**IMPORTANT!**
**KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.**

Read all instructions before assembling and using your carrier. Failure to follow each instruction can result in serious injury or death to your baby. Keep instructions and review them before attempting new carrying positions.

8 lbs - 25 lbs (3.6 kgs - 11.3 kgs)

Instruction manuals available in additional languages at:

- [www.infantino.com](http://www.infantino.com)
- Manuel disponible en français chez: [www.infantino.com](http://www.infantino.com)
- Manual disponible en español en: [www.infantino.com](http://www.infantino.com)

This box contains: 1 · Up Close™ Newborn Carrier
**WARNING**

**FALL AND SUFFOCATION HAZARD**

**FALL HAZARD** - Infants can fall through a wide leg opening or out of carrier.
- Adjust leg openings to fit baby’s legs snugly.
- Before each use, make sure all fasteners are secure.
- Take special care when leaning or walking.
- Never bend at waist; bend at knees.
- Only use this carrier for babies between 8 lbs (3.6 kgs) and 25 lbs (11.3 kgs).

**SUFFOCATION HAZARD** - Infants under 4 months can suffocate in this product if their face is pressed tight against your body.
- Do not strap your baby in too tight against your body.
- Allow room for head movement.
- Keep infant’s face free from obstructions at all times.

**WARNING**

- Follow instructions for use. When fastening the carrier, keep one hand on baby at all times.
- This carrier is NOT intended to be used for Back Carry Position.
- Baby must face toward you until he/she can hold their head upright to avoid possible neck or back injury.
- Premature infants, infants with respiratory problems, and infants under 4 months are at greatest risk of suffocation.
- Baby’s face should always be visible and free from obstructions.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid any potential hazards or obstructions when putting baby in the carrier and when removing baby from the carrier.
- NEVER use a soft carrier when balance or mobility is impaired because of exercise, sporting activities, drowsiness, or medical conditions. It is intended for use by adults while walking or standing only.
- Your balance may be adversely affected by your movement and that of your baby.
- NEVER use a soft carrier while engaging in activities such as cooking and cleaning which involve a heat source or exposure to chemicals. Keep away from fire and strong heat sources while wearing this carrier.
- NEVER wear a soft carrier while driving or being a passenger in a motor vehicle. DO NOT use this carrier as a child restraint in a motor vehicle. This type of carrier will not properly restrain your baby in the event of a crash.
- NEVER leave baby unattended in this carrier.
- ALWAYS check to ensure that all buckles, snaps, straps, and adjustments are secure before each use. Make sure baby is properly placed in the carrier, including leg placement, before each use.
- This product is subject to wear and tear over time. Check for ripped seams, torn straps or fabric and damaged fasteners before each use.
- DO NOT use this product if deterioration or problems are detected.
- NEVER lean against baby.
- NEVER place more than one child in this carrier.
- DO NOT wear more than one carrier at a time, ever.
- DO NOT use in showers, pools, or any water environments.

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**Removing Baby from the Carrier: Facing In/Out**

* IMPORTANT! Make sure one arm is securely supporting baby throughout the entire process of removing baby from the carrier.
* ALWAYS support baby’s head in an upright position throughout the process of removing baby from the carrier.
* Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid any potential hazards or obstructions when removing baby from the carrier.

1. Holding your baby securely with one hand, release the two Shoulder Buckles with your other hand.

2. Continue to hold your baby securely against your chest with one hand, and release the Torso Band Buckle with your other hand. Let the Carrier Body hang down in front of you.

3. With both hands, lift your baby and place him or her in a safe location.

4. You can now remove the carrier from your body.

To loosen the Shoulder Straps, find the Shoulder Strap Adjuster Tab on the lower part of the Shoulder Strap. Lift the tab, tilting the adjuster outward. With your other hand, pull the strap to loosen. Repeat on the other side.

