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Product Reference Guide

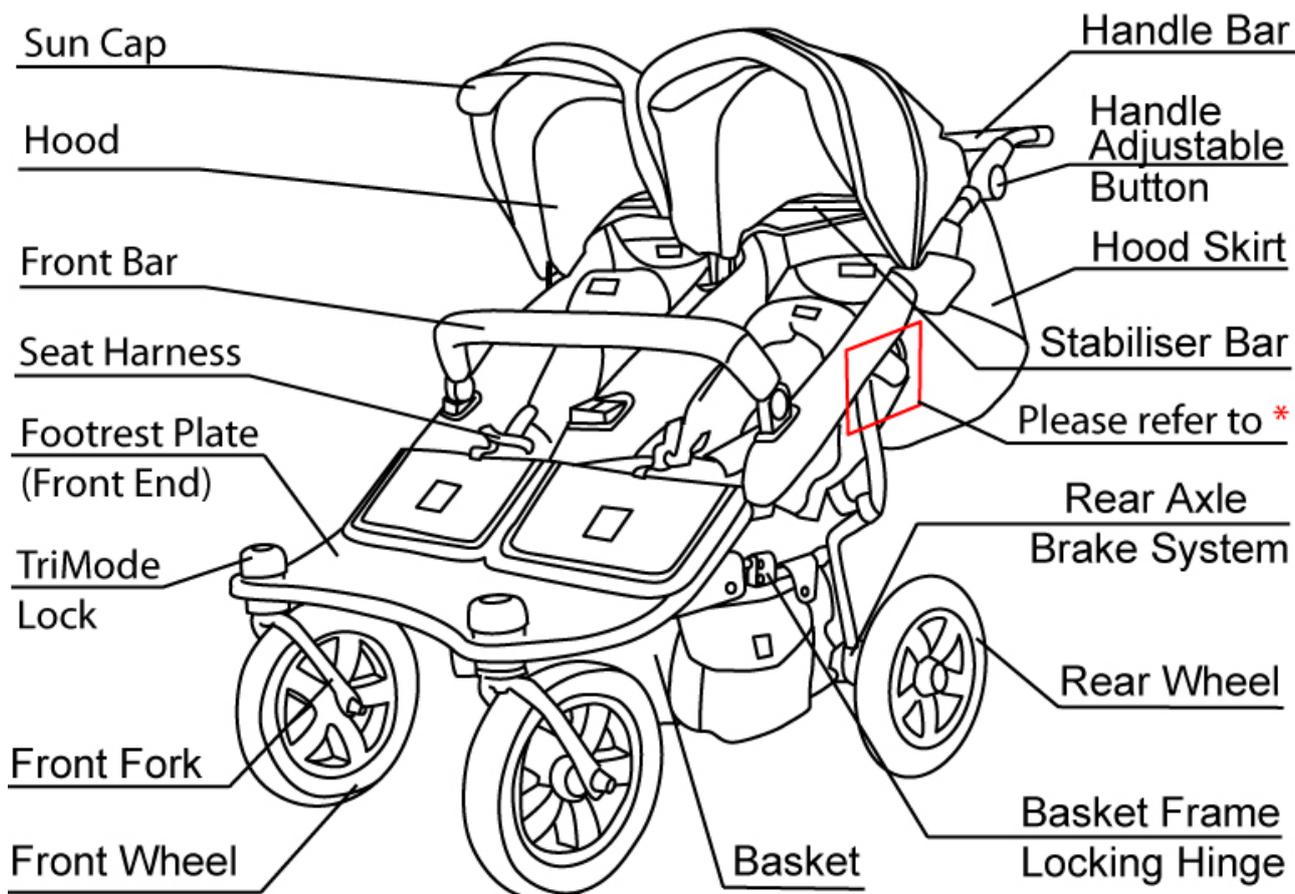
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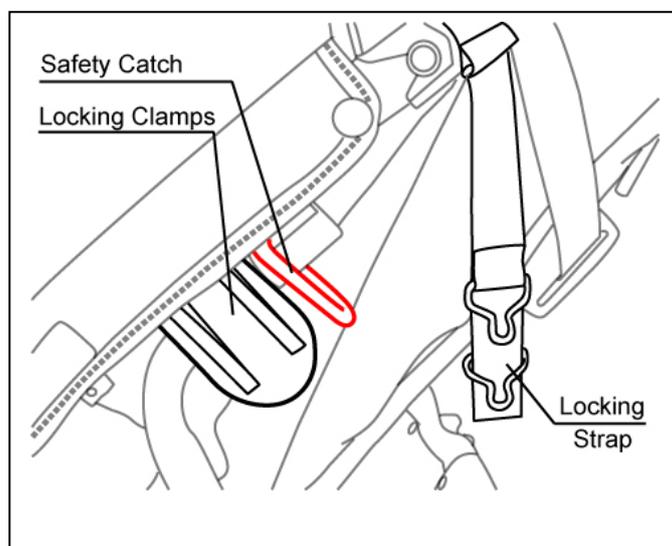
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Stroller Overview



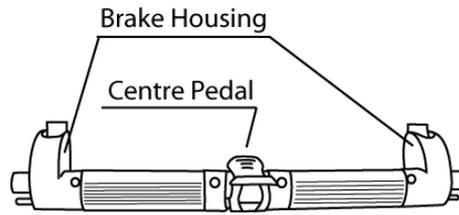
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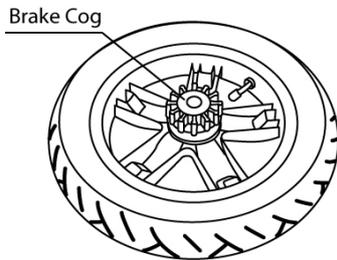
Basic Components

1 x Chassis installed with Seat Liner and Basket

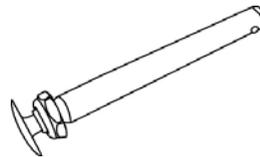
1 x Rear Axle-Brake System



2 x Rear Wheels



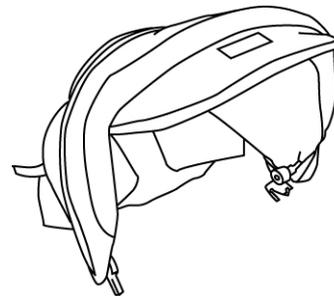
2 x Rear Axle Pins (SQR Axles)



2 x Front Forks & Front Wheels



2 x Hoods (Left & Right Side)



1 x Twin Runabout Front Bar



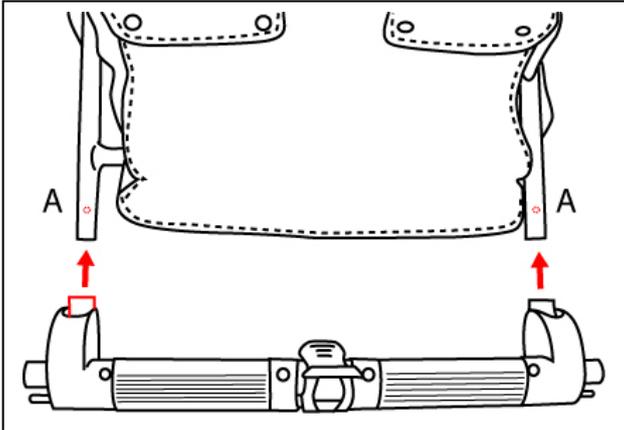
4 x Nylon Housing Bracket Plugs



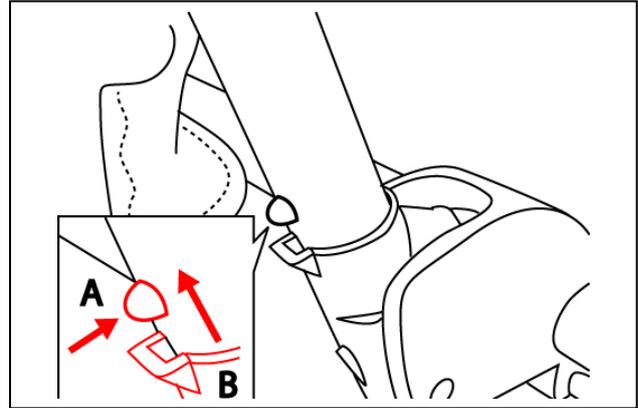
Stroller Assembly

Remove the stroller from the carton and dispose of all packaging immediately. The front wheel forks, rear wheels, front bar, and hood all need to be installed prior to use.

