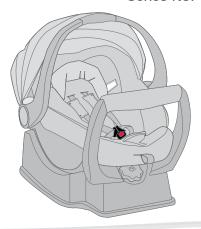


IMPORTANT:



# Unity Infant Carrier Series No. 40/A/2010



# Instructions for Installation & Use

KEEP THIS BOOKLET IN THE PLACE PROVIDED ON THE CHILD RESTRAINT.

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# INTRODUCTION

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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 CAR.

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 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.

Britax Childcare Pty. Ltd. continues to provide care for your children when travelling in motor cars with a range of child restraints suitable throughout their childhood.

This instruction book can be stored in the base of the Carrier for future reference.

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- 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.
- DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN THE CAR.
- Supervision of children is needed because they may be able to undo buckles.
- DO NOT USE A REAR-FACING CHILD RESTRAINT WHERE AN AIRBAG IS FITTED IN FRONT OF THE SEATING POSITION. For other airbags, refer to the car owner's handbook for warnings and instructions.
- 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 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 THE COVER.
- Make sure the handle is latched properly every time you pick up the Infant Carrier.
- THIS RESTRAINT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE WHERE THE UPPER ANCHORAGE STRAP MAY FALL INTO A SPLIT IN THE SEAT BACK. (E.G. HATCHBACK OR WAGON).

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>Hatch-back or wagon</u>: Do not use the child restraint where this strap may fall into a split in the seat back.
- Regularly check the restraint components, straps and other fitments for correct function & condition. Seek prompt repair.
- Protect all webbing from abrasion and cutting by sharp corners and edges.
- Upper Anchorage Straps and extension straps may be damaged by unsecured cargo in a collision. Secure or remove hazardous cargo before using this restraint.
- 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.
- 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.

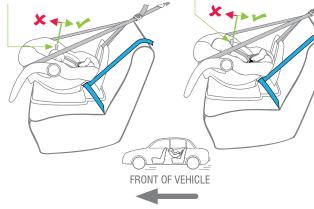
#### SHOULDER HEIGHT MARKERS AND A GROWING CHILD

#### **New Baby**

#### Shoulders below the Shoulder Height Marker. Maximum Shoulder Height Marker

#### **Older Baby**

Shoulders inline with the Shoulder Height Marker-+ you will need to move to the next child restraint. Maximum Shoulder Height Marker.

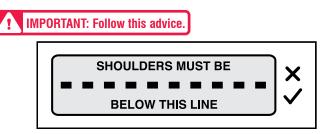


The Infant Carrier is not suitable for your child when their shoulders are above the shoulder height marker.

If the babies neck muscles are unable to support their head then the child should remain rear facing, choose a child restraint that will take larger babies in rear facing.

# DO NOT MOVE TO THE NEXT RESTRAINT UNTIL SHOULDERS REACHES THE SHOULDER HEIGHT MARKER.

#### SHOULDER HEIGHT MARKERS AND A GROWING CHILD

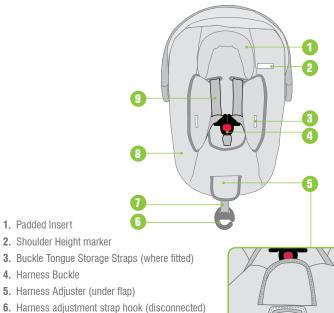


# DO NOT MOVE TO THE NEXT RESTRAINT UNTIL SHOULDER REACHES THE SHOULDER MARKER.

When the child's shoulders reach this marker, the child is now too big for the child restraint. It is now time to move too the next child restraint, see page 33.

### SPECIAL FEATURES

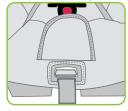
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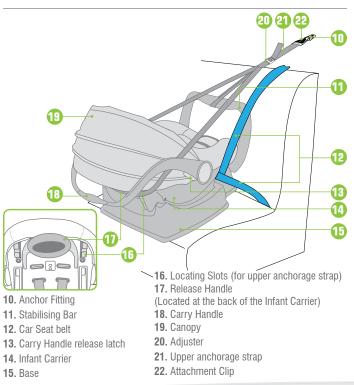


- 7. Harness adjustment strap
- 8. Cover
- 9. Harness

1. Padded Insert

4. Harness Buckle





# SUITABLE FOR USE

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Seat Width 465mm

To ensure that the space is sufficient, the purchaser should check the measurements between the vehicle's rear and front seats in which the child restraint is intended to be used.

# A WARNING

THE TETHER STRAP MUST ALWAYS BE FITTED WHEN THE CHILD RESTRAINT IS USED IN A VEHICLE.

