

# Child Car Seats

## Birth to One Year

### Types of rear-facing child car seats



#### Infant seat

- Is used rear-facing only
- Has weight limits that vary depending on the make and model – some go up to 16 kg (35 lb.)
- Has harness straps to secure the child



#### Infant/child seat (Convertible)

- Can be used rear-facing and then converted to forward-facing when the child is the appropriate age and weight
- Has rear-facing weight limits that vary depending on the make and model – some go up to 20.45 kg (45 lb.)
- Has harness straps to secure the child



#### Infant/child/booster seat (Three-In-One)

- Can be used rear- or forward-facing with harness straps or as a booster seat with a seat belt
- Has rear-facing weight limits that vary depending on the make and model – some go up to 22.7 kg (50 lb.)
- Has harness straps to secure the child

Rear-facing child car seats must be used until the child is at least one year old AND weighs at least 10 kg (22 lb.).

*It is recommended that children remain rear-facing as long as possible within the manufacturer's rear-facing weight limit.*

Always refer to manufacturer's instructions.

### Installation and harnessing checklist

- I have read the child car seat instructions and the child seat section of the vehicle owner's manual.
- I have not used bunting bags or bulky clothing.
- Harness straps are not twisted.
- Harness straps are below the child's shoulder level.
- Child seat faces rear of the vehicle.
- Child seat is NOT positioned in front of an active air bag.
- Seat belt or Universal Anchorage System (UAS) is in the correct belt path for rear-facing.
- Child seat is secured tightly with no more than 2.5cm (1") of movement from side to side and front to back at the belt path.
- Child seat is reclined to a 45 degree angle.
- A locking clip is used if required.
- Harness is snug so that no more than one finger can fit between the harness and the child's collarbone.
- Chest clip is at armpit level.
- Child is secured in the harness **before** blankets are put over him or her. Never place anything between your child and the child car seat's padding.
- Check for correct handle position on infant seat.



*Infant seat placed rear-facing*



*Harness is adjusted correctly*

### Safety Guidelines

- Never place a rear-facing car seat in front of an active airbag.
- Plan frequent stops when going on long road trips.
- Only use the infant seat for travel in a car, van, or truck.
- When shopping or going for walks, take your baby out of the infant seat and use a stroller or carrying device to transport your baby.
- Never use an infant car seat as a crib.
- Child seats purchased in other countries are not legal for use in Canada.
- Register your child seat with the manufacturer in case of a safety recall.
- When installing the seat, always follow the child car seat manufacturer's instructions and read your vehicle owner's manual.

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