

Convertible Child Restraint Series No. 7300/B/2010 and 7300/C/2010



Rearward Facing For use with children up to approximately 12 months.



Forward-facing For use with children from approximately 12 months to approximately 4 years of age.

Instructions for Installation & Use

A IMPORTANT: KEEP THIS BOOKLET IN THE PLACE PROVIDED ON THE CHILD RESTRAINT

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INTRODUCTION

This instruction book covers various models under the series number 7300/B & C/2010 design. These child restraints are installed in the rear of the car and can be used either rearward-facing for infants or forward-facing for older children. They are installed in the car using the car seatbelt and the tether strap attached to the car's child restraint anchor fitting.

To be used only in a rearward-facing position for an infant until their shoulders reach the lower shoulder height marker (approximately 12 months of age). Then to be used in forward-facing position until their shoulders reach the upper shoulder height marker (approximately 4 years of age).

Continue to use this child restraint until the child reaches this limit.

Do not use forward-facing until child's shoulders are above the lower shoulder height marker.

Infants are at risk of serious injury if they face forward too early.

Children are at risk of serious injury if they move to booster seats too early.

Children that have outgrown this restraint are safest in a booster seat until their shoulders reach the upper shoulder height marker of the booster seat.

CAREFULLY READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTALLATION. IN THE EVENT OF DOUBT ABOUT THE METHOD OF INSTALLATION, CONSULT BRITAX CHILDCARE OR AGENT OR A CHILD RESTRAINT FITTING STATION AUTHORISED BY A RELEVANT TRANSPORT AUTHORITY OR, IN NEW ZEALAND, THE AGENT FOR THE VEHICLE.

No child restraint can guarantee absolute protection from injury in every crash. However, to ensure that your child gets all the protection designed into the restraint PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY and use only Safe-n-Sound (Britax) recommended parts and accessories.

THIS RESTRAINT MUST BE ATTACHED TO A CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE POINT IN THE CAR. REFER TO CAR OWNER'S HANDBOOK FOR LOCATION OF ANCHORAGE POINTS. REFER TO A CHILD RESTRAINT FITTING STATION IF NO ANCHORAGE POINTS ARE IN THE MOTOR CAR.

Always store the instruction book in the pocket provided on the side or back of the cover.

THIS RESTRAINT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE WHERE THE ANCHORAGE STRAP MAY FALL INTO A SPLIT IN THE SEAT BACK (E.G. HATCHBACK OR WAGON).

- Use the restraint exactly as shown in the instructions.
- Fit the restraint firmly to the car seat.
- Fit the harness firmly to the child.
- A loose restraint or harness is dangerous.
- Supervision of children is needed because they may be able to undo buckles and adjusters.
- DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN THE CAR.
- Do not alter or modify this restraint.
- Repairs must only be done by the manufacturer or agent.
- Do not allow the restraint to come into contact with polishes, oils, bleach and other chemicals.
- Destroy the restraint if it has been in a severe crash, even if no damage is visible.
- DO NOT USE THIS RESTRAINT WITHOUT A COVER.
- Regularly check the restraint components, straps & other fitments for correct function and condition. Seek prompt repair.
- To ensure baby's back is evenly supported do not put more than one nappy on the baby and make sure the nappy is not thickly folded at the back.
- DO NOT USE A REAR-FACING CHILD RESTRAINT WHERE AN AIRBAG IS FITTED IN THE FRONT OF THE SEATING POSITION.
- If an airbag is fitted in the desired seating position where the child restraint is to be fitted, follow the vehicle manufacturer's warnings and instructions.
- The restraint should not be purchased or sold as a second hand item. It is recommended not to use child restraints older that 10 years as the protection in an accident may be reduced.

- The restraint is not intended to be a substitute baby cot or bed. It is only designed to enable safe transportation of children in motor vehicles. Do not leave a baby in the restraint for long periods of time.
- Straps may be damaged by unsecured cargo in a collision. Secure or remove hazardous cargo before using this strap. <u>Hatchback or wagon</u>: Do not use the child restraint where the upper anchorage strap may fall into a split in the seat back.
- Protect all webbing from abrasion and cutting by sharp corners and edges.
- Do not lift the seat by the backrest.
- Do not store in areas that may get hot, like in car boots, roof space, beside shed walls which get hot in summer. Do not place heavy items on top of the seat as this may distort the plastic.

WARNING:

DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN THE CAR.

Shoulder Markers & A Growing Child



Shoulder height markers are provided on this restraint for a visual indication that the child is safe to ride in this restraint. Do not turn to forward-facing until the child's shoulder's reach the lower marker. Do not continue to use the restraint if the child's shoulders are above the top marker.

MPORTANT: FOLLOW THIS ADVICE.

LOWER SHOULDER HEIGHT MARKER : Label A

When the child's shoulders reach the lower marker, the child restraint may be turned to face towards the front of the vehicle or move the child to another Forward-Facing seat with in-built harness. Approximately 12 months of age.



UPPER SHOULDER HEIGHT MARKER : Label B

When the child's shoulders reach this upper marker, the child is now too big for the child restraint. It is now time to move to the next child restraint. Approximately 4 years of age.



For the next child restraint choose from:

 Convertible Booster Seat (Note: you can move to a convertible booster seat once the child's shoulders reach the lower shoulder height marker), this will be a little lower than the Lower Shoulder Height Marker on the child restraint covered on the previous page.

OR

 Booster Seat and an accessory Child Harness (A Child Harness must be used if the car is fitted with a lap only seat belt in the desired seating position),

OR

- Booster seat and lap-sash seat belt.
- NOTE: These options are from approximately 6-8 years and 8-10 years.



