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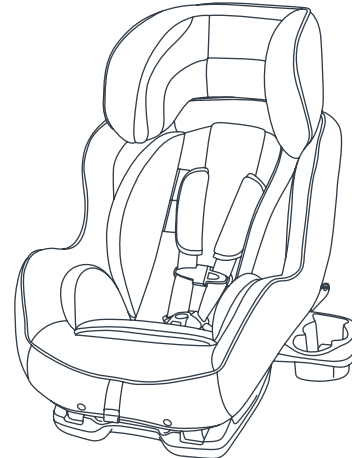
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## **⚠ WARNING**

Carefully read and understand all instructions and warnings in this manual. Failure to properly use this Car Seat increases the risk of **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH** in a sudden stop or crash.

**KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.**  
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**CV88A**

**PROtect™ Car Seat Series**  
**Premiere Convertible Car Seat**  
**OWNER'S MANUAL**

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## 1.0 General Warnings and Information

### **WARNING!**

**DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur:**

- Failure to follow these instructions and Convertible Seat labels can result in injury or death to a child from striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash.
  - Even if the Convertible Seat seems easy to use on your own, it is important to read these instructions and the vehicle owner's manual for details you might miss.
- The instructions in this manual and in your vehicle owner's manual must be followed carefully. If there is a conflict between the two, the vehicle owner's manual must be followed if it relates to the vehicle's seat belt, LATCH or airbags.
- Failure to use the automobile seat belt or to adjust it properly can result in your child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash. Serious injury or death can occur.
- **DO NOT** allow others (baby sitters, friends, grandparents, etc.) To use this Convertible Seat unless they read and understand the instructions and labels and can demonstrate proper use to your satisfaction.
- Use only car seat accessories manufactured by Baby Trend. Accessories can affect your child's safety in a sudden stop or crash.
- **DO NOT** modify or attach any toys, padding, or other items to this Convertible Seat. Untested modifications or padding could result in injury in a crash.
- Secure this Convertible Seat with the vehicle seat belt or LATCH

## 1.0 General Warnings and Information

bars at all times (even when there is no child in it). An unsecured child restraint can injure others if a crash occurs.

- Direct sunlight can make Convertible Seat surfaces hot enough to burn your child. Use caution and check the vehicle and Convertible Seat on hot, sunny days.
- **NEVER** leave child unattended under any circumstance.
- **DO NOT** use this Convertible Seat if it has been in a crash. (There may be hidden damage and it must be replaced.) Your insurance company may provide some assistance replacing this convertible seat.
- **DO NOT** use this Convertible Seat if it is damaged in any way or has missing parts.
- **STOP USING THIS** Convertible Seat **AND THROW IT AWAY** after the date on the back of the seat. **THROW IT AWAY** in a dark trash bag.....Do Not sell to a thrift or consignment shop, at garage sales or flea markets.
- **NEVER** use this Convertible seat in the home, on a boats, or in a motor home with side facing seats or other non certified uses. Only use this restraint in Automobiles and Aircraft.
- **NEVER** use this Convertible Seat in any vehicle seating position equipped with an active air bag. Read your vehicle's owners manual to see how to turn off your airbag if you have no back seat or a child must ride in the front seats. For side airbags see section 4.1 (page 11).

## 2.0 Use Recommendations

Parents are advised that children should use a child restraint with a built-in harness system until they exceed the weight or height limits specified by the manufacturer.

### 2.1 Rear facing without the upper seatback

#### Weight and Height Requirements:

This child restraint, **without** the upper seatback in a rear facing position (Fig. 5a) is designed for use by children whose:

- Weight is between 5 and 22 lbs (2.3 and 10 kg), and
- Top of head has **NOT** reached max height red line on seat back (Fig. 5b). Refer to warning label on top of seat for reference.

Child **MUST** meet **BOTH** of these requirements to use this Convertible Seat without the upper seatback installed.



Fig. 5a

Label Reference

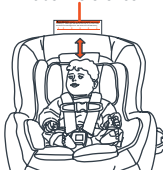


Fig. 5b

## 2.0 Use Recommendations

### 2.2 Rear facing with the upper seatback

#### Weight and Height Requirements:

This child restraint, **WITH** the upper seatback installed in a rear facing position (Fig. 6a) is designed for use by children whose:

- Weight is between 5 and 40 lbs (2.3 kg and 18.1 kg), and
- Head is 1 inch below the top of the seat (Fig. 6b).

Child **MUST** meet **BOTH** of these requirements to use this Convertible Seat.



Fig. 6a

1 in. (2.54 cm)



Fig. 6b

## 2.0 Use Recommendations

### 2.3 Forward facing seat requirements

#### Weight and Height Requirements:

This child restraint, with the upper seatback installed in a forward facing position, is designed for use by children whose:

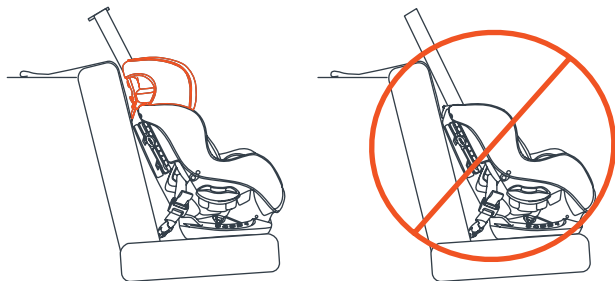
- Weight is between 23 and 65 lbs (10.43 kg and 29 kg), and
- Height is 50 inches (127 cm) or less.
- Age is 1 year old.

Child **MUST** meet **ALL** of these requirements to use this Convertible Seat forward facing.

