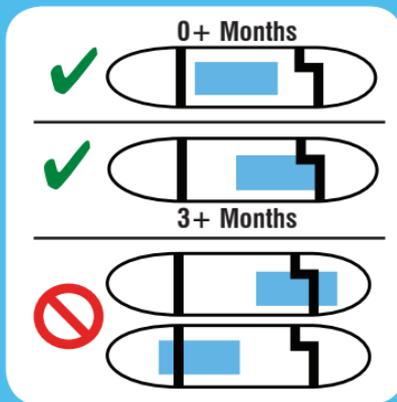
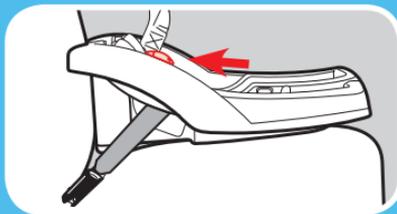
6. Extend the LATCH Strap

Extend the LATCH strap to its maximum length by pressing the gray button and pulling on the strap.

7. Check the Level Indicator

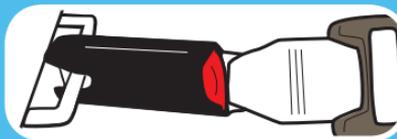
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To recline, review section 2-D.

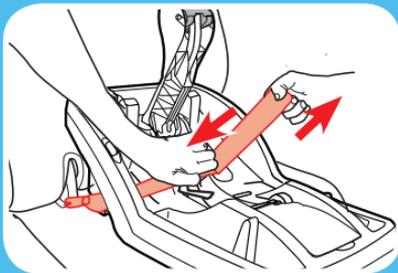


8. Connect LATCH Hooks to Vehicle's Lower LATCH Anchors

LATCH strap should lay as flat as possible and not be twisted.



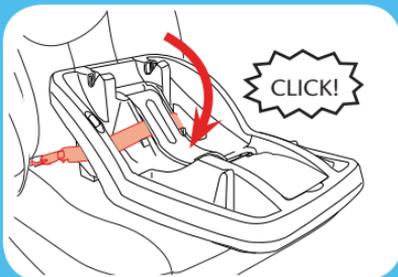
3 Rear Facing



9. Remove Slack

Press down firmly on the center of the base while pulling on the free end of the LATCH strap to remove all of the slack.

Do not pull on the strap with excessive force.



10. Close the SnugLock™

Shut the lock-off on top of the LATCH strap.

Close the lock-off until you hear a "Click".

⚠ WARNING!

Keep hands away from the lock-off area when closing the lock-off.

11. Test For Tightness

Grab the sides of the base where the LATCH strap is and push and pull the base from side to side and front to back.

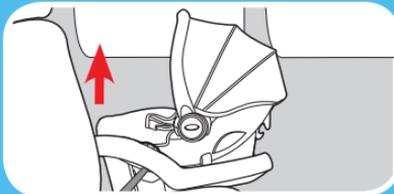
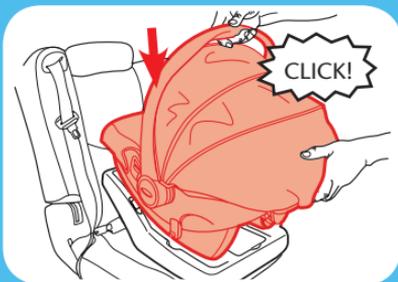
If the base moves less than 1" (2.5 cm), it is tight enough.