Convertible Booster seat used with internal harness until approximately 4 years and then as a booster seat.



Booster seat and accessory Child Harness.



Booster seat with lap-sash seat belt.

SPECIAL FEATURES - REAR-FACING WITH BASE

To be used only in a rearward-facing position until the infant's shoulders reach the lower shoulder height marker (approximately 12 months of age).

> 10 Shoulder Height Markers

mav be hidden under headrest in lowest position.

- 1. Head Pillow (if fitted)
- 2. Fully adjustable 6 point harness
- **3.** Padded Insert (if fitted)
- **4.** Shoulder Pads (if fitted)
- 5. Padded cover for baby's comfort (may vary in style)
- 6. Quick Release Buckle (Red button)
- 7. Stabilising Bar for Baby use (deployed)
- 8. Harness Adjustment Strap
- 9. Recline Latch (Front of seat)
- 10. Shoulder Height Markers (May be hidden behind headrest)



Mechanism





SPECIAL FEATURES - REAR-FACING WITH FOOT

To be used only in a rearward-facing position until the infant's shoulders reach the lower shoulder height marker (approximately 12 months of age).





3. Padded Insert (if fitted)

1. Head Pillow (if fitted)

- **4.** Shoulder Pads (if fitted)
- 5. Padded cover for baby's comfort (may vary in style)
- 6. Quick Release Buckle (Red button)
- 7. Stabilising Bar for Baby use (deployed)
- 8. Harness Adjustment Strap
- 9a. Harness Adjustment Lever (under trim flap)
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- 9b. Harness Adjustment Button
- **10.** Shoulder Height Markers (May be hidden behind headrest)



SPECIAL FEATURES - REAR-FACING WITH FOOT



- 11. Adjustable Upper Anchorage Strap
- **12.** Car's Anchor Fitting
- 13. Attachment Clip
- 14. Vehicle seat belt
- 15. Blue REARWARD FACING BELT PATH label
- 16. Recline position Indicator

- **17.** Messy Mat[™] (if fitted)
- 18. Recline foot in baby mode
- **19.** Upper Lock-off (if fitted)
- 20. Upper Anchorage Storage Band
- 21. Upper Anchorage Strap Adjuster

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SUITABLE FOR USE - REAR-FACING

TO BE USED WITH A LAP SASH OR LAP ONLY SEAT BELT IN THE BACK OF MOST CARS WITH FORWARD-FACING SEATS.

To be used only in a rearward-facing position for an infant until their shoulders reach the lower shoulder height marker (approximately 12 months of age). Then to be used in forward-facing position until their shoulders reach the upper shoulder height marker (approximately 4 years of age).

Continue to use this restraint until the child reaches this limit. Do not use forward-facing until child's shoulders are above the lower shoulder height marker. Infants are at risk of serious injury if they face forward too early.

Children are at risk of serious injury if they move to booster seats too early.

Children that have outgrown this restraint are safest in a booster seat until their shoulders reach the upper shoulder height marker of the booster seat.

If the baby's neck muscles are unable to support their head, then the child should remain rear-facing for as long as possible.

The purchaser should check the measurements between the front of the seat back of the rear seat and all front seats in the car in which the child restraint is intended to be used, to ensure that the space is sufficient. If you have the restraint check it fits in your car.

Regional Road Rules may prohibit the use of this restraint in the front seat until the child is 4 years of age. Check your Regional Road Rules for exemptions.



560mm(Foot) 520mm(Base)

DO NOT USE RESTRAINT IN REARWARD-FACING MODE WITHOUT STABILISING BAR FULLY EXTENDED.

Do not use the restraint without the Upper Anchorage Strap correctly attached.

DO NOT USE A REAR-FACING CHILD RESTRAINT WHERE AN AIRBAG IS FITTED IN FRONT OF THE SEATING POSITION.

Do not use on any vehicle seat which faces sideways or rearwards.

Never leave babies or toddlers in a stationary car in the sun because of the risk of heat exhaustion.

Ensure babies and toddlers have adequate ventilation and are shaded from direct sunlight through side or rear windows.



Do not allow the front seat to alter the installed position of the restraint. It is permissible to allow the restraint to touch the seat on front of it.

HOW TO SETUP

CONVERT TO BABY USE MODE (Model with base)

A. To fully recline the restraint into Child use mode, place one hand on the front corner of the base firmly, lift recline latch up to unlock, continue pulling restraint forward until fully reclined or unable to recline further.



B. Once fully reclined in Child use mode, pull the latch located behind the restraint body, continue pulling the restraint forward until fully reclined into baby use mode.



CONVERT TO BABY USE MODE (Model with foot)

Move Recline Foot by squeezing the Foot, squeezing the Recline Foot Handle while rotating to the baby position (refer to label on the side of the restraint) until the handle locks into position. Ensure Recline Foot locks into position.







HOW TO SETUP

FOR BABY USE REARWARD-FACING

ADJUSTING HARNESS STRAP HEIGHT: FOR BABY USE REARWARD-FACING

Correct fitment of the harness is very important as it restrains the child in the restraint. The harness must fit firmly around the upper torso of the child and be positioned so as to leave the child's arms and legs free.

The shoulder straps must be in the slots which are nearest to the child's shoulders, but not lower than the child's shoulders. If your baby's shoulders have reached the lower shoulder height marker then the restraint should be converted for "child use" (Refer to Forward-facing section page 34).

The harness adjuster is fitted in different styles on different models. There is a push button adjuster that must be pressed to loosen the harness and there is a lever operated adjuster that is fitted under a flap. Check your child restraint to see which version you have.