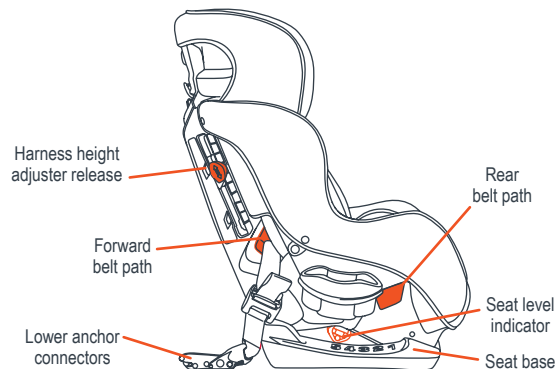
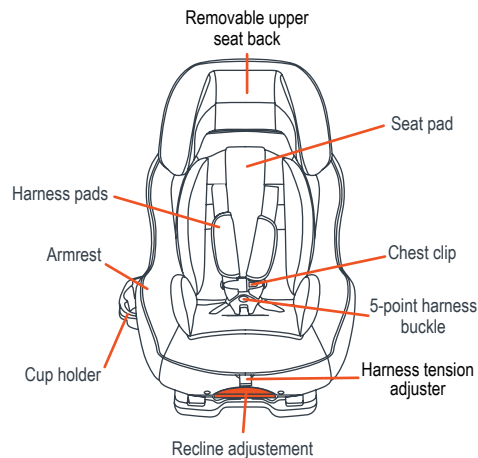


Fig. 7

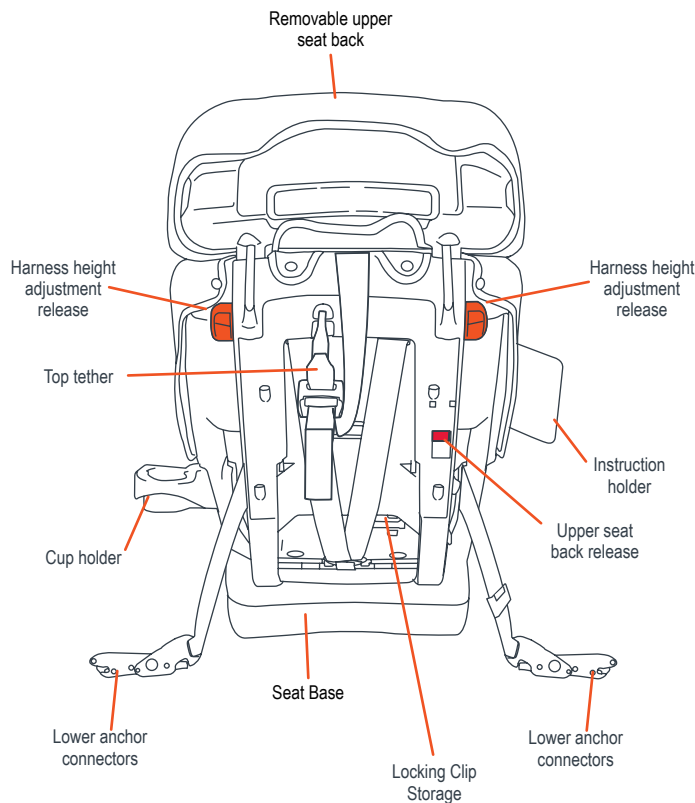
**NEVER** install the carseat in a forward facing position without the upper seat back installed.



## 3.0 Convertible Seat Parts



### 3.0 Convertible Seat Parts



### 4.0 Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

## **!WARNING!**

**DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur:**

- Only use this Convertible Seat with the vehicle's seat belts or LATCH System.
- DO NOT use this Convertible Seat with vehicle seat belts mounted to the vehicle door or door frame.
- DO NOT use this Convertible Seat if it cannot be properly installed. Some child restraints will not fit some vehicle seating positions.
- NEVER use this Convertible Seat in any vehicle seating position equipped with an active air bag.
  - Read your vehicle's owner manual to see how to turn off your airbag if you have no back seat or if a child must ride in the front seat. For side airbags see Section 4.1.
- DO NOT use this Convertible Seat in the rear seat of a compact pickup truck. Severe head injury or death can occur.
- DO NOT Use this Convertible Seat in a vehicle with side facing seats or rear facing vehicle seats. See Section 4.2.
- NEVER attempt to install this Convertible Seat without the upper seat back installed in forward facing position.
- NEVER use this restraint in a forward facing position with the removable upper seatback removed.
- NEVER attach two LATCH lower anchors to the same LATCH attachment point.
- NEVER use both the LATCH lower anchors and the vehicle's seat belts at the same time.

## 4.0 Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

### 4.1 Proper Installation:

1. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) alerts vehicle owners that, according to accident statistics, children under age 13 are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions rather than in front seating positions.
2. Refer to vehicle owner's manual for car seat installation instructions for your vehicle.
  - Use Convertible seats in a vehicle's rear seat location whenever possible.
  - Follow LATCH anchor connector points maximum weight ratings
  - Never put Convertible Seat in a front seat location unless recommended by vehicle owner's manual.
  - For vehicles with air bags, refer to vehicle owner's manual for child restraint installation information.
  - If a vehicle front seat location with an air bag must be used, follow the vehicle manufacturer's instructions for child restraint use and move the vehicle seat back as far as possible.

### Baby Trend Policy Statement

Use Of PROtect™ Car Seat Series Convertible Car Seat Child Restraint In Conjunction With Side Airbags

To determine the types of side impact air bag(s) your vehicle may have for individual seating positions, please refer to your owner's manual.

The Baby Trend PROtect™ Car Seat Series Convertible Car Seat child restraint may be used in any rear seating position equipped only with side impact airbags that are roof mounted with "curtain" type deployment. For all other vehicles with other types of side impact airbags, please refer to the specific vehicles owner's manual for appropriate use of child restraints, or call the automobile manufacturer for more information.

## 4.0 Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

### 4.2 Vehicle Seats to Avoid:

**DO NOT** use this Convertible Seat with the following vehicle seats:



Seats facing SIDES  
of vehicle



Seats facing REAR  
of vehicle

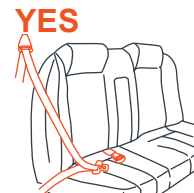


Rear seats of small  
extended cab pickup trucks

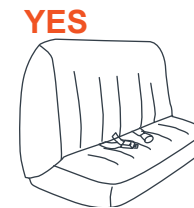
### 4.3 Vehicle Seat Belt Systems:

Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt, lap belt or LATCH system when restraining this Convertible Seat.