Do not use the restraint without the Upper Anchorage Strap correctly attached. The upper anchorage strap must be attached to an anchorage point using an extension strap if necessary.

The Infant Carrier can just touch the front seat, but must not in such a way that the installation angle is affected.

Do not recline the seat excessively, it must be installed at the correct angle (see pages 20 and 21).

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 in front of it.



Regional Road Rules restrict the use of child restraints, like this Infant Carrier, in the front seat of the car. Check your local Road Rules.

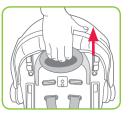
Do not use on any car seat which faces sideways or rearwards. DO NOT USE A REAR-FACING CHILD RESTRAINT WHERE AN AIRBAG IS FITTED IN FRONT OF THE SEATING POSITION. For other airbags, refer to the car owner's handbook for warnings and instructions.

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 sit above the Base moulding.

# HOW TO SET-UP

#### **REMOVING INFANT CARRIER FROM BASE**

**A.** Grasp the handle with one hand. With the other hand, lift the catch located at the front of the Infant Carrier.



**B.** With the catch still lifted raise the Infant Carrier clear of the base.



#### ADJUSTMENT OF HANDLE POSITION

The Unity<sup>™</sup> Travel System Infant Carrier features a sturdy carry handle which can be used in conjunction with the curved base to convert it to a rocker. At the base of the handle there are two large buttons which control the three positions of the handle. These positions are the carry (or travel) position, the rocking position and the non-rocking position.

#### **Carry Position**

A. To convert from carry to rocking position, depress the large buttons on each side and rotate the handle towards the front of the Infant Carrier. When you have started rotating the handle release the buttons and continue rotating the handle round until it locks into position.

- **B.** Ensure the handle is locked in position securely. The rocking position enables the Infant Carrier to rock without the possibility of the Infant Carrier tipping over.
- C. To convert to a non-rocking position depress both buttons and rotate the handle to the fixed position. Ensure the handle is locked in position securely.

### IMPORTANT :

Do not place the Infant Carrier on a table or a work-top where it could fall off.





**Non-rocking Position** 



# HOW TO SET-UP

#### **TO FIT CANOPY**

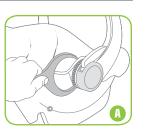
- A. With the viewing window flap on the outside, grasp the Canopy ensuring the two plastic frame sections at both sides are aligned.
- **B.** Push the two plastic frame sections at both sides onto the Infant Carrier at the inside of the handle pivot point.
- **C.** Refit the elastic Canopy strap to the dedicated elastic trim strap on each side of the Infant Carrier.

# **NOTE:** Elastic Canopy loops must always be fitted when Canopy is in use.

**D.** The Canopy can be rotated to cover the baby or opened by rotating to the desired position.

#### **TO REMOVE CANOPY**

- A. Ensure Canopy is in the collapsed position. Unclip the elastic Canopy straps which are secured by plastic hooks under each handle attachment point.
- **B.** Grasp the Canopy and pull it away from the Infant Carrier ensuring the straps are clear of catching any objects.





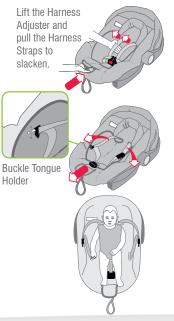


#### **SETTING UP THE HARNESS**

The Infant Carrier is fitted with three shoulder strap positions. As the baby grows the shoulder straps must be moved to higher slots. Refer to page 16- 19 for correct

fitment of the harness shoulder straps.

- A. Sit the Infant Carrier on a flat ground with the handle rotated fully back to prevent rocking.
- **B.** Release the buckle and lengthen the Harness Straps by pressing Harness Adjuster (under the flap) while grasping both Shoulder Harness Straps and pulling out desired amount of slack.
- **C.** Move the two harness tongues to the sides of the infant carrier and store in the Buckle Tongue Holders (holders are on both sides of the Padded Insert and the cover). Move the harness buckle towards the Harness Adjuster.
- **D.** Place baby into Infant Carrier lying on its back so that the buckle is between the baby's legs.
- E. This section covers the setting up of the harness to fit the height of the child and fitting of the harness is not required. Securing of the child is covered later in the instructions.

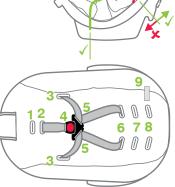


# HOW TO SET-UP

**F** The Infant Carrier is fitted with three shoulder strap positions. As the baby grows, the shoulder straps must be moved to higher slots.