The shoulder straps must be in the slots which are nearest to the child's shoulders, but not lower than the child's shoulders.



ALWAYS OVER THE BAR

Shoulder straps **must** be threaded through the appropriate shoulder strap slots then **over the top** of the bar at rear of restraint.



STEPS IN CHANGING SHOULDER STRAP SLOTS

A. Remove the restraint from vehicle.

HOW TO SETUP

FOR BABY USE REARWARD-FACING

B. At the rear of the restraint, remove one of the harness shoulder straps from metal Strap Connector by slipping strap through open slot.

C. Pull the shoulder strap through slot.

D. Insert shoulder strap through restraint slot which will position shoulder strap level with or above the child's shoulder, then over the metal bar. Ensure that the shoulder strap passes through the matching slots in the cover and the restraint body.



F. Repeat for other shoulder strap. It is better to change one strap at a time so that the other strap will be a quide for re-assembly.

IMPORTANT:

Ensure the shoulder strap is threaded through the slot, then over the top of the bar at the rear of restraint & connected to the metal strap connector.

IMPORTANT:

Do not use the restraint with harness shoulder straps set at different heights or fed through mismatching slots. Ensure harness straps are not twisted and that all straps are secure by pulling each harness strap.

IMPORTANT:

The Padded Insert (if fitted) is designed to snugly fit baby, providing extra support and comfort it must be used for smaller babies. Discontinue use when baby's shoulder's reach the Lower Shoulder Height Marker, the Insert is a tight fit or creates discomfort for larger babies.



Bar



HOW TO INSTALL

FOR BABY USE REARWARD-FACING

INSTALLING INTO VEHICLE (REARWARD-FACING)

The restraint is normally packaged in the fully upright child use mode so if you need to install for baby use you must first fully recline the restraint as described on page 16 or 17 to convert the restraint to baby use mode.

For illustration of the install method, the drawings show the restraint with a base but the method also applies with the recline foot version of this child restraint.

If the Upper Anchorage Strap is folded up for storage, undo Storage Strap then lengthen. Fully press the Adjuster Button (1) while pulling the Upper Anchorage Strap (2) to lengthen.

A. Position the restraint rearward-facing in the chosen seating position.

B. Lift the flap at the end of the seat sufficiently to access the stabilising bar, pull out stabilising bar and then gently push bar forward until a click is heard. The Stabilising bar is now locked in place. Refit the cover. See Fig 1.

C. Undo the buckle and place the straps to each side.







D. Remove Padded Insert (if fitted), and gently lift back trim end, then pull the centre panel flap backwards, with the comfort pad from the inner seat of trim. See Fig 2.

E. Fully lengthen the car's seat belt and feed the seat belt between the restraint cover and the restraint body through seat belt slots in restraint. See Fig 2.





HOW TO INSTALL

F. Engage the seat belt buckle and tongue. Tighten the seat belt allowing the sash to fully retract.

Note: Seat belt buckle and tongue must not rest between restraint cover and restraint. If seat belt buckle is adjustable, adjust the buckle as low as possible away from the restraint.

G. Replace the back and centre panel of the cover properly. Ensure the harness buckle is through the panel, and connect the hook and loop to retain the cover. For smaller babies replace the Padded Insert (if fitted). Do not use if the child's shoulders reach the lower Shoulder Height Marker. See page 18 and 19 for advice on positioning the shoulder straps.

NOTE: Seat belt extenders should not be used if the seat belt is not long enough to secure the child restraint. If they are used then the buckle must not enter the seating zone.



H. Align the restraint centrally within the chosen seating position as shown right. Pull the sash portion of seat belt until all slack is removed from Lap portion of seat belt. Adjust the seat belt to hold the restraint firmly against the vehicle seat back. For retractor seat belts, allow excess belt to feed back into retractor.





HOW TO INSTALL

 Fit the attachment clip to the anchor fitting as shown right. Make sure to remove as many twists as possible from the upper anchorage strap.

J. Tighten the adjustable upper anchorage strap by pulling adjustment strap to remove slack. Do not overtighten causing the restraint base to lift off the vehicle seat. This will usually be done once the baby has been harnessed into the seat.

 ${\bf K.}\ {\bf Roll}\ {\bf up}\ {\bf the}\ {\bf excess}\ {\bf strap}\ {\bf tightly}\ {\bf so}\ {\bf the}\ {\bf webbing}\ {\bf is}\ {\bf thick}\ {\bf enough}\ {\bf to}\ {\bf be}\ {\bf held}\ {\bf in}\ {\bf the}\ {\bf storage}\ {\bf band}.$







ALWAYS ATTACH THE HOOK AND REMOVE THE SLACK.

🗥 IMPORTANT:

If using an Extension Strap, positioning the Attachment Clip above the baby may lead to injury in an accident therefore make sure that the Attachment Clip is not positioned in front of the vehicle seat.



ANGULAR ADJUSTMENT OF RESTRAINT

Some vehicle seats have more rearward slope than others. If the angle of the seat causes the baby to be too upright for comfort, the angle may be altered by placing a firm packing between the seat and the underside of the base. Packing can be a firmly rolled up towel or nappy.

Do not remove all of the rearward slope by over packing. Always leave a rearward slope angle of approximately 10 to 15 degrees as shown



FOR BABY USE REARWARD-FACING

HOW TO USE

PLACING BABY INTO RESTRAINT

A. Ensure the shoulder straps are positioned to the correct height for your child (see pages 18 to 19).

B. Slacken the Harness Straps by pushing and holding the Harness Adjustment Button, grasping BOTH shoulder harness straps and fully lengthen.

Alternatively if using a lever adjuster, lift lever and slacken the harness.

