

CHILD SEAT POSITIONING

| PROPER CHILD SAFETY SEAT USE CHART Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in Back. | | | |
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| | INFANTS | TODDLER | YOUNG CHILDREN |
| WEIGHT/AGE | Birth to 1 year and 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. | Rearward-facing/Convertible/Forward-facing. | Belt positioning booster seat. |
| SEAT POSITION | Rear-facing only. | See note below.* | 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 the shoulders. Most seats require top slot for forward-facing. | Belt positioning booster seats must be used with both the 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. |

Note: *Your child should remain in a rear-facing child seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your child seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing child seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing child seat with a harness.

WARNING

Even with advanced air bags, children can be seriously injured or killed. Never place a child in any type of child restraint or booster seat in the front passenger seat. Children under the age of 13 should always 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 rearward-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, make sure the head restraint is refitted before the seat is used by a passenger. See **25, REAR 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.