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

- 1. Outer crotch strap slot
- 2. Inner crotch strap slot
- 3. Lap strap slot
- 4. Harness tongues & buckle
- 5. Shoulder harness strap
- 6. Lower shoulder strap slots
- 7. Medium shoulder strap slots
- 8. Upper shoulder strap slots
- 9. Maximum shoulder height marker.
- 10. Harness Adjuster (under cover flap)



If the baby is newborn you will need to use either slot 6 or 7 and crotch strap position 2. With the baby in the carrier, check that the slot is just above the baby's shoulder. If the strap is not in that slot then change the slot as described on pages 17 to 19. If the slot is just above the shoulders then go to page 20.

#### **CROTCH STRAP**

The Infant Carrier is fitted with two crotch strap positions. Correct location of crotch strap will securely position the baby correctly in Infant Carrier and will prevent baby from slipping further into Infant Carrier.

As baby grows the crotch strap must be moved to the outer slot.

#### ADJUSTMENT OF CROTCH STRAP

- **A.** Remove the Infant Carrier from car as instructed on page 31.
- B. Lift Infant Carrier cover to reveal crotch strap slot.
- **C.** From the top side of Infant Carrier turn the crotch 3-bar slide and push through each slot as shown right until the Crotch strap assembly is free from the Infant Carrier.
- **D.** Insert Crotch strap through restraint slot which will position Crotch strap level with the baby's crotch and feed back through other slot as shown right.

## IMPORTANT :

When replacing cover, ensure none of the harness straps are twisted and that all straps are secure by pulling each harness strap.





#### ADJUSTING THE SHOULDER HARNESS

A. At the rear of the Infant Carrier, remove one of the harness shoulder straps from metal Strap Connector by slipping strap through open slot. The Metal Strap Connector is shown in diagram right.



Metal Strap Connector

- D. Ensure there are no twists in the straps.
- **E.** Connect it to the Metal Strap Connector at rear of Infant Carrier.
- **F** Repeat for the 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.

#### FOR SMALL BABY



#### FOR GROWING BABY



#### FOR LARGER BABY



#### B. Pull the shoulder strap through slot.

**C.** Insert the shoulder strap through the Infant Carrier slot which will position the shoulder strap level with or above the baby's shoulder (see page 16). Ensure that the shoulder strap passes through matching slots in the cover and seat shell.

If a Padded Insert is used then that will need to be re-positioned and the strap re-inserted when changing the slot position.



### IMPORTANT :

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

# HOW TO INSTALL

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Consult the car owner's handbook for location of anchor fittings or anchorage points. Some vehicle manufacturers recently have an anchor fitting fitted in the car.

If there is no child restraint anchor fitting or child restraint anchor point refer to pages 51-55 for the installation of the anchor fitting as well as the use of extension straps.

An anchor fitting is required to attach the upper anchorage strap to fully install the Carrier to the car. The upper anchorage strap must be used with this infant carrier when used in the car.

For installing the Base to the car, select a seating position with a child restraint anchor fitting directly behind the seating position.

#### INSTALLING THE BASE TO THE CAR

- **A.** Place the base and Infant Carrier on vehicle seat in a seating position where a child restraint anchor fitting is installed. The Level Indicator Line needs to be level with the road, (i.e. parallel with the road surface). Check and adjust the Levelling knob of the base if necessary.
- **B.** If your car's seat is contoured then you may need to adjust the angle of the base so your baby is not too upright.

The angle may be altered by turning the base levelling knob located at the rebound bar end which will cause the levelling foot to extend from the under side of the base.



Level Indicator Line on both sides of base.



Levelling Knob



#### MANUAL PACKING

The angle may also 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) For some vehicles with flat seats some packaging may be required at the front edge of the base to get some recline. The stabilising bar does not need to touch the car's seat back but should be close.

Always leave a rearward slope angle of approximately 10° to 15°



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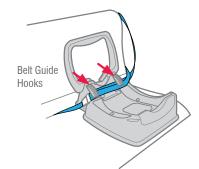
of seatbelt to

remove slack

Belt Guide Hooks

- C. Place the base into the car in the selected seating position with the Stabilising bar beside the car's seat back as shown.
- D. Extend the seat belt to maximum length. For a lap-sash seat belt, position the tongue in the middle of the fully extended belt. Feed the seat belt through the blue REAR-FACING SEATBELT PATH labels on each side through the Belt Guide Hooks.

Blue REARWARD-FACING BELT PATH label



- **D.** Engage the seat belt tongue to the buckle.
- E. Pull the slack out of the seat belt and ensure the base is held firm against the seat back. If a lap-sash seat belt is used then allow the excess sash belt to feed back in to the retractor.

To remove the base from the car, release the seat belt, pull the seat belt out.