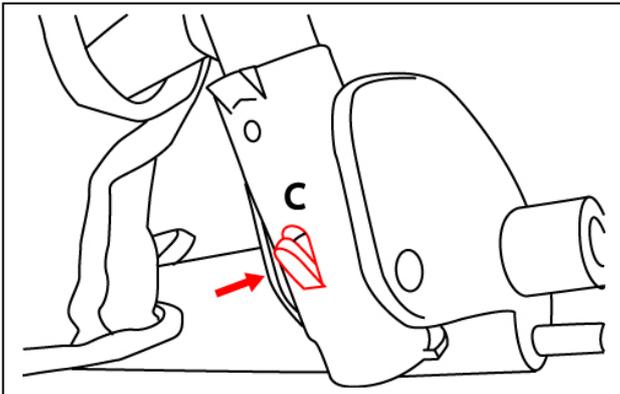
Installing/Removing the rear axle-brake system



1. Take the rear axle with the longer part of the centre pedal facing to the rear.
2. Identify the locking pins (A) located on both rear frame legs.
3. Align the locking pins (A) with the corresponding notches in the brake housing (B).



4. Push brake housing upwards on frame leg until pins (A) lock into the housing (B).
5. Pull on the entire axle to test that it is securely locked into place.



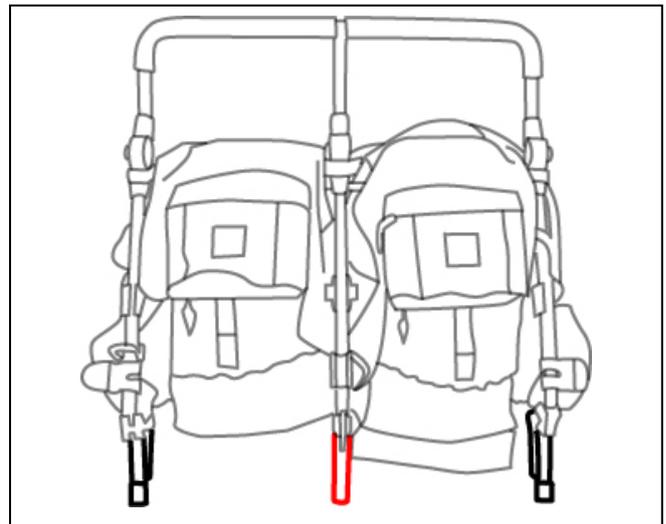
6. Should you need to remove the brake system for long-term storage, release each brake housing by pressing on the pin release flap (C) and simultaneously pushing the housing downwards.

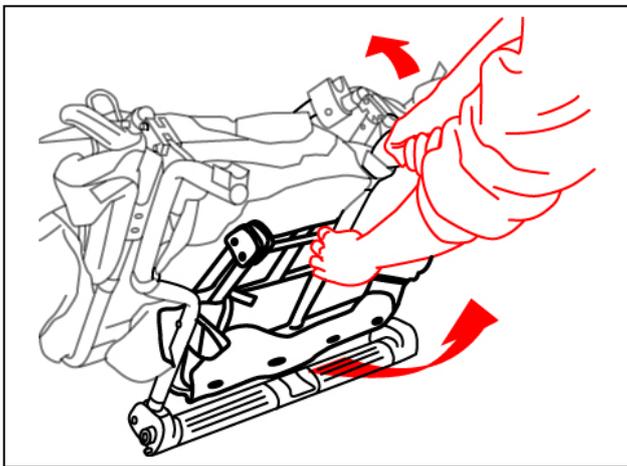
Opening the stroller chassis

Lay the stroller flat on the floor and carefully cut the cable tie which holds the frame.

To unfold the chassis, locate the rear legs.

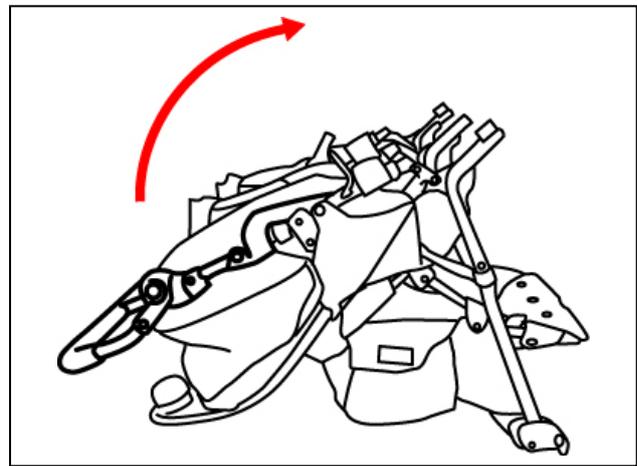
NOTE: The rear centre leg is highlighted in red.



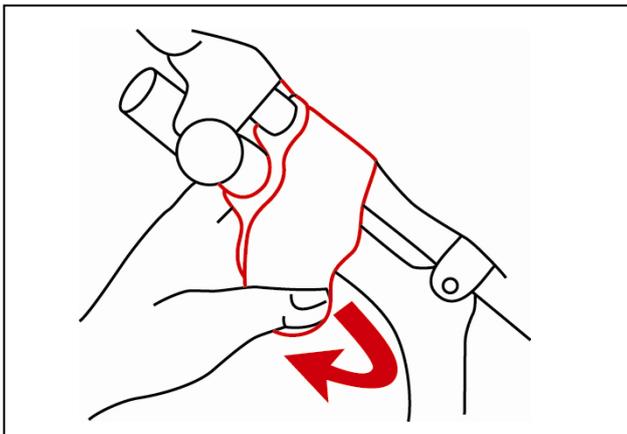


Unfold the chassis:

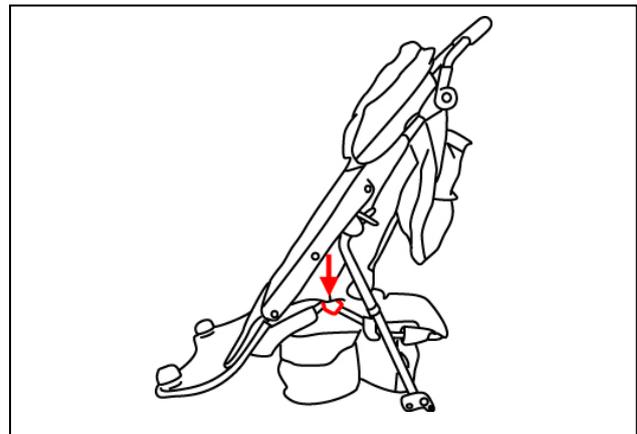
1. Holding the rear centre leg, lift the stroller upwards.
2. Pull the centre leg outwards as far as it can go.



3. Lift the handle upward and back to a vertical position.



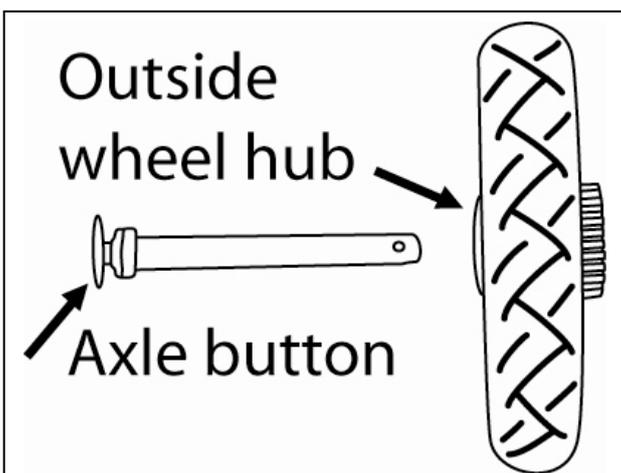
4. Secure the handle by swinging the locking clamps (located on both sides of the frame) and fully engaging them tightly onto the frame.