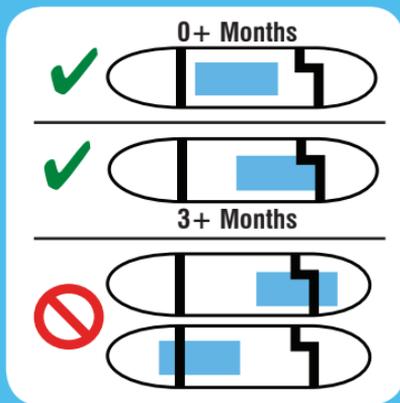
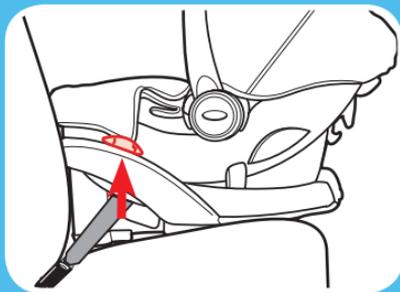


12. Attach Car Seat to Base

Place car seat into the base. Push down on the front of the car seat and handle until you hear a “click”.

Test to make sure the car seat is attached by pulling up on the front corners of car seat.





13. Check the Level Indicator

Vehicle **MUST** be level with the ground.

Check the level indicator with child in the child restraint.

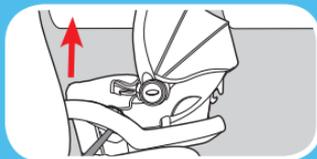
If you make any adjustments, recheck for tightness again. Grab the sides of the base at the belt path, push and pull the base from side to side and front to back. If the base moves less than 1" (2.5 cm), it is tight enough.

Is Everything Correct?

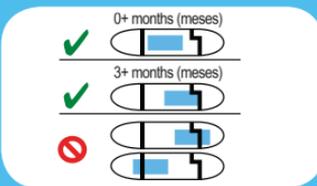
Base Does Not Move
More Than 1" (2.5 cm)
At The Belt Path



Car Seat Is Properly
Attached To Base



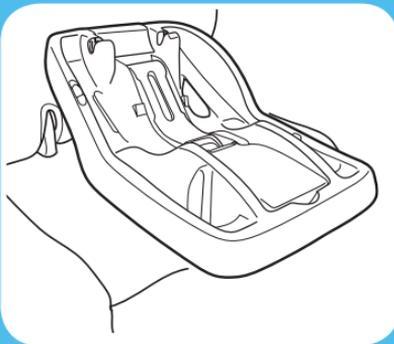
With vehicle on level
ground check the level
indicator



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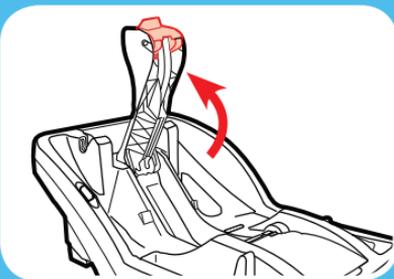
3-C Install With Base With Vehicle Seat Belt

To store the LATCH strap, see section 4-C



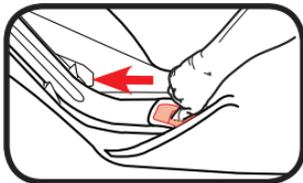
1. Place Base in Back Seat of the Vehicle

Place the base flat on the vehicle seat. Push it back until the front of the base touches the vehicle seat back.



2. Open the SnugLock™

Push the red lever to open the SnugLock™

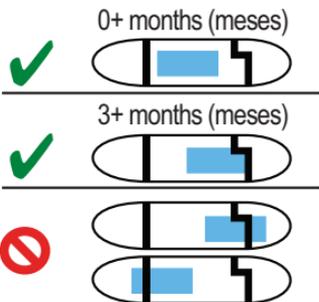
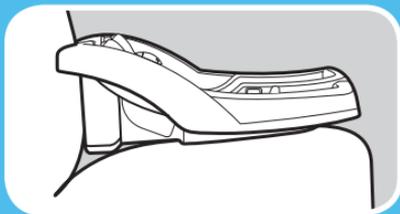


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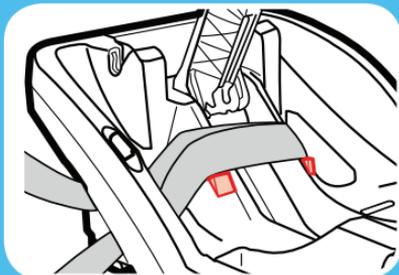
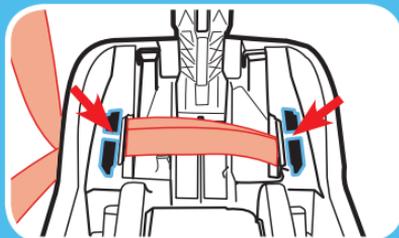
Vehicle **MUST** be level with the ground.