5. Remove the carrier by lifting it over your head.
For Safe and Secure Carrying:

- If you are new to babywearing or are using a new carrier style, there are definitely some things you need to know before placing your baby in the carrier. Here are some important Dos and Don'ts for proper use of your carrier. Please be sure to review this manual in its entirety for all safety information.
- Practice before you start. Be sure to try out your carrier before you put baby in the first time. We recommend having another adult assist you if this is your first time using the carrier.
- Check regularly that baby’s chin is positioned upwardly and never pressed into his/her chest.
- Don’t overdress your baby. Your closeness and body heat along with the carrier fabric will help to keep them warm.
- TIP: Small children have poor temperature regulation, so check baby’s abdomen, forehead and neck frequently.
- Check your baby’s legs often to make sure they are warm and blood circulates freely. Should the calves and feet appear to be a slightly different color, shift baby in the carrier.
- If baby falls asleep or starts to fuss in the facing-out position you should switch to the facing-in position or remove them from the carrier entirely.

Helpful Hints:

- **Facing-In Position - Baby Facing Toward You** - Until your child is able to hold his/her head upright, this is the correct position. It affords your baby lots of close physical contact and attention, while leaving your hands free. In this position, you can entertain and bond with your newborn by talking, touching, playing or just making eye-contact.
- **Facing-Out Position - Baby Facing Away From You** - Once your child is able to hold his/her head upright, your baby is ready for a new adventure. This position allows him/her to visually explore their surroundings while maintaining close contact with you. Always use the narrow seat position when carrying in the baby facing-out position.
- For Facing-In Position, the carrier seat adjusts to fit your baby’s size. Your baby should be in a seated position with the legs supported from knee to knee.
- For Facing-Out Position, always gather in Body Side Panels for a narrow seat.
- When the baby is positioned correctly, you should be able to tilt forward slightly and kiss the top of your child’s head.
- It is best to limit the use of your carrier to 10-20 minutes until you and your baby are both completely comfortable in it together.
- Wearing the carrier closer to your body and higher up on your chest will minimize stress to your back and shoulders from prolonged use.

Care Instructions:

Machine wash cold, separately, on gentle cycle with mild detergent. DO NOT bleach. Wipe clean with a cloth or sponge between machine washings. Drip dry. DO NOT iron. DO NOT dry clean.
**Carrier Use for an Older Baby: Facing-Out Position**

This position is for babies with head control.

* IMPORTANT! To avoid possible injury to baby's neck or back, your baby MUST have sufficient head control before you place baby in the Facing-Out position. Baby should be able to hold his or her head upright without assistance.

* Your baby should always be comfortable. If your baby is fussy it could be an indication that he or she is not properly positioned. If this occurs, take your baby out immediately and adjust.

* We recommend having another adult assist you if this is your first time using this type of carrier.

* Support baby securely throughout the process of putting baby in the carrier, until all the buckles and straps are properly fastened and adjusted.

* When using this carrier in the facing-out position, you should fit it to the user before placing the baby in the carrier.

1. Repeat steps 1-6 of Carrier Use for an Infant: Facing-In Position Instructions (See Page 5).

   IMPORTANT! Make sure the Head Support Buttons are unfastened, and the Head Support is hanging down.

2. Open the Head Support Buttons on both sides, and fold down the Head Support in front of you. Secure the Head Support by fastening the Head Support Snaps to the Carrier Body. This will keep the Head Support away from baby's nose and mouth.

3. Pick up your baby and place him or her on your chest, facing away from you.

   Holding baby in your right arm, use your left hand to place his or her leg through the Leg Opening on your left side.

   NOTE: If you prefer to start with your left arm supporting baby, simply swap right for left, and vice versa, in these instructions.

4. Switch your support of baby to your left arm. With your right hand, place his or her leg through the Leg Opening on your right side.
10. When the baby is properly positioned, you should be able to tilt your head forward and kiss the top of your baby’s head.

To adjust the baby higher on your chest, lift the baby slightly and pull the Shoulder Strap End tighter, first on one side, then on the other.

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**Seat Adjustment**

1. The carrier seat adjusts to fit your baby’s size. Your baby should be in a seated position with his or her legs supported from knee-to-knee.

For a small baby, the Body Side Panels should be gathered inward for a narrow seat. The panels should support your baby from knee-to-knee.

For an older baby, spread the Body Side Panels out under baby’s thighs. The panels should support your baby from knee-to-knee.

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**Head Support Adjustment**

1. If your baby can fully hold his or her head upright on their own, you can lower the Head Support. Your baby MUST have sufficient head control before you lower the Head Support.

