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Extend2Fit[®] Platinum 3-IN-1 CAR SEAT

Read This Instruction Manual



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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.

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1-A A Quick Guide to Your Manual

This car seat is for children:

Rear-Facing: 4-50 lb (1.8-22.5 kg)

Forward Facing: 22-65 lb (10-30 kg)

Booster: 40-100 lb (18.1-45 kg)

• Children less than 22 lb (10 kg) **MUST** use this car seat rear-facing. Review section 1-C for more information.

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. When rear-facing, 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.

Car Seat Assembly (On Select Models)

Adult Assembly Required

1. Attach Cup Holders

You **MUST** attach cup holders. Line up the T-slot and side-tab to "click" into place.



Get to Know Your Car Seat

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

What Seating Location Should I Use?

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

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

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

Review section 9-B, 9-C of this manual AND your vehicle owner's manual.

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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.



Which Installation Method Should I Use?

This car seat can be installed in your vehicle using either the vehicle seat belt **OR** the LATCH system **OR** the lower anchor attachment. All are equally safe to use. INSTALL USING ONLY ONE METHOD. Graco allows the securing of the car seat with LATCH in the booster mode, only if the vehicle manufacture allows it.

Vehicle Seat Belt: Review section 9 and your vehicle owner's manual to learn how to install your car seat with the vehicle seat belts.

LATCH or Lower Anchor Attachment: The LATCH system or Lower Anchor Attachment allows you to securely attach your safety 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.

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What is LATCH?

LATCH consists of lower anchors and a tether anchors, which are built-in to your vehicle, and lower anchor attachment and tether that is built-in to your car seat. Lower anchor attachment is used INSTEAD of the vehicle's seat belt to secure the child seat to the vehicle. Tether is used IN ADDITION to the lower anchor attachments OR the vehicle's seat belt to secure a forward-facing car seat to the vehicle.

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



When Installing This Car Seat

Lower Anchor Attachment

The lower anchor attachment consists of two lower anchors, which are built-in to your vehicle, and lower anchor connectors that are built-in your car seat. Review section 3-C, 4-C & 5-B of this manual AND your vehicle owner's manual.

Lower anchor attachment can ONLY be used if the vehicle lower anchor spacing is 11 inches (28 cm) from

the center of one lower anchor to the center of the other lower anchor.





Vehicle Seat Belt

There are two types of vehicle seat belts that can be used When Installing Rear-Facing & Forward-Facing. Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt or Lap Only Seat Belt.

Only use the Lap/Shoulder seat belt configuration when Installing As a Booster

Review section 3-C, 4-C & 5-B of this manual AND your vehicle owner's manual.



Does Your Car Seat Fit Your Child Correctly?

To make sure your child is secured properly, review section 3, 4 & 5 to understand all of the actions you need to take to properly adjust the car seat to fit your child.

For Rear-Facing, You Need to Adjust:

Harness Height, Rear-Facing (A)

Harness straps at or just below the child's shoulders. **(B)** Top of head **must** be 1" (2.5 cm) below the headrest adjustment lever. Review section 6.

Buckle Position (C)

The correct slot is the one that is closest to your child without being underneath them. Review section 6.

Harness Tightness (D)

If your fingers slide off the harness straps without pinching the straps, it is tight enough. Review section 6.



For Forward-Facing, You Need to Adjust:

Harness Height, Forward-Facing (A)

Harness straps at or just above the child's shoulders and top of child's ears below top of headrest **(B)**. Review section 6.

Buckle Position (C)

The correct slot is the one that is closest to your child without being underneath them. Review section 6.

Harness Tightness (D)

If your fingers slide off the harness straps without pinching the straps, it is tight enough. Review section 6.



For Booster, You Need to Adjust:

Use Lap/Shoulder Belt Only



Position Lap Belt

Lap belt must go behind armrest and lie low across your child's hips and thighs.

Position Shoulder Belt

Shoulder belt lies across shoulder between neck and edge of shoulder.



Forward-Facing Installation

Use the tether when using forwardfacing (A)

When used properly, the top tether helps reduce injury in a sudden stop or crash. Review section 4

Important

Car Seat Does Not Move More than 1" (2.5 cm) at the Belt Path (B) Review section 4

Harness Straps at or Just Above Child's Shoulders (C) Review section 6

Chest Clip Even With Armpits (D) Review section 6

Cannot Pinch Harness Straps at the Shoulder (E) Review section 6



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Booster Installation

Never Use Lap Belt Only Review section 5

Lap Belt Behind Armrest and Lies Low Across Hips and Thighs Review section 5

Shoulder Belt Lies On the Shoulder, Between the Neck and Edge of Shoulders Review section 5



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1-B Welcome to the Graco Family!

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 all steps are preformed correctly.