**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 contact the Belt Guide Hooks.

If the seat belt will not stay tight in every day use, then fit a 3-bar gated buckle to the lap-sash belt to prevent loosening. See pages 56 to 57. (Not supplied with seat).

#### **INSTALLING UPPER ANCHORAGE STRAP**

A. Locate the child restraint anchor fitting in the car that is directly behind the seat location in the rear seat you have chosen. Refer to the car owner's manual for the location (If there is no anchorage fitting then refer to pages 51 - 55 for instructions in adding an anchor fitting). Connect the Upper Anchorage Strap Attachment Clip to the Anchor Fitting.

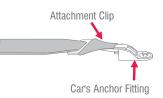
Lengthen the strap by pressing the adjuster button (1) and pull the strap (2) so that the strap is ready to attach to the Carrier.

THIS UPPER ANCHORAGE STRAP MUST ALWAYS BE FITTED WHEN THE INFANT CARRIER IS USED IN THE CAR.

B. While the Infant Carrier is out of the car, store the upper anchorage strap between the stabilising bar and the car seat back so that it will be ready for use when the Infant Carrier is put back in the car.



Always attach hook and remove slack.



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



#### PLACING BABY IN INFANT CARRIER

When positioning baby into Infant Carrier make sure baby's back is fully supported onto the flat section and the baby's nappy area (bottom) is resting in the bottom curvature as shown. It is recommended that bulky nappies are not used when baby is travelling in the Infant Carrier as they can cause incorrect positioning of the baby's back in the Infant Carrier.



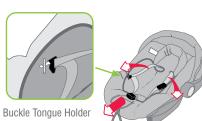
**A.** Loosen Harness Straps by pressing the Harness Adjuster while grasping both the Shoulder Harness Straps and pulling out the desired amount of slack.



Press the Harness Adjuster and pull Harness Straps to loosen.

# HOW TO USE

B. Move the two harness tongues to the outer extents of the infant carrier, into the Buckle Tongue Holders. Move the harness buckle towards the Harness Adjuster.



C. Place baby into Infant Carrier lying on its back so that the buckle is between the baby's leas. Ensure that baby's arms and legs are free. Make sure baby is dressed to allow the Harness Buckle to be pulled up between baby's legs e.g. a jump suit. Never wrap the baby in a blanket before placing in the Infant Carrier, fit the blanket after the harness is fitted.

#### NOTE

- 1. Discontinue using the Padded Insert if the Pad causes over heating, discomfort or you need more room for baby to grow.
- 2. Correct fitment of the harness is very important as it restrains the baby in the Infant Carrier. The harness must fit firmly around upper torso of the baby and be positioned so as to leave the baby's arms and legs free.
- 3. This Infant Carrier needs to be used until the baby reaches the shoulder height marker. It is acceptable for the legs to be bent to fit.



#### SECURING BABY IN INFANT CARRIER

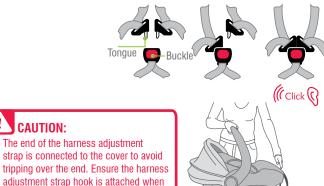
A. Place each arm through each shoulder strap of the harness. Position the buckle of the crotch strap as shown right.

CAUTION:

carrying the carrier (see page 28).

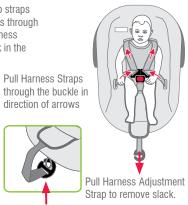
**B.** Fit either harness tongue into the Harness buckle followed by the other tongue until a click is heard. If the second tongue does not engage - press the red button and re-insert the tongues. Check secure engagement by pulling harness straps.





# HOW TO USE

C. Ensure slack is removed from the lap straps by pulling the shoulder harness straps through the buckle tongues, then pull the Harness Adjustment Strap to take up the slack in the harness, adjusting to a firm but comfortable fit. Make sure that the baby's arms and legs are free and the crotch strap is between the legs. Check that the slack in straps is minimal. Do not use the restraint if straps do not tighten and contact your local authorised service agent for repair.



Hook the Adjuster Strap on to the loop to prevent tripping over the strap.

### **I** CAUTION: A LOOSE HARNESS IS DANGEROUS

Ensure the end of the harness Adjustment Strap is connected to the cover to avoid tripping on the end. Ensure the Harness adjustment strap hook is attached when carrying the carrier (see above).

#### **PLACING BABY & INFANT CARRIER IN BASE**

- **A.** Position the Infant Carrier over the top of the base. Make sure the Harness Adjustment Strap is not caught between Infant Carrier and Base then lower the Infant Carrier into position.
- **B.** Push down on the Infant Carrier until an audible click is heard. Pull on the Infant Carrier to ensure it is correctly locked into position.

