Joie™

Instruction Manual

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with a 180° rotating infant car seat base

Height: less than 30 in. (76 cm)

Weight: 4 to 30 lb. (1.8 to 13.6 kg)

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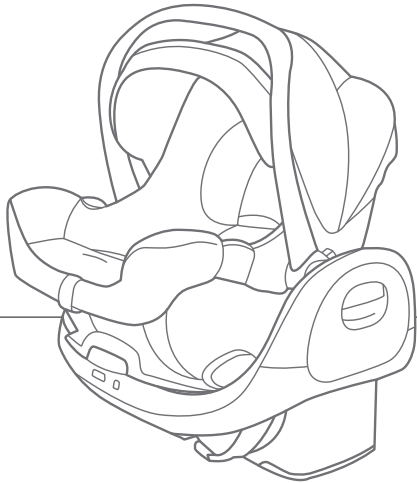

IMPORTANT!

Read the instructions in this manual before use of the product.
Keep this manual for future use.

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Important:

Welcome to the Joie Family!

Ensure your child's safety – **READ THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY!** Although no child restraint can promise to protect in every situation, using it correctly reduces the chance of serious injury. Even if the child restraint seems easy, follow the step-by-step instructions in this book.

Store this instruction manual in the pocket located behind the softgoods near the lap belt guide on your child's left side.

If You Need Help

If you have questions in the U.S.A. about parts, use, or maintaining your child restraint, contact our Consumer Service Department for assistance. To ensure a speedy response, please have your child restraint's model number and date of manufacture ready. You can find the information on a sticker located on the underside of the child restraint.

Joie Baby USA Consumer Service Contact Info.
Address: 70 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Morgantown, PA 19543
Email: info.us@joiebaby.com
Phone: 1-866-798-7866

Important:

Register this Child Restraint

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 **70 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Morgantown, PA 19543,** call **1-866-798-7866,** or register online at:

www.joiebaby.com/us/register-car-seat

For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hotline at **1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153)** or go to **www.NHTSA.gov.**

For future reference, record the following information about your child restraint in case you move, lose your registration card, or need to reference it for any reason. You can find this information on the registration card or on the manufacturer label located on the child restraint:

Model Name: _____

Model Number: _____

Date of Manufacture: _____

Date of Purchase: _____

Child Requirements:

This child restraint is for a child that meets BOTH of the following requirements:

Weight: 4 to 30 lb. (1.8 to 13.6 kg)
Height: less than 30 in. (76 cm)

STOP using this child restraint as soon as the child reaches the max. weight OR the max. height.

NEVER use this child restraint forward-facing.

According to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions than in the front seating positions. **Children should ride rear-facing as long as possible.**

Preterm or Low Birth Weight Infants

To ensure the safety of your preterm or low birth weight infant (born before 37 weeks or weighing less than 5 lb. (2.3 kg)), Joie recommends following the AAP's guidelines and consulting your doctor or hospital staff before the child's first car or airplane trip. A medical evaluation is crucial to check for breathing and heart rate concerns when traveling in a rear facing child restraint.

For additional information or to have your child restraint inspected by a certified professional, you can visit the Safe Kids Worldwide website at www.safekids.org.

⚠ WARNING

DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY can occur if you fail to follow the warnings, instructions, and labels on the child restraint.

- Read **ALL INSTRUCTIONS** before use of the child restraint.
- Read the vehicle owner's manual for information on child restraint installation.
- **KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.**
- Failure to follow these instructions and the child restraint's labels can result in the child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash.
- **DO NOT** allow anyone who has not read the instruction manual to install or use this child restraint.
- **DO NOT** place a rear-facing child restraint on the front seat with the air bag. **DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY CAN OCCUR.** The back seat is the safest place for children 12 and under.

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- If an air bag inflates, it can hit the child and the child restraint with great force and cause serious injury or death to your child. Review your vehicle owner's manual for more information about air bags and child restraint use.
- **DO NOT** use the child restraint if it is damaged or broken or if parts are missing.
- **NEVER use a child restraint that has been involved in a MODERATE or SEVERE crash.**
- Use **ONLY** with a child that weighs between 4 - 30 lb. (1.8 - 13.6 kg) and whose height is less than 30 in. (76 cm).
- **STOP** using this child restraint as soon as the child reaches the max. weight **OR** the max. height.

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- **NEVER** secure this child restraint using an inflatable seat belt. Move to a vehicle seat that does not have an inflatable seat belt or install using lower anchor attachments.
- Your child's safety is your responsibility. **NEVER** leave your child unattended.
- Before each use, **ALWAYS** check the child restraint to make sure that it is tightly secured to the vehicle seat.
- According to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions than in the front seating positions.
- If your vehicle does not have a back seat, review your vehicle owner's manual.
- The vehicle seat belt system **MUST** hold the child restraint securely. Not all vehicle seat belts can be used with this child restraint.

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- Select a suitable location for the child restraint in your vehicle. Secure child restraint with a vehicle seat belt or lower anchor attachment that is properly routed as shown in this manual.
- **NEVER** attach two lower anchor attachments to one vehicle lower anchor point unless specifically allowed by the vehicle manufacturer.
- A rear-facing child restraint must be properly leveled. An improperly reclined child restraint can result in breathing difficulties, injury, or ejection.
- **DO NOT** remove the lower anchor attachment system from the child restraint. If using the vehicle seat belt to secure the child restraint, the lower anchor attachments must be properly stored.
- **DO NOT** allow the child restraint to contact the vehicle interior (the side of the car door or the seat in the front).

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- **STRANGULATION HAZARD:** Children have **STRANGLED** in loose or partially buckled harness straps. Fully restrain the child even when the child restraint is used outside of the vehicle.
- **SUFFOCATION HAZARD:** The child restraint can roll over on soft surfaces and suffocate the child. Never place the child restraint on beds, sofas, or other soft surfaces.
- **FALL HAZARD:** The child's activity can move the child restraint. **NEVER** place the child restraint on counter tops, tables, or any other elevated surface. Always stay within arm's reach whenever the child restraint is not on the floor/ground.
- **FALL HAZARD:** The child restraint can fall from a shopping cart. **DO NOT** use on a shopping cart.

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- Be sure the handle is locked into the carrying position before lifting the child restraint.
- **DO NOT** use the child restraint if it has frayed or cut harness straps or is damaged in any way. To find out if damaged parts are replaceable, call 1-866-798-7866.
- **NEVER** modify any part of the child restraint.
- **DO NOT** attach additional padding, toys, or other devices unless made by Joie and described in these instructions. Use **ONLY** approved accessories. Unapproved items can injure your child and may void the warranty.
- **NEVER** leave the child restraint unsecured in your vehicle, even when it is unoccupied. In a crash, it could become a projectile and injure other vehicle occupants.

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- **NEVER** use clothing or blankets that interfere with providing a properly tightened harness. An unsecured or improperly harnessed child can come out of the restraint during a crash.
- Place blankets over the child **AFTER** the harness has been properly tightened.

Infant Car Seat ONLY:

- This restraint is certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft.

Car Seat Base ONLY:

- This restraint is certified for use only in passenger vehicles. This restraint is not certified for aircraft use, as aircraft belts will not accommodate proper installation of this child restraint.

This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

⚠ WARNING

NEVER use a child restraint that has been involved in a MODERATE or SEVERE crash.

Even if there is no visible damage, the child restraint's internal structure may be compromised, and may not protect your child in a future crash.

A child restraint is still usable after a minor incident in which ALL of the following apply:

1) The vehicle was able to be driven away from the crash site.
2) The vehicle door nearest the car restraint was **NOT** damaged.
3) None of the passengers in the vehicle sustained any injuries in the crash.
4) If the vehicle has air bags, the air bags did not deploy during the crash; and
5) There is no visible damage to the child restraint.

Contact Joie with any questions or concerns.

Best Practices:

Expiration:

DO NOT USE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT 7 YEARS AFTER ORIGINAL PURCHASE.

Stop using it after that date and dispose of it. If the original purchase date is unknown, the manufacture date located on the child restraint should be used.

Hot Weather Warning:

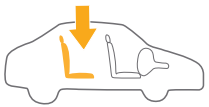
Child restraints can become extremely hot in the sun or warm weather. Always check the seat temperature before placing your child inside to avoid burns.

Clothing:

For proper harness fit and child safety, avoid bulky clothing like heavy jackets or snowsuits when using the child restraint. Ensure that the harness is snug but comfortable on your child.

Vehicle Compatibility:

You MUST read and understand ALL child restraint-related instructions and warnings in your vehicle owner's manual to correctly and safely use this child restraint in your vehicle.



This child restraint can **ONLY** be installed on vehicle seats that face forward. **DO NOT** install in seats that face to the sides or rear of the vehicle.

DO NOT place a rear-facing child seat on the front seat with the air bag. **DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY CAN OCCUR.** The back seat is the safest place for children 12 and under.

NEVER attach two lower anchor attachments to one vehicle lower anchor point unless specifically allowed by the vehicle manufacturer.

DO NOT use both the vehicle seat belt and lower anchor attachments at the same time.

If your vehicle is equipped with front passenger side air bags, check your vehicle owner's manual for child restraint installation instructions.

Vehicle Belts:

The following vehicle belts CANNOT BE USED with your child restraint. Install with lower anchors instead.

1 - Motorized Belts (Automatic)

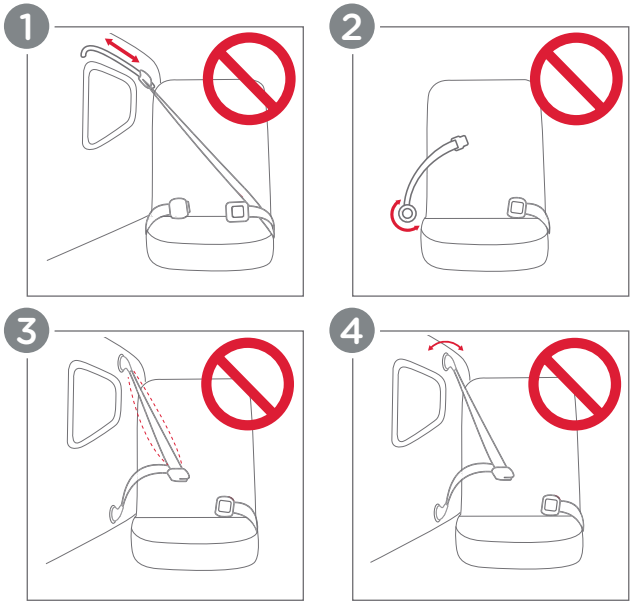
These should not be used unless the shoulder belt can be removed, the lap belt is locked, and use is allowed by the vehicle manufacturer.