To recline, review section 2-D.



3 Rear
Facing

Review your vehicle's owner's manual for vehicle seat belt use



4. Route the Vehicle Seat Belt

Thread the lap portion of the vehicle seat belt through the rear-facing belt path (marked with a blue label) and buckle it. The seat belt should lay as flat as possible and not be twisted.

5. Make sure the vehicle seat belt is threaded above the notches near the lock-off.



3 Rear Facing

6. **Tighten the Vehicle Seat Belt**

Press down firmly on the top of the base while pulling on the shoulder belt to remove all the slack.

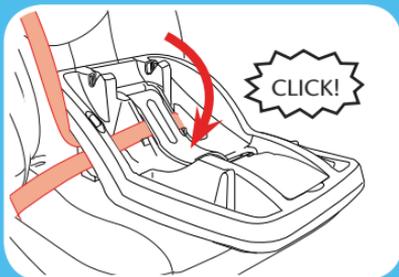
Do not pull on the strap with excessive force.



7. **Close the SnugLock™**

Shut the lock-off on top of the seat belt strap.

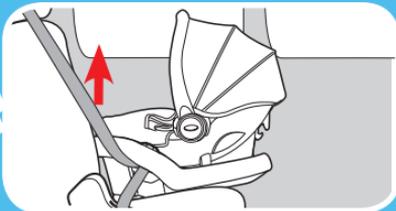
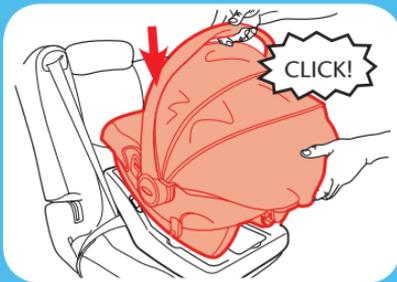
Close the lock-off until you hear a “Click”.



⚠ WARNING!

Keep hands away from the lock-off area when closing the lock-off.





8. Test For Tightness

Grab the sides of the base where the seat belt is and push and pull the base from side to side and front to back.

If the base moves less than 1" (2.5 cm), it is tight enough.

9. Attach Car Seat to Base

Place car seat into the base. Push down on the front of the car seat and handle until you hear a "click".

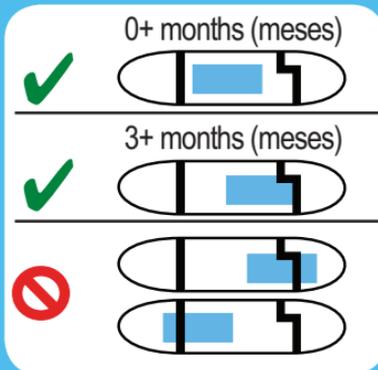
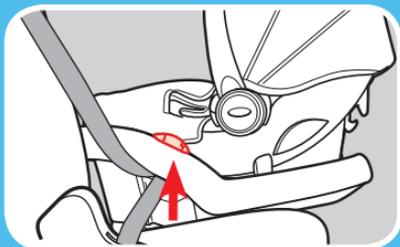
Test to make sure the car seat is attached by pulling up on the front corners of car seat.

10. Check the Level Indicator

Vehicle **MUST** be level with the ground.

Check the level indicator with child in the child restraint.

If you make any adjustments, recheck for tightness again. Grab the sides of the base at the belt path, push and pull the base from side to side and front to back. If the base moves less than 1" (2.5 cm), it is tight enough.