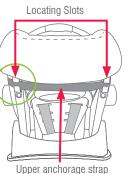


**C.** The handle may be rotated into other positions if needed although this may be difficult with the seat in front.

# HOW TO USE

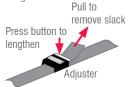
**D.** Ensure the upper anchorage strap attachment clip have been fitted to the car's anchor fitting. If not already connected, refer to page 24.





Upper Anchorage Strap.

- **E.** Feed the Upper Infant Carrier strap on the inside of the handle and through the locating slots in the front of the Infant Carrier.
- F Adjust the Upper Anchorage Strap by pulling as shown below to remove any slack in the straps. Do not over tighten.



# IMPORTANT :

The Upper anchorage strap must be fitted at all times when the baby is in the car.

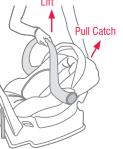
#### **REMOVING BABY & INFANT CARRIER FROM BASE**

- A. Loosen the upper anchorage strap. Ensure that the adjuster does not fall on the baby.
- **B.** Remove the upper anchorage strap from the locating slots in the Infant Carrier.
- C. Store the anchorage strap between the rebound bar and the car seat back so that it will not fall behind the seat or get trapped in the door. This will keep the upper anchorage strap visible and ready for use when the Infant Carrier is put back in the car.
- **D.** Rotate the Carry Handle to the "carry" location (page 13).
- E. Grasp the handle with one hand lifting the Infant Carrier release catch with the other hand. With the catch lifted raise the Infant Carrier clear of the base.

# Always ensure the handle is locked in position before lifting.

**F.** When the Infant Carrier is clear of the base, carefully remove it from the car.

# Ensure the Adjustment Strap hook is connected to the cover, See page 28.



#### SHOULDER HEIGHT MARKERS AND THE NEXT STEP

#### REMOVAL OF BABY FROM INFANT CARRIER

- **A.** Rotate the carry handle to either the access or non-rocking position and ensure the Canopy is fully open.
- **B.** Press the Harness Adjuster while pulling shoulder straps to loosen the harness.
- **C.** Press the red button on Harness Buckle then both Harness Tongues will be released. Place Buckle tongues through Buckle Tongue Holder's on each side of the cover.



Buckle Tongue Holder

**D.** Feed the baby's arms through each side of the Harness and place the straps on each side of the carrier clear of the baby. Lift the baby out of the carrier.

**NOTE:** Once the baby gets heavier you may wish to leave the carrier in the car. In this case you will need to disconnect or loosen the upper anchorage strap before removing the baby.





# FOR THE NEXT CHILD RESTRAINT CHOOSE FROM:

• Convertible Child Seat, If the convertible seat is suitable for approximately 12 months then continue to keep your child rear facing until they reach the shoulders reach the lowest marker. Then turn to forward facing until the child reaches the top marker - approximately 4 years of age.

OR

• Dedicated forward facing seat with in-built harness- for children who have outgrown their baby carrier up to approximately 4 years of age.

#### OR

• Convertible booster seat with in-built harness that faces forward- for children who have out grown their rear facing seat. This can be used up to approximately 4 years of age which can then be converted to a booster seat up to approximately 8 years of age.







# **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

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#### **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.** Ensure the inside of the buckle is free of foreign matter, food or feeding liquids. Check that the buckle clicks and is not sluggish or sticky in operation. If sluggish, wash the buckle as shown on page 38.
- 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 Infant Carrier is cracked or broken, seek repair immediately or replace the Infant Carrier.
- F. Check that the Infant Carrier catch retains the Infant Carrier to the base. Check screws and rivets are firmly in place. If not seek repair.

#### **CLEANING**

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

#### COVER

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For baby's comfort and health the Infant Carrier cover is removable for cleaning. Cleaning instructions are on the care label attached to the liner. Washing the cover prior to use will remove excess fluff and dye's.

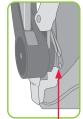
#### TO REMOVE THE COVER

A. Remove the Canopy and Baby insert pad (if supplied) as described on page 14. Unclip the two infant carrier cover straps which are secured by plastic hooks under the handle attachment point.

B. Disconnect the shoulder harness straps from the Metal Strap Connector and feed through shoulder

slots in both infant carrier and cover. Refer to

**C.** Feed the shoulder harness straps and tongues



Unhook clips on either side of cover under the handle then remove cover

Pull cover off from the corners

# through lap strap slots in the Cover only. There is no need to remove the harness straps from the Infant Carrier.D. Lift the cover around the rim of the infant carrier

at the harness adjuster end, feed the crotch buckle through the slot in cover and pull the harness adjuster strap out of the slots.

