

**Fisher-Price®**

# Grow-With-Me™ Car Seat

**5-Point Harness Mode  
(20 - 40 lbs.)**

**OWNER'S MANUAL**

Model 79711

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## Message to Parents for 5-Point Harness Mode

Thank you for choosing the Fisher-Price® Grow-with-Me™ Car Seat.

This car seat can be used in two different modes: 5-Point Harness for a child 20-40 lbs.; or Booster Car Seat (without harness) for a child 30-80 lbs.

**If your child is at least one year of age and 20-40 lbs., please read this side of this owner's manual for 5-Point Harness Mode information.**

Before you use this car seat, please take time to read and understand this manual completely. **DO NOT** allow others to use this car seat until they understand these instructions for proper use. **Your child's safety depends on you!**

No one can predict when the use of a car seat will prevent injury or death. When this car seat is used properly, it will reduce the risk of injury in a sudden stop or crash.



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## WARNING

Proper installation and use depends on you! If you do not follow the instructions in this manual and the labels on the car seat, paying particular attention to the warning statements, your child could be at risk of striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash, resulting in serious injury or death.



**ALWAYS** secure this car seat with your vehicle belt system exactly as described in this manual. Refer also to your vehicle owner's manual for specific information on your vehicle belt system and specific instructions on how to install a car seat in your vehicle.



**ALWAYS** use the tether strap when using the car seat in 5-Point Harness Mode. Your child's safety is significantly enhanced in the event of a crash if the tether strap is used. The tether strap significantly reduces forward motion of your child's head during a crash, greatly reducing the likelihood of head injury.



## WARNING



**NEVER** leave an unsecured car seat in your vehicle. If left unsecured, even when not occupied, the car seat could injure other occupants in a sudden stop or crash.



**NEVER** dress your child in clothing that interferes with positioning the crotch strap between your child's legs. If the crotch strap is not positioned between your child's legs, your child could eject from the car seat in a crash.



**NEVER** allow the shoulder straps to be loose around your child. If the shoulder straps are not snug against your child, your child will not be properly restrained.



**NEVER** use the car seat after it is involved in a crash. A crash can cause damage to the car seat that you cannot see.

# IMPORTANT!

- Please read the entire side of this manual carefully before using the car seat in 5-Point Harness Mode. Keep this manual under the clip on the back of the car seat for easy reference.
- This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS 213) and the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J1819 for child restraint systems; and when used in 5-Point Harness Mode is certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft.
- The Grow-With-Me™ Car Seat in 5-Point Harness Mode is intended for use by children who: are at least 1 year old; weigh between 20 and 40 lbs. (9 and 18 kg); and are between 28 and 40 inches (71 and 102 cm) tall. If your child does not meet these criteria, **DO NOT** use this car seat in this mode. Depending on the age and size of your child, your child may be able to use this car seat in Booster Car Seat Mode (30-80 lbs.). Please refer to the instructions in the other side of this owner's manual.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that a child be at least 1 year old **and** 20 lbs. to ride in a forward-facing car seat.

# IMPORTANT!

- If your child weighs between 20 and 40 lbs., but cannot sit upright unassisted, please contact your physician to determine how best to use a car seat.
- This car seat includes a locking clip (stored on the headrest) for use with a particular vehicle belt system. Only use the locking clip to install the car seat in 5-Point Harness Mode. Attach the locking clip to a vehicle lap and shoulder belt system with a sliding latch plate. Please refer to page 13 to help identify this type of vehicle belt system and instructions beginning on page 43 for locking clip use.
- If you do not need to use a locking clip, store it under the tabs on the back of the headrest.
- Fisher-Price® recommends that child restraints be replaced after eight years to provide the best assurance that the child restraint is: in reliable working condition; well-suited for use in constantly changing automobile interior designs; and reasonably current in relation to Federal regulations. When you replace your car seat for any reason, make sure that it can no longer be used by another child by disposing of it properly.

