

Facts About Car Seats

The BEST place to go for car seat information is the Instruction Manual of the car seat and the Owner's Manual to your car. They will teach you which type of seat belt system you have and how to install your car seat correctly.

INFANT SEATS (Rear-Facing Only) – Seat weight limit range between 5-22 lbs., 5-32 lbs. and some 4-35 lbs.

- Infant seats should be installed to face the rear of the vehicle.
- Never install a rear facing car seat in the front seat of a car that has an air bag.
- Check owner's manual for position of car seat carrying handle while driving.
- The harness straps should be snug. No slack between the collar bone and the harness.
- The retainer clip should be at armpit level.
- Never place any extra padding between your child and the harness straps. That means no puffy coats, head positioner's that did not come with the seat, or snow bunny outfits. In a crash, these will compress and give more room for your child to slip out.
- The harness straps should come out of the seat slots at or below child's shoulders when rear facing.
- All children should remain rear facing as long as possible. The AAP recommends a child stay rear-facing to the maximum rear facing height/weight limit of the car seat.



CONVERTIBLE SEATS (Rear & Forward-Facing) – For children starting ~5 lbs up to 65 lbs.

- The harness straps should be snug, and the retainer clip should be at armpit level.
- When placed rear facing, follow the guidelines above.
- When placed forward facing, the tether strap should be hooked to a designated anchor point. If the car does not have an anchor point, the dealer may be able to install one for you.
- The harness straps should come out of the seat slots at or above child's shoulders when forward facing. Be sure to check the owners manual for the correct slots to use.



COMBINATION SEATS (Forward-Facing Only) – For children who have maxed out rear facing.

- The harness straps should be snug, and the retainer clip should be at armpit level.
- When placed forward facing, the tether strap should be hooked to a designated anchor point. If the car does not have an anchor point, the dealer should be able to install one for you.
- The straps should come out of the seat slots at or above child's shoulders when forward facing.
- After max height/weight of the child the seat can be converted into a belt positioning booster seat. Refer to car seat owner's manual.



BOOSTER SEATS (Forward-Facing Only) – For children under 4'9”.

- Booster seats require a lap AND shoulder belt.
- All children under 4'9” should ride in a booster seat.
- Keep in mind that regular seat belts are designed to fit men who are 5'10” and who weigh 160 pounds. A child under 4'9” will not fit correctly in a seat belt alone.
- Booster seats cannot be used with a lap belt only.
- A backless booster can be used if your vehicle has an adjustable headrest, use a high back booster if your vehicle has no head protection for the child (bench seat or fixed headrest).
- According to Utah's law, children up to age 8 need to remain in a booster seat. However, they may still need to be in a booster past that if they are under 4'9”.



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