Design and operation of vehicle seat belt systems vary from vehicle to vehicle and from seating location to seating location in the same vehicle. Not all vehicle seat belts can be used with a child restraint. Refer to the information in this section on the various types of vehicle seat belt systems.



Lap and shoulder belt



Lap belt only

## 4.0 Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

### 4.4 Vehicle Seat Belt Systems to Avoid:

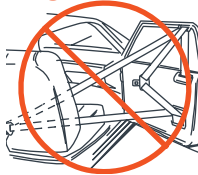
**DO NOT** use this Convertible Seat with the following vehicle seats:

**NO**



Passive restraints with motorized shoulder belt

**NO**

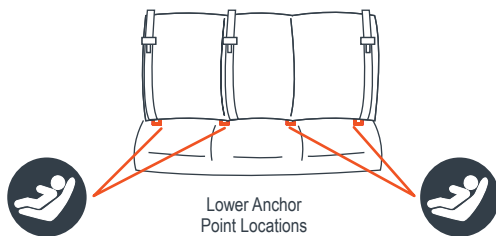


Passive restraints with lap or shoulder belts mounted on front door

### 4.5 LATCH Lower Anchors:

**Consult your vehicle owner's manual or manufacturer for location and availability of LATCH anchor points.**

**NOT all vehicles have the same locations or maximum weight requirements for LATCH!**



Lower Anchor Point Locations

## 4.0 Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

### 4.6 LATCH - Top Tether Anchor Locations:

Top Tether Locations are indicated by the following symbol.



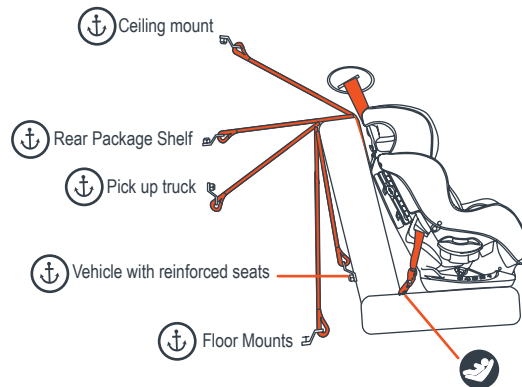
LATCH Top Tether symbol



**Consult your vehicle owner's manual for your vehicle's exact LATCH locations, anchor identification and usage requirements.**

Maximum Child Weight for LATCH: Lower Anchor 45 lbs (20.4 kg), Top Tether 65 lbs (29.5 kg).

Vehicle LATCH locations may vary:



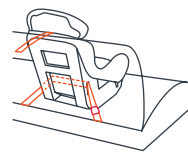


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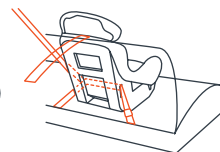
**DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur:**

- Use only in a rear facing position when using restraint with an infant weighing less than 22 lbs. (9 kg).
- Use only with children who weigh between 5 - 65 lbs. (2.3 - 29 kg) and whose height is 50 inches (127 cm) or less. Rear Facing with the removable upper seatback removed; 5 - 22 pounds. Rear facing with removable upper seatback installed; 5 - 40 lbs. (2.3-18.1 kg). Forward facing 1 year and 23 - 65 lbs. (10.43 - 29 kg).
- Snugly adjust the belts (Harness) provided with this child restraint around your child. Snug means you can not pinch webbing once buckled.
- Secure the top anchorage strap provided with this restraint.
- Secure this child restraint with the vehicle's child restraint Anchorage system (LATCH) if available or with a seat belt.
- Follow all instructions on this child restraint and in the written Instructions located on the back of the seat. Do not use without instructions. Call 1-800-328-7363 to obtain instructions.
- Use vehicles seat belt (not LATCH) for children weighing more than 45 lbs (20.5 kg).
- Register your child restraint with Baby Trend.
- **DO NOT** place this rear facing child seat in a front seat that has an active airbag.
- **NEVER** leave child unattended under any circumstance.

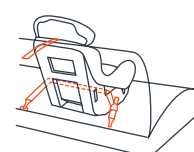
### Routing paths for forward facing installation



Lap belt with top tether

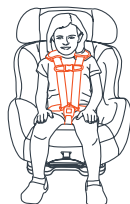


Lap/Shoulder belt with top tether



LATCH Lower anchor with top tether

### 5.1 Child Placement in Restraint



1. Place child in the restraint with the child's back flat against the back of the restraint and the child's bottom touching the seat.
2. Place harness straps over the child's shoulders.  
**NOTE: Check the height of the harness straps at the child's shoulders.**
3. Place 5-point crotch buckle in rear position for rear facing and outer position for forward facing.
4. Insert the buckle tongues into the buckle. **NOTE: Pull up and test buckle tongues to be sure they are secure.**
5. Place chest clip at arm pit level. Insert chest clip tabs and press together. Pull outward on chest clip's ends to be sure it is secure.
6. Pull on harness adjuster to tighten harness straps. A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on to the child's skin or push the child's body into an unnatural position.

## 5.0 Installation and Use

### 5.2 Rear Facing Installation with Lap/Shoulder Belt.

#### Requirements. See section 2.1:

Weight is 5 - 22 lbs (2.3 - 10 kg)

The top of head has **NOT** reached max height red line on seat back. Refer to warning label on top of seat for reference.

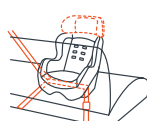


Without headrest

#### Routing paths for rear facing installation with or without headrest



Lap belt



Lap/Shoulder belt



Lower anchor

## ⚠ WARNING

### Never use a Top Tether connector in a rear facing installation!!

The Convertible car seat, in a Rear Facing installation, was designed with a removable upper seatback to allow for a proper installation when the upper seatback comes in contact with the front seat. If the upper seatback comes in contact with the front seat and prevents a 45 degree installation, remove the upper seatback and install the Convertible at 45 degrees per the instructions in this section. To remove the upper seatback refer to section 5.11 and read all WARNINGS.