5. Press down on the basket frame locking hinge with your hand or foot.

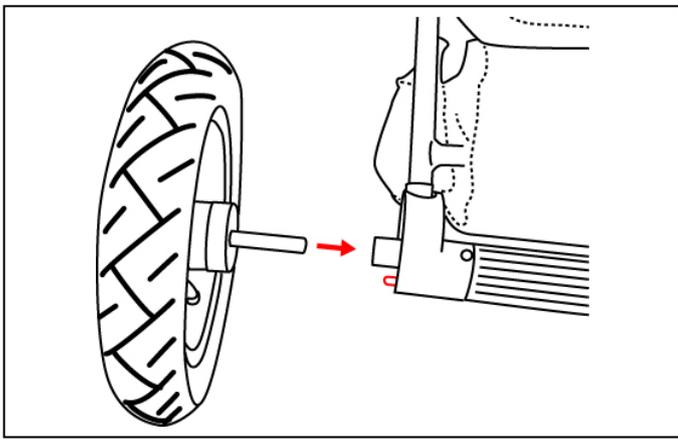
IMPORTANT WARNING: Always test that all latches are securely engaged before use.

Installing/Removing the rear wheels



1. Pressing on the centre hub button, insert the SQR axle through the outside of the hub in each wheel.

IMPORTANT: Insert through outside of the wheel (the side which does NOT have the nylon brake cog).

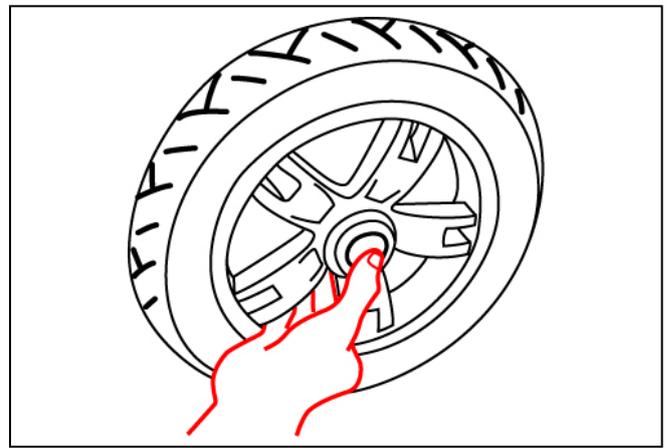


2. Pressing the axle button, insert the protruding long axle into the opening in the axle tube. (Refer to 'Using your brakes')

NOTE: Ensure that the brake pedal is fully retracted, so that the brake pin (highlighted in red) does not obstruct the wheel cog from fully engaging the housing.

3. Repeat the procedure for the other side.

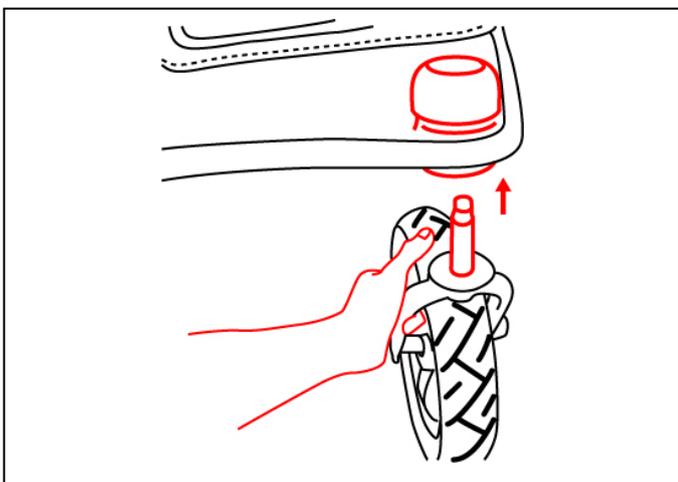
TEST that each wheel is securely engaged by pulling on it.



4. To remove the wheel, simply press the axle button in the centre of the wheel hub and simultaneously pull the wheel outward.

If your brakes do not engage, check to see the nylon brake cogs are on the **INSIDE** of each wheel when it is attached to the chassis. If not, remove the wheel and SQR axle and re-insert the SQR axle from the other side of the wheel, so that the cog will be on the inside of the wheel.

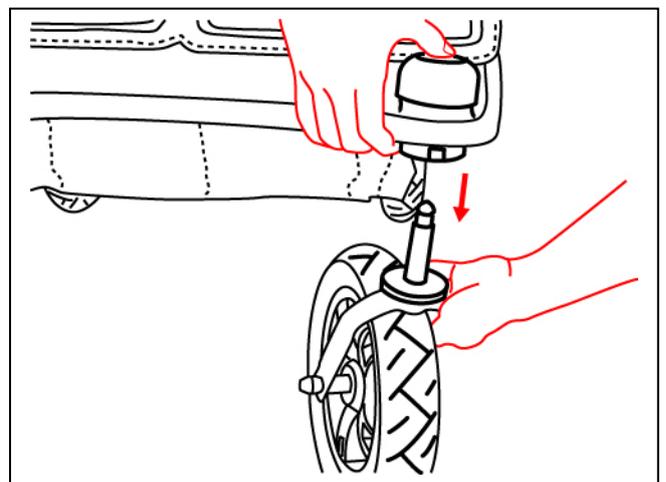
Installing/Removing and using the front wheel forks



Your Twin Runabout stroller utilises our unique and revolutionary new **DUAL TRI-MODE™** front swivel system:

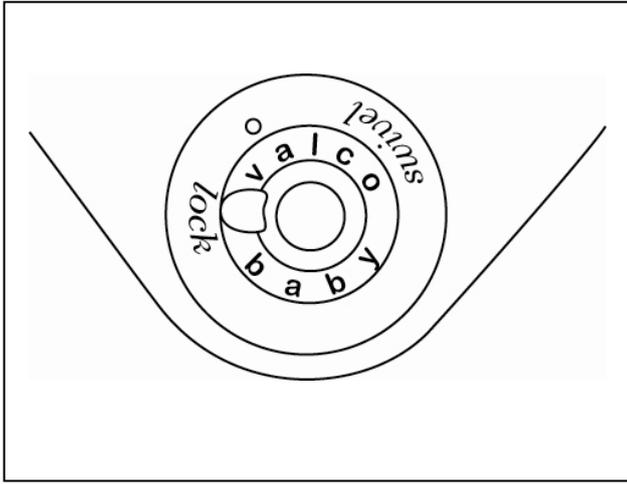
1. Tilt the stroller frame upward so that it rests on the handle and the rear wheels.
2. Insert each fork shaft respectively into each TRI-MODE housing till it "clicks" into place.

IMPORTANT: Before use, always test that the fork is securely engaged in the housing by pulling on it.



To remove the front fork:

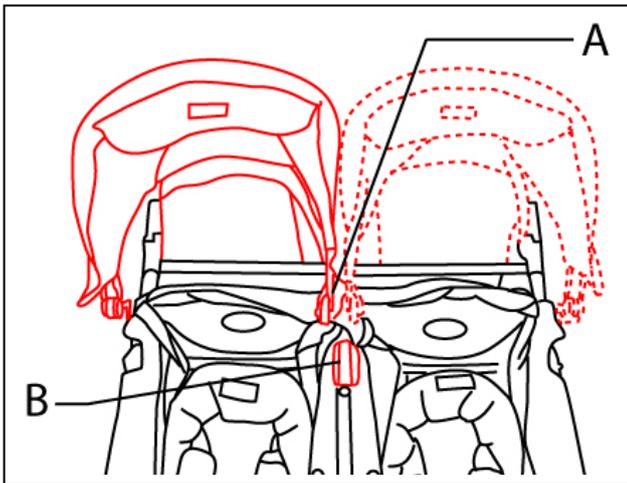
1. Rotate the TRI-MODE selection dial to the centre (45°) position.
2. Tilt the stroller frame upward so that it rests on the handle and the rear wheels.
3. Press the centre release button and pull the fork away from the mechanism.



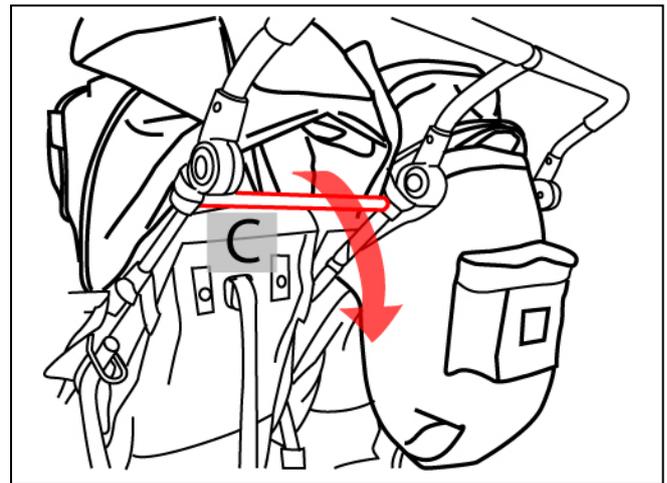
The unique **TRI-MODE™** swivel system is as flexible as it is functional over a variety of terrains and uses.