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1-D Before You Begin

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 on the 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 meets or exceeds all applicable requirements of Federal motor vehicle safety standard 213 for use in motor vehicles



This child restraint is certified for use in aircraft when using the harness system. Use only on forward-facing aircraft seats. Follow the instructions for vehicle installation. For rear-facing installation, see section 3-C and 9-D Lap belt Installation. For forward-facing installation, see section 4-C and 9D Lap belt Installation except don't use the top tether. Contact the airline for their specific polices.



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

Car Seat's Useful Life

STOP using this car seat and throw it away 10 years after the date of manufacture. Look for this sticker 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.

Warm Weather Use

Car seat parts can get very hot in the sun or warm weather. To avoid burns, always check before putting child in car seat.

1-E 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**.

AWARNING!

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.
- ! Choose the correct mode of use for the car seat depending on your child's size. Infants less than 22 lb. (10 kg) MUST use this car seat rear-facing.

- ! Children are safer riding rear-facing and should ride rear-facing as long as possible, until they reach the maximum rear-facing height or weight rating for their car seat. Then children should ride forwardfacing, using the built-in harness system for as long as possible until they reach the maximum forward-facing weight or height for their car seat. At that point, children should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat. A booster is no longer needed once the vehicle seat belt fits properly, typically when they reach 4 feet 9 inches (145 cm) tall and are between ages 8-12. Be sure to check your local and state laws, as well as AAP and NHTSA recommendations, for car seat usage.*
- ! Select a suitable location for the car seat in your vehicle.
- ! Secure car seat with a vehicle seat belt or lower anchor attachment that is properly routed as shown in this manual.

*Graco Supports the American Academy of Pediatrics and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Car Seat Guidelines. Visit www.gracobaby.com/en-US/safety for information on car seat usage recommendations.

Important (1)

- 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 9-D and your vehicle owner's manual.
- ! Always secure car seat with lower anchor attachment or a vehicle seat belt, even when unoccupied. In a crash, an unsecured car seat can injure passengers.
- ! 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 car seat if it is damaged or missing parts.
- ! DO NOT use accessories or parts other than those provided by Graco except for a thin towel or mat to protect your vehicle seat or a rolled towels or pool noodles to help get your car seat level. 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, lower anchor connectors must be stored.
- ! Never leave child unattended, even when sleeping. Child may become tangled in harness straps and suffocate or strangle.
- ! 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 lower anchor connectors to one vehicle lower anchor unless specifically allowed by the vehicle manufacturer.

Do not use both the vehicle seat belt and lower anchor strap at the same time when using the car seat forward-facing with the 5-point harness.

2-A Car Seat Features



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- A Height Adjust Lever
- **B** Headrest
- **C** Head Support
- **D** Harness Cover
- E Shoulder Belt Guide
- F Chest Clip
- **G** Harness Buckle
- H Body Support
- I Cupholder
- J Harness Release Lever (under seat pad)
- K Extender Handle
- L Harness Adjustment Strap
- M Base Recline Handle



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- A Tether Storage Bar
- **B** Tether Hook
- **C** Tether Strap
- D Lower Anchor Connector Storage Bar
- E Lower Anchor Connector
- F Lower Anchor Strap
- G Cup Holder
- H Lap Belt Guide
- I Level Indicator



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2 Features



- A Tether Strap
- **B** Harness Straps
- C Lower Anchor Connector Storage Bars
- **D** Splitter Plate
- E Base Recline Handle
- F Instruction Manual Storage
- **G** Tether Storage Bar
- H Tether Hook
- I EZ Tight[™] Extension Button (press to extend lower anchor strap)
- J EZ Tight™ Retractor
- K EZ Tight™ Retractor Button (slide to tighten lower anchor strap)



3-A Rear-Facing



Lower Anchor Attachment Do not install by this method for a child weighing more than 40 lb (18 kg)



Rear-Facing: 4-50 lb (1.8-22.5 kg) and whose head is at least 1" (2.5 cm) below the headrest adjustment handle

- Infants who weigh less than 22 lb (10 kg) **MUST** be rear-facing.
- Place car seat rear-facing in the vehicle back seat.
- Make sure lower anchor 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 rear-facing belt path more than 1" (2.5 cm) from side to side, front to back.
- Check recline level making sure the bubble is within the light blue area.
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- Harness straps need to be even with or just below the top of child's shoulders and chest clip is at armpit level.
- Children are safer riding rear-facing and should ride rear-facing as long as possible, until they reach the maximum rear-facing height or weight rating for their car seat. Then children should ride forward-facing, using the built-in harness system for as long as possible until they reach the maximum forward-facing weight or height for their car seat. Be sure to check your local and state laws, as well as AAP and NHTSA recommendations, for car seat usage.

AWARNING!



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



Vehicle Seat Lap Belt

3 Rear Facing

When reading the level indicator,



Vehicle **MUST** be on level ground.

Use corrected age for preemies.

