CHILD SEATS

WARNINGS

Do not use a child restraint on a seat with an operational airbag in front of it. There is a risk of death or serious injury when the airbag deploys.

Crash statistics show that children are safest when properly restrained in a child or infant restraint system that is secured in a rear seating position.

Do not use a forward facing child seat, until a child is above the minimum weight of 9 kg (20 lb.) and able to sit up unaided. Up to the age of two, a child's spine and neck are not sufficiently developed to avoid injury in a frontal impact.

Do not allow a baby or infant to be held or carried on the lap. The force of a crash can increase effective body weight by as much as thirty times, making it impossible to hold on to the child. Children typically require the use of a booster seat appropriate to their age and size, thereby enabling the seat belts to be properly fitted, reducing the risk of injury in a crash. Children could be endangered in a crash, if their child restraints are not properly secured in the vehicle.

Do not use a child seat that hooks over the seat back. This type of seat cannot be satisfactorily secured and is unlikely to be safe for your child.

It is very important for all infants and children under 12 years of age to be restrained in a suitable child safety seat appropriate to their age and size. See **CHILD SEAT POSITIONING** (page 68).

Note: *In some countries legislation prohibits children travelling in the front of a vehicle. Ensure that you are familiar with the legislation in force where the vehicle is being used and are in full compliance.*

If a child must travel in the front passenger seat, Land Rover recommends the following:

1. Position the seat fully rearward.
2. Adjust the lumbar to its minimum.
3. Adjust the cushion to its highest position.
4. Set cushion rake to its lowest position.
5. Set seat belt upper anchorage to its lowest position.
6. For markets other than Australia, disable the airbag. See **DISABLING THE PASSENGER AIRBAG** (page 62).

WARNING

Original text according to EEC R94.01. Extreme Hazard! Do not use a rearward facing child restraint on a seat protected by an airbag in front of it.



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This symbol is affixed to the end of the facia on the passenger side. Its purpose is to warn against the use of a rear facing child seat when the front passenger airbag is fitted and operational.

Seat belt automatic locking mechanism

The second and third row seat belts have a special locking mechanism which aids the retention of child seats.

The procedure to install a child seat is as follows:

1. Place the child seat in the vehicle, attach the seat belt and secure the buckle in accordance with the manufacturer's fitting instructions.
2. Pull on the shoulder section of the belt to reel out all of the remaining webbing to the limit of its travel. This will engage the automatic locking feature, which then acts as a ratchet, allowing the webbing only to retract.
3. Allow the seat belt to retract onto the child seat (a clicking sound will confirm that the ratchet has engaged), while firmly pushing the child seat into the vehicle seat.
4. Ensure that there is no slack in the seat belt by pulling upwards on the shoulder belt immediately above the child restraint. The seat belt should now be locked and the child seat held firmly in position.

When the child seat is removed and all of the seat belt webbing is allowed to retract, the seat belt locking mechanism reverts to normal operation.

Note:

Where possible, use the seat belt automatic locking mechanism to secure large items of luggage that are to be carried on the seats. In the event of an accident, unsecured items become missiles capable of causing serious injury.

Child restraint checklist

Every time a child travels in the vehicle observe the following:

- Always use the appropriate child restraints and adjust harnesses for every child, every trip.
- Make sure that a child falls into the correct weight range for the seat.
- Carefully follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer of the restraint system.
- Ensure that all slack is removed from the adult seat belt.
- When installing an ISOFIX seat, always attach the top tether. Always give the ISOFIX seat a final pull to ensure that the lower anchors are secure.
- Regularly check the fit of a child seat and replace seats or harnesses that show signs of wear.
- Avoid dressing a child in bulky clothing and do not place any objects between the child and the restraint system.
- No child seat is completely child-proof. Encourage a child not to play with the buckle or harness.
- Never leave a child unsupervised in the vehicle.
- Activate the rear door child safety locks. See **CHILD SAFETY LOCKS** (page 72).
- Ensure that a child does not exit the vehicle from the side where there is traffic.
- Set children a good example - always wear your seat belt.