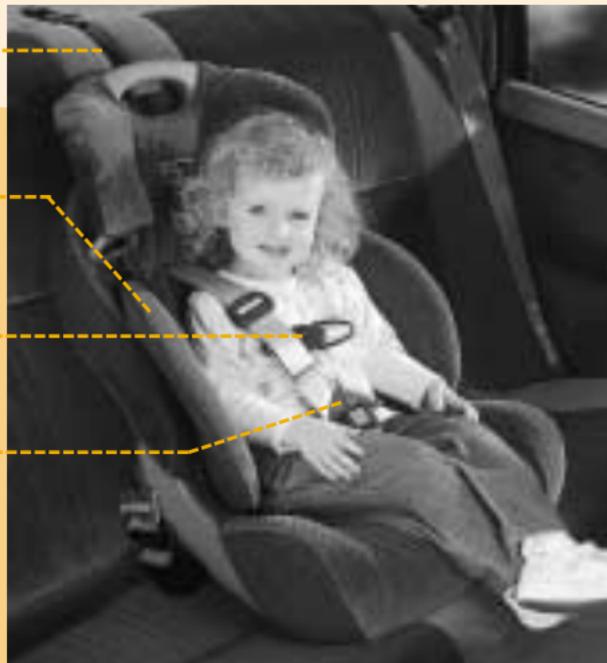
## All About 5-Point Harness Mode (20-40 lbs.)

TETHER STRAP

"WING" CUSHION

CHEST CLIP

5-POINT HARNESS



The safety features of this Fisher-Price® car seat will reduce the risk of injury to your child in a crash; however, no car seat can prevent serious injury or death in all crashes.

## All About 5-Point Harness Mode (20-40 lbs.)

**Tether Strap:** An additional belt anchoring car seat directly to your vehicle's frame, reducing forward motion in an accident and significantly reducing the potential for injury.

**"Wing" Cushion:** Provides extra support for your child.

**Chest Clip:** Keeps harness shoulder belts in place to properly secure your child.

**Five-Point Harness:** This up-front harness adjuster is easily accessible, with five anchorage points to safely restrain your child in the car seat. Harness is used all the way up to 40 lbs.

## What Kind of Vehicle Belt System Do You Have?



### WARNING

**ALWAYS** secure this car seat with your vehicle belt system exactly as described in this manual. Refer also to your vehicle owner's manual for specific information on your vehicle belt system and specific instructions on how to install a car seat in your vehicle.

## What Kind of Vehicle Belt System Do You Have?

There are many different types of vehicle belt systems. Some vehicle belt systems can never be used with this car seat in 5-Point Harness Mode. Read your vehicle's owner's manual and check to determine which type of vehicle belt system or systems you have in your vehicle.

Many vehicles have more than one type of vehicle belt system. For example, you may find lap only belts in center seating locations and lap and shoulder belts in side seating locations. If you are not sure which type of vehicle belt system you have, contact your vehicle dealer or manufacturer.

The illustrations on page 12 show vehicle belt systems that can never be used with this car seat in 5-Point Harness Mode and page 13 shows vehicle belt systems that are acceptable for use. If you do not have a seating location with a usable vehicle belt system, **DO NOT** use this car seat. Your vehicle manufacturer may be able to install a vehicle belt system that will be able to restrain your child properly in this car seat. **NEVER** alter your vehicle belt system yourself.

# NEVER USE These Vehicle Belt Systems

## NEVER USE Door Mounted Lap and Shoulder Belt

**Explanation** – This lap and shoulder belt system is attached to the vehicle's door and moves when the door is opened. This system will not keep the car seat secure.



## NEVER USE Motorized Shoulder Belt

**Explanation** – The lap belts with these systems cannot be tightened for a firm fit. Also, the shoulder belt moves along a track and may become entangled with the car seat when the door is opened.



## OK to USE These Vehicle Belt Systems



### Manual Lap Belt

#### *Explanation*

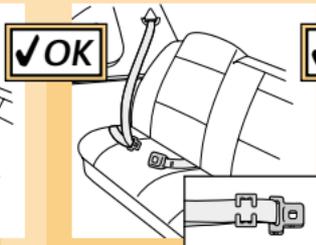
The lap belt is tightened by pulling the free end.



### Automatic Locking Retractor Lap Belt

#### *Explanation*

The lap belt slack retracts automatically and locks. It can be further tightened by pushing the belt in near the retractor.



### Lap and Shoulder Belt with Sliding Latch Plate

#### *Explanation*

Pull the shoulder portion of the belt to tighten. The shoulder belt retracts automatically. Use the enclosed locking clip with this type of lap and shoulder belt.