- If the bubble is entirely under the light blue line, the restraint is level for infants 0+ months in age.
- If the bubble is entirely under the dark blue line, the restraint is level for a child 3+months in age.
- If the bubble is not completely under the blue lines, the child restraint is **NOT** level. You must adjust your recline position.
3-B Installing Rear-Facing with Lower Anchor Attachment

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

1. Store Tether

Attach tether hook to the plastic bar on right side of the car seat.

2. Remove Lower Anchor Connectors from Storage Location

Push in on the red buttons on the lower anchor connectors and remove from storage position.





3. Make Sure The Lower Anchor Strap is in the Rear-Facing Belt Path Marked With a Blue Label

If not, See section 8-A Moving Lower Anchor Strap.

4. Recline the Car Seat

Pull out on handle on front of child restraint or push in on handle on rear of child restraint and adjust to one of the four rear-facing positions.



5. Place Car Seat Rear-Facing in Back Seat of the Vehicle

Place rear-facing in vehicle seat and center the car seat between the lower anchors. The base should sit as flat as possible on the vehicle seat.

6. To Keep Your Child Rear-Facing Longer

For additional legroom squeeze the adjustment handle and pull the extension panel out. The extension panel has 4 positions.





7. Make Sure Base is a minimum of 80% on Vehicle Seat.



8. Check the Level Indicator

Vehicle **MUST** be on level ground. **Bubble must be completely under the blue lines**. Readjust the recline if needed. Or if needed, rolled towels may be placed under the car seat at the vehicle seat crease, until the bubble is completely under the blue lines.

For infants 3 months and under, the **bubble must be entirely under the light blue line**.

9. Extend the Lower Anchor Strap.

For easier installation, extend the lower anchor strap to its maximum length by pressing the blue EZ Tight[™] Extension button on the EZ Tight[™] retractor and pulling on the lower anchor strap.

10. Attach Lower Anchor Connectors to Vehicle's Lower Anchors.

Lower anchor strap should lie flat and not be twisted. If twisted, you will not be able to tighten the strap.

Lower anchor attachment can only be used if the vehicle lower anchor spacing is 11 inches (28 cm) from the center of one lower anchor to the center of the other lower anchor.







11. Pull All of the Lower Anchor Strap Slack to the EZ Tight™ Retractor Side

12. Activate the EZ Tight™ Retractor

Slide and release the gray EZ Tight $^{\rm \tiny TM}$ retractor button to remove the slack.

13. Tighten the Lower Anchor Strap

Push down firmly on the car seat in the locations shown and release. Do this until the EZ Tight[™] retractor no longer clicks (about 3-5 times).

Some vehicle seats will need more pressure to tighten the Lower Anchor Strap than others.

14. Test For Tightness

Grab the sides of the seat in the location shown and slide the car seat side-to-side and front-to-back.

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

If it moves more than an 1" (2.5 cm), repeat steps 11, 12, 13 and 14.

15. Check the Level Indicator

Vehicle **MUST** be on level ground. **Bubble must completely be under the blue lines**. Readjust if needed.

For infants 3 months and under, the **bubble must completely be under** the light blue line.

If needed, rolled towels may be placed under the car seat at the vehicle seat crease, until the bubble is completely under the blue lines.

See section 6 to secure your child. Recheck level indicator with child in seat.



Is Everything Correct?











3 Rear Facing Car Seat Does Not Move More than 1" (2.5 cm) at the Belt Path

Level Indicator's Bubble is Under the Lines and Vehicle on Level Ground



Harness Straps at or Just Below the Child's Shoulders Review section 6

Chest Clip Even With Armpits Review section 6

Cannot Pinch Harness Straps at the Shoulder Review section 6

3-C Install Rear-Facing with Vehicle Seat Belt

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1. Make Sure Lower Anchor Strap is in the Forward-Facing Belt Path Marked with Orange Label

If not, see section 8-A Moving Lower Anchor Strap.

2. Store Tether and Lower Anchor Connectors

Attach tether hook and lower anchor connectors to the plastic bars as shown.







3. Recline the Car Seat

Pull out on handle on front of child restraint and adjust to one of the 4 rear-facing positions.

4. Place Car Seat Rear-Facing in Back Seat of the Vehicle

Place rear-facing in vehicle seat. The base should sit as flat as possible on the vehicle seat.

5. Make Sure Base is a minimum of 80% on Vehicle Seat.



6. To Keep Your Child Rear-Facing Longer

For additional leg room squeeze the adjustment handle and pull the extension panel out. The extension panel has 4 positions.



7. Check the Level Indicator

Vehicle **MUST** be on level ground. **Bubble must be completely under the blue lines**. Readjust if needed.

For infants 3 months and under, the **bubble must completely be under the light blue line**.

If needed, rolled towels may be placed under the car seat at the vehicle seat crease, until the bubble is completely under the blue lines.



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



8. Route the Vehicle Seat Belt

Thread vehicle seat belt through the rear-facing belt path (marked with a blue label) and out the other side. Buckle it. The seat belt should lie as flat as possible and not be twisted.