2 - Non-Locking (ELR) Lap Belts

This belt only locks in a crash or sudden stop and should only be used with a belt-shortening clip.

3 - Airbag/Inflatable Belts

4 - Door Mounted Belts



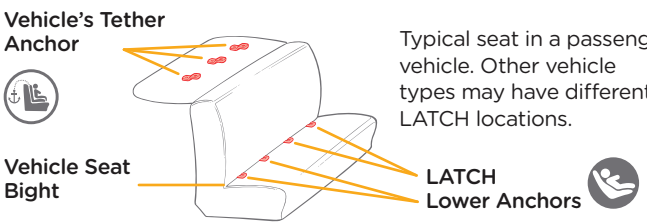
Choose Your Installation:

This child restraint can be installed in your vehicle using either the vehicle seat belt **OR** the lower anchor attachments (base only). Both are safe to use. **INSTALL USING ONLY ONE METHOD** and use the method that provides the best installation for you and your vehicle.

LATCH Overview:

LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren):

The LATCH system, or lower anchor attachment and top tether, allows you to securely attach your child restraint in your car without using the vehicle seat belt. All 2003 and newer model year vehicles are required to have a LATCH system, although some manufacturers began including LATCH earlier. Some vehicle owner's manuals use the term ISOFIX to identify the LATCH system.



Review your vehicle owner's manual for exact location and use.

Vehicle Belt Install:

Vehicle Seat Belt:

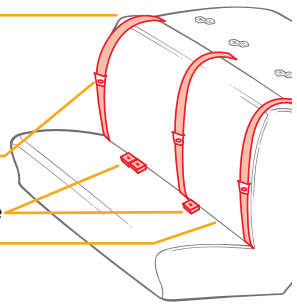
Refer to your vehicle owner's manual to determine if the belts in your vehicle lock by switching the seat belt's retractor **OR** have a locking latch plate that locks the vehicle's seat belt.

Vehicle Seat Belt Terms: Retractor
A device that winds up the unused vehicle seat belt. It is often hidden inside the panels on the walls of the vehicle or in the vehicle seatback.

Latch Plate
The male end of the seat belt with the metal tongue.

Buckle

Seat Bight
The crease where the vehicle seat back and seat bottom meet.



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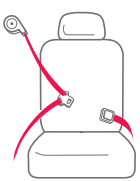
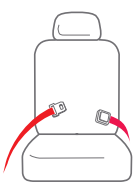
Identify Your Seat Belt Type:

The vehicle seat belt types that can be used with this child restraint.



Lap/Shoulder Belt
3 connection points



Lap Belt Only
2 connection points

Choose Your Installation:

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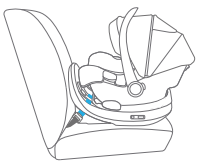
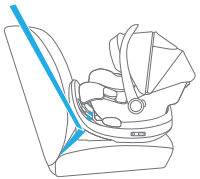
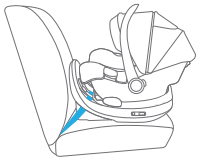
Install pg. 40  Lower Anchor Attachments	Height: **less than 30 in. (76 cm)** Weight: **4 - 30 lb. (1.8 - 13.6 kg)**
Install pg. 46  Lap/Shoulder Belt	
Install pg. 50  Lap Belt Only	

Choose Your Installation:

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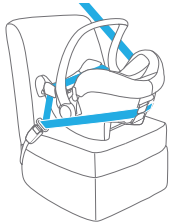
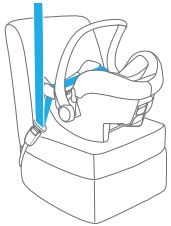
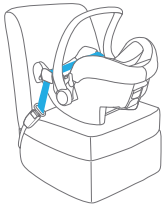
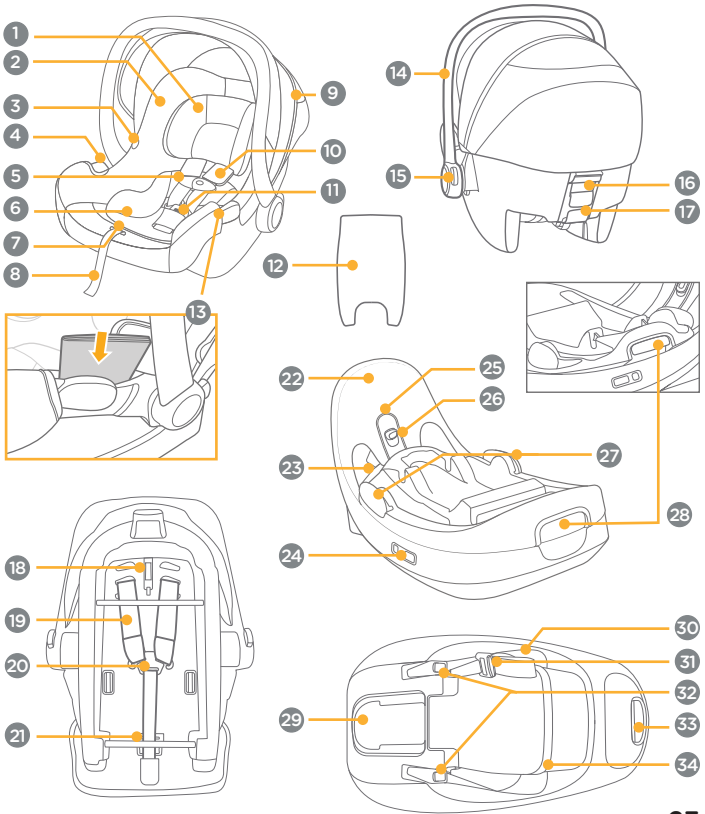
Install pg. 58  Lap/Shoulder Belt Option 1 (suggested)	Height: **less than 30 in. (76 cm)** Weight: **4 - 30 lb. (1.8 - 13.6 kg)**
Install pg. 58  Lap/Shoulder Belt Option 2	
Install pg. 60  Lap Belt Only	

Parts List:

Please make sure there are no missing parts. Please contact Joie Consumer Service if anything is missing.

1 Head Support
2 Seat Pad
3 Adapter Stroller Release Button (x2)
4 Lap Belt Guide (x2)
5 Chest Clip
6 Infant Insert
7 Harness Adjustment Button
8 Harness Adjustment Strap
9 Canopy
10 Harness Pad (x2)
11 Crotch Buckle
12 Low Birth Weight Pillow (attached to the back of the infant insert)
13 Instruction Manual Storage
14 Handle
15 Handle Adjustment Button (x2)
16 Arm Bar and Ring Adapter Stroller Release Lever
17 Shoulder Belt Guide
18 Stroller Arm Bar and Ring Adapter Attachment Hook
19 Harness Straps
20 Harness Splitter Plate
21 Metal Buckle Clip
22 Anti-Rebound Panel
23 Belt Path
24 Turn Lock and Level Indicator (x2)
25 Lock-Off Bar
26 Lock-Off Release Lever
27 Infant Car Seat Rotation Levers
28 Infant Car Seat Release Buttons
29 Base Instruction Manual Storage
30 Lower Anchor Attachment Strap
31 Lower Anchor Attachment Strap Adjuster
32 Lower Anchor Attachments
33 Recline Adjustment Lever
34 Recline Foot

Parts List:



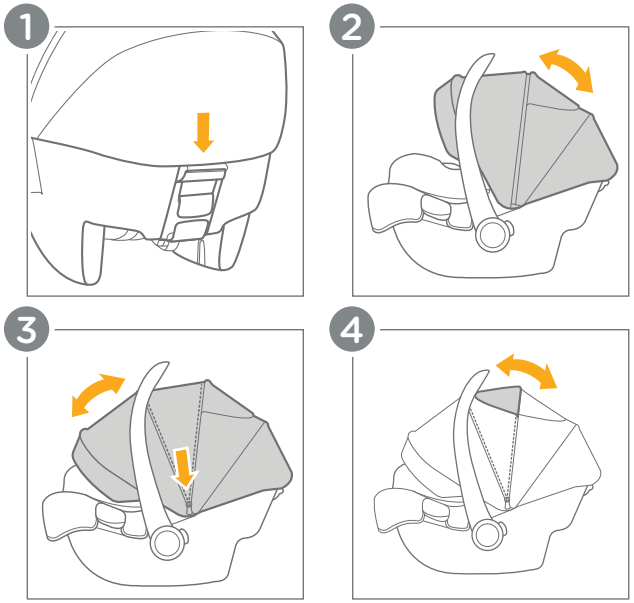
Using Canopy:

1 - Ensure that the back of the canopy fabric is above the stroller release lever.

2 - Pull the canopy forward to open and push back to close.

3 - For extended canopy coverage, unzip the canopy zipper and pull the canopy fully forward.

4 - For airflow, flip up the canopy window cover on the top of the canopy.



Adjusting Handle:

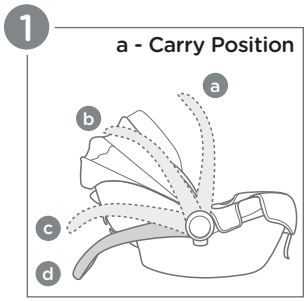
1 - The carry handle has 3 locked positions and 1 convenience position.

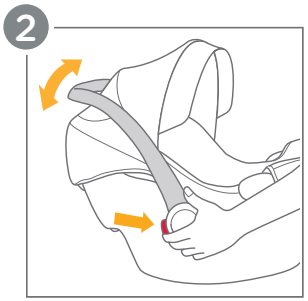
- **a. Carry** – Use this position when carrying and installing in your vehicle.
- **b. Convenience** – Use when removing your child from the child restraint. This position does not lock.
- **c. Travel** – Can be used when installing in your vehicle.
- **d. Stand** – Use to prevent child restraint from rocking.

