

General Child Seat Use Information

Children ages 12 and under are safest when properly buckled in the rear seat.

Always refer to the child seat and vehicle manufacturers' instructions for proper use and installation instructions.

Age/Weight	Seat Type/Seat Position	Usage Tips
Infants		
<p>Birth to at least 1 year and at least 20 lbs.</p> <p>Less than 1 year/ 20-35 lbs.</p> <p><i>Children may remain in their rear-facing seats as long as they haven't exceeded the height or weight requirements.</i></p>	<p>Infant-Only Seat/rear-facing or Convertible Seat/used rear-facing</p> <p>Convertible Seat/used rear-facing (select one recommended for heavier infants)</p> <p><i>Seats should be secured to the vehicle by the safety belts or by the LATCH system.</i></p>	<p>Never use in a front seat where an air bag is present.</p> <p>Tightly install child seat in rear seat, facing the rear.</p> <p>Child seat should recline at approximately a 45 degree angle.</p> <p>Harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level (lower set of slots for most convertible child safety seats).</p> <p>Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level.</p>
Preschoolers/Toddlers		
<p>1 to 4 years/ at least 20 lbs. to approximately 40 lbs.</p> <p><i>Children may remain in their forward-facing seats as long as they haven't exceeded the height or weight requirements.</i></p>	<p>Convertible Seat/forward-facing or Forward-Facing Only or Combination Seat with Harness.</p> <p><i>Seats should be secured to the vehicle by the safety belts or by the LATCH system.</i></p>	<p>Tightly install child seat in rear seat, facing forward.</p> <p>Harness straps/slots at or above child's shoulders (usually top set of slots for convertible child safety seats).</p> <p>Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level.</p>
Young Children		
4 to at least 8 years/unless	Belt-Positioning Booster	Booster used with adult lap

they are 4'9" (57") tall.

No back or
High Back Belt-Positioning
Booster.

***NEVER** use with
lap-only belts—
belt-positioning boosters are
always used with lap and
shoulder belts.*

and shoulder belt in rear seat.

Shoulder belt should rest
snugly across chest, rests on
shoulder; and should **NEVER**
be placed under the arm or
behind the back.

Lap-belt should rest low,
across the lap/upper
thigh area—
not across the stomach.

Stay informed about child safety seat recalls; be sure to fill out the registration card that comes with new child seats.

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