### Lap and Shoulder Belt with Locking Latch Plate

#### *Explanation*

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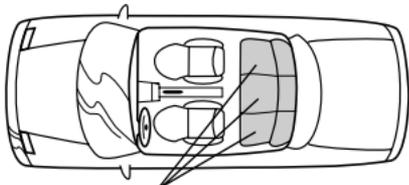
## Selecting a Vehicle Seating Location for Your Car Seat

### IMPORTANT!

**Accident statistics show that children are safer when restrained properly in rear vehicle seating locations than in front seating locations.** Only use the front seat when no acceptable rear seating location is available. If the front seating location is equipped with an airbag but must be used, adjust the vehicle seat as far back from the dashboard as possible. Please refer to your vehicle owner's manual regarding front seat child restraint use.

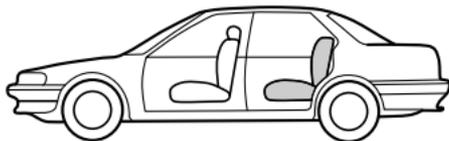
## Selecting a Vehicle Seating Location for Your Car Seat

← Front of Vehicle



The rear seating locations are **ALWAYS** preferred.

← Front of Vehicle

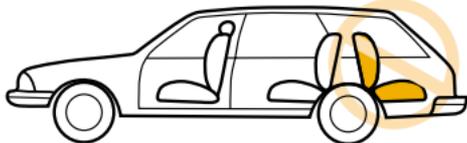


**ALWAYS** use vehicle seats that face the front of the vehicle.



**NEVER** use vehicle seats that face the side of the vehicle.

← Front of Vehicle



**NEVER** use vehicle seats that face the rear of the vehicle.

## Tether Anchor Installation

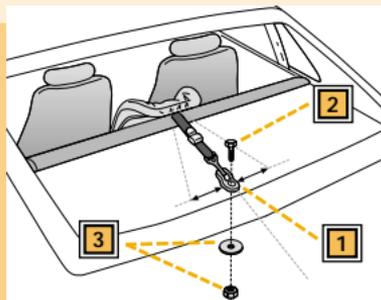
A tether strap is required only when using the car seat in 5-Point Harness Mode. Use of the tether strap is an effective way to reduce a child's forward motion in the event of a crash. And, reducing forward motion improves your child's safety! To use the tether strap, you must have a tether anchor in your vehicle.

**If your vehicle was manufactured in or after 1999**, you may already have a factory installed tether anchor. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for tether anchor locations in your vehicle.

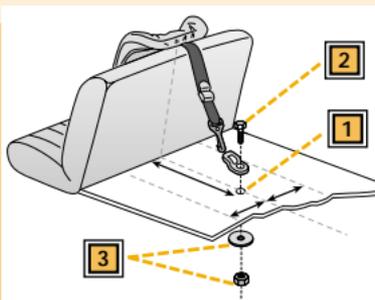
**For most vehicles manufactured between 1985 and 1999**, you must contact your vehicle dealer to obtain a tether anchor kit that is specifically designed to fit your vehicle. Vehicle manufacturers will provide tether anchor kits and in many cases, free installation of a tether anchor.

**If your vehicle was manufactured before 1985** or a tether anchor kit is not available for your particular vehicle, use the universal tether anchor kit provided with this car seat. Before installing the tether anchor, install the car seat in the desired location and check to be sure that the vehicle seat belt system holds the car seat securely.

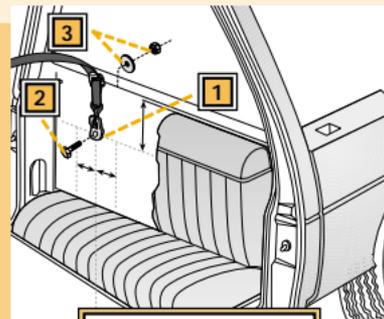
# Tether Anchor Installation



2 and 4 Door Car



Van, Hatchback, Station Wagon or Sport Utility



Pick-Up Truck

**1** Drill a  $\frac{5}{16}$ " hole through solid metal.

- For a 2 and 4 door car, make sure the hole is at least 8" away from the top and not more than 3" away from the center line of the car seat.
- For a van, hatchback, station wagon or sport utility vehicle: make sure the hole is behind the vehicle seat and still accessible by the tether strap; and no more than 4" from the center line of the car seat.
- For a pick-up truck, make sure the hole is at least 8" from the top of the vehicle seat and no more than 3" from the center line of the car seat.