2 - To adjust the handle position, squeeze the handle adjustment buttons on both sides of the child restraint and rotate the handle until it clicks into a locked position.

WARNING: Ensure that the handle is locked in the carry position before lifting child restraint. An unlocked handle could move unexpectedly, causing injury to the child.

Joie recommends to have the handle in the carry position when in the vehicle. This allows space between front/rear seats and easier install/removal of the child restraint.





Checking Harness Height Fit:

For safety and comfort, ensure that the harness straps fit snugly on your child's shoulders and are positioned AT or JUST BELOW their shoulders.

1 - Have your child sit in the child restraint with the harness buckled. The harness straps **MUST** be **AT** or **JUST BELOW** the child's shoulders. If the harness straps are not **AT** or **JUST BELOW** the shoulders, adjust the harness height.

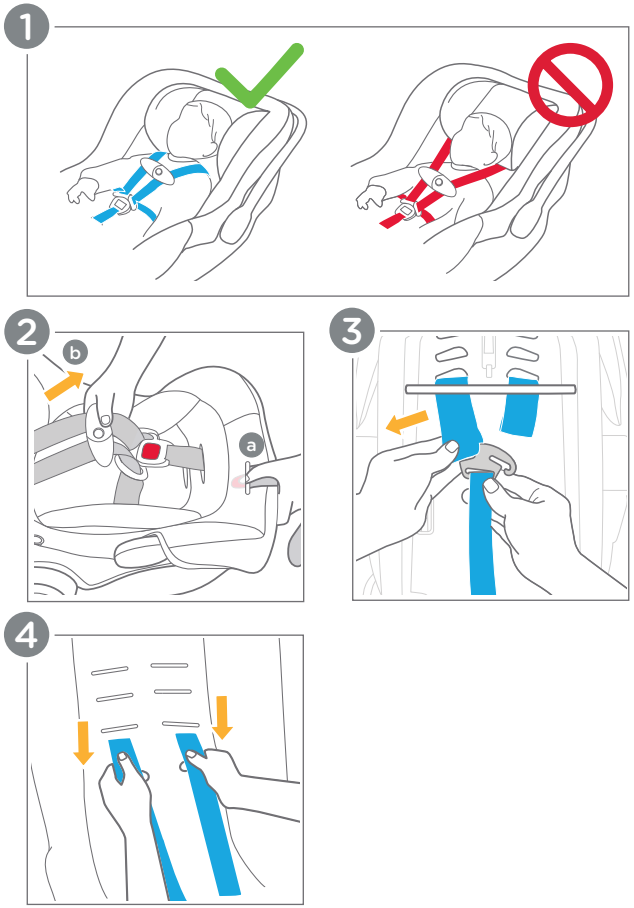
Adjusting Harness Height:

2 - Remove the child from the child restraint and loosen the harness straps by pressing the harness adjustment button (a) and pulling on the straps (b).

3 - Turn the child restraint over and locate the metal splitter plate where the harness straps come together. Carefully remove **BOTH** harness straps from the metal splitter plate.

4 - Turn the child restraint back over and pull **BOTH** harness straps out through the front of the child restraint.

(Adjusting Harness Height continued on pg. 28)



Adjusting Harness Height: (cont.)

5 - Re-thread the harness straps through the correct slot on the front of the child restraint. Ensure that both straps are in slots at the same level.

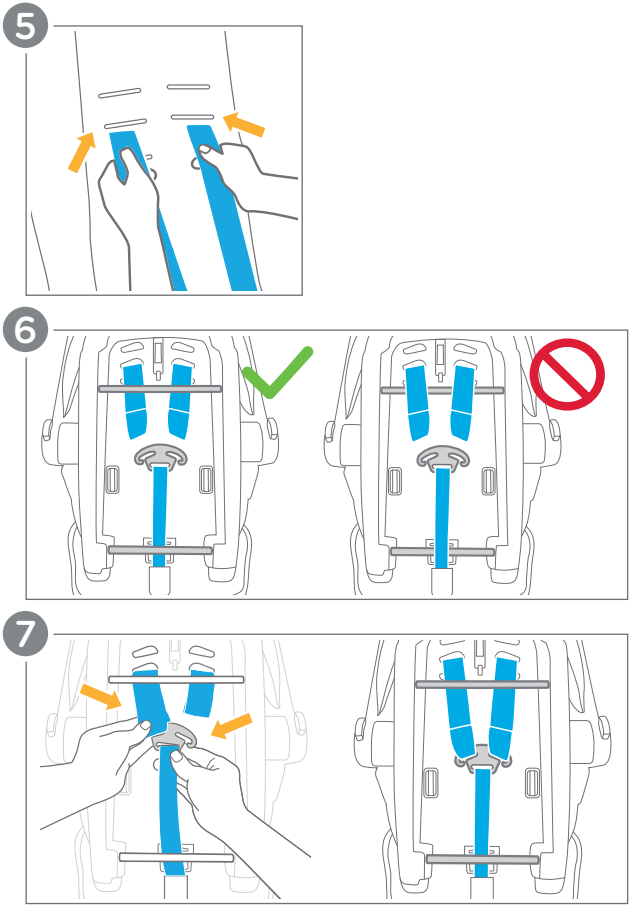
6 - Turn the child restraint over and ensure that the harness straps pass **UNDER** the cross bars.

> **WARNING:** Ensure that the harness straps are not twisted before attaching them to the splitter plate.

7 - Once you've adjusted the harness straps to the desired height, re-attach **BOTH** harness strap loops into the metal splitter plate.

Check the Final Fit:

Have your child sit back in the child restraint and repeat **Step 1 - Check Harness Height Fit** to ensure the harness is snug and positioned correctly at or just below their shoulders.



Adjusting Crotch Buckle:

For safety and comfort, the crotch buckle with strap can be adjusted when it is underneath your child and no longer in front of them.

1 - Unbuckle the harness by pressing the release buttons on the crotch buckle and chest clip.

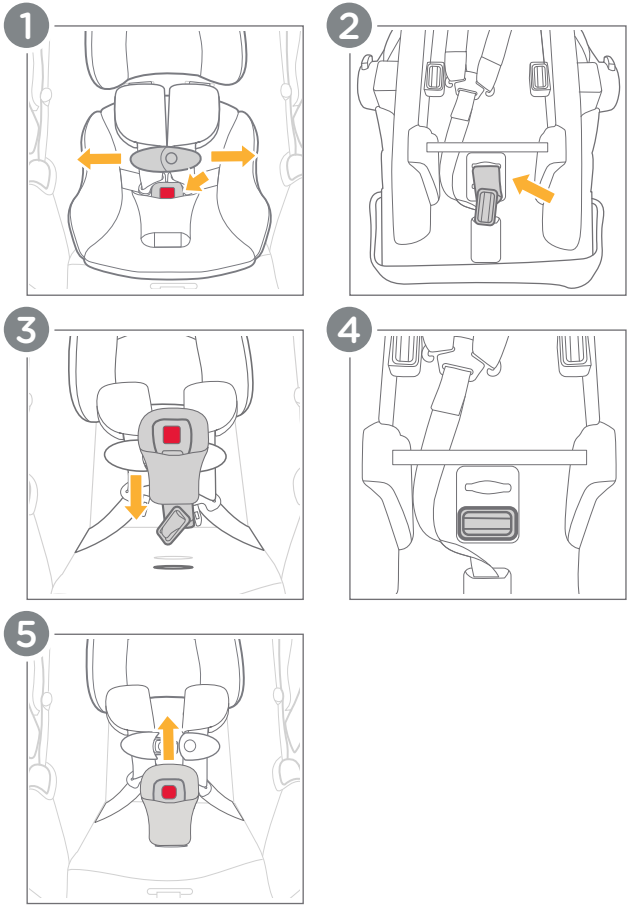
2 - Flip the child restraint over and locate the metal buckle clip on the bottom of the crotch buckle strap. Rotate the metal buckle clip sideways and push it through the buckle adjustment slot.

3 - Flip the child restraint back over and pull the crotch buckle and strap up out of the seat. Rotate the metal buckle clip sideways and push it through the new crotch buckle adjustment slot in the seat.

4 - Flip the child restraint over and ensure that the metal buckle clip is laying **FLAT** against the base of the seat.

5 - Pull up on the crotch buckle and strap to ensure that it is secure.

You may need to loosen the harness straps before adjusting the crotch buckle to give you access to the metal buckle clip.



Removing Head Support:

The head support can be used, as needed, to provide a snug fit for small babies. The head support can be removed when your child has outgrown it.

1 - Locate the head support straps behind the seat fabric. Carefully pull apart the hook and loop fastener to detach the head support.

2 - Gently pull the head support upwards to remove it completely.

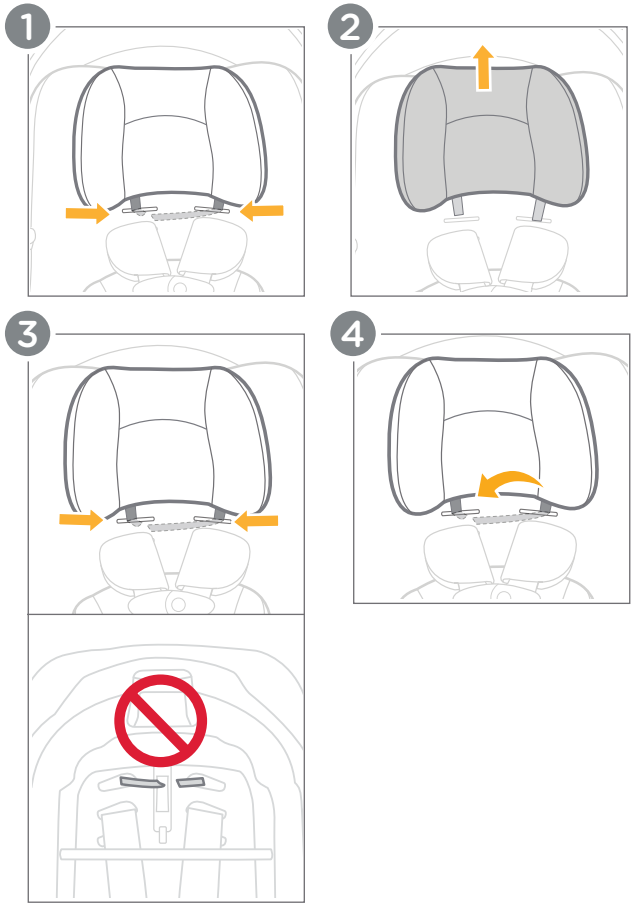
> WARNING: The head support straps **CANNOT** go through the same slots as the harness straps and should only be used in the top two harness slot positions.