Open the Head Support Buttons on both sides, and fold down the Head Support in front of you. Secure the Head Support to the Carrier Body by fastening the Head Support Snaps.

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**Instructions:**

**1 Carrier Use for an Infant: Facing-In Position**

*This position is for babies 8 lbs to 25 lbs.*

* Your baby should always be comfortable. If your baby is fussy it could be an indication that he or she is not properly positioned. If this occurs, take your baby out immediately and adjust.
* We recommend having another adult assist you if this is your first time using this type of carrier.
* Baby must be carried in the facing-in position until baby is able to hold his or her head upright without assistance.
* Support baby securely throughout the process of putting baby in the carrier, until all the buckles and straps are properly fastened and adjusted.
* When using this carrier in the facing-in position, you should fit it to the user before placing the baby in the carrier.

NOTE: The carrier parts in bold can be found on the carrier illustrations.

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1. Start by unfastening the two Shoulder Buckles and Torso Band Buckle. The Head Support Buttons should be fastened.

Hold the carrier in front of you with the Back Harness facing towards you and the Carrier Body hanging down. Make sure the Infantino logo on the Back Harness is upright and facing you.

2. Holding the tops of the Shoulder Straps in your hands, duck under the Back Harness and place the carrier straps over your head, like you are putting on a shirt. The upper straps should rest on your shoulders and make a “V” in front of you.

3. This carrier is worn high on your body, not at your waist. Position the Carrier Base just under your chest. Find the Shoulder Strap Ends and pull forward to tighten. Watch that the straps are evenly tightened. The straps should be snug on your torso.

TIP: Positioning the carrier high on your torso will properly position baby high on your chest.
4. Find the **Shoulder Buckles** hanging in front of you and bring them up toward your shoulders. Fasten the **Shoulder Buckles** on both sides. You will hear a “click” when the buckle is secure.

5. Find the **Torso Band** on either side of the **Carrier Body**. The lighter colored fabric should be facing towards you, and the buckle should be on the outside of the band.

Fasten the **Torso Band Buckle** behind you. You will hear a “click” when the buckle is secure. Make sure the fabric band lays flat against your body without any twists.

Adjust the **Torso Band Strap** so the band rests lightly on your body. Do not fully tighten the strap. The band should be slightly loose, leaving enough room for baby’s body to fit between the **Carrier Body** and your body.

6. Open the **Shoulder Buckles** but keep the **Torso Band** fastened. Let the top of the carrier fold down in front of you. A seat pocket is formed at the **Carrier Base**.

Find the **Leg Openings** created by the **Torso Band** and **Carrier Body**. This is where your baby’s legs will go.

7. Pick up your baby and place him or her on your chest, facing towards you.

Holding baby in your right arm, use your left hand to place his or her leg through the **Leg Opening** on your left side.

Switch your support of baby to your left arm. With your right hand, place his or her leg through the **Leg Opening** on your right side.

**NOTE:** If you prefer to start with your left arm supporting baby, simply swap left for right, and vice versa, in these instructions.

8. Bring the **Carrier Body** up over your baby. Make sure one arm is securely supporting baby throughout the buckling process. Baby is not secure until all the buckles and straps are properly fastened and adjusted.

Supporting baby with your left arm, fasten the **Shoulder Buckle** on your right shoulder. You will hear a “click” when the buckle is secure.

Switch your support of baby to your right arm, and fasten the **Shoulder Buckle** on your left shoulder. You will hear a “click” when the buckle is secure.

**NOTE:** If you prefer to start with your right arm supporting baby, simply swap left for right, and vice versa, in these instructions.

9. While still supporting baby, pull the **Torso Band Strap** behind you to tighten the band and pull baby close in to your body. Make sure the **Torso Band** is snug, but not too tight. Baby’s legs should not be constricted.

**IMPORTANT:** Always make sure baby’s face, nose, and mouth are not obstructed.

Check your baby’s position regularly. Your baby should be centered in the carrier in a seated position with arms and legs extended and not constricted by the carrier. It is extremely important to avoid any slouching in baby’s position. A slouching position can restrict baby’s airways.

Baby’s head should be upright or resting on your chest with the face, nose, and mouth positioned to the left or right. Baby’s chin should never rest on baby’s chest. This can result in closing or partially closing baby’s airway.