## Tether Anchor Installation

- 2 Insert the bolt through the anchor and into the hole in your vehicle.
- 3 From inside your trunk or the outside or underside of your vehicle, attach the washer and lock nut to the end of the bolt. While holding the bolt tight with a wrench, tighten the lock nut securely with another wrench.

# Assembly

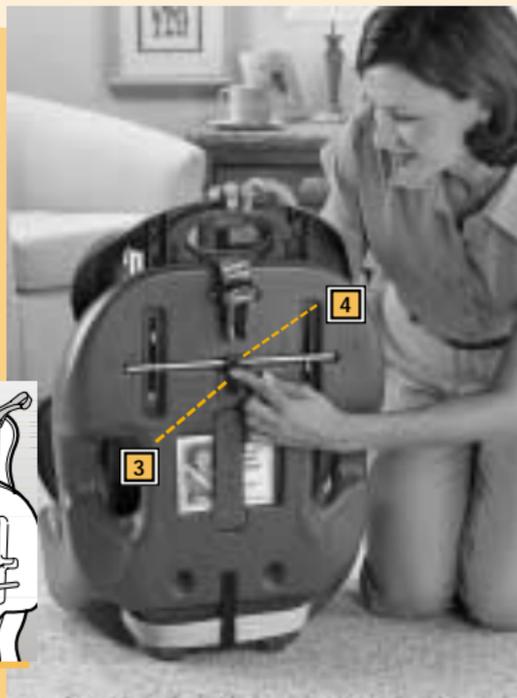
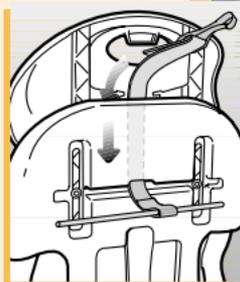
- 1** Push the rod clip down to unlock the rod on the back of the shell.
- 2** Slide **only** the harness shoulder straps off of the rod. **DO NOT** remove the tether strap from the rod.



## Assembly

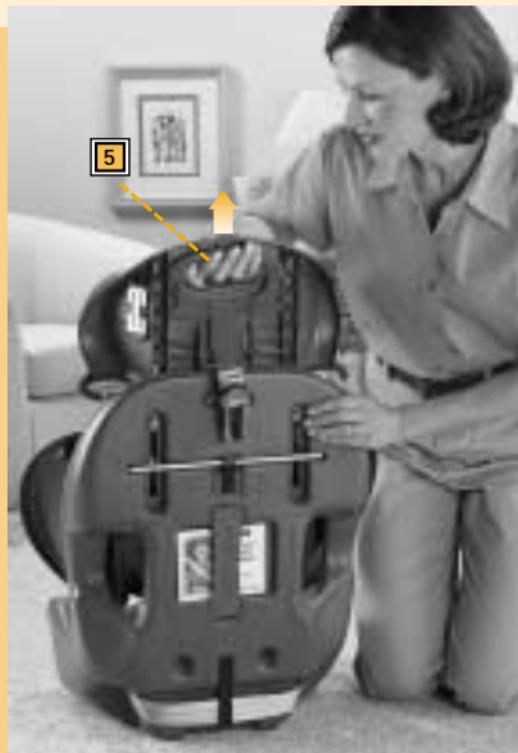
- 3 Push the rod clip up to lock the rod in place.
- 4 Make sure the tether strap is still looped onto the rod.

**Note:** When properly installed, the tether strap is through the slot behind the headrest; comes out through the slot in the groove of the shell; and is looped onto the rod.



## Assembly

- 5 Squeeze the headrest release button and slide the headrest all the way up to the highest position.



## Assembly

- 6** From the front of the car seat, press both release tabs on the “wing” support to remove it.