1. **LOCK:** This position is best for use on extremely rough or soft terrain such as sand etc which inhibit wheel swivel. To lock your wheel, rotate the dial to the "LOCK" position. Swivel the wheel around till it locks into position.
2. **Q:** The central position locks the wheel into a tight 45° swivel arc. This provides more stability for use with a toddlerseat or when going down inclines so as not to turn so sharply!
3. **SWIVEL:** This position allows full, unfettered 360° swivel action.

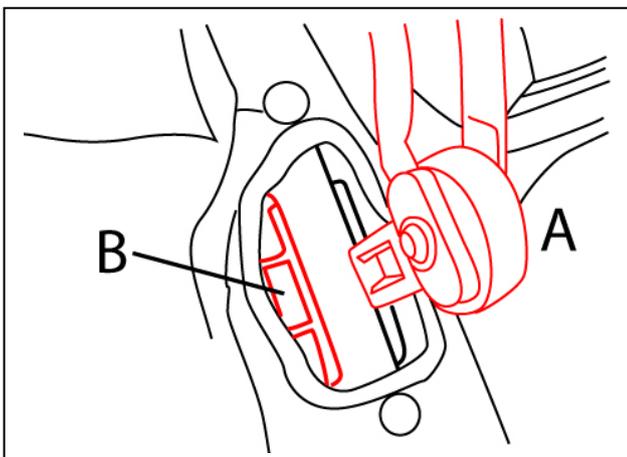
Installing/Removing your hoods



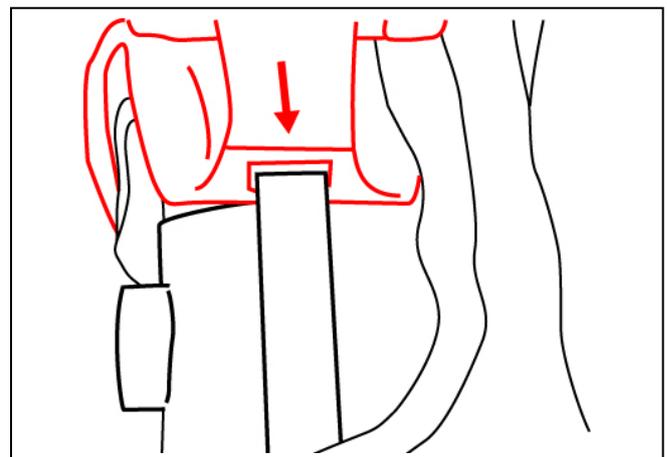
Identify left right side hoods, where each centre section (A) is in the middle of the pram.



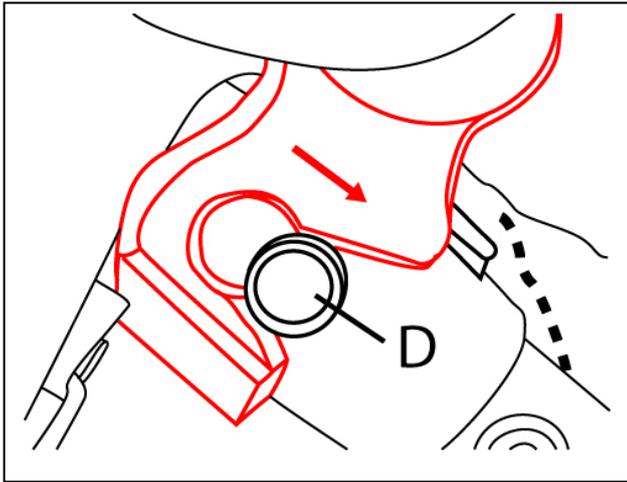
Place the rear hood skirt **OVER** the stabiliser bar (C).



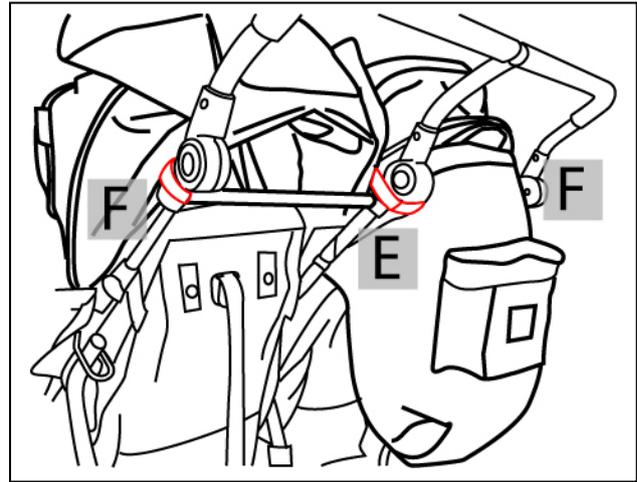
1. Insert hood section (A) into the corresponding housing in the centre of the seat (B).



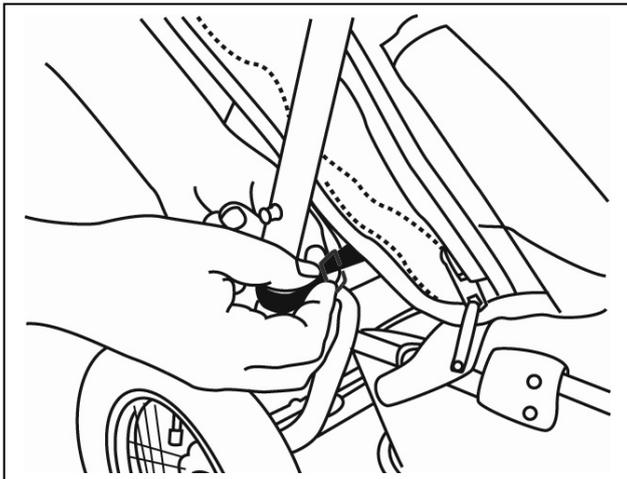
2. Place the other plastic hood housing above the corresponding housing on the side of the stroller. Be sure that the locking strap is out of the way and **ABOVE** the hood housing.
3. Align the raised track on the stroller housing with the corresponding channel in the hood housing.



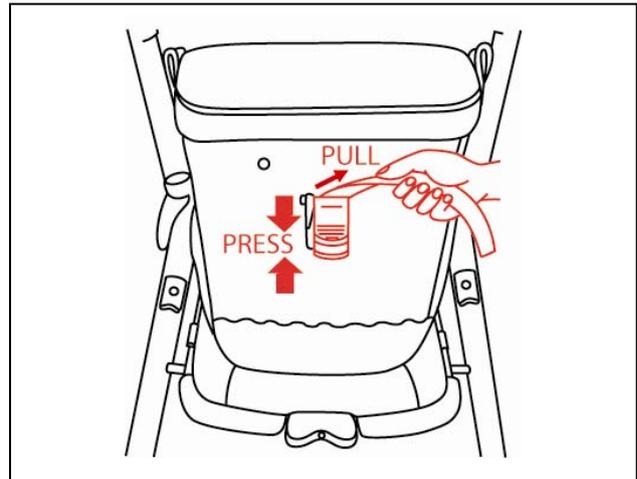
4. Slide the hood housing downward, engaging the track in the channel, continue sliding downward until the rivet outside (D) is fully engaged in the housing.
5. Repeat the procedure for the other hood.



6. Secure each hood to the rear of the frame with Velcro straps at the centre (E), and both sides of the hood (F).



NOTE: Before using your stroller, be sure to attach the tether straps around the stroller frame by feeding the strap through the slit in the steel buckle. While not essential for safety, these additionally secure the seat to the stroller frame.