Reinstall the upper seat back when child reaches 22 lbs. (9.98 kg.), or the top of the child's head has **NOT** reached max height red line on seat back. Keep child rear facing as long as possible. If you have any questions regarding the use of the upper seat back or any other questions please contact Baby Trend Customer Service at 1-800-328-7363.

## 5.0 Installation and Use

### Rear Facing Installation with Lap/Shoulder Belt. With Headrest.

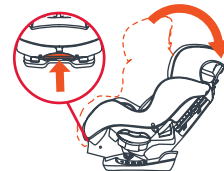
#### Requirements. See section 2.2:

Weight is between 5 and 40 lbs (2.3 kg and 18.1 kg), and head is 1 inch below the top of the seat.

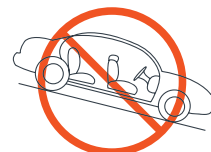


With headrest

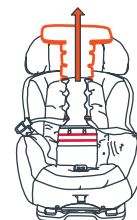
1. Squeeze recline handle and recline the seat to positions 1, 2, or 3. Angling the seat will keep the baby's head back and airway open.



2. Place this restraint in a rear seating position and ensure vehicle is level.



3. Unsnap the 2 front snaps and the 2 side snaps. Lift and fold back padding.



## 5.0 Installation and Use

4. Route lap/shoulder belt through the rear facing safety belt path (Fig. 19a).

**NOTE:** Remove any twist in webbing to ensure the webbing lies flat for securing the restraint to the vehicle.

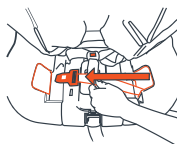


Fig. 19a

5. Put weight in seat with hand to compress the vehicle seat cushion then insert the seat buckle tongue into the buckle and pull seat belt tight as possible (Fig. 19b). Pull up on buckle as to ensure the buckle is secure.



Fig. 19b

6. Lower flap and secure hook and loop fasteners and all snaps (Fig. 19c).

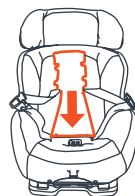


Fig. 19c

7. Ensure the rear facing angle indicator bubble is located between the boundary lines (Fig. 19d).

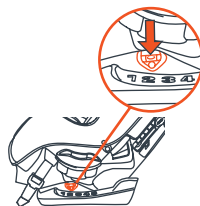


Fig. 19d

8. Check for movement of the restraint at the safety belt path. The restraint should not move more than 1 inch in any direction. If the restraint moves more than 1 inch, repeat all steps until all safety steps are met.

**NOTE:** If needed a rolled up towel or pool noodle can be used for extra elevation and angle adjustment.

## 5.0 Installation and Use

### 5.3 Rear Facing Installation with Lap Belt.

**Requirements. See section 2.1:**

Weight is 5 - 22 lbs (2.3 - 10 kg)

The top of head has **NOT** reached max height red line on seat back. Refer to warning label on top of seat for reference.

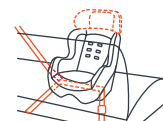


Without headrest

**Routing paths for rear facing installation with or without headrest**



Lap belt



Lap/Shoulder belt



Lower anchor

## ! WARNING

**Never use a Top Tether connector in a rear facing installation!!**

The Convertible car seat, in a Rear Facing installation, was designed with a removable upper seatback to allow for a proper installation when the upper seatback comes in contact with the front seat. If the upper seatback comes in contact with the front seat and prevents a 45 degree installation, remove the upper seatback and install the Convertible at 45 degrees per the instructions in this section. To remove the upper seatback refer to section 5.11 and read all WARNINGS.

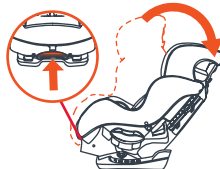
Reinstall the upper seat back when child reaches 22 lbs. (9.98 kg.), or the top of the child's head has NOT reached max height red line on seat back. Keep child rear facing as long as possible. If you have any questions regarding the use of the upper seat back or any other questions please contact Baby Trend Customer Service at 1-800-328-7363.

### Rear Facing Installation with Lap Belt. With Headrest.

#### Requirements. See section 2.2:

Weight is between 5 and 40 lbs (2.3 kg and 18.1 kg), and head is 1 inch below the top of the seat.

1. Squeeze recline handle and recline the seat to positions 1, 2, or 3. Angling the seat will keep the baby's head back and airway open. **NOTE:** If needed a rolled up towel or pool noodle can be used for extra elevation and angle adjustment.



2. Place this restraint in a rear seating position and ensure vehicle is level.

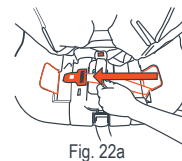


3. Unsnap the 2 front snaps and the 2 side snaps. Lift and fold back padding.

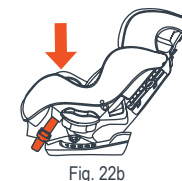


4. Route lap belt through the rear facing safety belt path (Fig. 22a).

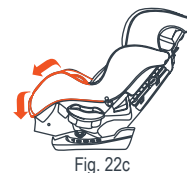
**NOTE:** Remove any twist in webbing to ensure the webbing lies flat for securing the restraint to the vehicle.



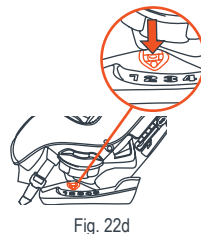
5. Put weight in seat with hand to compress the automobile seat cushion then insert the seat buckle tongue into the buckle and pull seat belt tight as possible (Fig. 22b). Pull up on buckle as to ensure the buckle is secure.