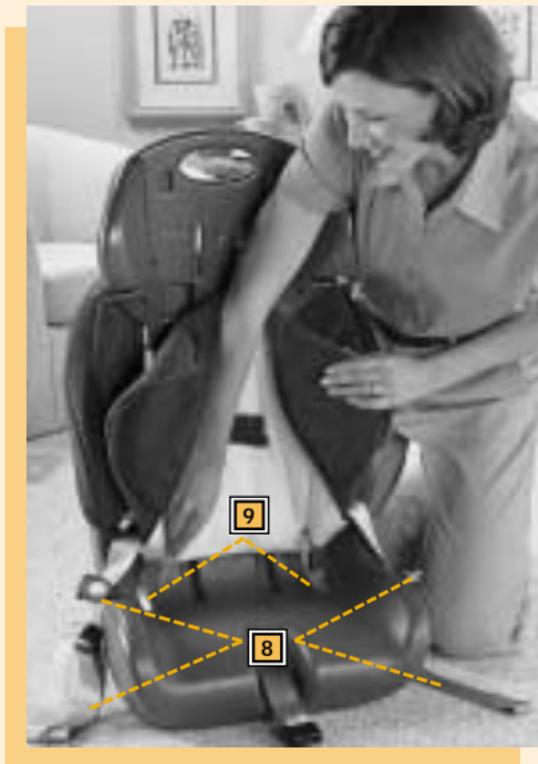
## Assembly

- 7 Position the seat pad onto the shell so that the headrest is through the opening in the seat pad.



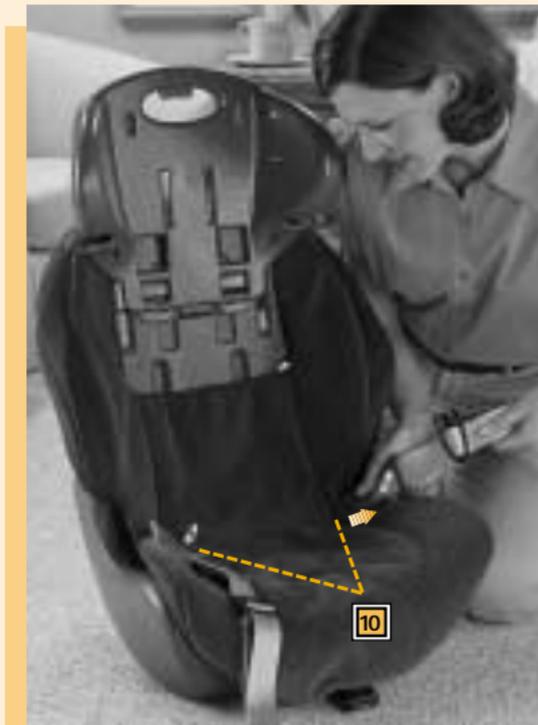
## Assembly

- 8** Lift the bottom of the seat pad and unbuckle the chest clip and harness.
- 9** Then, insert the seat pad's elastic loops through the slots in the shell.



## Assembly

- 10** Carefully fit the harness shoulder/lap straps through the slots in the seat pad. **Make sure the straps are not twisted.**



## Assembly

- 11 Tip the shell backwards. Attach pad's elastic loops (that were inserted through the bottom of the shell) to the clip on each side of the seat pad.



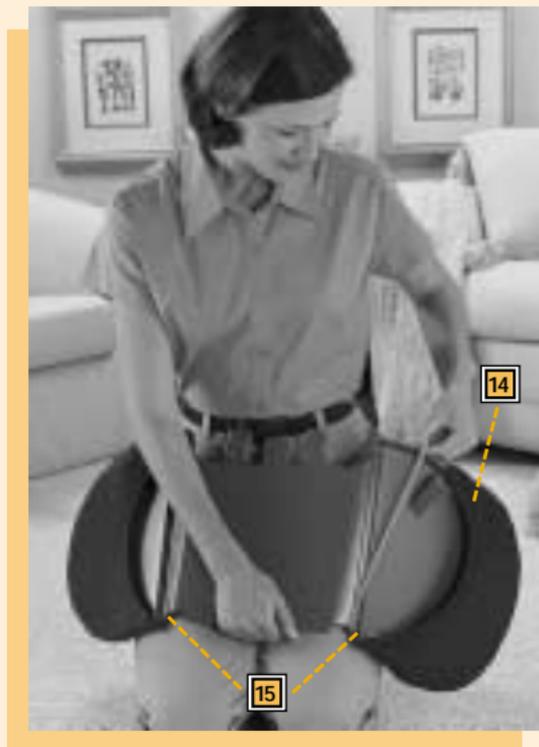
## Assembly

- 12 Reach under the seat pad and fit the crotch strap buckle up through the slot in the seat pad.
- 13 Insert the shoulder/lap strap latch plates into the crotch strap buckle. **Make sure you hear a “click” for each latch plate.**