Attaching Head Support:

3 - Thread each head support strap through a harness slot in the softgoods. Ensure that both slots are at the same level. **DO NOT** thread the straps all the way through the seat shell.

4 - Attach the hook and loop fasteners on the head support straps to each other.

> WARNING: The head support straps **CANNOT** go through the same slots as the harness straps and should only be used in the top two harness slot positions.



The infant insert can be used as necessary, to provide a snug fit for babies under 11 lb. (5 kg).

The low birth weight pillow, attached to the infant insert, can be used for even smaller babies. It is best for babies under 8 lb. (3.6 kg).

Removing Infant Insert:

1 - Unbuckle the harness by pressing the release button on the crotch buckle.

2 - Thread the crotch strap through the slot of the infant insert.

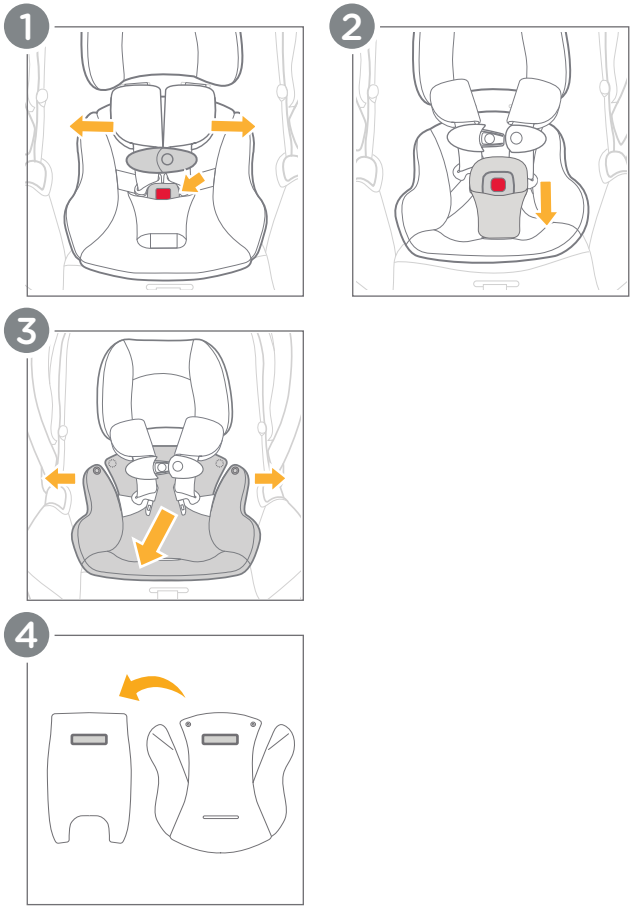
3 - Unfasten the snaps near the top of the infant insert and gently pull the infant insert outward to remove it completely.

> IMPORTANT: The infant insert can be used for smaller babies, but **MUST** be removed once the child reaches 11 lb. (5 kg).

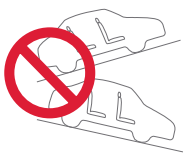
Removing Low Birth Weight Pillow:

4 - To remove the low birth weight pillow, detach the hook and loop fasteners from the infant insert.

> IMPORTANT: The low birth weight pillow can be used from birth to 11 lb. (5 kg) and is best for infants under 8 lb. (3.6 kg).



Adjusting Recline on Base:



Ensure that the vehicle is on a flat and **LEVEL** surface.

NEVER adjust the recline when vehicle is on an incline.

1 - The recline can be adjusted by pulling the recline adjustment lever (a) and pulling or pushing the base into the desired position (b). The base has 4 recline positions.

2 - Place the base on your vehicle seat and adjust the recline. Ensure that the indicator is **ENTIRELY UNDER** any part of the blue line.

3 - No part of the indicator should be outside the line.

4 - If needed, a rolled-up towel may be placed under the base at the vehicle seat bight to adjust the indicator to the correct position.

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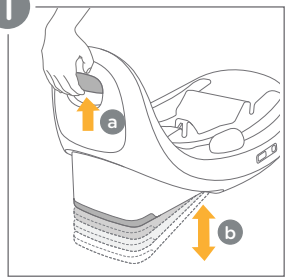

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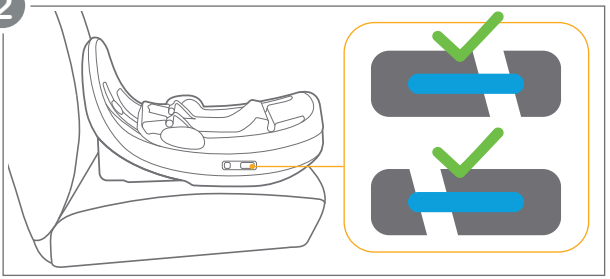

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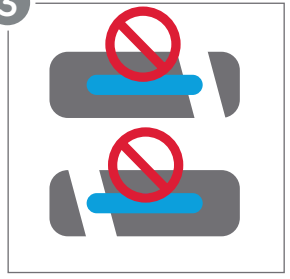

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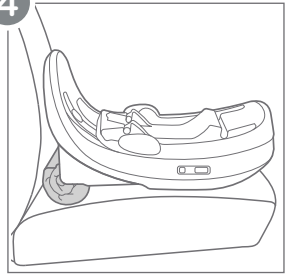


Base Install – Lower Anchor Attachments:

INSTALL USING ONLY ONE METHOD.

NEVER install using **BOTH** vehicle belt and lower anchor attachments.
ONLY install in a forward facing vehicle seat.

BEFORE INSTALLING, refer to Adjusting Recline on Base on pg. 38.

1 - Press the red lower anchor attachment release buttons to unhook the lower anchor attachments from the storage positions on the base.

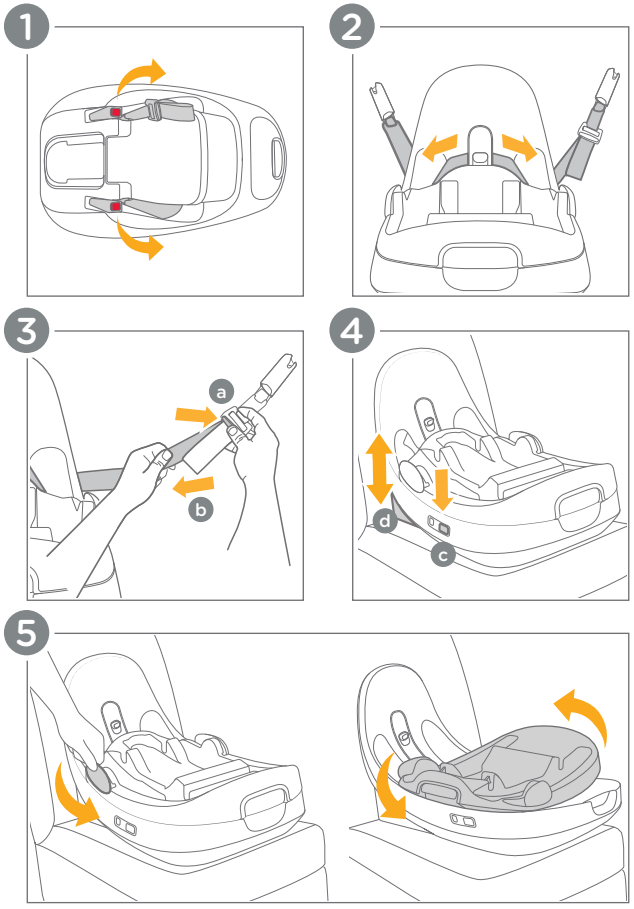
2 - Ensure that the lower anchor attachment strap is threaded through the belt path, as shown.

3 - Press the button on the lower anchor attachment strap adjuster (a) and pull to extend the lower anchor attachment strap to the full length (b).

4 - Place the base on the vehicle seat and check the recline level (c). Adjust the recline (d) if needed.

5 - Pull the infant car seat rotation lever to rotate the base to a side-facing position.

(Base Install – Lower Anchor Attachments continued on pg. 42)



Base Install – Lower Anchor Attachments: (cont.)

6 - Push down on the lock-off release lever (a) to open the lock-off bar (b).

7 - Attach **BOTH** lower anchor attachments to the correct lower anchor points in your vehicle. Listen for a **CLICK**.

The arrows on the sides of the lower anchor attachments should be pointing upwards. Refer to your vehicle's manual for specific lower anchor locations.

8 - Press down firmly on the base while pulling on the free end of the lower anchor attachment strap to remove all the slack out of it.

IMPORTANT: **If the lock-off bar is difficult to close,** allow a small amount of slack back into the belt.

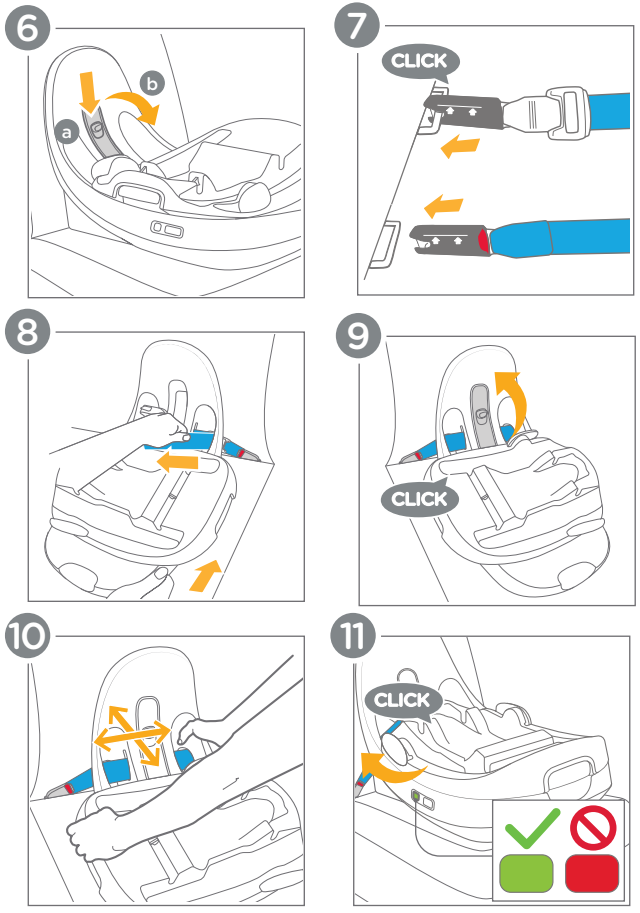
9 - Close the lock-off bar. Listen for a **CLICK**. Keep your hands clear of the lock-off area while closing it.