6. Lower flap and secure hook and loop fasteners and all snaps (Fig. 22c).



7. Ensure the rear facing angle indicator bubble is located between the boundary lines (Fig. 22d).



8. Check for movement of the restraint at the safety belt path. The restraint should not move more than 1 inch in any direction. If the restraint moves more than 1 inch, repeat all steps until all safety steps are met.

## 5.0 Installation and Use

### 5.4 Rear Facing Installation with LATCH Lower Anchor.

#### Requirements. See section 2.1:

Weight is 5 - 22 lbs (2.3 - 10 kg)

The top of head has **NOT** reached max height red line on seat back. Refer to warning label on top of seat for reference.



Without headrest

## ⚠ WARNING

**Never use a Top Tether connector in a rear facing installation!!**

The Convertible car seat, in a Rear Facing installation, was designed with a removable upper seatback to allow for a proper installation when the upper seatback comes in contact with the front seat. If the upper seatback comes in contact with the front seat and prevents a 45 degree installation, remove the upper seatback and install the Convertible at 45 degrees per the instructions in this section. To remove the upper seatback refer to section 5.11 and read all WARNINGS.

Reinstall the upper seatback when child reaches 22 lbs. (9.98 kg.), or the top of the child's head has NOT reached max height red line on seat back. Keep child rear facing as long as possible. If you have any questions regarding the use of the upper seatback or any other questions please contact Baby Trend Customer Service at 1-800-328-7363.

## 5.0 Installation and Use

### Rear Facing Installation with LATCH Lower Anchor. With Headrest.

#### Requirements. See section 2.2:

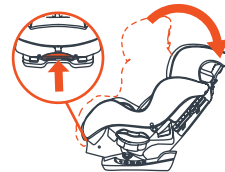
Weight is between 5 and 40 lbs (2.3 kg and 18.1 kg), and head is 1 inch below the top of the seat.



With headrest

1. Squeeze recline handle and recline the seat to positions 1, 2, or 3. Angling the seat will keep the baby's head back and airway open.

**NOTE:** If needed a rolled up towel or pool noodle can be used for extra elevation and angle adjustment.



2. Place this restraint in a rear seating position and ensure vehicle is level.



3. Unsnap the 2 front snaps and the 2 side snaps. Lift and fold back padding.



← Rear of Vehicle

## 5.0 Installation and Use

4. Route LATCH belt through the rear facing safety belt path (Fig. 25a) leaving the adjuster side of the LATCH belt on the child's LEFT side (Fig. 25b).

**NOTE:** Remove any twist in webbing to ensure the webbing lies flat for securing the restraint to the vehicle.

5. Attach the LATCH connector to the vehicle's LATCH anchor with the release button facing downwards towards the seat cushion (Fig. 25c). Ensure that the adjuster side of the LATCH belt is on the left side of the car seat.

**NOTE:** If the adjuster is facing the wrong direction or LATCH connector is upsidedown, the restraint will not secure to the vehicle properly.

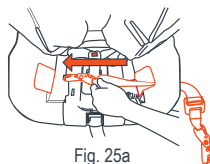


Fig. 25a



Fig. 25b



Fig. 25c

6. Put weight in the seat with your hand to compress the vehicle seat cushion then attach the LATCH connector to the vehicle's LATCH anchor and pull adjuster belt tight as possible (Fig. 26a). Pull up on LATCH connector as to ensure the LATCH is secure.



Fig. 26a

7. Lower flap and secure hook and loop fasteners and all snaps (Fig. 26b).

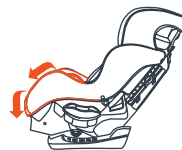


Fig. 26b

8. Ensure the rear facing angle indicator bubble is located between the boundary lines (Fig. 26c).

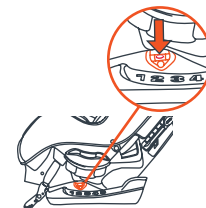


Fig. 26c

9. Check for movement of the restraint at the safety belt path. The restraint should not move more than 1 inch in any direction. If the restraint moves more than 1 inch, repeat all steps until all safety steps are met.

## 5.0 Installation and Use

### 5.5 Forward Facing Installation with Lap/shoulder Belt and Top Tether

#### Requirements. See section 2.3:

Weight is 23 - 65 lbs (10.43 - 29 kg)

Height is 50 inches (127 cm) or less.

Age is 1 year old.



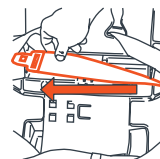
1. Ensure that the harness is adjusted to position 3 or 4. Only use recline positions 5 and 4 in forward facing positions.
2. Ensure vehicle is level and that the Convertible is placed flat, and rests on the front outer edge of the vehicle seat.



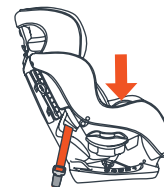
3. Lift back flap and place harness to side.



4. Route lap/shoulder belt through forward facing belt path.



5. Put weight in seat with hand to compress the automobile seat cushion then insert the buckle tongue into the buckle and adjust seat belt as tight as possible. Pull up on buckle tongue to ensure the buckle is secure.



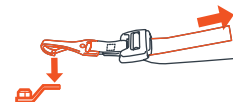
6. Lower flap and secure hook and loop fasteners.

7. Attach Top Tether to a designated anchor point. Pull Top Tether strap until webbing strap is snug.

**NOTE:** Your vehicle owner's manual will give the anchor locations and maximum weight of the restraint's occupant for LATCH connections.



8. Check for movement of the restraint at the safety belt path. The restraint should not move more than 1 inch in any direction. If the restraint moves more than 1 inch repeat all steps until all safety steps are met.



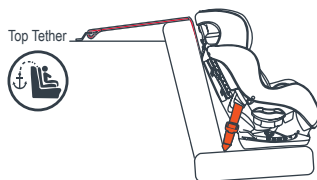
### 5.6 Forward Facing Installation with Lap Belt and Top Tether

#### Requirements. See section 2.3:

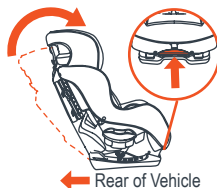
Weight is 23 - 65 lbs (10.43 - 29 kg)

Height is 50 inches (127 cm) or less.