Place the buckle tongues over the side of the seat so that the baby does not lay on them.

C. Lay baby on their back into restraint and fit the harness as shown above. Make sure the baby is dressed to allow harness buckle to be pulled up between the baby's legs e.g. a jump suit. Make sure the baby's arms and legs are free. Never wrap baby in a blanket before placing in restraint.



D. Fit either harness tongue into the harness buckle followed by the other tongue until a click is heard. Should the second tongue not insert, press the red button and re-insert the tongues. Ensure secure engagement by pulling harness straps.

E. Remove slack from harness lap straps by pulling shoulder straps.

F. Adjust the harness to a firm but comfortable fit by pulling the harness adjustment strap.

G. Re-tighten the Adjustable Upper Anchorage Strap by pulling the Adjustment Strap to remove slack as shown. Roll up the excess strap tightly so the webbing is thick enough to be held in the storage band.







HOW TO USE

Pull to remove slack from harness straps

CAUTION: A LOOSE HARNESS IS DANGEROUS.

Make sure that nothing is obstructing harness straps and that baby's arms and legs are free with the straps in the correct location as shown right.

Do not use restraint if straps do not tighten and contact Britax Childcare Customer Service. Refer to back cover for details.

IMPORTANT: The Padded Insert (if fitted) is designed to snugly fit baby, providing extra support and comfort it must be used for smaller babies. Discontinue use when Padded Insert is a tight fit, creates discomfort for larger babies, or the baby's shoulder reach the Lower Shoulder Height Marker.



REMOVING BABY FROM RESTRAINT

A. Press the Upper Anchorage Strap Adjuster Button while pulling Upper Anchorage Straps to slacken. Allow the Upper Anchorage Straps to fall to the sides for easy access into restraint.

B. Lift and hold the harness adjustment lever or push and hold the Harness Adjustment Button (whichever is fitted) while pulling both Shoulder Harness Straps to slacken harness to the desired amount.

C. Press the red button on Harness Buckle. Then both Harness tongues will be released. Move each shoulder strap to baby's side then pick up the baby.

TO REMOVE RESTRAINT FROM VEHICLE

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{A}}.$ Disengage seat belt tongue from buckle and remove from the restraint.

B. Fully press the Upper Anchorage Strap Adjuster Button (1) while pulling the Upper Anchorage Strap (2) to slacken as shown right. In some vehicles loosening of the Upper Anchorage Strap may be difficult. If so, try pushing the restraint against the vehicle seat back or slightly lifting the restraint to release the tension.

C. Disengage Attachment Clip from the Anchor Fitting. The child restraint is now disconnected.

See page 45 for storage of the stabilising bar and the return to the upright position if required.

Fully press Adjuster Button (1) while pulling Upper Anchorage Strap (2) to lengthen.



SPECIAL FEATURES - FORWARD-FACING WITH BASE

To be used only in a forward- facing position by children whose shoulder's have reached the lower shoulder height marker (approximately 12 months of age) until the shoulders reach the upper shoulder height marker (approximately 4 years of age.)



- 2. Shoulder Harness Slots
- **3.** Fully adjustable 6 point harness
- 4. Shoulder Pads (if fitted)
- 5. Quick Release Buckle (Red button)
- 6a. Harness Adjustment Lever (under flap)
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- 6b. Harness Adjustment Button
- 7. Harness Adjustment Strap
- 8. Base (shown in child use mode)
- 9. Recline Latch (front of seat)
- 10. Shoulder Height Markers (may be hidden behind headrest)
- 11. Padded Cover for baby's comfort (may vary in style)



Recline Mechanism

SPECIAL FEATURES - FORWARD-FACING WITH BASE



SPECIAL FEATURES - FORWARD-FACING WITH FOOT

To be used only in a forward- facing position by children whose shoulder's have reached the lower shoulder height marker (approximately 12 months of age) until the shoulders reach the upper shoulder height marker (approximately 4 years of age.)



1. Head Pillow (if fitted)

CHILD USE FORWARD-FACING

FOR

- 2. Shoulder Harness Slots
- **3.** Fully adjustable 6 point harness
- 4. Shoulder Pads (if fitted)
- 5. Quick Release Buckle (Red button)

- 6. Padded Cover for baby's comfort (may vary in style)
- 7. Harness Adjustment Strap
- 8a. Harness Adjustment Lever (under trim flap)
- 8b. Harness Adjustment Button

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9. Shoulder Height Markers (May be hidden behind headrest)

SPECIAL FEATURES - FORWARD-FACING WITH FOOT



SUITABLE FOR USE - FORWARD FACING

TO BE USED WITH A LAP SASH OR LAP ONLY SEAT BELT IN THE BACK OF MOST CARS WITH FORWARD-FACING SEATS.

Once the child's shoulders reach the lower shoulder height marker then the seat can be changed to the forward-facing position and used until the child's shoulders reach the upper shoulder height marker.

Continue to use this restraint in this forward-facing mode until the child's shoulders reach the limit of the lower shoulder height marker. The child should not sit forward-facing until the baby's neck muscles are able to support their head. Do not move to a Booster Seat until the child has outgrown this child restraint.

The purchaser should check the measurements between the front of the seat back of the rear seat and all front seats in the car in which the child restraint is intended to be used, to ensure that the space is sufficient. If you have the restraint check it fits in your car.

Regional Road Rules may prohibit the use of this restraint in the front seat of the vehicle until the child is 4 years of age. Check your Regional Road Rules for exemptions.

A WARNINGS

DO NOT USE RESTRAINT IN FORWARD- FACING MODE WITH THE REAR-FACING MODE STABILISING BAR PULLED OUT.