10 - Grab both sides of the base at the belt path and push and pull in all directions. **AT THE BELT PATH,** the base should be snug and **NOT MOVE** in any direction **MORE THAN 1 in. (2.5 cm)**.

11 - Rotate the base back to the **REAR-FACING** position. Listen for a **CLICK**. Ensure that the turn lock indicator is fully **GREEN**.

WARNING! **ALWAYS** ensure that the turn lock indicator is fully green while the vehicle is in motion, even when the child is not in the seat.
NEVER rotate the child restraint while the vehicle is in motion.

(Base Install – Lower Anchor Attachments continued on pg. 44)



Base Install – Lower Anchor Attachments: (cont.)

After installing the base, continue on to Attaching Carrier to Base on pg. 54.

Check Install!

- ☐ The recline is adjusted to the correct level.
- ☐ The lower anchor attachments are properly attached.
- ☐ The base should be snug and NOT MOVE in any direction more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) AT THE BELT PATH.
- ☐ The turn lock indicator is showing fully GREEN.

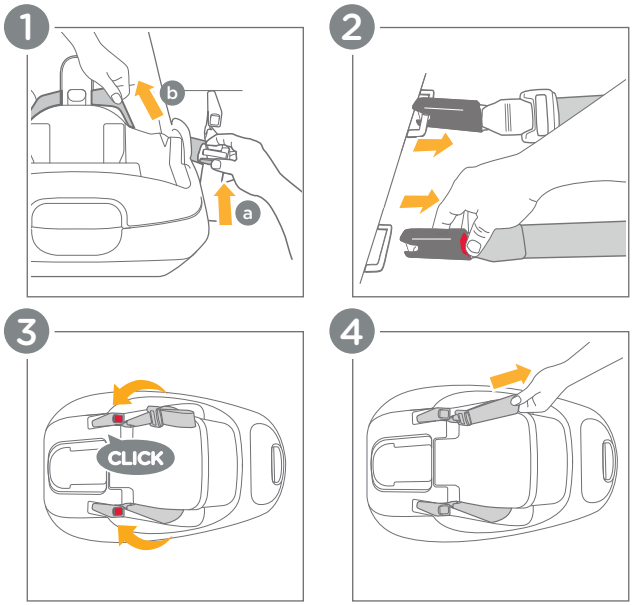
Removing and Storing Lower Anchor Attachments:

1 - Press the button (a) on the lower anchor attachment strap adjuster and pull (b) to extend the lower anchor attachment strap to the full length.

2 - Press the lower anchor attachment release buttons and pull to unhook the lower anchor attachments from the vehicle.

3 - Clip the lower anchor attachments to the storage positions on the base. Listen for a **CLICK**.

4 - Pull the lower anchor attachment strap to tighten the lower anchor attachments.



Base Install – Lap/Shoulder Belt:

INSTALL USING ONLY ONE METHOD.

NEVER install using **BOTH** vehicle belt and lower anchor attachments.
ONLY install in a forward facing vehicle seat.

BEFORE INSTALLING, refer to Adjusting Recline on Base on pg. 24.

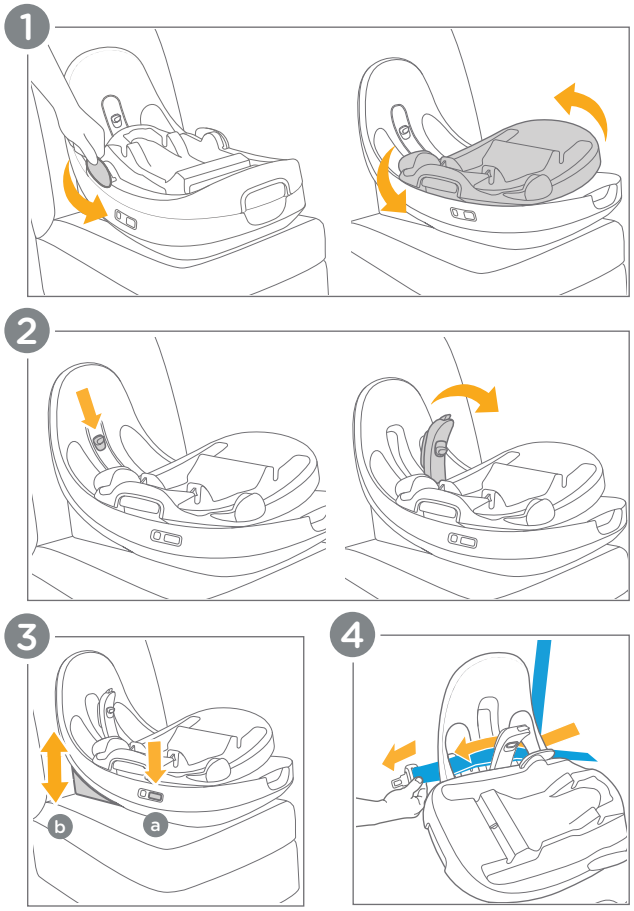
1 - Pull the infant car seat rotation lever to rotate the base to a side-facing position.

2 - Place the base on the vehicle seat. Push down on the lock-off release lever to open the lock-off bar.

3 - Check the recline level (a). Adjust the recline (b) if needed.

4 - Thread the lap/shoulder belt through the belt path and buckle it.

(Base Install – Lap/Shoulder Belt continued on pg. 48)



Base Install – Lap/Shoulder Belt: (cont.)

5 - Press down firmly on the base while pulling on the vehicle shoulder belt to remove all the slack out of the vehicle lap belt.

> IMPORTANT: Ensure that the vehicle belt is not twisted and lies flat against the base.

6 - Close the lock-off bar. Listen for a **CLICK**. Keep your hands clear of the lock-off area while closing it.

> IMPORTANT: **If the lock-off bar is difficult to close,** allow a small amount of slack back into the belt.

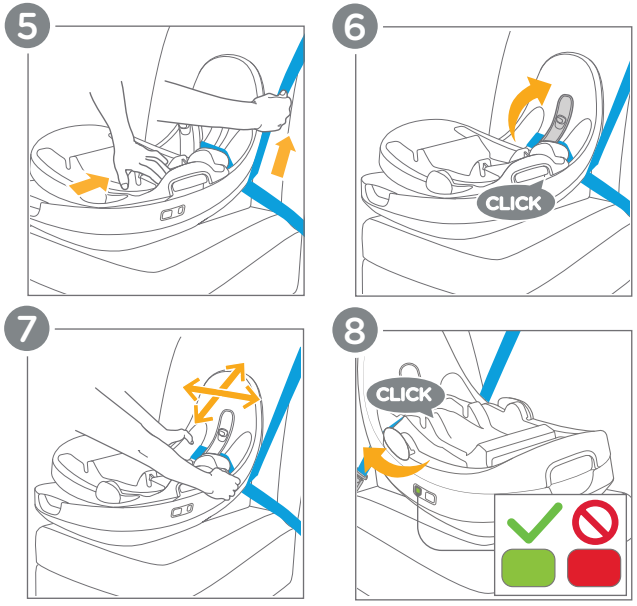
7 - Grab both sides of the base at the belt path and push and pull in all directions. **AT THE BELT PATH,** the base should be snug and **NOT MOVE** in any direction **MORE THAN 1 in. (2.5 cm)**.

8 - Rotate the base back to the **REAR-FACING** position. Listen for a **CLICK**. Ensure that the turn lock indicator is fully **GREEN**.

After installing the base, continue on to Attaching Carrier to Base on pg. 54.

Check Install!

- ☐ **The recline is adjusted to the correct level.**
- ☐ **The vehicle belt is buckled and is as tight as possible around the base. The vehicle belt is not loose or twisted.**
- ☐ **The base should be snug and NOT MOVE in any direction more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) AT THE BELT PATH.**
- ☐ **The turn lock indicator is showing fully GREEN.**



> WARNING! **ALWAYS** ensure that the turn lock indicator is fully green while the vehicle is in motion, even when the child is not in the seat.
>
> **NEVER** rotate the child restraint while the vehicle is in motion.

Base Install – Lap Belt ONLY:

INSTALL USING ONLY ONE METHOD.

NEVER install using **BOTH** vehicle belt and lower anchor attachments.
ONLY install in a forward facing vehicle seat.

BEFORE INSTALLING, refer to Adjusting Recline on Base on pg. 38.

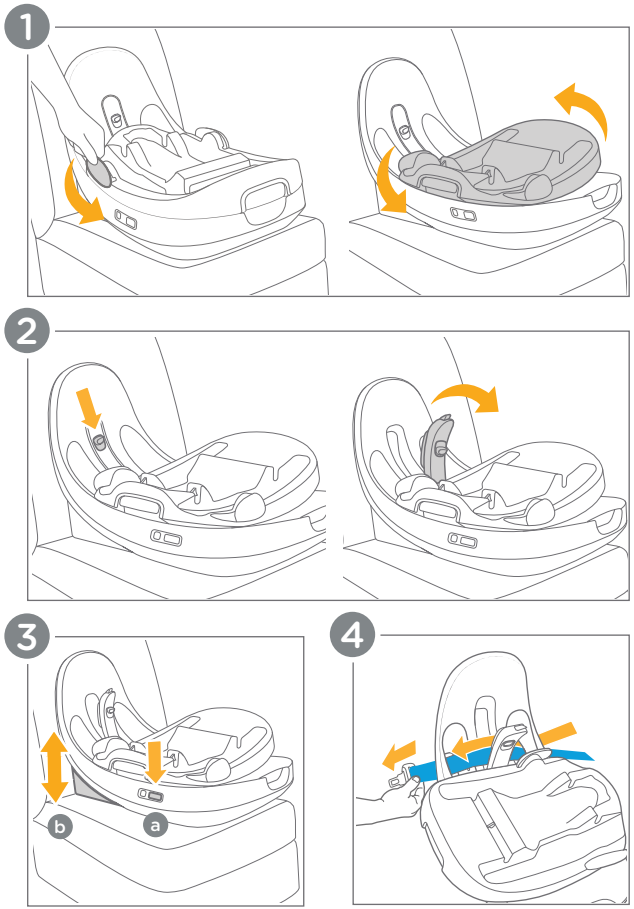
1 - Pull the infant car seat rotation lever to rotate the base to a side-facing position.