Age is 1 year old.



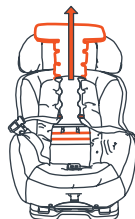
1. Ensure that the harness is adjusted to position 3 or 4. Only use recline positions 5 and 4 in forward facing positions.



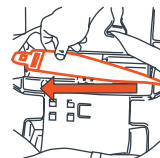
2. Ensure vehicle is level and that the Convertible is placed flat, and rests on the front outer edge of the vehicle seat.



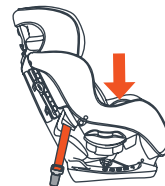
3. Lift back flap and place harness to side.



4. Route lap belt through forward facing belt path.



5. Put weight in seat with hand to compress the automobile seat cushion then insert the buckle tongue into the buckle and adjust seat belt as tight as possible. Pull up on buckle tongue to ensure the buckle is secure.



6. Lower flap and secure hook and loop fasteners.



7. Attach Top Tether to a designated anchor point. Pull Top Tether strap until webbing strap is snug.

**NOTE:** Your vehicle owner's manual will give the anchor locations and maximum weight of the restraint's occupant for LATCH connections.



8. Check for movement of the restraint at the safety belt path. The restraint should not move more than 1 inch in any direction. If the restraint moves more than 1 inch repeat all steps until all safety steps are met.



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### 5.7 LATCH - Forward Facing Installation with Lower Anchor and Top Tether



**NOTE:** Use the vehicle's seat belt (not LATCH) for children weighing more than 45 lbs (20.5 kg).

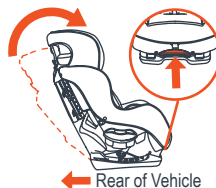
#### Requirements. See Section 2.3:

Weight is 23 - 45 lbs (10.43 - 20.4 kg)

Height is 50 inches (127 cm) or less.

Age is 1 year old.

1. Place this restraint in a rear seating position designated as lower anchor compatible. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for LATCH locations.
2. Ensure vehicle is level and that the Convertible is placed flat, and rests on the front outer edge of the vehicle seat. Make sure the harness is adjusted to position 5 or 4. Only use recline positions 5 and 4 in forward facing positions.



3. Lift back flap and place harness to side.



## 5.0 Installation and Use

4. Route LATCH belt through the front facing safety belt path (Fig. 32a) leaving the adjuster side of the LATCH belt on the child's RIGHT side (Fig. 32b).

**NOTE:** Remove any twist in webbing to ensure the webbing lies flat for securing the restraint to the vehicle.

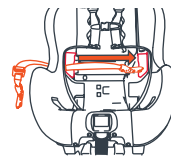


Fig. 32a

5. Put weight in the seat with your hand to compress the vehicle seat cushion then attach the LATCH connector to the vehicle's LATCH anchor and pull adjuster belt tight as possible (Fig. 32c). Pull up on LATCH connector as to ensure the LATCH is secure.



Fig. 32b



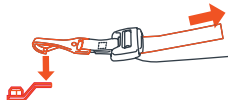
Fig. 32c

## 5.0 Installation and Use

- Lower flap and secure hook and loop fasteners.
- Attach Top Tether to a designated anchor point. Pull Top Tether strap until webbing strap is snug.  
**NOTE:** Your automobile's owner's manual will give the anchor locations and maximum weight of the restraint's occupant for LATCH connections.



- Check for movement of the restraint at the safety belt path. The restraint should not move more than 1 inch in any direction. If the restraint moves more than 1 inch repeat all steps until all safety steps are met.



### 5.8 LATCH Connector Belt Rerouting

#### Reroute From Forward Facing Belt Path to Rear Facing Belt Path:

The correct belt path must be used for proper installation.

- Unthread LATCH belt out of the front facing safety belt path (Fig. 33a).

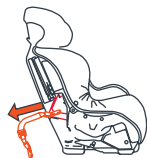


Fig. 33a

- Unsnap the 2 front snaps and the 2 side snaps. Lift and fold back padding (Fig. 33b).



Rear of Vehicle  
Fig. 33b

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- Route LATCH belt through the rear facing safety belt path (Fig. 34a) leaving the adjuster side of the LATCH belt on the child's LEFT side (Fig. 34b).

**NOTE:** Remove any twist in webbing to ensure the webbing lies flat for securing the restraint to the vehicle.

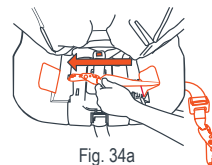


Fig. 34a

- Lower flap and secure hook and loop fasteners and all snaps (Fig. 34c).



Fig. 34b

#### Reroute From Rear Facing Belt Path to Front Facing Belt Path:

- Unthread LATCH belt out of the rear facing safety belt path (Fig. 34d).

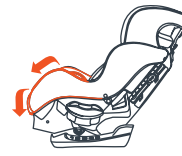


Fig. 34c

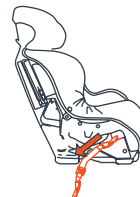


Fig. 34d

2. Lift back flap and place harness to side (Fig 35a).
3. Route LATCH belt through the front facing safety belt path (Fig. 35b) leaving the adjuster side of the LATCH belt on the child's RIGHT side (Fig. 35c).

**NOTE:** Remove any twist in webbing to ensure the webbing lies flat for securing the restraint to the vehicle.

4. Lower flap and secure hook and loop fasteners (Fig. 35d).

### 5.9 Aircraft installation

1. Follow the seat belt installation for use in an Aircraft.
2. Consult your airline for requirements to use this restraint.

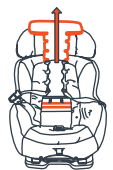


Fig. 35a

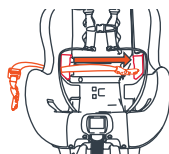


Fig. 35b



Fig. 35c



Fig. 35d

### 5.10 Child Placement in Restraint

1. Place child in the restraint with the child's back flat against the back of the restraint and the child's bottom touching the seat (Fig 36a).