Note: It may be easier to route the vehicle seat belt by lifting seat pad up to expose the belt path.

Make sure the vehicle seat belt is in front of the buckle strap when the buckle is in the inner-most position, and in behind when in the outer-most position.

3 Rear Facing

9. Lock Vehicle Seat Belt

In most vehicles today, slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out and then let it go back in. You will hear a clicking sound. Slowly pull out on the belt and it should be locked. If not, review your car's owner manual and section 9-D.

10. Tighten the Vehicle Seat Belt

Press down firmly in the center of the car seat. Pull on the shoulder belt to tighten while feeding the slack back in the retractor.





11. Test For Tightness

Grab the sides of the seat where the vehicle seat belt is and slide the car seat side-to-side and front-to-back.

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

12. Check the Level Indicator

Vehicle **MUST** be on level ground. **Bubble must be completely under the blue lines**. Readjust if needed.

For infants 3 months and under, the **bubble must completely be under the light blue line**.

If needed, rolled towels may be placed under the car seat at the vehicle seat crease, until the bubble is completely under the blue lines.

See section 6 to secure your child.

Recheck level indicator with child in seat.

Is Everything Correct?

Car Seat Does Not Move More than 1" (2.5 cm) at the Belt Path

Level Indicator's Bubble is Under the Lines and Vehicle on Level Ground



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Harness Straps at or Just Below the Child's Shoulders.

Review section 6

Chest Clip Even With Armpits Review section 6

Cannot Pinch Harness Straps at the Shoulder Review section 6 acing



Forward Facing

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4-A Forward-Facing





LATCH

Do not install by this method for a child weighing more than 45 lb (20 kg)

Forward-Facing: 22-65 lb (10-30 kg) 49 inches (125 cm) or less

- For children over 40 lb (18.1 kg) you MUST use recline position 6.
- **DO NOT USE** the extension panel forward-facing.
- Place car seat forward-facing in the vehicle back seat.
- Make sure lower anchor strap or vehicle seat belt is routed through the forward-facing belt path marked with an orange label.
- Harness straps need to be **even with or just above** the top of child's shoulders and chest clip is at **armpit level**.

- Install this car seat tightly in your vehicle. Car seat **should not move** at the forwardfacing belt path more than 1". (2.5 cm) from side to side, front to back.
- Children are safer riding rear-facing and should ride rear-facing as long as possible, until they reach the maximum rear-facing height or weight rating for their car seat. Then children should ride forward-facing, using the built-in harness system for as long as possible until they reach the maximum forward-facing weight or height for their car seat. At that point, children should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat. Be sure to check your local and state laws, as well as AAP and NHTSA recommendations, for car seat usage.

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4-B Install Forward-Facing with LATCH

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





- **1. Remove Lower Anchor Connectors** from Storage Location
- 2. Make Sure Lower Anchor Strap is in the Forward-Facing Belt Path Marked with Orange Label

If not, See section 8-A Moving Lower Anchor Strap.

3. Adjust the Car Seat

Place car seat in recline position 4, 5, or 6. For Children Over 40 lb (18.1 kg), MUST use recline position 6.

4. Unhook Tether Hook From Storage

Unhook tether and lay it in the seat.

5. Place Car Seat Forward-Facing in Back Seat of the Vehicle

Place forward-facing in vehicle seat and center the car seat between the lower anchors. The base should sit as flat as possible on the vehicle seat.





6. Make Sure Base is a minimum 80% on Vehicle Seat.



7. Extend the Lower Anchor Strap.

Press in and hold on the blue EZ Tight[™] extension button and pull the strap until it is fully extended.

8. Attach Lower Anchor Connectors to Vehicle's Lower Anchors.

Lower anchor strap should not be twisted. If twisted, you will not be able to tighten the system.

Lower anchor attachment can only be used if the vehicle lower anchor spacing is 11 inches (28 cm) from the center of one anchor to the center of the other anchor. 9. Pull All of the Lower Anchor Strap Slack to the EZ Tight™ Retractor Side

10. Activate the EZ Tight™ Retractor

Slide and release the gray EZ Tight[™] retractor button to remove the slack.

11. Tighten the Lower Anchor Strap

Push down firmly on the car seat in the locations shown and release. Do this until the EZ Tight^m retractor no longer clicks (about 3-5 times).

Some vehicle seats will need more pressure to tighten the Lower Anchor Strap than others.





12. Attach Tether Strap

Extend the tether by pressing the grey button and pulling out on the strap and attach. Consult vehicle's owner manual for specific location.



13. Tighten Tether Strap Remove all the slack.

14. Test For Tightness

Grab the sides of the seat where the lower anchor strap is and slide the car seat side-to-side and front-to-back.

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

Always test for tightness after adjusting the seat recline.

See section 6-A to secure your child.

Is Everything Correct?