Do not use the restraint without the Upper Anchorage Strap correctly attached.

If your vehicle is not fitted with an anchor point, please contact a Safety Restraint Fitting Station authorised by the relevant State Government Body for correct fitment of the restraint. In New Zealand contact the agent for the vehicle. The upper anchorage strap must be attached to an anchorage point using an extension strap if necessary.

Do not use on any vehicle seat which faces sideways or rearwards.

Do not use the Padded Insert (if fitted) in Forward-Facing 'Child Use'.

If an airbag is fitted in the desired seating position where the child restraint is fitted, follow the vehicle manufacturer's warnings and instructions.

Children are of risk of serious injury if they move to a booster seat too early.

CONVERT THE RESTRAINT TO CHILD USE MODE (Model with base)

A. Convert the restraint to child use mode by placing one hand on the top of the restraint and the other hand pulling the recline latch at the back of the restraint outwards. Then lift the restraint forward until audible click is heard.



B. Determine whether an upright or reclined position is preferred and adjust if necessary (see below). C. Place one hand on the front corner of base firmly, while with the other hand lift the recline latch up to unlock and push back until the restraint is at the desired position. Ensure the recline latch is engaged into position by pushing on the restraint.



FOR CHILD USE FORWARD-FACING



FULLY UPRIGHT CHILD USE MODE

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Lift forward

CONVERT THE RESTRAINT TO CHILD USE MODE (Model with foot)

A. To convert the restraint to Child use mode (from baby use mode), simply squeeze the foot downwards to rotate the foot to the Child use - reclined position. The foot will automatically lock into position.

B. Determine whether an upright or reclined position is preferred and adjust if necessary. To adjust the restraint to the fully upright position, grasp the handle on the foot, then squeeze the handle outwards and hold to release the lock. Rotate the foot fully downwards, then release the handle to lock the foot in the fully upright position. The label on the side of the restraint identifies the Forward-facing and reclined positions.

C. Always check the foot is securely locked into position.

Press Recline Foot Handle to adjust Rotate **Recline Foot** downwards Recline position indicator





FOR CHILD USE FORWARD-FACING

HOW TO SETUP

ADJUSTING HARNESS STRAP HEIGHT: FOR CHILD USE FORWARD-FACING

Correct fitment of the harness is very important as it restrains the child in the restraint. The harness must fit firmly around the upper torso of the child and be positioned so as to leave the child's arms and legs free.

The shoulder straps must be in the slots which are nearest to the child's shoulders, but not more than 25mm lower than the child's shoulders. When the child's shoulders reach the upper shoulder height marker, the child is too large for the child restraint.





The shoulder straps must be in the slots which are nearest to the child's shoulders, but not more than 25mm below the child's shoulders.



ALWAYS OVER THE BAR

Shoulder straps **must** be threaded through the appropriate shoulder strap slots and then **over the top** of the bar at the rear of the restraint.

Hook and Loop

attachment

STEPS IN CHANGING SHOULDER STRAP SLOTS

A. Remove the restraint from vehicle.

HOW TO SETUP

B. At the rear of the restraint, remove one of the harness shoulder straps from metal Strap Connector by slipping strap through open slot.



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C. Pull the shoulder strap through slot.

FOR CHILD USE FORWARD-FACING



E. Connect the shoulder strap to the metal strap connector at the rear of restraint, ensuring that there are no twists in the shoulder strap.

F. Repeat for other shoulder strap. It is better to change one strap at a time so that the other strap will be a guide for re-assembly.



INSTALLING INTO VEHICLE FORWARD-FACING (UPRIGHT OR RECLINED)

For illustration of the installation method, the drawings show the restraint with a base but the method also applies with the recline foot version of this child restraint.

A. Remove the seat from the vehicle by disengaging the seat belt and upper anchorage strap.

B. Remove the padded insert (if fitted) as this is no longer required.

C. To store the Stabilising Bar, lift the cover at the end of the seat which uncovers the stabilising bar storage recess.

D. Press the button on the left side (facing seat) and gently push stabilising bar back and then down into the recessed area.

E. Re-attach the cover at the end of the seat.

MPORTANT:

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DO NOT USE RESTRAINT IN FORWARD-FACING POSITION WITH THE STABILISING BAR PULLED OUT.

bar

Do not recline into baby position when using restraint in forward-facing child use mode.

Ensure the harness is in the correct position (Refer to pages 42 to 43).

FORWARD-FACING

HOW TO INSTALL

F. Position the restraint in forward-facing mode and align restraint centrally within the chosen seating position.

Some vehicle seat fabrics (particularly velours) may be damaged by a child restraint used continuously. We recommend the use of a Messy Mat[™] or thick towel to keep the vehicle seat in good condition.

G. Fully lengthen seat belt. Insert seat belt into child use seat belt path as shown below, ensuring that the seat belt is behind the harness straps and that the lap part of the seat belt is below the hooks as shown below.

H. Engage the seat belt buckle and tongue, ensure to remove all slack from the lap part of the seat belt by pulling sash belt. Adjust the seat belt to hold the restraint firmly against the vehicle seat. If fitted with Upper Lock off, slacken the lap belt **1** and then pull on sash belt **2** as shown below. For inertia/retractable seat belts, allow excess belt to feed back into retractor.

NOTE: Seat belt extenders should not be used if the seat belt is not long enough to secure the child restraint. If they are used then the buckle tongue must not enter the seating zone.



I. Fit the attachment clip to the anchor fitting as shown. Make sure to remove as many twists as possible from the upper anchorage strap.