Fig. 36a

2. Rear Facing - Harness Strap should be located in the nearest position at or below the shoulder (Fig. 36b).



Fig. 36b

Forward Facing - Harness Strap Height should be located in the slot at or slightly above the child's shoulder (Fig. 36c).

**NOTE:** Forward facing occupants weighing more than 32 lbs (14.5kg) or are 35 in. tall (88.9 cm) **MUST** use height position 4.



Fig. 36c

Then place harness straps over the child's shoulders (Fig. 36d).

**NOTE:** Check the height of the harness straps are just above the child's shoulders.



Fig. 36d

3. The Convertable has been safety tested with the height insert and head pillow (Fig. 36e) that are included with this restraint. The height insert is needed until the child's shoulder is at or above position 1.

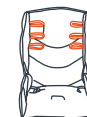


Fig. 36e

4. Insert the buckle tongues into the buckle (Fig. 37a).

**NOTE:** Pull up and test buckle tongues to be sure they are secure.

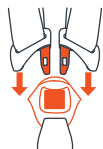


Fig. 37a

5. Place chest clip at arm pit level (Fig. 37b). Insert chest clip tabs and press together. Pull outward on chest clip's ends to be sure it is secure.



Fig. 37b

6. Pull on the harness tension adjuster to tighten harness straps (Fig. 37c). The strap should not allow any slack. The strap should not press on to the child's skin or push the child's body into an unnatural position.

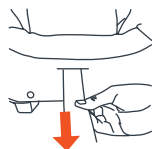


Fig. 37c

To Loosen Harness System Tension, push the harness tension adjuster button (Fig. 37d) underneath the fabric and gently pull on the harness straps over the child's shoulder.

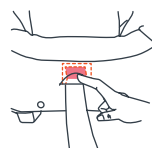


Fig. 37d

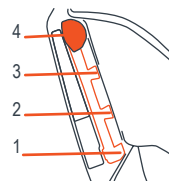
### 5.11 Shoulder Height Adjustment

1. Shoulder Height Positions Facing Direction

**Rear Facing:** Positions 1, 2 and 3.

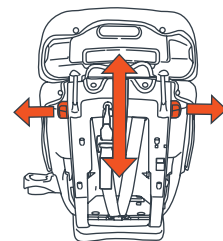
**Forward Facing:** Positions 3 and 4.

**NOTE:** Forward facing occupants weighing more than 32 lbs (14.5 kg) or 35 inches (88.9 cm) **MUST** use height position 4.



### Height Adjustment

2. Pull harness release handles outward.
3. Raise or lower to the appropriate position.

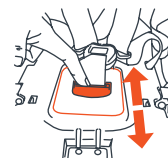


### 5.12 Crotch Buckle Position

1. Press the crotch buckle release button down with fingers and move position.
2. Crotch buckle placement:

**Rear facing** - rear most position

**Forward facing** - forward most position



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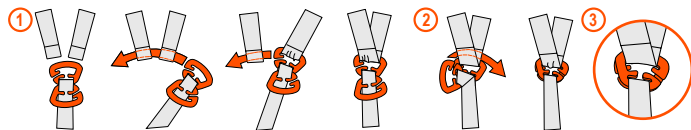
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### 5.13 Harness Length Adjustment

**A- Protect convertible manufactured before 03/20/2017 Follow A.1.**  
**Protect convertible manufactured on or after 03/20/2017 Follow A.2.**

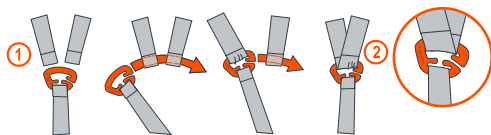
1. Unhook the harness straps from the metal plate and move to the desired adjustment.

**A.1** Feed one Harness Strap Connector plate through each Harness Strap End (1). Rotate other Harness Strap Connector plate and feed through each Harness Strap End (2). Ensure that the straps are securely connected to both connector plates (3).



**A.2** Feed one Harness Strap Connector plate through each Harness Strap End (1). Ensure both Straps are securely connected to the connector plate (2).

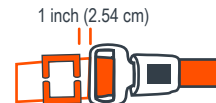
- Only splitter plates with "Single Use Approved BT 2016" are approved for single use.



- Inspect the Harness Straps from the front and back of the car seat to ensure that they are not twisted. Twisted harness straps can prevent proper tightening of the harness and thus may not adequately restrain your child in a sharp turn, sudden stop or crash. Before Using the car sat, please pull on the harness straps from the front of the car seat to ensure they are securely re-attached.

### 5.14 Locking Clip Use

1. If your vehicle lap/shoulder belt requires the use of a Locking Clip to prevent the belt from loosening after installation, thread the locking clip on the belt as close to the latch plate as possible – within 1 inch (2.54 cm).



### 5.15 Upper Seat Back Removal and Installation

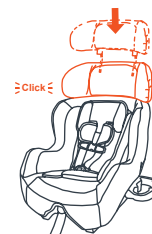
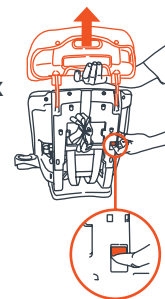
## ! WARNING

**The upper seat back must be installed:**  
**When the child weighs more than 22 lbs (9.98 kg) or Top of head has reached max height red line on seat back or The restraint is forward facing.**

1. Removal: Remove the upper seat back by lifting the release tab and pulling up on the upper seat back.

**NOTE:** DO NOT store the upper seat back in the passenger compartment. Store the upper seat back in a secure location like your trunk or garage.

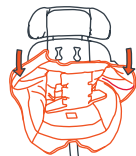
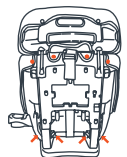
2. Installation: Align the upper seat back rods and push rods into the openings until you hear the seat back lock into place. Pull up on the upper seat back to ensure the removable upper seat back is locked in position.