2 - Place the base on the vehicle seat. Push down on the lock-off release lever to open the lock-off bar.

3 - Check the recline level (a). Adjust the recline (b) if needed.

4 - Thread the lap belt through the belt path and buckle it.

(Base Install – Lap Belt ONLY continued on pg. 52)



Base Install Lap Belt ONLY: (cont.)

5 - Press down firmly on the base while pulling on the free end of the vehicle's lap belt strap to remove all the slack.

IMPORTANT: Ensure that the vehicle belt is not twisted and lies flat against the base.

6 - Close the lock-off bar. Listen for a **CLICK**. Keep your hands clear of the lock-off area while closing it.

IMPORTANT: **If the lock-off bar is difficult to close,** allow a small amount of slack back into the belt.

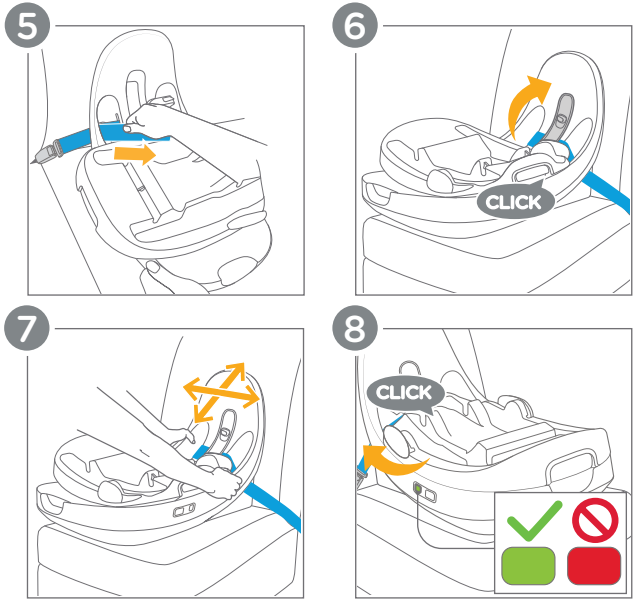
7 - Grab both sides of the base at the belt path and push and pull in all directions. **AT THE BELT PATH,** the base should be snug and **NOT MOVE** in any direction **MORE THAN 1 in. (2.5 cm)**.

8 - Rotate the base back to the **REAR-FACING** position. Listen for a **CLICK**. Ensure that the turn lock indicator is fully **GREEN**.

After installing the base, continue on to Attaching Carrier to Base on pg. 54.

Check Install!

- ☐ **The recline is adjusted to the correct level.**
- ☐ **The vehicle belt is buckled and is as tight as possible around the base. The vehicle belt is not loose or twisted.**
- ☐ **The base should be snug and NOT MOVE in any direction more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) AT THE BELT PATH.**
- ☐ **The turn lock indicator is showing fully GREEN.**



WARNING! **ALWAYS** ensure that the turn lock indicator is fully green while the vehicle is in motion, even when the child is not in the seat.

NEVER rotate the child restraint while the vehicle is in motion.

Attaching Carrier to Base:

1 - Pull the infant car seat rotation lever and rotate the base to a side-facing position for easier access. The base may also be kept in the rear-facing position.

2 - Push the child restraint down onto the base. Listen for a **CLICK**.

The child restraint can be installed in either the side or rear facing position.

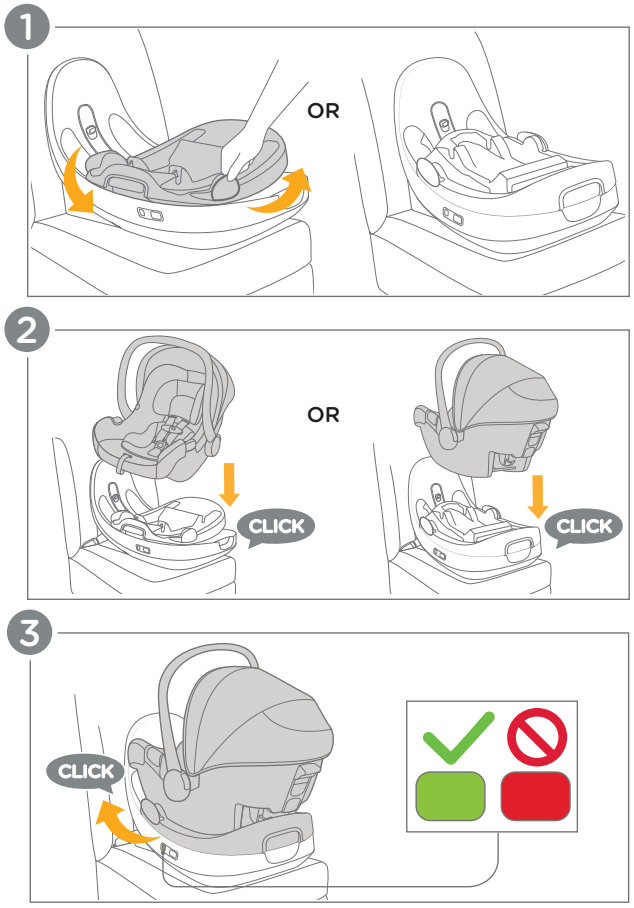
IMPORTANT: Check that the child restraint is secured by pulling up on the handle.

3 - After attachment, **ALWAYS** rotate the base to the rear-facing position. Listen for a **CLICK**. Ensure that the turn lock indicator is fully **GREEN**.

WARNING! **ALWAYS** ensure that the turn lock indicator is fully green while the vehicle is in motion, even when the child is not in the seat.

NEVER rotate the child restraint while the vehicle is in motion.

IMPORTANT: Refer to pg. 66 for information on properly restraining your child in the carrier.

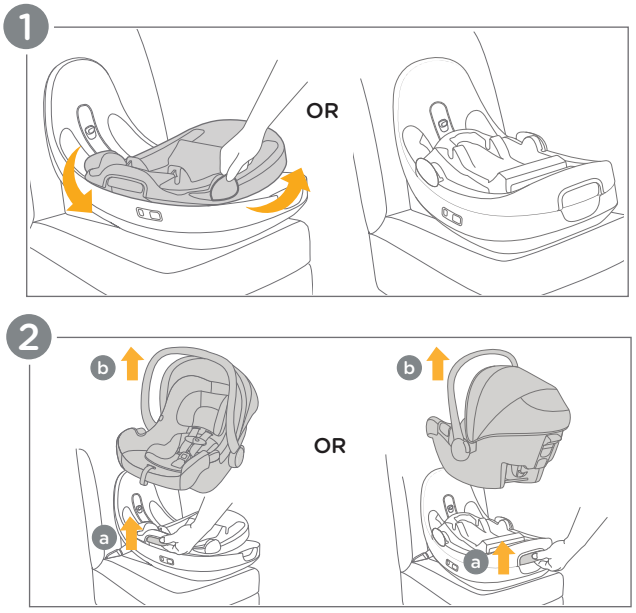


Removing Carrier from Base:

1 - Pull the infant car seat rotation lever and rotate the base to a side-facing position for easier access. The base may also be kept in the rear-facing position.

2 - Squeeze the infant car seat release button (a) and pull the child restraint up by the handle (b).

Infant car seat release buttons are located on both ends of the rotating part of the base. The child restraint can be removed in either the side or rear facing position.



Carrier Install – Lap/Shoulder Belt:

Only install in a forward-facing vehicle seat.

1 - Place the child restraint in the vehicle facing the back of the vehicle. Ensure that the **LEVEL LINE** on the restraint label is **LEVEL WITH THE GROUND**. A rolled-up towel or pool noodle may be used to adjust the recline.

Option 1 (suggested method)

2 - Thread your vehicle's lap belt under **BOTH** lap belt guides and buckle it.

3 - Wrap the shoulder belt around the back of the child restraint and secure it in the shoulder belt guide. Lock the lap/shoulder belt using your car's locking mechanism (check your vehicle owner's manual).

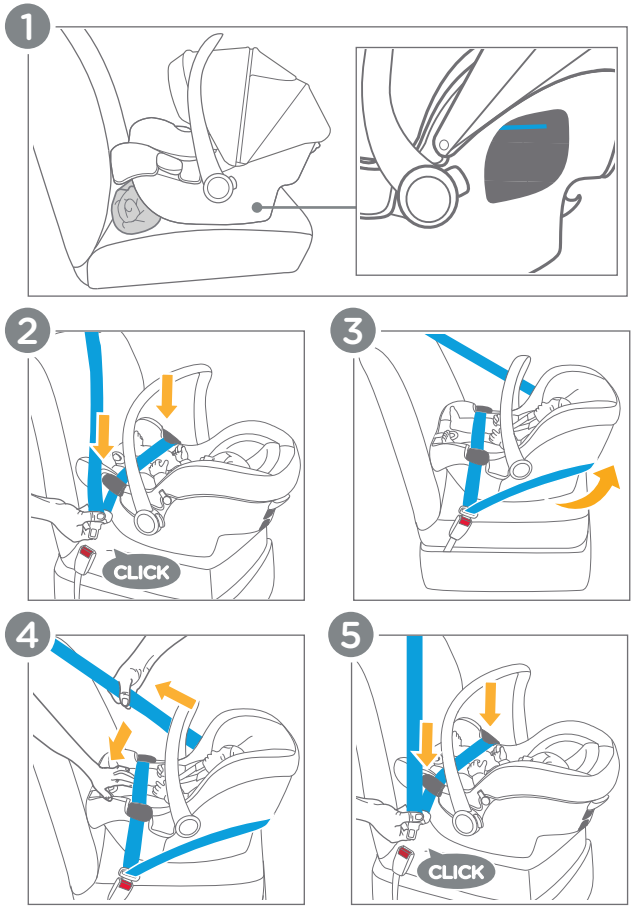
4 - Press firmly into the middle of the child restraint while pulling the vehicle's shoulder belt to tighten. Lock the shoulder belt by pulling the belt fully out, then letting it retract. If your vehicle seat belt doesn't lock, use a locking clip or refer to your vehicle's manual.

