

CHILD SEAT POSITIONING

PROPER CHILD SAFETY SEAT USE CHART Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in Back.			
	INFANTS	TODDLER	YOUNG CHILDREN
WEIGHT	Birth to 1 year Up to at least 20lb. (9 kg).	Over 1 year and Over 20 to 40 lb. (9 to 18 kg).	Ages 4 to 8, unless 4ft 9ins (145 cm). Over 40 lb. (18 kg).
TYPE OF SEAT	Infant only or rear facing, convertible.	Convertible/ Forward-facing	Belt positioning booster seat.
SEAT POSITION	Rear-facing only.	Forward-facing.	Forward-facing.
ALWAYS MAKE SURE	Children to 1 year and up to at least 20 lb. (9 kg) in rear-facing seats. Harness straps at or below shoulder level.	Harness straps should be at or above shoulders. Most seats require top slot for forward-facing.	Belt positioning booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt. Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap and upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snug crossing the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries.
WARNING	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.

When installing a child seat in the rear, the front seat must be moved forward and upwards to install any rear-facing child seat.

Care must be taken not to load any part of the child seat when repositioning the front seat. The space available for front seat occupants will be reduced by the installation of any rearward-facing child seat.

If a head restraint has been removed to fit a child seat, ensure that the head restraint is refitted before the seat is used by a passenger.
See **26, FRONT HEAD RESTRAINTS.**

WARNING

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.