A WARNING

Always attach the hook and remove slack

J. Tighten the Adjustable Upper Anchorage Strap by pulling the adjustment strap to remove slack as shown below, but do not over-tighten causing the restraint base to lift off the vehicle seat.

 ${\bf K}. \ {\bf Roll} \ {\bf up} \ {\bf the} \ {\bf excess} \ {\bf strap} \ {\bf tightly} \ {\bf so} \ {\bf the} \ {\bf webbing} \ {\bf is} \ {\bf thick} \ {\bf enough} \ {\bf to} \ {\bf be} \ {\bf held} \ {\bf in} \ {\bf the} \ {\bf storage} \ {\bf band}.$

Car's Anchor Fitting

Attachment Clip

Roll up excess strap tightly so the webbing is thick enough to be held in the storage band.



PLACING CHILD IN THE RESTRAINT

A. Lengthen the harness by pushing and holding the Harness Adjustment Button (if fitted) while pulling on both shoulder straps until the harness is fully lengthened. Release the harness adjustment button when there is enough slack.

Alternatively, if you have a Harness Adjustment Lever, lift the lever while pulling on both shoulder straps until the harness is fully lengthened.



FOR CHILD USE FORWARD-FACING

Adjuster Strap

B. Place the child in the restraint and feed each arm through shoulder straps. Pull the harness buckle up between the child's legs.

C. Fit either harness tongue into the harness buckle followed by the other tongue until a click is heard. Should the second tongue not insert, press the red button and reinsert the tongues. Ensure secure engagement by pulling the harness straps.



D. Remove all of the slack from the harness lap straps by pulling shoulder straps, then pull the harness adjustment strap to adjust harness to a comfortable but firm fit. Check that the slack in straps is removed. The Shoulder Harness Straps must fit firmly to the child. A loose harness could result in serious iniurv in an accident. Do not use restraint if straps do

not tighten and contact your local authorised service agent for repair.

CAUTION: A LOOSE HARNESS IS DANGEROUS.



Pull to tighten



TO RECLINE RESTRAINT

The child restraint may be reclined or positioned upright without removing the child from the restraint. Lift the recline latch and push or pull to get the desired recline. There are 4 recline positions. You will be able to gain partial recline from upright position by just pushing the recline latch up and pulling the seat forward. The extent of the recline will be limited by the location of the anchorage point. Loosening of the upper anchorage strap may be required when positioning the restraint to either an upright or reclined position. Once the required position has been determined ensure to tighten the upper anchorage strap and re-check the car seat belt tension i.e., all slack to be removed. Push recline latch up while moving restraint into desired recline position.



TO REMOVE CHILD

Press the red button on Harness Buckle and then both Harness tongues will be released. Lift the shoulder straps from the child's shoulders, the child can then get out.

TO REMOVE RESTRAINT FROM VEHICLE

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{A}}$. Disengage the seat belt tongue from the buckle and remove from the restraint.

B. Release the stored strap and fully press Upper Anchorage Strap Adjuster Button (1) while pulling the Upper Anchorage Strap (2) to slacken as shown right. In some vehicles loosening of the Upper Anchorage Strap may be difficult. If so, try pushing the restraint against the vehicle seat back or slightly lifting the restraint to release the tension.

C. Disengage Attachment Clip from Anchor Fitting. The child restraint is now disconnected.





REGULAR CARE OF THIS RESTRAINT:

Please check the following items regularly to ensure the safety of your child:

- A. Check the webbing for fraying,
- B. Check that the buckle clicks and is not sluggish or sticky in operation,
- C. Ensure there are no cracks in moulding or the plastic moulding,
- D. Check the harness adjuster is operating and is clamping the webbing,

E. If any part of the restraint is cracked or broken, seek repair immediately or replace the child restraint,

F. Ensure the buckle is free of fluff, liquid or other matter that may enter the buckle slots. Clean the buckle if it is sluggish to engage.

SEAT

Use only mild soap and water to clean all webbing, metal and plastic parts of the restraint using a damp cloth. Do not use chemicals or cleaning agents.

TO CLEAN HARNESS BUCKLE:

If sticky liquids such as baby formula, fruit juice, etc. get inside your Harness Buckle, it may become sluggish. An indication of a sluggish Harness Buckle is that you cannot hear a click when engaging the Harness Tongues. To restore the Harness Buckle to good working order it needs to be cleaned as follows:

A. From the underside of the restraint pull each crotch 3-bar slide then turn 3-bar slide and push through each slot to remove the Harness Buckle from the restraint.

B. Place the Harness Buckle under warm (max. 40 degrees Celsius) running water as shown below. Let the water run through the mouth of the buckle for five minutes. Do not immerse the harness in water.





C. Engage and disengage the Harness Tongues and Buckles several times until a strong audible click is heard when inserting the last tongue.

D. If you still cannot hear a strong audible click after engaging the Harness Tongues and Buckle, then repeat cleaning several times. If the Harness Buckle cannot be returned to its original working condition then contact Britax Childcare Customer Service.

E. Refit the harness buckle to the restraint with the red button facing out and feeding each 3-bar slide through appropriate slot.

TO REMOVE COVER:

A. Remove the restraint from vehicle.

B. Disengage the harness tongues from the harness buckle.

D. Remove any accessories, pillow, padded insert, shoulder pads (if fitted).

Remove seat cover as follows:

E. Unhook the top of the cover and bottom of the restraint.

F. Remove the cover while feeding the Crotch Buckle, Harness Tongues and strap through the lap and crotch strap slots in the cover. If fitted with a Harness Adjuster Button, disconnect the cover from the button housing.

Lap slot

Crotch slots

TO REPLACE COVER:

A. Feed the Harness Tongues and shoulder straps through the Lap strap slots and matching shoulder strap slots in the cover.