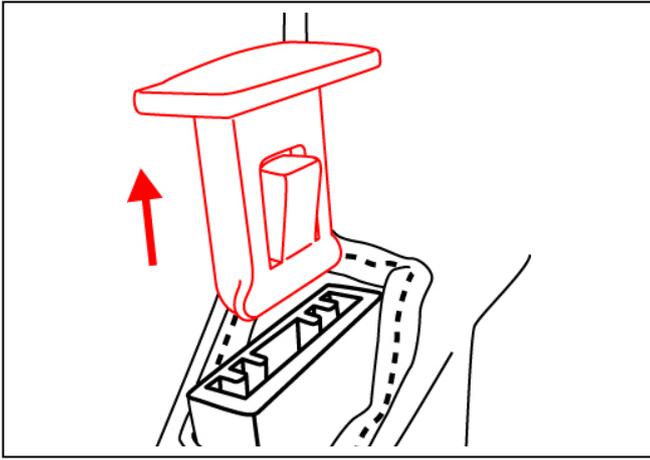


The new “no zip” recline offers an almost infinite amount of seat adjustments:

1. **RECLINE:** While squeezing the centre release mechanism in a pincer action, ease the seat down to the desired position.
2. **INCLINE:** Place your hand in the centre of the rear of the seat.
3. Pull the incline strap while gently pushing on the rear of the seat until the desired position has been reached.

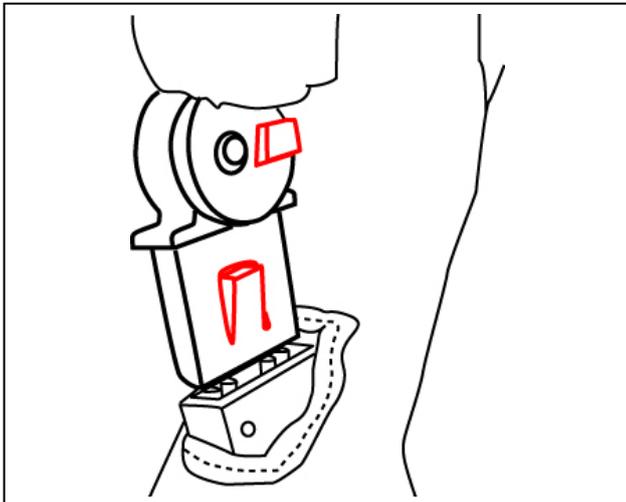
IMPORTANT WARNING: Always test that the seat is securely locked in place.

Installing/Removing your front bar



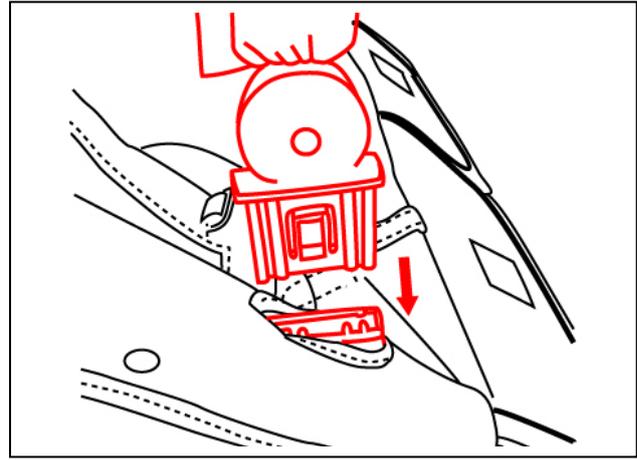
1. Remove the plugs from the nylon housing at either side of the stroller frame by pressing each inner “release button” and pulling the plug upward.

NOTE: DO NOT remove the plugs in the centre between both seats. Be sure to store the removed plugs in a secure place as they **MUST** be used whenever nothing is engaged in the front bar housing to prevent finger entrapment.



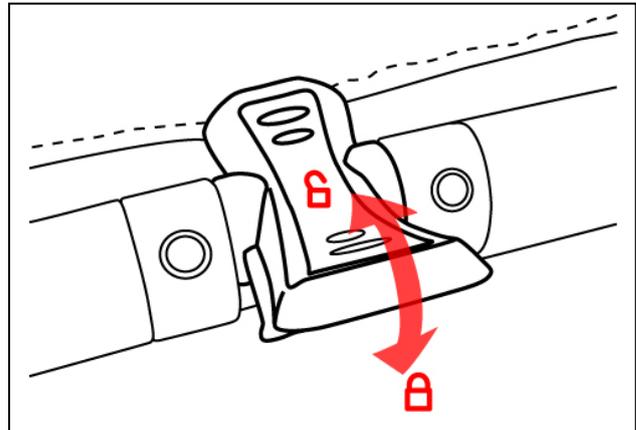
4. Insert the bar ends into the nylon housing located on either side of the frame. Be sure that the red buttons are facing towards the seat and that the bar is securely engaged.
5. Adjust the front bar by simultaneously pressing the two red buttons and swivelling the bar (forward or backward) to the desired position.

IMPORTANT WARNING: The front bar **IS NOT** a restraining device.



2. Insert the bar ends into the nylon housing located on either side of the frame. Be sure that the red buttons are facing towards the seat and that the bar is securely engaged.
3. Adjust the front bar by simultaneously pressing the two red buttons and swivelling the bar (forward or backward) to the desired position.

Using your brakes



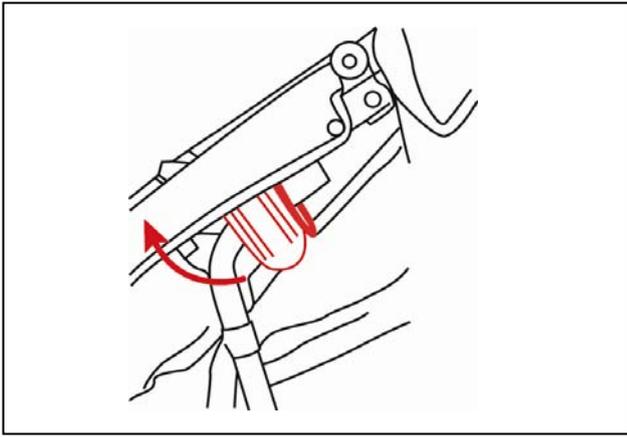
TO ENGAGE:

1. Press down on the centre pedal until the brake pins engage in the nylon brake cogs in the wheel hub.

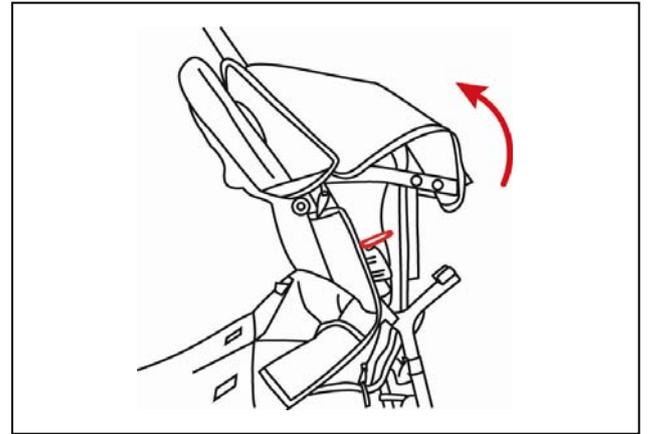
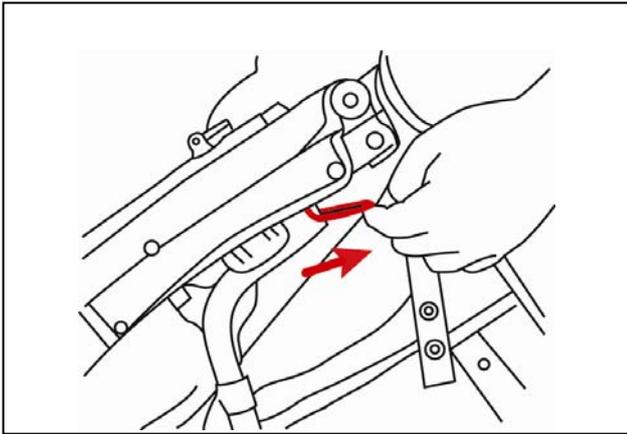
IMPORTANT: Always check that the brake has engaged before use, if not you may need to move the stroller forward or back slightly until it locks into place.