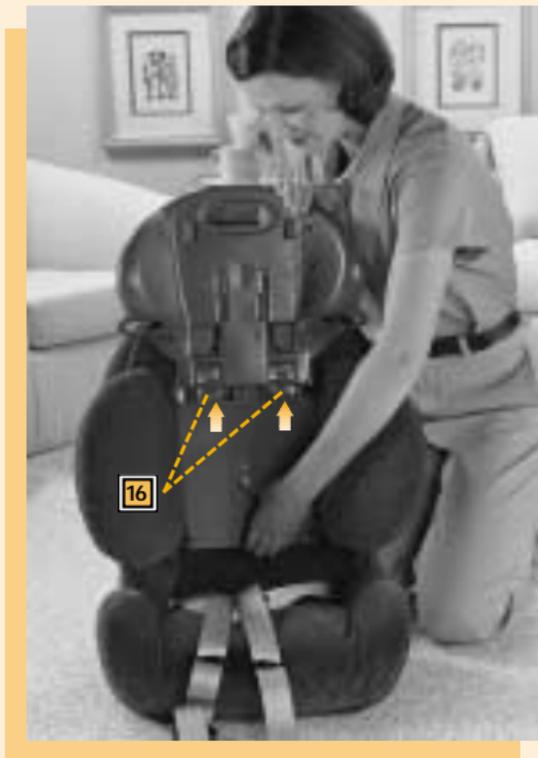
## Assembly

- 14 Fit the “wing” pads onto each end of the “wing” support.
- 15 Fit the elastic strap on the each “wing” pad into the groove on each side of the “wing” support.



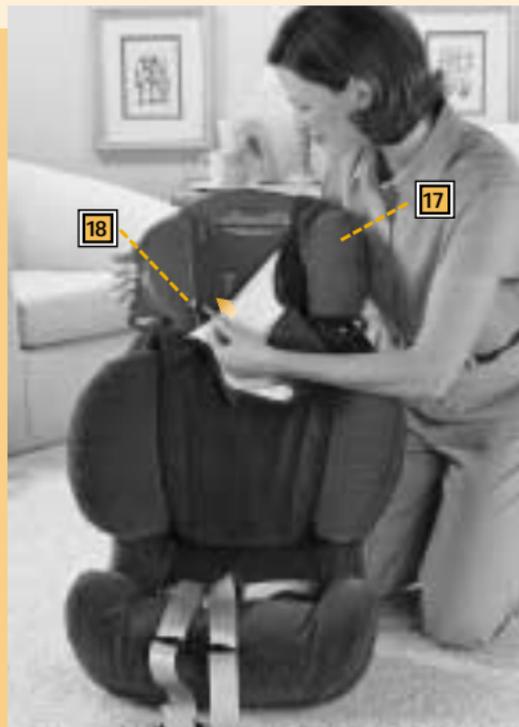
## Assembly

- 16** Insert and “snap” the tabs on the “wing” cushion up into the slots in the bottom of the headrest.



## Assembly

- 17 Fit the headrest pad onto the headrest.
- 18 Insert the headrest pad's elastic loops through the holes in the headrest.



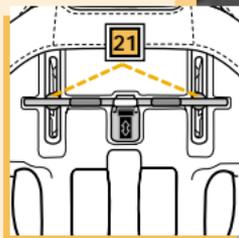
## Assembly

- 19 Attach the headrest pad's elastic loops (that were inserted through the headrest) to the clip on each side of the headrest pad.
- 20 Make sure the harness shoulder/lap strap is through the clip on the back of the car seat and is **NOT** twisted.