Car Seat Does Not Move More than 1" (2.5 cm) at the Belt Path

Harness Straps at or Just Above the Child's Shoulders. Review section 6

Chest Clip Even With Armpits Review section 6

Cannot Pinch Harness Straps at the Shoulder Review section 6

4-C Install Forward-Facing with Vehicle Seat Belt



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1. Make Sure Lower Anchor Strap is in the Rear-Facing Belt Path Marked With a Blue Label

If not, See section 8-A Moving Lower Anchor Strap.

2. Store Lower Anchor Connectors

Attach lower anchor connectors to the plastic bars as shown.

3. Adjust the Car Seat

Place car seat in recline position 4, 5, or 6. For Children Over 40 lb (18.1 kg), MUST use recline position 6.



 Unhook Tether From Storage Unhook tether strap and lay it in the seat.



5. Place Car Seat Forward-Facing in Back Seat of the Vehicle

Place forward-facing in vehicle seat. The base should sit as flat as possible on the vehicle seat.

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6. Make Sure Base is a minimum of 80% on Vehicle Seat.





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



7. Route the Vehicle Seat Belt

Thread vehicle seat belt through the forward-facing belt path (marked with an orange label) and out the other side. Buckle it. The seat belt should lie as flat as possible and not be twisted.

8. Lock the Vehicle Seat Belt

In most vehicles today, slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out and then let it go back in. You will hear a clicking sound. Slowly pull out on the belt and it should be locked. If not, review your car's owner manual and section 9-D.

9. Tighten the Vehicle Seat Belt

Press down firmly in the center of the car seat. Pull on the shoulder belt to tighten while feeding the slack back in the retractor.

10. Attach Tether Strap

Extend the tether by pressing the grey button and pulling out on the strap and attach.



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Consult vehicle's owner manual for specific location.

11. Tighten the Tether Strap

Push the car seat back while tightening the tether strap to remove all the slack.





12. Test For Tightness

Grab the sides of the seat where the vehicle seat belt is and slide the car seat side-to-side and front-to-back.

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

Always test for tightness after adjusting the seat recline.

See section 6-A to secure your child.

Is Everything Correct?

Car Seat Does Not Move More than 1" (2.5 cm) at the Belt Path

Harness Straps at or Just Above the Child's Shoulders

Review section 6

Chest Clip Even With Armpits

Review section 6

Cannot Pinch Harness Straps at the Shoulder Review section 6



5-A Booster Use



Vehicle Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt

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Booster Use: 40-100 lb (18.1-45 kg) 43-57 in. (110.1-145 cm) at least 4 years old*



- Place car seat forward-facing in the vehicle back seat.
- Make sure vehicle seat's lap belt is adjusted snugly and lays low on the child's hip and is routed in front of the armrest in the booster's belt path.
- Vehicle belts **MUST** lie flat against child and **MUST NOT** be twisted.
- Vehicle seat's shoulder belt is adjusted snugly and should lie between child's neck and edge of shoulder.
- **Never** use a vehicle lap-only belt across front of child.
- **DO NOT** position vehicle shoulder belt under the child's arm or back.

- **DO NOT** allow child to slouch or slide down in the booster seat.
- DO NOT position vehicle belt over top of armrests.
- Vehicle's seat headrest **SHOULD NOT** create a gap between vehicle seat and booster seat.
- The front of booster seat **MUST NOT** hang over front of vehicle seat.
- If child will not keep vehicle belt properly positioned, **DO NOT** use this booster seat. Use a different car seat.
- **DO NOT USE** the extension panel in Booster Mode.
- When forward-facing, children should use the built-in harness system for as long as possible until they reach the maximum forward-facing weight or height for their car seat. At that point, children should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat. A booster is no longer needed once the vehicle seat belt fits properly, typically when they reach 4 feet 9 inches (145 cm) tall and are between ages 8-12. Be sure to check your local and state laws, as well as AAP and NHTSA recommendations, for car seat usage.

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Never Use a Vehicle Lap-Only Belt Across Front of Child



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5-B Install Highback Booster

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1. Store The Harness System

A. Remove Harness Covers

To remove, undo the fastening strips and remove.

B. Loosen the shoulder straps as much as possible.

C. Raise the headrest to the highest position

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D. Unbuckle the crotch buckle

E. Remove the Buckle Strap

From bottom of car seat, rotate metal retainer to side in order to push it through slot easier.







F. Lift the headrest pad flap up out of the way

G. Unsnap Seat Pad

Undo the 2 snaps.

H. Pull Bottom Seat Pad Back To Expose the Plastic Shell I. Open the Harness Storage Door

J. Place Harness, Chest Clip, Buckle Tongues, Buckle and Harness Covers Inside Storage Compartment and Close the Door



K. Tighten the Harness by Pulling the Harness Adjustment Strap





L. Replace Seat Pad

Move the headrest back to its proper position for your child.

2. Place Car Seat Forward-Facing in Back Seat of the Vehicle

Place forward-facing in vehicle seat. The bottom of the seat should sit as flat as possible on the vehicle seat.