2. To disengage, lift the centre pedal upward till it locks in the upright position.

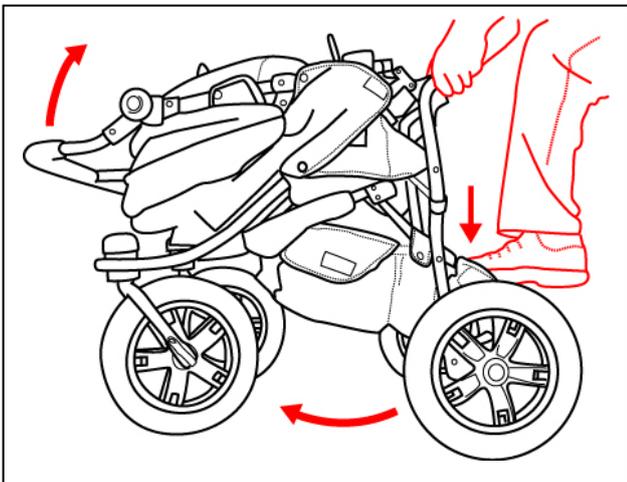
Folding/Opening your stroller



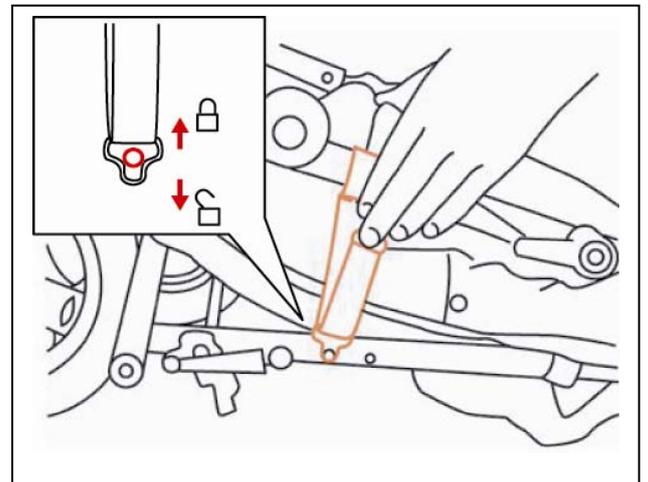
1. Fold the hood back up against the handle.
2. Release the locking clamps at either side of the stroller.



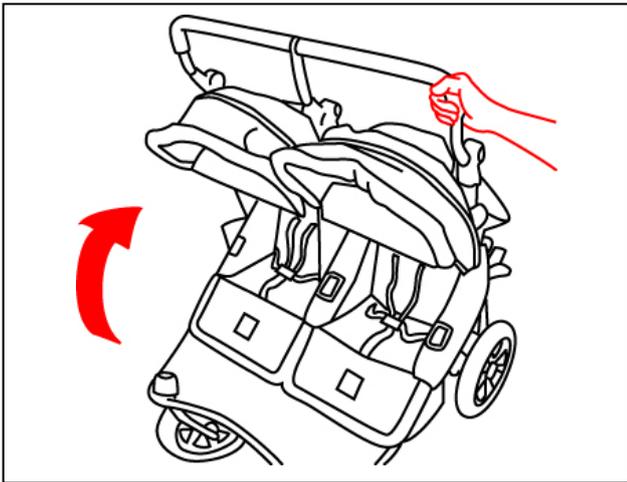
3. Simultaneously lift the secondary safety catch (located at the left hand side of the stroller while standing behind) and swing the handle forward.



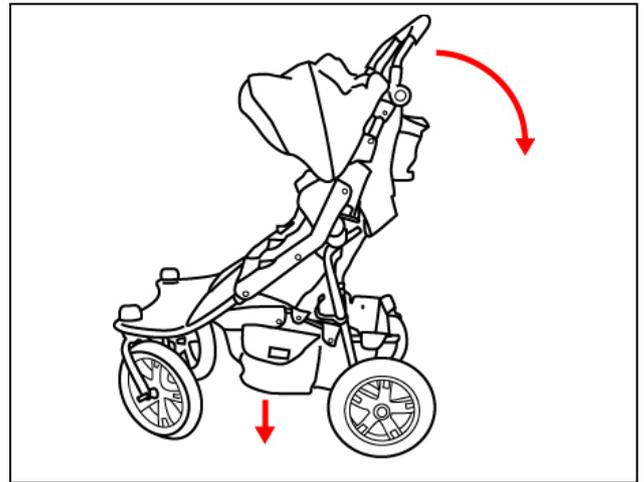
4. Holding the rear legs at both sides, press down with your foot on the rear basket tube. This will disengage the basket frame locking hinges.
5. Continue pushing the rear of the basket, moving the rear wheels forward beneath the frame.



6. You can lock the frame closed by stretching each locking strap (located at either side of the chassis) over the frame, placing each catch over the rivet on the chassis.
7. **To open**, unlock each locking catch by pushing downward in the catch till it disengages from the rivet head.
8. Push the handle bar downward to assist in fastening and releasing the locking strap.



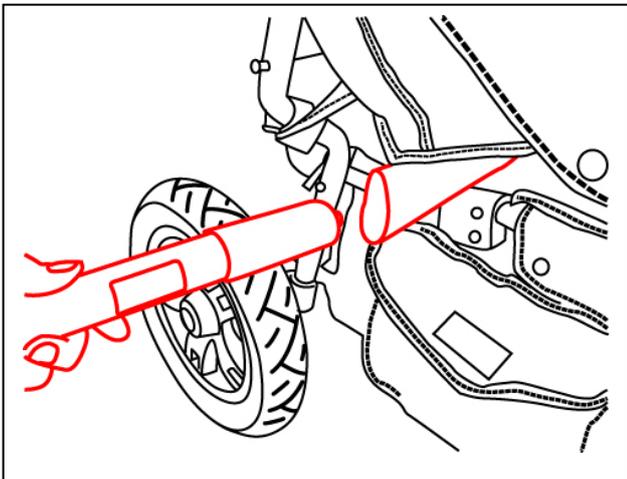
9. With your foot on the inside of the rear wheels, stopping them from moving, lift the handle upwards. (This will begin to move the rear wheels away from the



10. Press down on the basket frame locking hinges to lock the frame in the open position.
 11. Secure the handle to the frame by engaging the locking clamps on both sides.

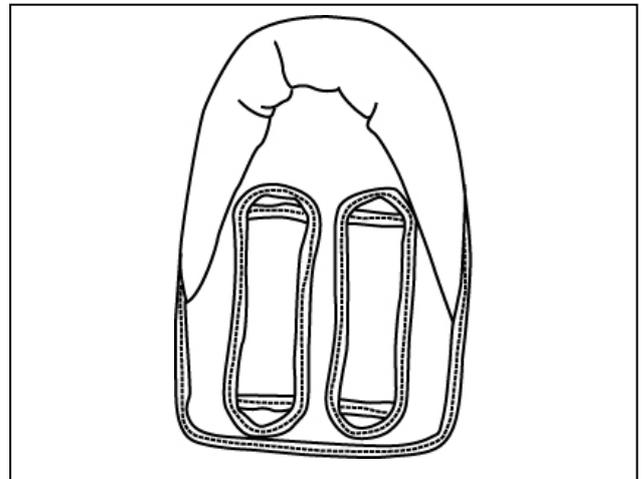
IMPORTANT WARNING: Always test that all axles, wheels, front bar, hinges and locks are securely engaged before use.

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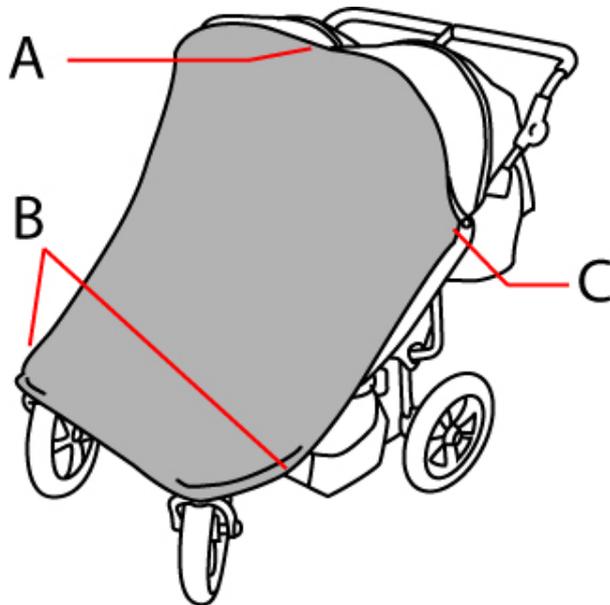


Your Twin Runabout stroller is equipped with a tyre pump that hangs in a special pocket found sewn beneath the right hand seat at the rear.