B. Stretch the cover over the top of the restraint first, then the sides, then stretch the cover around the rim of the restraint.

C. Re-fit the Seat Cover attachments.

D. Feed the Crotch Buckle through slots in cover

E. Ensure the cover is stretched over Push Button housing if fitted with a Harness Adjustment Button. (If fitted with a Harness Adjustment Lever, pull the adjuster strap through the cover). Ensure none of the harness straps are twisted.

F. Fit the backrest cover over backrest and feed harness through slots in the seat and the cover.

G. Refit the Padded Insert (if fitted) or other accessories if required.

H. Refit to the vehicle.

HOW TO CLEAN THE COVER

The restraint has a flame retardant cover which is removable for cleaning. Cleaning instructions are on the care label attached to the cover. If a fluffy cover is fitted, then washing the cover prior to use will remove excess fluff.

The cover has been designed to protect your child when seated in the restraint. Care should be taken if children either eat or drink while in the restraint as some food or drink products may cause damage or marking to the cover. Wash or clean immediately.

Do not pull sticky items from covers as the cover may be damaged - soak in water and gently remove.



VERY IMPORTANT:

Only use this child restraint with the cover supplied or a manufacturerauthorised replacement cover with identical shoulder height markers.





M IMPORTANT:

ONLY USE SAFE-N-SOUND SEAT COVERS AND ACCESSORIES THAT ARE DESIGNED AND TESTED FOR USE WITH THIS PRODUCT.

The following instructions apply to accessories that may be supplied with this restraint at point of purchase. If not, a variety of accessories are available from various retailers of Safe-n-Sound products.

CANOPY (IF FITTED)

The Canopy has been designed to shade your child from direct sunlight.

A. Attach the elastic straps at the back of the canopy to the hooks at the rear of the restraint.

B. Attach together the button/studs sewn on the ends of the hood and on the sides of the trim.



HEAD PILLOW/HEAD LINER (IF FITTED)

The head pillow (if fitted) is designed to provide extra comfort.

Position the bottom of the head pillow level with the top of the child's shoulders. Feed the upper and lower headrest straps through the nearest slots available (see illustrations).

CROTCH PAD (IF FITTED)

The Crotch Pad is designed to provide extra comfort for baby or child and is fitted to the restraint as follows: Feed the Crotch Buckle through the slot in crotch pad as shown.

SHOULDER PADS (IF FITTED)

 Shoulder Pads are designed to provide extra comfort for baby or child and are easily fitted to the shoulder harness straps by:
 Crotch P

 A. Pull apart fasteners and remove shoulder pads from harness.
 (If fitted)

 B. Re-fit shoulder pads to harness and attach fasteners for use.

POCKETS (IF FITTED)

The pockets sewn on the trim are designed for your convenience. They can hold those necessary items that you need at a moments notice. e.g. Bottle, face washer, toy etc. They can also hold a CD or MP3 player.

CAUTION:

If using the pocket to store filled bottles, please ensure contents are not contaminated due to prolonged storage. Ensure contents are not crushed by car door when closing.





MESSY MAT[™] (IF FITTED)

The Messy Mat has been specifically designed to protect your vehicle seat from children's shoes rubbing against it. If the Messy Mat has been supplied it must be used to protect the car upholstery.

Place pocket on edge of seat, smooth back toward seat join ('A') and fit in any excess Messy Mat into the join of the car seat ('A').

CAUTION:

The Messy Mat pocket is only for small, light items. DO NOT overload the pocket with heavy, bulky items as this may damage the pocket or cause passengers to trip over them.





Note: Some Messy Mats may not have pockets.

PADDED INSERT (IF FITTED)

The padded insert is designed to snugly fit baby providing extra support and comfort. It should be used for small babies when rear-facing. Discontinue use when the padded insert is a tight fit or creates discomfort for larger babies. Do not use the padded insert when the baby's weight is above 10kg. Do not use when in Forward-facing mode.

A. Disconnect buckle and place the shoulder straps through padded insert slots (if available).

B. Feed the crotch strap through the flap in the padded insert and re-connect buckle.

CUP HOLDER (IF FITTED)

To fit the cup holder to the restraint, insert the locating tabs through the pair of holes on either side of the restraint. Slide the cup holder down until it locks into position. To remove, press the release trigger on the bottom of the cup holder, then slide up and out of the holes in the restraint. Ensure the cup holder and its contents can not be crushed by the car door. Store the cup holder when not in use.

WARNING: Only use for holding cups, bottles and drink cartons. Do not use for hot drinks.



Pull crotch strap through flap in padded insert.



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SAFETY

Never hold a baby in arms when riding in a motor vehicle. In this position the baby could be thrown against the dashboard, windscreen or other occupant and suffer serious injury or death.

When riding in a motor vehicle, never nurse a baby and use the same seat belt for both of you. In this position the baby or child could be crushed.

Children must be secured in appropriate restraints at all times when the car is in motion. Children travelling unrestrained and standing up in the car are in danger of serious injury or death. Traffic regulations in all states require children to be secured in child restraints or adult seat belts where available.

Plan your trip with frequent comfort stops to reduce stress on babies, young children and driver. Keep the car well ventilated to reduce heat stress. Two car windows should be kept open to maintain a good flow of fresh air if air conditioning is not used.

Never leave babies or toddlers in a stationary car in the sun because of the risk of heat exhaustion.

Ensure babies and toddlers are adequately shaded from direct sunlight through side or rear windows.

Be on guard against carbon monoxide poisoning which can occur through only a slight leak in the exhaust system while travelling in a closed car.