E. Remove the cover for cleaning.



# **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

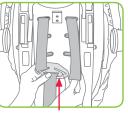
# **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

#### TO REPLACE THE COVER

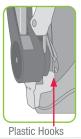
- **A.** Place the cover over the infant carrier ensuring all slots in cover line up with slots in infant carrier.
- **B.** Ensure that there are no twists in all straps underneath the Infant Carrier.
- **C.** Feed the shoulder harness straps through lap strap slots in cover.
- **D.** Feed the shoulder harness straps through the shoulder strap slots in cover and then in through the Infant Carrier. Refer to page 16 for correct shoulder harness position for your baby. Attach the shoulder harness straps to the strap connector.
- **E.** Feed the crotch buckle as well as the harness adjuster strap through the slots in the cover.
- F. Refit plastic hooks on cover to Infant Carrier as shown right.
- **G.** Engage shoulder harness tongues and crotch buckle. Pull to check harness is attached.
- H. Ensure the straps are not twisted.



Infant Carrier



Metal Strap Connector



#### **COVER** (style may vary)

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 products may cause damage or marking to the cover.

# IMPORTANT:

Do not pull sticky items from covers as the cover may be damaged - soak in water and gently remove. The seat cover and accessories must not be replaced with any other than the one recommended by Safe-n-Sound, because the cover is an integral part of the child restraint and how it performs. The child restraint must not be used without the cover and the padding provided.

# **VERY IMPORTANT:**

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

# **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

# ACCESSORIES

#### **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.
- **C.** Engage and disengage the Harness Tongues and Buckles several times until a strong audible click is heard.
- **D.** If you still cannot hear a strong audible click after engaging the last Harness Tongues into 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 & feeding each 3-bar slide through appropriate slot (see page 17).

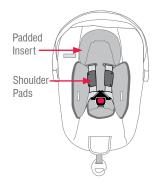


The following instructions apply to accessories that may be supplied with this restraint at point of purchase. If not, a variety of accessories are available from various retailers of Safe-n-Sound products.

#### **TO REMOVE PADDED INSERT**

The Padded insert is only required for supporting the smaller baby and must be removed once baby's shoulders reach the upper shoulder height marker.

- A. Disengage the harness buckle and feed the buckle out through buckle slot in the Padded insert.
- **B.** Remove the insert pad from the shoulder harness straps. Installation is the reverse of removal procedure.
- **C.** Discontinue use of the Padded insert if it causes discomfort or cramps the space available for baby within the Infant Carrier.



#### SHOULDER PADS

The shoulder pads may require release by press studs. If fully fitted to the shoulder strap then you will need to disconnect the shoulder strap as described on page 18.

#### **EXTRA BASE**

An Extra Base is available as a separate purchase for a second car. These bases can mean that the Carrier can be easily and quickly switched between cars. An extra upper anchorage strap is supplied with the Base.



#### **OTHER ACCESSORIES**

Only use accessories designed and recommended by Britax Childcare Pty Ltd for this product.

#### 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.

## **TRAVELLING TIPS**

#### **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.

Take a pack containing baby soap, oil, powder, cotton wool, small towel and wet washer in a plastic bag.

#### **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.

# **TRAVEL SYSTEM - INTEGRAL LATCH**

This Infant Carrier is designed to be connected to compatible strollers. The following pages provide a general instructions about using the Infant Carrier with a stroller which may differ slightly for some strollers. Preferably use the attachment instructions provided with your stroller. Use the stroller in accordance with the instructions supplied with the stroller. This Infant Carrier will not fit all strollers.

There are two systems to connect to the Infant Carrier to the stroller. Check with the stroller instructions or promotional literature to see which system applies.

- Integral latch which fits to the arm bar, or
- Britax stroller adaptor that fits to the sockets on the stroller side armrests.

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DO NOT LEAVE THE CHILD IN THE INFANT CARRIER FOR EXTENDED PERIODS. THE TRAVEL SYSTEM INFANT CARRIER IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MOBILITY OUTSIDE OF THE CAR BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE USED IN PLACE OF AN APPROPRIATE COT.

THE INFANT CARRIER MUST ONLY BE USED WITH A SAFE-N-SOUND AND STEELCRAFT STROLLERS WITH COMPATIBLE ATTACHMENTS. DO NOT USE WITH ANY OTHER STROLLER.

IF IN DOUBT ABOUT THE METHOD OF INSTALLATION, CONTACT BRITAX CHILDCARE CUSTOMER SERVICE ON 1300 303 330.