Option 2

5 - Thread your vehicle's lap belt under **BOTH** lap belt guides and buckle it. Allow the shoulder belt to lay against the vehicle seat back as shown. Refer to step 4 to tighten.

Check Install!

- ☐ **The level line must be level with the ground.**
- ☐ **The vehicle belt is buckled and is as tight as possible around the child restraint. The vehicle belt is not loose or twisted.**
- ☐ **The child restraint should be snug and NOT MOVE in any direction more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) AT THE BELT PATH.**



Carrier Install – Lap Belt ONLY:

Only install in a forward-facing vehicle seat.

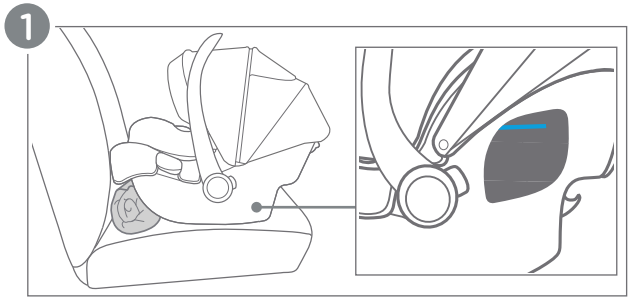
1 - Place the child restraint in the vehicle facing the back of the vehicle. Ensure that the **LEVEL LINE** on the restraint label is **LEVEL WITH THE GROUND**. A rolled-up towel or pool noodle may be used to adjust the recline.

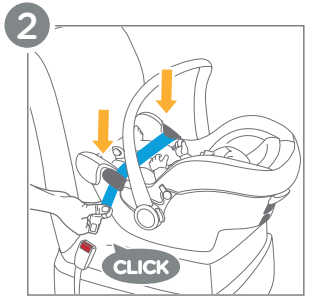
2 - Thread your vehicle's lap belt under **BOTH** lap belt guides and buckle it.

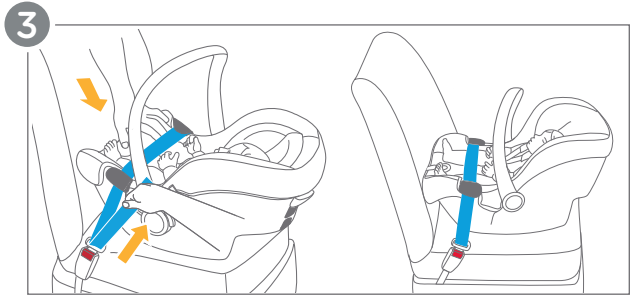
3 - Press down firmly into the middle of the child restraint while pulling on the free end of the vehicle's lap belt strap to remove all the slack.

Check Install!

- ☐ **The level line must be level with the ground.**
- ☐ **The vehicle belt is buckled and is as tight as possible around the child restraint. The vehicle belt is not loose or twisted.**
- ☐ **The child restraint should be snug and NOT MOVE in any direction more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) AT THE BELT PATH.**







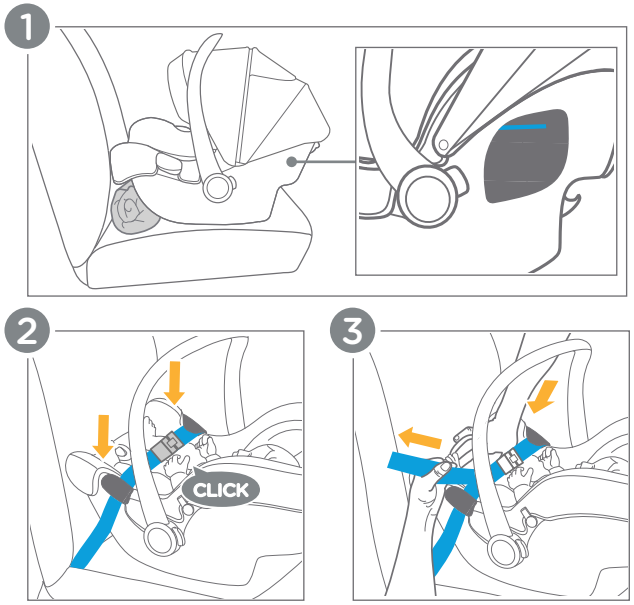
Install in an Aircraft:

This child restraint is certified for airplane use. Contact your airline about their policy before traveling.

1 - Place the child restraint in the seat facing the back of the aircraft. Ensure that the **LEVEL LINE** on the restraint label is **LEVEL WITH THE FLOOR OF THE AIRCRAFT**. A rolled-up towel or pool noodle may be used to adjust the recline.

2 - Thread the aircraft lap belt under **BOTH** lap belt guides and buckle it.

3 - Press firmly into the middle of the child restraint while pulling the aircraft lap belt strap to tighten.



Attaching Carrier to Stroller:

There are two different ways to attach your child restraint to your Joie stroller, depending on your stroller model.

1 - Using Adapters: (Included with most Joie strollers.) Refer to your stroller's instruction manual for specific instructions.

2 - Using Stroller Arm Bar: (Included with some Joie strollers.) Refer to your stroller's instruction manual for specific instructions.

Removing Carrier from Stroller:

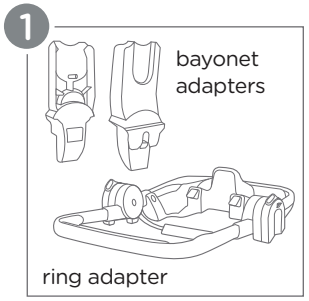
3 - Using Bayonet Adapters:

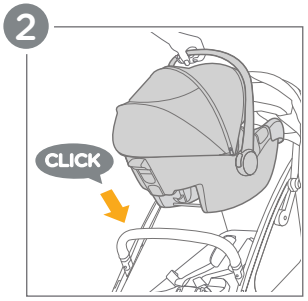
Locate the adapter stroller release buttons and press them on **BOTH** sides to release the child restraint. Lift the child restraint up using the carry handle to remove it.

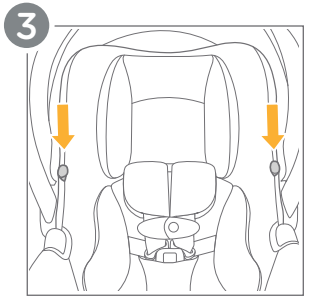
4 - Using Stroller Arm Bar or Ring Adapter:

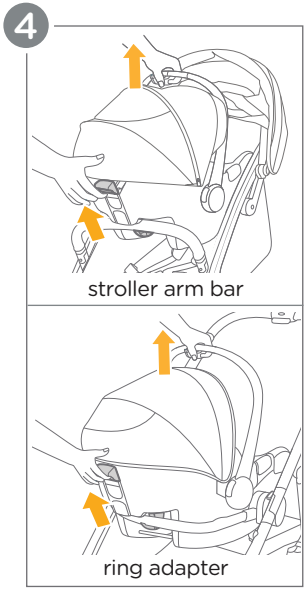
Locate the stroller release button and squeeze it while lifting the child restraint up using the carry handle to remove it.

Refer to your stroller's instruction manual for complete instructions.









Securing Child in Seat:

1 - The top of the child's head **MUST** be at least 1 in. (2.5 cm) below the top of the child restraint.

2 - Loosen the harness straps by pressing the harness adjustment button (a) and pulling on the straps (b).

3 - Press the release button on the chest clip to separate.

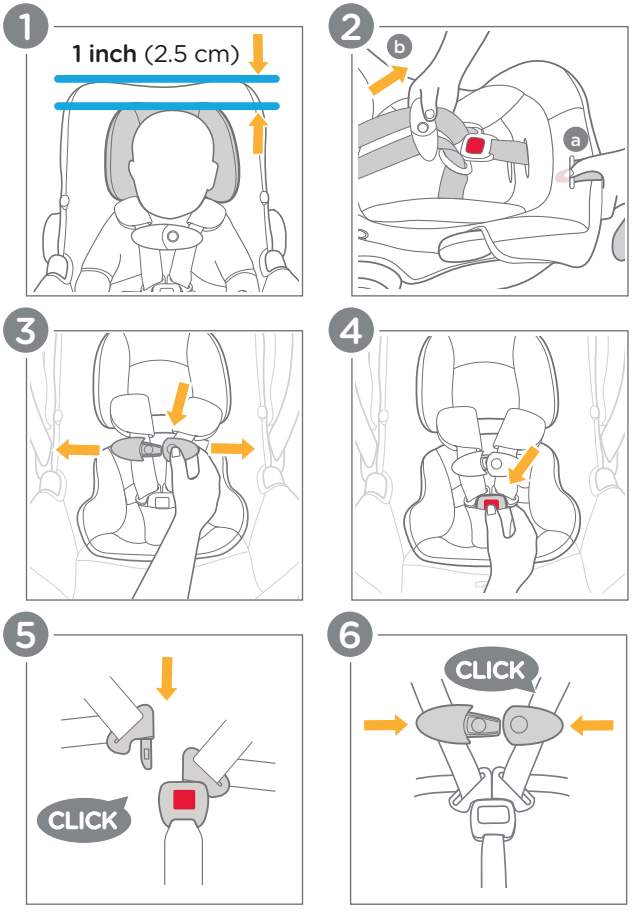
4 - Press the release button to remove the buckle tongues from the crotch buckle and spread the harness straps apart. Place your child in the child restraint.

> **WARNING:** The child must be in a seated position against both the back and bottom of the seat with no gap behind the child. **DO NOT** allow the child to slouch.
>
> The harness straps **MUST** be **AT** or **JUST BELOW** the child's shoulders to avoid injury.