Securely stow all heavy objects, feeding bottles, etc. that could become missiles during an accident and cause injury to any occupant.

CLOTHING/BATHING

Take several changes of clothing and bibs for possible car sickness. Disposable nappies and liners are very handy while travelling. Since it is often warmer in the car, dress the baby in light clothing. When cooler, it is easier to place a blanket over the baby than it is to remove the baby from the restraint and change clothes.

FEEDING

Never breast feed a baby while car is in motion. Babies will require extra feeding if travelling in the heat. For bottle fed babies, make up the bottles and refrigerate before leaving home for a day trip. Place in a cool bag and reheat as needed with hot water from a thermos.

Alternatively, bring boiled water in a thermos and pre-measured amounts of baby formula in small containers. Use the water from the thermos to mix with the formula when required. Regardless which method is used, it is always a good plan to carry some boiled water in a sterile container or bottle.

Do not attempt to carry warm milk because germs multiply rapidly in warm milk.

Consult the vehicle owner's handbook for location of anchorage fittings or anchorage points and the possible use of spacers. Some vehicles may have an anchor fitting fitted by the vehicle manufacturer. If anchorage points cannot be found refer to car manufacturer or local child restraint fitting station or traffic authority for optimum position of anchorage point and the use of spacers.

UPPER ANCHORAGE STRAP

THE ATTACHMENT CLIP COVER MUST ALWAYS BE USED AS IT PREVENTS THE RISK OF INCORRECT FITMENT OF THE ATTACHMENT CLIP TO THE ANCHOR FITTING. ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE ATTACHMENT CLIP IS CORRECTLY ENGAGED TO THE ANCHOR FITTING AND NOT HOOKED OR FITTED TO ANY OTHER OBJECT BEFORE EACH USE OF THE RESTRAINT. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN VEHICLES SUCH AS STATION WAGONS, VANS, HATCH BACKS OR VEHICLES WITHOUT A FIXED PARCEL SHELF, SINCE THE ANCHOR POINT IS USUALLY NOT VISIBLE.

IMPORTANT INSTALLATION NOTE:

In some vehicles the anchor fitting in the rear vertical panel can only be installed in one way. Please refer to vehicle owner's handbook or a child restraint fitting station for correct method.



The shaded areas of this diagram illustrate the possible locations of the anchor fitting. Within each shaded area is an anchor fitting showing the correct way to install the fitting. Ensure the anchor fitting is aligned as illustrated unless stated otherwise in the vehicle owner's handbook.

IF THE CAR IS FITTED WITH CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE POINT

Locate the anchorage point behind the rear seating position. (consult the car owners handbook for the location of the anchorage point). The anchorage point should be directly behind and central to the restraint. Remove thread plug from the parcel shelf/floor/roof, etc. and install anchor bolt and fitting as shown in Fig 1.

CAUTION: DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN ANCHOR BOLT. OVERTIGHTENING MAY FRACTURE OR BREAK BOLT. MAXIMUM TORQUE IS 20 Nm (14.75 ft.lb.)

Note: Minimum of five full turns of anchor bolt is required before tightening force is applied.

IF THE CAR IS NOT FITTED WITH CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE POINTS

For Sedans only - Drill 9mm diameter hole in the parcel shelf on the centre line of the seating position as shown in Fig 3. Before drilling the hole, check the underside for accessibility. Install the anchor bolt as shown in Fig 2.

For vehicles other than Sedans - In Australia, consult your nearest child restraint fitting station or traffic authority for vehicle inspection to find the best, correct position for the placement of the anchorage point, and for the correct attachment bolt length and use of spacers. In New Zealand, consult the agent for the vehicle.

Note to Queensland purchasers: The installation of anchorage points must be approved by authorised officers appointed by Queensland Transport. Authorised officers can be sourced from all Queensland Transport Customer Service and Queensland Ambulance Service Centres.







ONLY USE A 5/16 UNC GRADE 5 BOLT. IF THE BOLT IS NOT THE CORRECT LENGTH THE CAR MANUFACTURER'S HAND BOOK CAN PROVIDE ADVICE ON THE CORRECT LENGTH BOLT.

🛕 WARNING

CHILD RESTRAINTS MUST NOT BE ATTACHED TO UNSOUND METAL OR TO WOOD, OR SYNTHETIC STRUCTURES. WHEN DRILLING 9 MM HOLE DO NOT DRILL THROUGH FUEL LINES, FUEL TANKS, ELECTRICAL WIRING, OR RADIO SPEAKERS. WEBBING STRAPS MUST BE PROTECTED FROM SHARP CORNERS AND EDGES. THE ANCHOR FITTING MUST BE USED ONLY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. IT MUST NOT BE HOOKED ONTO ANY OTHER OBJECT.



CAR INSTALLATION ACCESSORIES (From retailers of Safe-n-Sound products)

EXTRA ANCHOR KITS: Available for using the restraint in additional cars. Re-order no: 0038 $\,$

EXTENSION STRAPS: May be required for cars without a fixed parcel shelf. Re-order no: 0035 (length 300mm) or 0036 (length 600mm)

GATED 3-BAR SLIDE (Locking clip): For converting lap-sash seat belt to lap belt, and to obtain a better fit to the car where the fitted lock-off may not be suitable. Most cars will not need this. Re-order no: 0215.

If your restraint has been involved in a severe crash, you should destroy the restraint even if no damage is obvious. Some insurance companies offer vehicle insurance which covers or partially covers the replacement of your child restraint. Contact your insurance company for further details. Your insurance company may require you to keep the child restraint for assessment, **but do not use the child restraint after a severe crash**. To assist you in making an accident insurance claim cut the following statement and include it with your claim.



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