# **TRAVEL SYSTEM - INTEGRAL LATCH**

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS PREPARING THE INFANT CARRIER - LATCH METHOD

**A.** Remove Infant Carrier with the Baby from the Base by loosening the upper anchorage strap and disengaging the upper restraint strap from the guides on the back of the Infant Carrier.

**B.** Rotate handle into carry position then lift the release catch with the other hand.

C. With the release catch depressed lift the Infant Carrier.

**D.** When Infant Carrier clears the base hooks, raise Infant Carrier further and remove from the car.

#### **PREPARING THE STROLLER**

A. Ensure the Stroller has been assembled correctly before fitting the Infant Carrier.

**B.** Open the Stroller, apply the brakes and lower the backrest to the fully reclined position.

C. Remove the arm bar cover and store in the basket pocket.



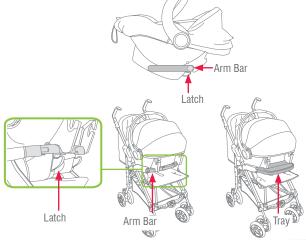
Arm Bar cover removed

# INSTALLING THE INFANT CARRIER INTO THE STROLLER - LATCH METHOD

**A.** Ensure that the arm bar (or tray) is fully locked in position on both sides of the armrests.

**B.** Position the Infant Carrier over the Stroller with the baby's head end of the Infant Carrier over the Stroller arm bar (or tray).

**C.** Lower the Infant Carrier and ensure that it locates onto the Arm Bar or tray and the latches engage.



# **TRAVEL SYSTEM - INTEGRAL LATCH**

- **D.** Then lower the foot end of the Infant Carrier until it rests on the seating surface of the stroller.
- **E.** Fold the Infant Carrier handle down if required, then check the Infant Carrier is securely fixed to the stroller before use.
- **F.** Refer to the Stroller instruction book for other instructions.



# REMOVING THE INFANT CARRIER FROM THE STROLLER

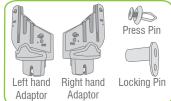
- **A.** Fold the Infant Carrier handle up to the carry position and grip firmly in one hand.
- B. Raise the Infant Carrier release catch located on the rear of the Infant Carrier.
- C. Lift the Infant Carrier clear of the stroller.

ENSURE THE BABY IS SECURED IN THE INFANT CARRIER WITH THE HARNESS AT ALL TIMES. THE INFANT CARRIER IS FITTED WITH A CANOPY WHICH CAN BE USED WHEN THE CARRIER IS CONNECTED TO THE STROLLER. THE CANOPY CAN ALSO BE USED IN THE CAR.

# **TRAVEL SYSTEM - BRITAX ADAPTORS**

#### ALTERNATE BRITAX STROLLER ADAPTOR METHOD - HOW TO FIT

To attach the Britax Stroller Adaptor to the Carrier ensure the Carrier's Handle is in Rocking position and trim is placed aside to align the holes.



A. Align attachment to hole, Click into position.

**B.** Place Locking Pin into hole and align.



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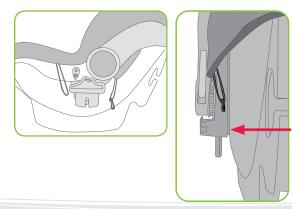


# **TRAVEL SYSTEM - BRITAX ADAPTORS**

**C.** Then place Press Pin in bottom hole and push into place.



**D.** To replace trim pull elastic underneath the adaptor and hook. Place elastic in groove shown below.



Hook elastic behind the adaptor and place in groove

### **TRAVEL SYSTEM - BRITAX ADAPTORS**

#### TO INSTALL INFANT CARRIER INTO STROLLER -BRITAX STROLLER ADAPTOR METHOD

IMPORTANT : Only use Infant Carrier with compatible Britax/Steelcraft Stroller.

A. Where applicable, remove the stroller seat or bassinet from the stroller frame (refer to stroller instructions). With the Infant Carrier handle in the carry position, engage the Infant Carrier Adaptor on each side directly over the stroller frame mouldings.



- **B.** Push down on the Infant Carrier and make sure it is located into the stroller frame mouldings. The Carrier is not yet fixed to the stroller.
- **C.** Rotate Handle into rocking position to lock the Carrier into stroller.

## **1** VERY IMPORTANT:

Always lock the Infant Carrier to the stroller frame by rotating the handle.

IMPORTANT:

Pull up Carrier to ensure it is locked in position.

**D.** If the baby is not already in the Infant Carrier then secure your baby into the Infant Carrier by the harness (see page 25)



## **TRAVEL SYSTEM - BRITAX ADAPTORS**

#### TO RELEASE INFANT CARRIER FROM STROLLER

- A. Squeeze both handle latches in to release the locks.
- **B.** Rotate the handle forward, towards the carry position.