3. Adjust the Car Seat

Place car seat in recline position 6.


Graco allows the securing of the car seat with LATCH system in the booster mode, only if the vehicle manufacture allows it. The child still **MUST BE SECURED** with the vehicle lap/shoulder seat belt. LATCH can be used in the booster mode regardless of the weight of the child up to 100 lb (45 kg). Verify the following before using LATCH in the booster mode:

• The lower anchor attachment **DOES NOT** interfere with any vehicle seat belts or buckles.

If the lower anchor attachment interferes with the vehicle seat belts or if the chosen seating position does not have lower anchor bars, you MUST store the lower anchor connectors. Always secure car seat with LATCH or a vehicle seat belt, even when unoccupied. In a crash, an unsecured car seat can injure passengers.

Skip to Step 10 if Not Using LATCH





4. Unhook Tether From Storage location and Lay it in the Seat



5. Extend the Lower Anchor Strap.

For easier installation, extend the lower anchor strap to its maximum length by pressing the blue EZ Tight[™] extension button on the EZ Tight[™] retractor and pulling on the lower anchor strap.

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6. Attach Lower Anchor Connectors to Vehicle's Lower Anchors.

Lower Anchor strap should not be twisted.



7. Pull All of the Lower Anchor Strap Slack to the EZ Tight™ Retractor Side

8. Activate the EZ Tight™ Retractor

Slide and release the gray EZ Tight[™] retractor button to remove the slack.







9. Tighten the Lower Anchor Strap

Remove all of the slack from the lower anchor strap.

10. Attach The Tether Strap

Extend the tether by pressing the grey button and pulling out on the strap and attach. Consult vehicle's owner manual for specific location.



11. Tighten Tether

Remove all the slack.

12. Thread the Vehicle Seat Shoulder Belt Through Seat Belt Guide on the Headrest See section 6-B Securing Child in Highback Booster.



AWARNING!

WARNING! In cold weather, do not put snowsuits or bulky garments on your child when placing them in the car seat. Bulky clothing can prevent the harness straps from being tightened properly. To keep child warm, buckle your child in the car seat and place a blanket around the child or place the child's coat on backwards after buckling in.



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1. Loosen Harness Straps

Lift up on the harness release lever while pulling out on the harness straps at the chest clip.

Unbuckle the chest clip and the crotch buckle. Place harness straps off to the sides.





2. Place Your Child in the Seat

Make sure their back is flat against the car seat back.

Avoid bulky or heavy clothing. Doing so will prevent the harness straps from being tightened properly. Place a blanket over the child after you have secured the child.

3. Place Harness Straps Over Child's Shoulders and Buckle

You will hear a "click" when buckle tongues are securely attached. Pull up on each buckle tongue to make sure it is securely attached. 4. Be Sure the Harness Straps Are at the Proper Height

Rear-Facing: Harness straps should be **at or just below** the child's shoulders. Top of head **must** be 1" (2.5 cm) below the headrest adjustment lever.

Forward-Facing: Harness straps should be **at or just above** the child's shoulders. Top of child's ears **below** top of headrest.





5. To Raise or Lower Headrest/Harness Height

Squeeze the adjustment handle and move headrest for the proper harness height.



6. Check the Buckle Position

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The correct slot is the one that is closest to your child without being underneath them.

7. To Adjust Crotch Strap

Recline the car seat and locate the metal retainer under the car seat shell.

8. Rotate Metal Retainer and Insert It Up Through the Shell and Pad

From the top of the car seat, pull the crotch buckle out.

9. Insert Metal Retainer in the New Crotch Buckle Slot

Reach underneath the car seat and pull the metal retainer through.





10. Pull Up on Crotch Strap to Make Sure it is Secured

11. Buckle the Chest Clip

You will hear a "click" when the chest clip is securely buckled.

12. Pull All the Slack Out From Around the Waist

Pull up on the harness strap while pushing the chest clip down. Do this to both sides.

13. Tighten the Harness by Pulling the Harness Adjustment Strap

When you are not able to pinch any of the harness webbing at your child's shoulder, the harness is tight enough.

A snug harness 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.

14. Raise the Chest Clip to Child's Armpit Level



6-B Securing Child Highback Booster





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AWARNING!

Use only the vehicle lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in the booster seat.

1. Place Child In Seat

Have your child sit in the booster seat, with their back flat against the back of the booster seat.

2. Thread Vehicle's Shoulder Belt Into Seat Belt Guide in the Headrest

3. Buckle the Vehicle Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt

Be sure the lap portion of the vehicle seat belt goes behind the armrests.

Be sure the lap portion of the vehicle seat belt lies low across your child's hips.

Be sure the shoulder belt lies across your child's shoulders, between the neck and edge of shoulder. The belt guides should be even with or just above the shoulders.



7-A Accessories (on select models)





Harness Covers

Make sure that harness covers do not interfere with placement of the chest clip at armpit level.