### 5.16 Pad Removal & Laundering

#### Pad Removal

1. Unfasten the 4 elastic loops located on the bottom of the Convertible. And unfasten the 8 snaps located on the edge of the pad.
3. Lift the seatback flap.
4. Remove the upper seat back.
5. Unfasten 4 snaps and remove the upper seat pad.



#### To Launder

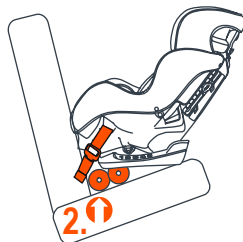
1. Hand wash in cool water with mild detergent and hang to dry.

**NOTE:** DO NOT Machine wash or dry in dryer.

### 5.18 Pool Noodle or Rolled Towel Use

#### Extra Elevation

1. A pool noodle or rolled towel can be used for extra elevation.
2. Place the noodle or rolled towel where the seat bottom and seat back meet.



### 6.1 Safe Practices

For assistance with installation or use, contact one of the following sources:

- Baby Trend at:  
Phone: 1-800-328-7363. Email: [www.babytrend.com](mailto:www.babytrend.com)
- A certified Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician in your area. To locate a CPS Technician in your area, log onto [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov) and select "Child Passenger Safety" and then select "Technician Contact Locator".
- Log onto [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov) and select "Child Seat Inspections".
- Log onto [www.seatcheck.org](http://www.seatcheck.org).
- For car seat check-up event location and timing:  
Call 1-866-SEAT CHECK (1-866-732-8243).

**EVERYONE rides buckled up or the vehicle DOES NOT GO! Make NO EXCEPTIONS for adults or children!**

- If someone unbuckles, the vehicle **STOPS!** Being firm and consistent will result in fewer discipline problems as children grow older. An unrestrained person can be thrown into and injure other passengers.
- **NEVER** try to tend to a crying child's needs while driving. Never take a child out of a child restraint for comforting while the vehicle is moving.

**DO NOT** allow child to slide down under lap belt or put shoulder belt under arm or behind back.

**DO NOT** allow a child to have lollipops, popsicles, or other food on a stick. The item can injure the child in a sudden stop or crash.

**DO NOT** put heavy or sharp items in the trunk. Loose items can be deadly in a crash.

If you need to use a blanket in cold weather, put the child in the restraint and cover both with the blanket.

### 6.2 Safety Checklist:

- ✓ Did you read and understand these instructions and labels on the convertible car seat?
- ✓ Is the child the proper weight and height for the seat in the rear facing position?
- ✓ If the child is in the rear facing position, are the shoulder straps at or below the child's shoulders?
- ✓ Have you checked the proper seat angle for the rear facing position?
- ✓ If the child is over 22 lbs, have you reinstalled the head rest?
- ✓ If the top of the child's head is within 1" of the top of the head rest and the seat is rear facing, have you reinstalled the upper seat back?
- ✓ If the seat is forward facing, have you reinstalled the upper seat back?
- ✓ Is the child the proper weight and height for the seat in the forward facing position?
- ✓ If the child is in the forward facing position, are the shoulder straps at or above the child's shoulders?
- ✓ Did you pull the harness adjuster tight? You should not be able to pinch the harness if the harness is properly tightened.
- ✓ Is the child restraint buckled in the automobile with either the LATCH system or the auto safety belt system?
- ✓ Discontinue use of this Convertible Seat after 7 years from the date of manufacture printed on the label on the bottom of the seat?
- ✓ Has the airbag been deactivated in a vehicle with a front only seat?

**Please Drive Safely**

### 7.1 Certification:

This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for use in motor vehicles.

This Convertible Seat is certified for use in motor vehicles.

### 7.2 Aircraft Use:

1. Follow the vehicle lap belt installation for use in an Aircraft.
2. Consult your airline for requirements to use this restraint.

### 7.3 Vehicle Seat Protection:

Protect the vehicle seat. Use a thin car seat mat, thin towel, or thin blanket under and behind the Convertible Seat.

### 7.4 Instruction Manual Storage:

Store instruction manual in pocket on the side of the Convertible Seat.

### 7.5 Convertible Seat Useful Life:

**DO NOT** use this Convertible Seat after date on back of seat. Parts may be missing, damaged, or the Convertible Seat may have been in a crash.

### REGISTER YOUR CAR SEAT

Please complete the following information. The model number and manufactured in (date) can be found on a label on the bottom of the Car Seat.

Model Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Manufactured in: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the prepaid registration post card attached to the harness straps and mail it today.

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address, e-mail address if available, and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to:

**Baby Trend®, Inc., 1607 S. Campus Avenue, Ontario, CA 91761** or call **1-800-328-7363** or register online at: <http://www.babytrend.com/registration.html>. For recall information, call the **U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hot line at 1-888-327-4236** (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.NHTSA.gov>.

#### If You Need Help

Please contact our Customer Service Department with any questions concerning your child restraint. When you contact us, please have the model and manufactured in (date) ready. The model number and manufactured in (date) can be found on a white label located on the bottom of the car seat.

USA Toll Free: **1-800-328-7363**

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (PST) Monday - Friday

or **[www.babytrend.com](http://www.babytrend.com)**

#### 9.1 Removing Seat Pad, Back Pad and Headrest Pad:

- Follow directions in section 5.12.

#### 9.2 Cleaning Seat Pad, Head Bolster and Height Insert:

- Hand wash in cool water and mild soap.
- Air dry.

#### 9.3 Cleaning Shell:

- Wipe with mild solution of soap and water. Avoid wetting labels.
- Rinse with clean water.
- Never use "household" detergents or solvents.

#### 9.4 Replacement Parts

If You Need Help or Replacement Parts, please call our Customer Service Department at 1-800-328-7363 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 PM, Pacific Standard Time, Monday through Friday or visit us online at [www.babytrend.com](http://www.babytrend.com)

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