5 - Gently guide the child's arms through the harness straps. Insert the buckle tongues into the crotch buckle. Listen for a **CLICK**. Pull on the crotch buckle to ensure that it is properly latched.

6 - Snap the chest clip together. Listen for a **CLICK**. Temporarily slide it towards the crotch buckle for tightening of the harness straps.

(Securing Child in Seat continued on pg. 68)



Securing Child in Seat: (cont.)

7 - Pull on the harness adjustment strap to tighten the harness. Slide any excess strap length from the child's waist up through the buckle towards the shoulders, and repeat this step until the harness is secure.

The harness should be snug around your child's waist and shoulders. It may take a few adjustments, so be patient!

8 - Without pressing the harness adjustment button, pull forward firmly on the harness straps at the shoulder. If the straps loosen, clean the harness adjustment button and strap (see pg. 75).

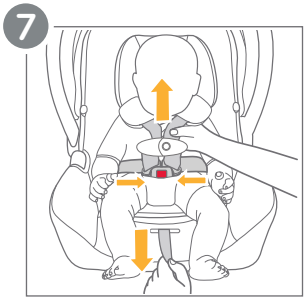
9 - Position the chest clip at child's armpit level.

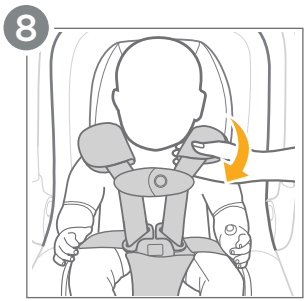
Check Setup!

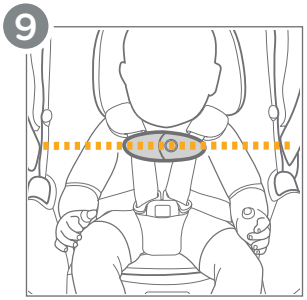
- ☐ **The harness is snug** – a snug harness cannot be pinched vertically at the collarbone area, and should not allow any slack. If the harness straps are not snugly adjusted, the child may be ejected from the seat in the event of a crash.

  IMPORTANT: A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.

- ☐ **The chest clip and crotch buckle are secured properly.**
- ☐ **The chest clip is at the child's armpit level.**
- ☐ **The child's head is at least 1 in. (2.5 cm) below the top of the headrest.**
- ☐ **The shoulder straps are AT or JUST BELOW the child's shoulders.**







WARNING! Ensure that nothing interferes with the harness. Ensure that the harness straps are snug around the child and lay flat.

Serious injury or death could occur to a child that is not secured properly. If the child is not secured properly, the child could be ejected in a sudden stop or crash, resulting in serious injury or death.

Removing Canopy and Softgoods:

WARNING! **NEVER** use the child restraint without the softgoods in place.

1 - Press the round plastic tab on the canopy support and pull it upwards to disconnect it from the hinge.

2 - Refer to removing the head support on pg. 34.

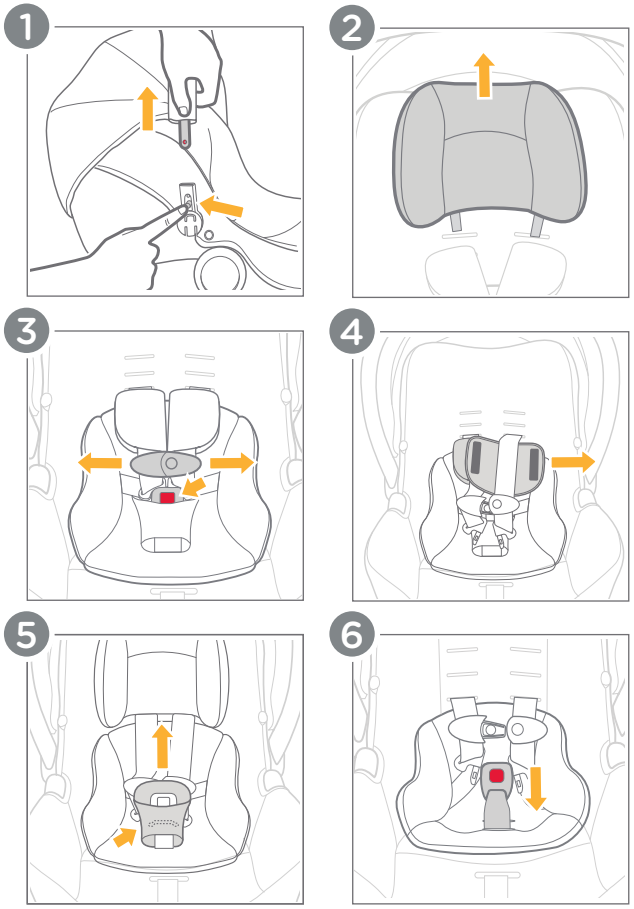
3 - Unbuckle the crotch buckle and chest clip.

4 - Remove the harness pads.

5 - Remove the crotch pad.

6 - Thread the crotch buckle through the slot of both the infant insert and seat pad.

(Removing Canopy and Softgoods continued on pg. 72)



Removing Canopy and Softgoods: (cont.)

7 - Remove the infant insert by unsnapping the sides and pulling gently to remove it.

8 - To disconnect the harness straps, refer to adjusting the harness height on **pg. 28.**

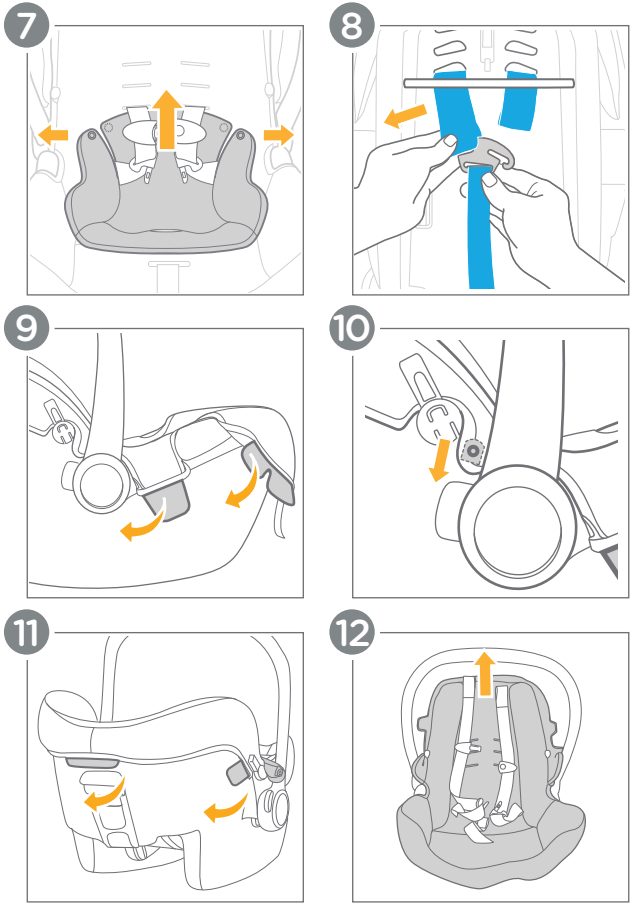
9 - Unhook the two plastic tabs from **BOTH SIDES** of the child restraint shell.

10 - Next to the canopy hinge, pull down and unhook the metal sliders from **BOTH SIDES,** located on the underside of the softgoods.

11 - Near the canopy hinge, unhook **BOTH** plastic tabs on either side. Unhook the plastic tab on the back of the child restraint shell.

12 - Carefully slide the lap belt guides through the opening in the fabric. Continue lifting the seat pad until it is completely removed.

To re-assemble, follow these steps in reverse order.

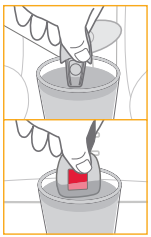


Care and Maintenance:

Washing the Seat Pads: Refer to the care label attached to the fabrics for washing and drying instructions. **DO NOT** attempt to remove the foam or tape from under the seat pad.

Cleaning the Seat Shell and Foams: Use only mild detergent, water, and a soft cloth to clean the shell, base, and foams. Air dry after cleaning. **NEVER** use bleach or any other harsh chemicals anywhere on the child restraint.

Cleaning the Buckle, Chest Clip, Harness, and LATCH straps: Hand rinse the buckle and chest clip using warm water only. **DO NOT** use soaps, solvents, or lubricants. These can cause malfunctions. Air dry the buckle and chest clip. Use a damp soft cloth and mild detergent to hand wipe the harness and LATCH straps clean. **DO NOT** submerge or saturate the harness or LATCH straps. Doing so may compromise the safety of the straps.



Storage: When not in use for a long period, remove the child restraint from the vehicle seat. Store the child restraint in a cool, dry place that your child does not have access to.

Normal Wear and Tear: It is normal for the fabric to fade from sunlight and show wear and tear over time even when used normally.

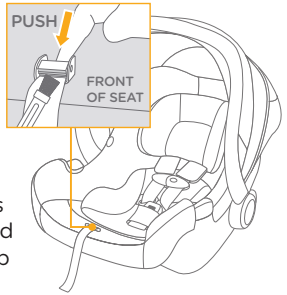
Regular Checks: Regularly check that everything functions properly. If any parts are torn, broken, or missing stop using immediately and contact Joie for replacement parts.

Care and Maintenance:

Keeping Your Harness Adjustment Button & Strap Clean:

A clean harness adjustment button and strap are key to a properly functioning harness. Regularly check the button and strap for dirt and debris, and clean them as needed.

Cleaning Steps:



1. Expose the button: Remove the softgoods (fabric) from the front of the car seat to access the harness adjustment button.

2. Open the mechanism: Push down on the lever on the back of the button. This will expose the small teeth and any trapped debris. Pull the harness adjustment strap out slightly to help loosen debris.

3. Clean the button and strap: Use a soft, nylon-bristled brush to remove any dirt or debris. For stubborn debris or residue, you can use a vacuum cleaner, a damp cloth, or a flat, plastic edged tool to scrape. **NEVER** use a sharp or metal tool.

4. Test and reassemble: Test the harness to ensure it's working correctly. Reattach the softgoods to the seat and then test again.

Important:

DO NOT use harsh cleaning chemicals.
DO NOT saturate the harness adjustment strap with liquids.

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