**C.** Once in the carry position lift and remove the Infant Carrier away from the stroller frame.



Use the harness at all times.

#### HOW TO REMOVE THE BRITAX STROLLER ADAPTOR

If you need to remove the Britax Stroller Adaptor ensure trim is moved aside and handle is in rocking position. First unscrew the Press Pin half way and pull out. Pull out locking clip and gently remove the adaptor from away from carry handle. Store for future use.

# INSTALLATION OF CAR ANCHOR FITTING

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**

# IMPORTANT:

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.

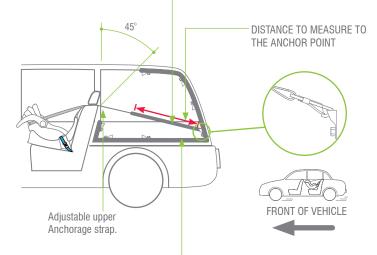
#### IMPORTANT INSTALLATION NOTE:

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.



# INSTALLATION OF CAR ANCHOR FITTING

Extension Strap distance to be measured. Length 300mm (Use Safe-n-Sound part 0035 or equivalent). Length 600mm (Use Safe-n-Sound part 0036 or equivalent). Available from all major child restraint retailers.



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.

# INSTALLATION OF CAR ANCHOR FITTING

#### 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.





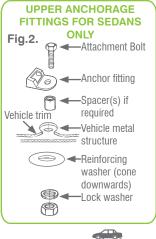
## INSTALLATION OF CAR ANCHOR FITTING

#### 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.





# INSTALLATION OF CAR ANCHOR FITTING

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.

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.

WEBBING STRAPS MUST BE PROTECTED FROM

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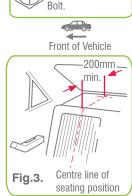
SHARP CORNERS AND EDGES. THE ANCHOR

FITTING MUST BE USED ONLY AS DESCRIBED

ABOVE. IT MUST NOT BE HOOKED ONTO ANY

OTHER OBJECT.

# A WARNING



Note: Marking on

the top of a Grade 5

# 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.

#### ALTERNATIVE INSTALLATION IF SEATBELT LOOSENS

Curved

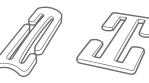
#### LAP-SASH SEAT BELT

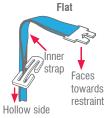
If a seat belt will not stay tight, then a Gated 3-Bar Slide may be used to prevent loosening.

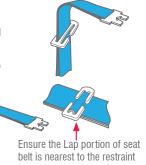
There may be two types of Gated Slides available, Curved and Flat.

Before installing the restraint, join the lap-sash seat belt by using the Gated 3-Bar Slide stored under the carrier.

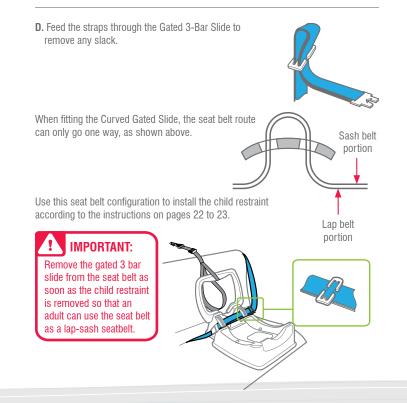
- A. Hold the lap and sash straps together and fold as shown. Slide the inner strap into the Gated 3-Bar Slide followed by the outer strap.
- **B.** The two straps should slide freely in the Gated 3-Bar Slide slot.
- C. Repeat previous step A for the other slot in the Gated 3-Bar Slide.







#### ALTERNATIVE INSTALLATION IF SEATBELT LOOSENS



# IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

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.

#### NOTICE TO INSURANCE COMPANY CHILD RESTRAINT INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT



#### **CRASH EXCHANGE**

We would never want you to experience an accident, but unfortunately accidents do happen.

If you experience an accident you may be eligible for a free replacement.

The Safe-n-Sound Crash Exchange Program is a voluntary program designed to ensure that our children are safe and that any seat that may have experienced a severe crash is taken out of the market.

There is no method of determining if the restraint has been damaged in a severe crash, so the restraint should be destroyed as the crash may reduce the child restraints ability to perform.

Since its inception in 2006, the Crash Exchange program has helped 100's of families ensure that their children have new restraints and that the restraints are not sold second hand placing others at risk.

Our Crash Exchange Terms and Application form are accessible on our website. Please visit

www.britax.com.au for further information.



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