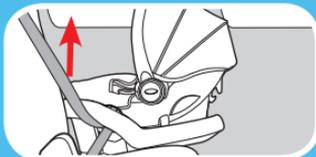


3 Rear
Facing

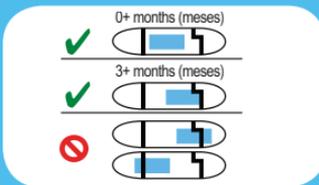
Is Everything Correct?



**Base Does Not Move
More Than 1" (2.5 cm)
At The Belt Path**



**Car Seat Is Properly
Attached To Base**



**With vehicle on level
ground check the level
indicator**



**3 Rear
Facing**

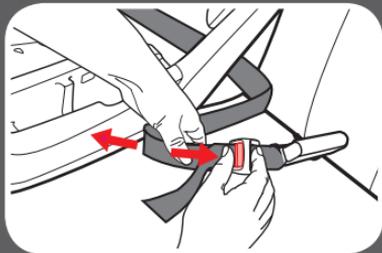
4-A Additional LATCH Information

This car seat can be installed in your vehicle using either the vehicle seat belt OR the LATCH system. Both systems are equally safe to use. DO NOT USE BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.

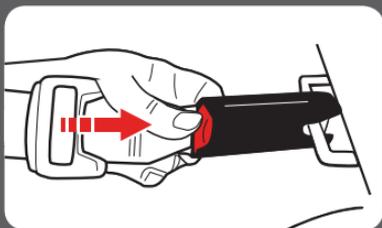
The LATCH system allows you to securely attach your car seat in your car without using the vehicle seat belt and possibly to get a better fit. All 2003 and newer model year vehicles are required to have a LATCH system, although some manufacturers began including LATCH earlier. Some vehicle owner manuals use the term ISOFIX to identify the LATCH system.

Only use LATCH in seating positions recommended by your vehicle manufacturer. Review your vehicle owner's manual for more information.

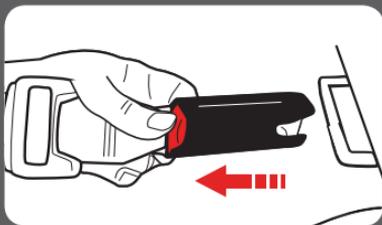
4-B How to Remove LATCH



**1. Push Gray Button
In While Pulling
on LATCH Strap
to Loosen**



**2. Press and Hold
LATCH Release
Button**



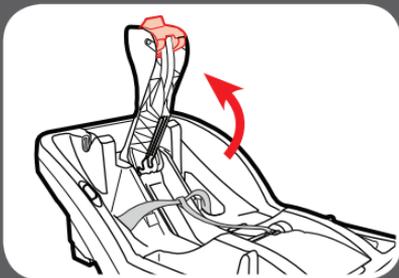
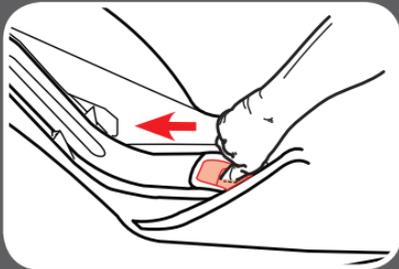
**3. Pull Away From
Anchor Point**

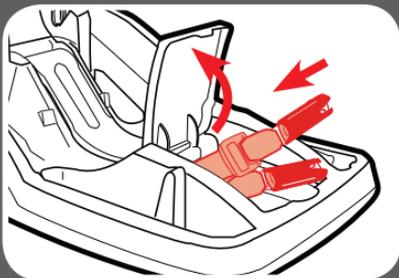
*See section 4-C to
store the LATCH.*

4-C Storing The LATCH Strap

1. Open the SnugLock™

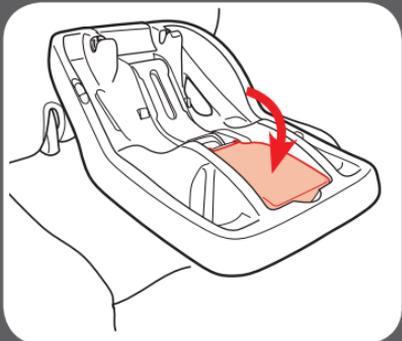
Push the red lever to open the SnugLock™



