

The Right Seat

Fits the Child • Fits the Vehicle • Is Used Correctly on Every Trip

Rear-Facing Only and Convertible Seats

- Never in front of an airbag
- Rear facing until child reaches upper weight or height limit of car seat set by manufacturer
- Harness snug at or below shoulders
- Chest clip at armpit level
- Attach to vehicle with seat belt or lower anchor
- Don't add anything extra to the seat



Rear-facing only seat
4-5 lbs to 22-35 lbs



Rear-facing convertible seat
5 lbs to 30-45 lbs

Forward Facing Seats with Harness

- Use a 5-point harness to upper weight or height limit of seat
- Up to 40-90 pounds
- Harness snug at or above shoulders
- Chest clip at armpit level
- Attach to vehicle with top tether strap and seat belt or lower anchor
- Check the side of the car seat for the highest weight allowed to use lower anchors



Booster Seats

- Until 4' 9" and 8-12 years
- Always use lap/shoulder seat belt
- Never put shoulder belt behind back or under arm
- Use highback booster for vehicle seat without headrest



Adult-Size Seat Belts

- Back straight against vehicle seat and knees bent at seat edge
- Shoulder belt across chest, not neck or throat
- Lap belt low and snug across upper thighs, not stomach
- Children younger than 13 should always ride in the back seat



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Always read car seat and vehicle manuals for specific directions
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