To remove, undo the fastening strips and remove.

Body Support

Use only in the rear-facing mode.

Body support must be used if shoulders are below the lowest harness setting.

Never allow body support to bunch or fold behind child.

Head Support

Use only in the rear-facing mode.

To adjust the support, pull up until desired height.

To install, thread the head support straps through the headrest and use the fastening strips to connect the straps together.

To remove, undo the fastening strips and pull the straps out of the headrest.



8-A Moving Lower Anchor Strap



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1. For Ease of Moving the Lower Anchor Strap

- A. Undo the seat pad from the fastening strips on both sides.
- B. Pull the lower anchor strap out of the belt path opening, so that the lower anchor connectors end up on the same side of the child restraint.



2. Slide Entire Lower Anchor Strap Along Bar to Correct Belt Path Opening

Rear-Facing: Slide lower anchor strap down to the blue label.

Forward-Facing: slide the lower anchor strap up to the orange label.



3. Feed the Lower Anchor Connector with the Adjuster Closest to it Through the Chosen Belt Path







Rear-Facing: Make sure the lower anchor strap is in front of the buckle strap when the buckle is in the inner-most position (A), and in behind when in the outer-most position (B) and that it is flat and is not twisted.



Forward-Facing: Make sure the lower anchor strap is flat and not twisted.

4. Replace the Seat Pad Fabric on the Front of the Child Restraint.

9-A How to Uninstall Lower Anchor Connectors and Tether

Lower Anchor Attachment

To remove the lower anchor connectors from the lower anchors, push in on the red buttons and pull them off.

Tether

To remove, press the grey button and pull out on the strap to release the tension.

Press in on the tether hook's spring. Push tether hook in, then lift up and pull away from tether anchor.



9-B Choosing Vehicle Seat Location

Review your vehicle owner's manual for seating locations.

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

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

In the event there is no available back seat and / or you have no other option than to place a child in a front passenger seating position (other than rear-facing), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommends that you take the following steps:

- · Ensure the child is properly restrained according to their age and size
- Move the seat as far back as possible
- Make sure the child is not leaning out of position, such as leaning forward into the deployment path of the air bag
- · Set the air bag ON-OFF switch, if available, to the OFF position

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9-C Unsafe Vehicle Seat Locations

Never install this car seat in any of the following vehicle seating locations:





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9-D 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 latchplate; 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 seatback.

Latch Plate

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

Seat Bight

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

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Identify Your Seat Belt Type

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



Lap/Shoulder Belt Installation - Rear-Facing/Forward Facing Modes

Always review your vehicle owner's manual for specific information about your vehicle seat belts.

There are three types of retractors: **ELR (Emergency Locking Retractor), ALR (Automatic Locking Retractor) ,** and **Switchable (ELR switch to ALR).** To determine your type of retractor, follow these steps:

- 1. **Slowly** pull the belt out about halfway and stop.
- 2. Let the belt retract back several inches.

3. Try to **slowly** pull the belt out more. If the belt cannot be pulled any further, it is **ALR**. If it can be pulled further, go to the next step.



4. **Slowly** pull the belt all the way out, and then allow it to retract several inches.

5. Try to pull the belt all the way out again. If it cannot be pulled out, it is **Switchable**. If it can still be pulled out freely, it is **ELR**.

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Note: Most vehicles manufactured after 1996 will have Switchable retractors in the back seat. If you have any questions about your retractor type, consult your vehicle owner's manual or call Graco for assistance.

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How to Lock Your Lap and Shoulder Vehicle Seat Belt

Sliding Latch Plate and Switchable Retractor

A latchplate that slides freely on the belt webbing and cannot, by itself, hold the belt snug around a car seat.

When installing the car seat, route the vehicle seat belt through the proper belt path and buckle it in. **Slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out to switch it to locking mode.** Then, as you pull the vehicle seat belt tight, feed all the slack back into the retractor.

Grab the sides of the seat at the belt path and slide the seat side-to-side and front-to-back. The seat should not move more than 1" (2.5 cm).

Note: With the vehicle seat belt in this locking mode, all the tension is upwards in the shoulder belt. This may start to tilt your car seat sideways. If this happens, use a locking clip instead of this switching the retractor. See Sliding Latch Plate and ELR Retractor.

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Locking Latchplate and ELR Retractor

A latchplate that holds the lap belt snug after it has been adjusted; contains a metal bar on the underside of the hardware that "locks" the belt in position.

When installing the car seat, route the vehicle seat belt through the proper belt path and buckle it in. Then, pull upwards on the shoulder belt so that the lap belt gets tight around the car seat.

Grab the sides of the seat at the belt path and slide the seat side-to-side and front-to-back. The seat should not move more than 1" (2.5 cm).

Sliding Latch Plate and ALR Retractor

A latchplate that slides freely on the belt webbing and cannot, by itself, hold the belt snug around a car seat.

Slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out. Route the vehicle seat belt through the proper belt path and buckle it in. Then, as you pull the vehicle seat belt tight, feed all the slack back into the retractor.

Grab the sides of the seat at the belt path and slide the seat side-to-side and front-to-back. The seat should not move more than 1 inch (2.5 cm).





Sliding Latch Plate and ELR Retractor

A latchplate that slides freely on the belt webbing and cannot, by itself, hold the belt snug around a car seat.

With this retractor, you will need to use the locking clip to lock the vehicle seat belt.

To get a locking clip, call 1-800-345-4109.

Route the vehicle seat belt through the proper belt path and buckle it in. Pull the vehicle seat belt tight. While pushing down on seat, pinch the two straps together behind the buckle tongue. Unbuckle the belt without allowing it to slip.

Attach locking clip to lap and shoulder belts as shown.

Rebuckle belt. Check that lap belt does not move by pulling hard. If belt loosens or lengthens, repeat procedure.

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Lap Belt Installation

Always review your vehicle owner's manual for specific information about your vehicle seat belts.

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Locking Latch Plate and No Retractor

When installing the car seat, route the lap seat belt through the proper path and buckle it in. Then, pull upwards on the tail of the belt so that the lap belt gets tight around the car seat.

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Slowly pull the lap belt all the way out. Route the vehicle seat lap belt through the proper belt path and buckle it in. Then, pull the lap belt tight while feeding all the slack back into the retractor.



Grab the sides of the seat at the belt path and slide the seat side-to-side and front-to-back. The seat should not move more than 1 inch (2.5 cm).



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10-A Cleaning Seat Pad

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Refer to seat pad care tag for washing instructions.

Headrest Pad

Clean with a damp sponge using mild soap and cool water. If needed, pad may be removed for cleaning.

To remove, unsnap the 2 outer headrest pad snaps.

Slide the elastic retaining loops out of the belts guides.

Undo the 2 elastic straps from the back of headrest.

Remove the headrest pad.

Machine wash pad in cold water on delicate cycle and drip-dry. DO NOT USE BLEACH.

Reverse the steps to reattach the pad on the headrest.

RapidRemove Seat Pad

Clean with a damp sponge using mild soap and cool water. If needed, cover may be removed for cleaning.

To remove, unsnap base pad from side pad. Undo the seat pad from the fastening strips on both sides.

Machine wash pad in cold water on delicate cycle and drip-dry. DO NOT USE BLEACH.

Reverse the steps to reattach the pad to the shell.



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Side Seat Pad

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Clean with a damp sponge using mild soap and cool water. If needed, pad may be removed for cleaning.

From the back of the seat, undo the 2 fastening strips at the top of the side pads.

Unsnap the 2 inner pad snaps.

Unsnap the 2 outer pad snaps.

Pull the side pads from the shell.

Machine wash pad in cold water on delicate cycle and drip-dry. DO NOT USE BLEACH.

Reverse the steps to reattach the pad to the shell.

Front Seat Pad

Clean with a damp sponge using mild soap and cool water. If needed, pad may be removed for cleaning.

Unsnap 2 snaps.

Pull button clips out of lower front edge of child restraint shell. Remove pad from shell.

Machine wash pad in cold water on delicate cycle and drip-dry. DO NOT USE BLEACH.

Reverse the steps to reattach the pad to the shell.

Top Seat Pad

Clean with a damp sponge using mild soap and cool water. If needed, pad may be removed for cleaning.

From the back of the seat, undo the 2 elastic straps.

Machine wash pad in cold water on delicate cycle and drip-dry. DO NOT USE BLEACH.

Reverse the steps to reattach the pad to the shell.



10-B Cleaning Crotch Buckle

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remove any objects or debris that could prevent latching.

Recline the car seat and locate the metal retainer. Rotate the metal retainer up through the shell and pad. From the front, pull the crotch buckle out.

To clean buckle, place in a cup of warm water and gently agitate the buckle. Press the red button several times while in the water.

DO NOT SUBMERGE THE BUCKLE STRAP. DO NOT USE SOAPS, HOUSEHOLD DETERGENTS or LUBRICANTS.

Shake out excess water and allow to air dry. Repeat steps as needed until it fastens with a click. Re-insert the buckle into the same slot it was removed. Pull up on crotch buckle to make sure it is secured.

10-C Cleaning Harness, Lower Anchor Attachment and Tether

Surface wash only with mild soap and damp cloth. **DO NOT IMMERSE THE HARNESS STRAPS, LOWER ANCHOR STRAP OR TETHER STRAP IN WATER.** Doing so may weaken the straps. If harness straps or LATCH straps are frayed or heavily soiled, contact Customer Service at www.gracobaby.com or 1-800-345-4109.

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Replacement Parts

To purchase parts or accessories in the United States, please contact us at the following: www.gracobaby.com or 1-800-345-4109





Store instruction manual in base as shown.