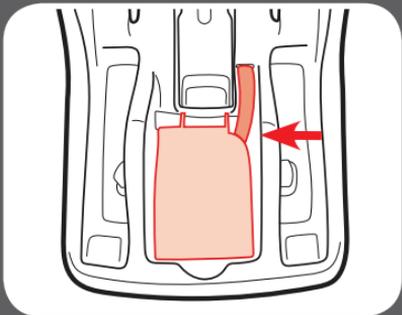


2. Remove **LATCH Hooks** from **Storage Location**

Lift the storage lid and place the LATCH hooks inside the storage compartment



Close the storage lid.



Make sure the LATCH retaining strap goes through the corner of the storage lid.

4-D Unsafe Vehicle Seats

Never install this car seat in side-facing or rear-facing vehicle seats.



4-E Vehicle Seat Belts

Review your vehicle owner's manual for vehicle seat belt use

This car seat can be installed using a vehicle seat belt. To do this, you will need to change the seat belt to a locked mode for use with car seats. With some vehicle seat belts, this is done with the latch plate; with other vehicle seat belts, this is done with the retractor.

Vehicle Seat Belt Terms

Retractor

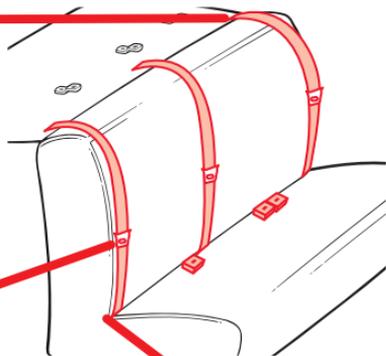
A device that winds up the unused vehicle seat belt. It is often hidden inside the panels on the walls of the vehicle or in the vehicle seat back.

Latch Plate

The male end of the seat belt with the silver tongue.

Seat Crease

The crease where the vehicle seat back and seat bottom meet.



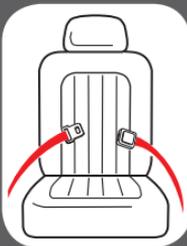
Identify Your Seat Belt Type

There are two different types of vehicle seat belts that can be used with this car seat:



Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt

3 connection points.



Lap Only Seat Belt

2 connection points.

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The following types of vehicle seat belts **CANNOT** be used safely with this car seat:



Lap Belt with Motorized
Shoulder Belt



Belts Forward of the
Seat Crease



Lap Belt or Shoulder
Belt Mounted on Door

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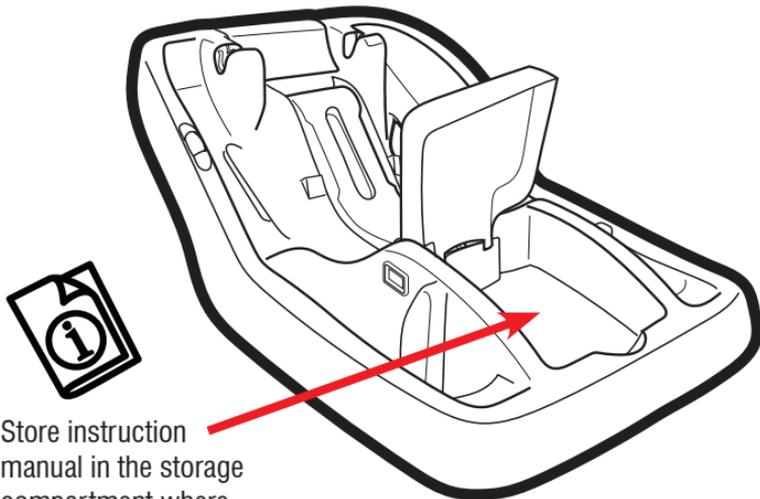
Replacement Parts

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Store instruction manual in the storage compartment where the instruction book icon is shown.