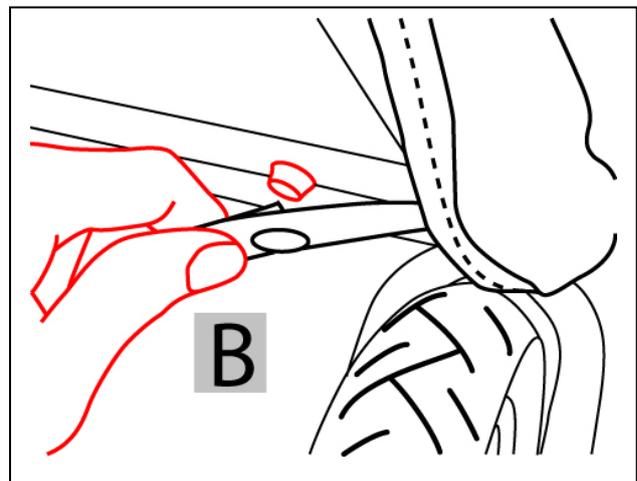
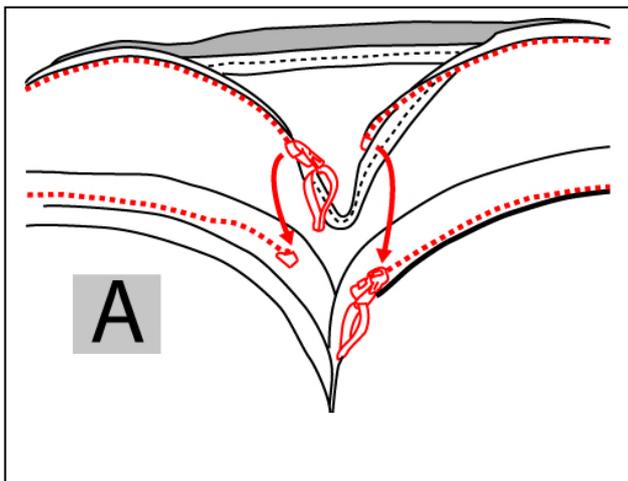
Your tires should be kept at a pressure of **40 psi**. Under-inflated tyres can cause excessive and uneven tire wear, greater susceptibility to punctures and greater difficulty in smooth operation. By squeezing the tyres between two fingers, there should be a small amount of give in the tyre.



Your Twin Runabout stroller is equipped with a removable "Head Hugger" and shoulder harness covers. The "Head Hugger" is designed to optimise the comfort of newborn babies within the stroller. The shoulder straps increase your child's comfort levels when in the harness as well as keeping harness adjusters away from busy fingers.

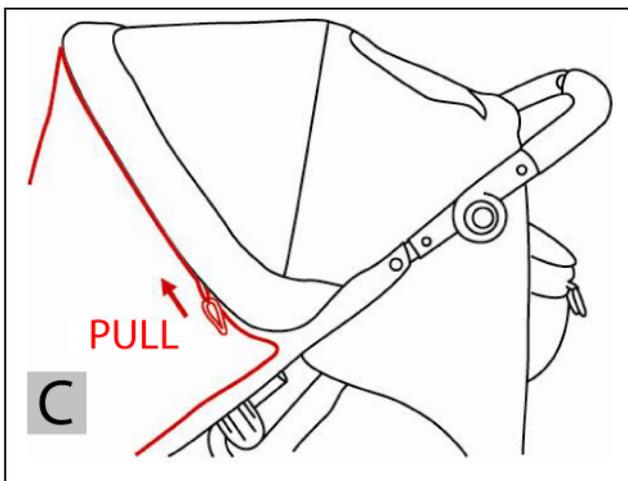


Your Twin Runabout hoods are fitted with zips to which attaches our unique silver insect mesh.



1. Align the centre of the mesh above both expanded hoods, ensuring that the zip ends are in the correct position as shown in (A).
2. Run the zips all the way across each hood arches for the mesh to fully cover the front end.

3. Secure the front edge of the insect mesh by fastening the studs under the footplate as shown in (B).



4. Having individual zip openings on each side of the stroller, the insect mesh can be opened by pulling on either side of the seat respectively.

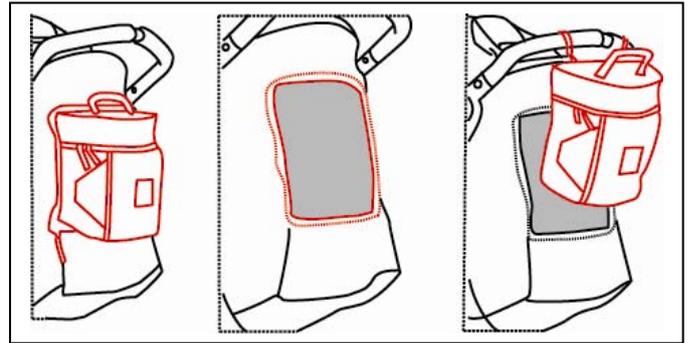
UV Protective Insect Net

Our unique insect net zips directly in to the inside of your RUNABOUT Tri Mode hood. In addition to keeping baby cool, comfortable and safe from insects, it also blocks up to a massive **80%*** of the sun's harmful **UV rays**.

(* tested to Australian Standard 4399)

AIRGO™ SYSTEM

Your Twin Runabout has been designed to maximise air flow within the stroller by way of our exclusive Airgo™ system. This unique system combines a special breathable seat fabric, with our unique hood skirt. This incorporates a zip-off bag which reveals a mesh air vent, which allows additional air flow for your child's comfort. The bag can be hung from the stroller handles.

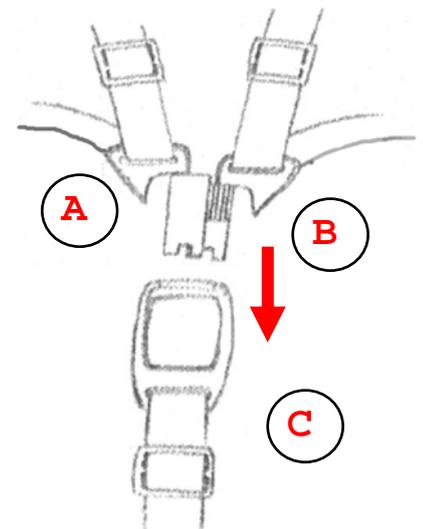


Using your harness

Your Runabout stroller is fitted with our unique new multi point safety harness system. Your child **MUST** always be harnessed while in the stroller.

TO SECURE YOUR CHILD IN THE HARNESS:

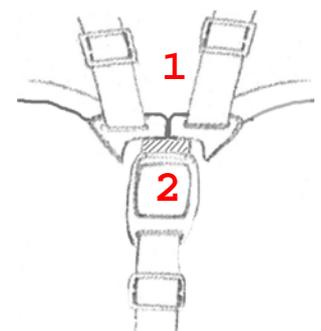
1. Overlap buckles (A) and (B) so that they fit together to form one complete buckle.
2. Insert the completed buckle into the Buckle Housing (C) until it engages securely in place.
3. Carefully adjust the harness straps to snugly fit your child by adjusting the Sliders located on all Shoulder Straps, Waist Straps and the Crotch Strap.
4. Your harness can be adjusted for even more comfort for smaller or larger children (at the top of the seat back and front of the seat) by threading/removing the crotch or shoulder straps through the webbing sewn into the seat. You will need to detach the waist straps at the sides of the stroller in order to do so. **(To detach the waist straps:** With a pincer movement, depress the centre buckle button and pull the strap free from the housing.)
5. To prevent older children tampering with the strap adjustments and for greater child comfort, your **RUNABOUT** stroller is provided with 2 soft strap covers for each harness. To fit, detach the waist straps at the sides of the stroller (as in point 4) and thread the strap through the strap cover. Re-attach each strap.



The harness should be snugly fitted to the baby's body, tight enough so that the baby cannot wriggle itself free of the straps but loose enough so as not to cause the baby any discomfort.

TO OPEN YOUR HARNESS:

1. Press down on the Buckle Prongs (1).
2. Simultaneously push the release button in the centre of the buckle (2)
3. Pull the buckles from the Buckle Housing.



Your harness system has been designed to meet very stringent safety standards and incorporates our unique secondary action. This helps ensure that your child cannot release the harness unaided.

OPTIONAL/ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES



Toddlerseat

Available in versions for both Single and Twin Runabout models, the optional toddlerseat sits firmly inside the chassis. Perfect for twins and an older sibling (Twin model) or when a new baby comes along and junior still likes to go for a ride! Both Twin and single models even fold totally out of the way with the stroller! See your local specialist retailer for more info and suitability.



UV Protective Insect Net

Our unique insect net zips directly in to the inside of your RUNABOUT Tri Mode hood. In addition to keeping baby cool, comfortable and safe from insects, it also blocks up to a massive **80%*** of the sun's harmful **UV rays**.

(* tested to Australian Standard 4399)



Boot cover

The generous proportions of this fleecy lined boot keep your child warm and protected from the elements while offering a sense of space without constriction.



Foot Muff

With tailored slots for the harness system, the fleecy lined muff keeps your child comfortable in cool conditions, while the top zips off to convert it to a comfy stroller pad.



Sunstopper (Universal fit)

The unique SUNSTOPPER provides the ultimate protection from the sun's harsh rays, while providing a comfortable open environment for the child. The roll up blind system means that the child can be shielded from the sun without being fully enclosed, and folds up into its own self enclosed pouch for easy storage.



Bottle/Cup Holder (Universal fit)

The revolutionary VALCO BABY cup/bottle holder was designed for the busy lifestyle of today's parents and carers. With the specially designed holding section big enough to accommodate up to a 1.5 litre bottle or those big coffee cups, refreshment is always within easy reach!



Travel Storage Bag

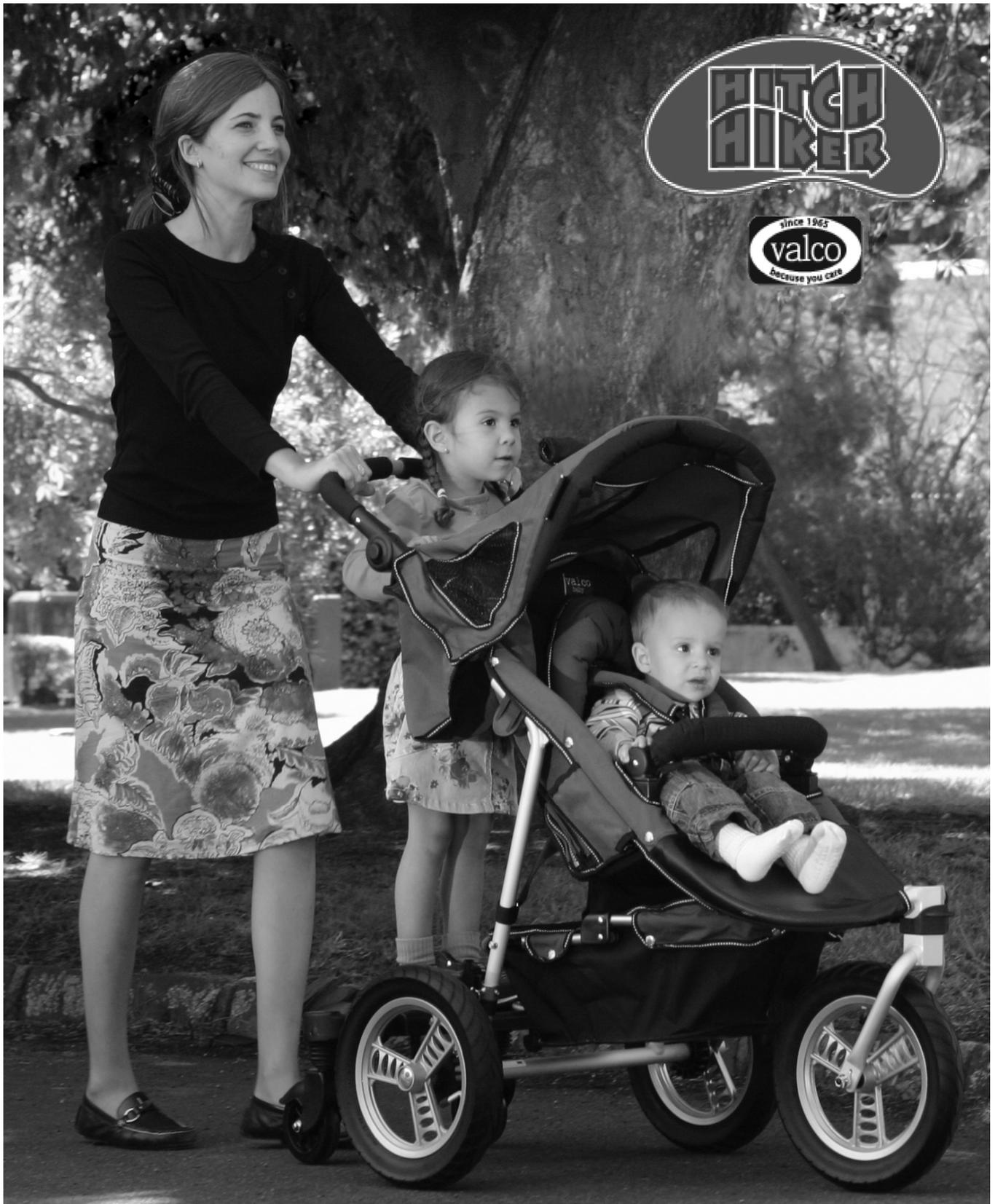
Available in BLACK only, the travel bag is specifically tailored to the RUNABOUT model and provides sections and compartments for all the components including wheels, axles etc.



4 Season Foot Muff

With all the features of the standard model, the 4 season model includes a zip out top section which reveals our unique **80%*** UV protective net. This allows even more cool and regulated airflow in warmer conditions.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES



The VALCO **HITCHHIKER** is a boon to any parent with a child who is old enough to walk but young enough to need to rest along the way. Made of high quality and extremely sturdy materials (maximum weight 30 kg's / 66 lb's), the **HITCHHIKER** is easily adjustable for height, width and distance from the stroller which makes it fit most brands, makes and models of strollers. The handy "hang up" system means it can hang out of the way when not in use, while the unique quick release systems allows for quick and easy removal.

All this and more makes the **HITCHHIKER** the perfect option for that "in between" age child. See your local specialist retailer for more information.



WARNINGS



Your child's safety is your responsibility

Be sure to check that all clamps and buckles are securely fixed and in place before use. Check all parts for breakage or fatigue before use. Discontinue **immediately** if any part is found to be damaged or broken.

The **maximum** weight of the child for which this stroller is intended is 22 kg's (48 lbs) each child.

The **maximum** height of the child for which this stroller is intended is 106 cm (42 in).

This product will become unstable if the recommended load is exceeded.

Can be used from birth +. A cocoon specially designed to be used with a stroller is recommended when any fully reclining stroller is used with a newborn.

NEVER jog with a newborn baby in any pram or stroller until the child can sit up unassisted (approximately 6 months).

ALWAYS ensure that the child is clear of all moving parts when adjusting the stroller.

ALWAYS beware of little fingers when folding or unfolding your stroller to prevent finger entrapments.

ALWAYS engage the brake system when the stroller is at rest.

NEVER leave any child unattended in the stroller.

NEVER use on escalators or stairs.

When in the stroller the child must **ALWAYS** wear the safety harness, correctly fitted and adjusted, at all times.

DO NOT hang shopping bags from the handle as this may affect the stroller's stability.

Always use the basket provided, the **maximum** weight in the basket is 6 kg's (13 lbs)

Do not carry additional children. It may be unsafe to use any accessories other than VALCO approved ones.

ALWAYS be aware of the risks provided by fire and other significant sources of heat such as radiators etc. which may be in the immediate vicinity of your stroller.

This product is intended for domestic use only. It is not intended for commercial use.

Continued and extended exposure to sunlight and the elements can change the colours of many materials. To avoid fading, always cover and store in a shaded area.

Caring for your stroller

Moving parts may be lubricated with silicone based lubricants – do not use oil. Regularly check wheels for loose spokes – tighten as necessary.

Your Twin Runabout chassis is made of aluminium alloy but does include some metal parts. Special care must always be taken to avoid rust. If this pram is used near the ocean or salty air environments, spray the chassis and seat frame with water and dry thoroughly. This is particularly important for metal parts such as **screws** and **springs**. We recommend rust inhibiting product should be applied to prevent accelerated rust and fatigue of these metal

We recommend that you wipe down axles and lubricate the wheels every 3 months, particularly the front wheel and housing. Sand and dirt can grind down axles so, if you live, walk or run near/on the beach or in a dusty environment, you must remove and wipe down the axles and wheels, then lubricate them **MONTHLY**.

AXLES AND MOVING PARTS ARE BEST LUBRICATED WITH SILICONE BASED PRODUCTS. DO NOT USE OIL BASED PRODUCTS.

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