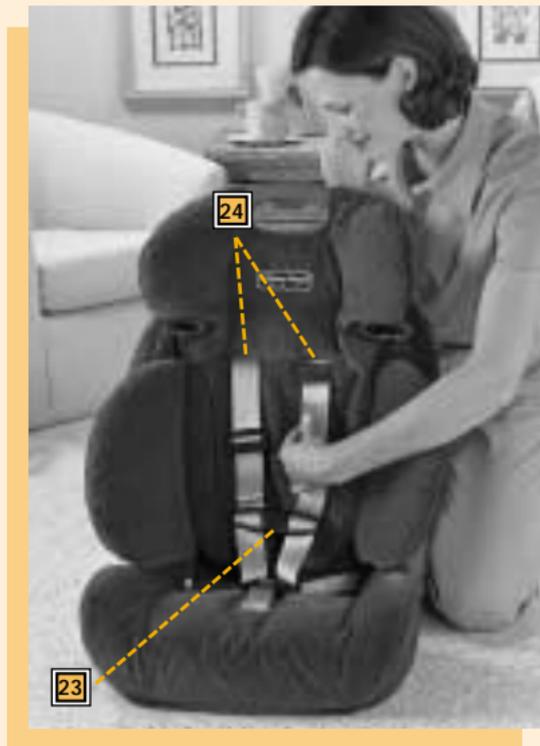
## Assembly

- 21** Squeeze the headrest release button and slide the headrest down so that the screws with washers line up with the rod.
- 22** Push the rod clip down to unlock the rod on the back of the shell. Let the rod hang from the shell, without allowing the tether strap from sliding off of it.



## Assembly

- 23** From the front of the car seat, fasten the chest clip.
- 24** Insert the shoulder straps through the slots in the seat pad and shell. **Make sure the shoulder straps are not twisted.**

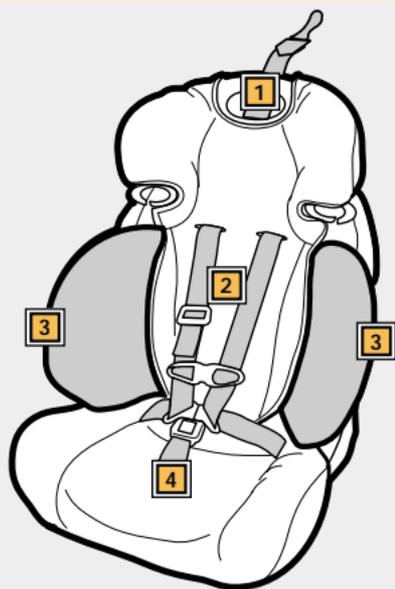


## Assembly

- 25** Fit the harness shoulder straps on the rod. **DO NOT** remove the tether strap from the rod.
- 26** Fit the rod with shoulder straps and tether strap into the groove in the shell. Push the rod clip up to lock the rod in place.



## Converting Modes 5-Point Harness (20-40 lbs.)



If you have used this car seat in Booster Car Seat Mode, you will need to convert it to 5-Point Harness Mode. Please follow the references below:

- 1** Add Tether Strap  
(see page 20, under the Note:)
- 2** Add 5-Point Harness Shoulder/Lap Belt  
(see page 25, step 10; page 27, steps 12 and 13; page 31, step 20; pages 32-34, steps 21-26)
- 3** Add "Wing" Cushion  
(see page 29, step 16)
- 4** Add Crotch Strap  
(see page 27, step 12)

## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

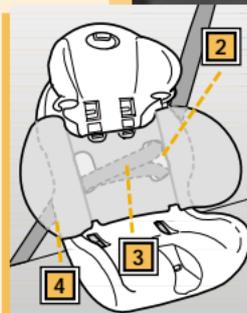
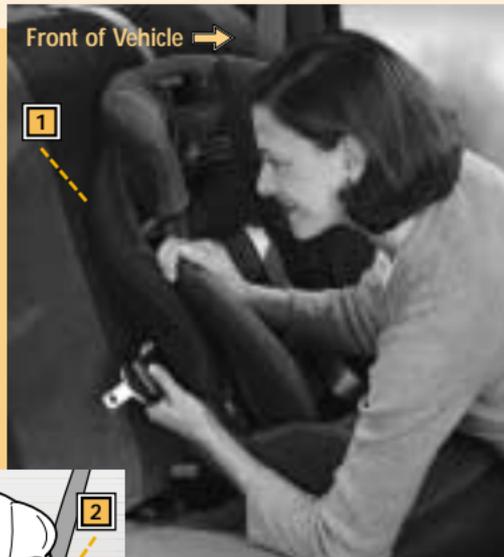


### WARNING

**ALWAYS** secure this car seat with your vehicle belt system exactly as described in this manual. Refer also to your vehicle owner's manual for specific information on your vehicle belt system and specific instructions on how to install a car seat in your vehicle.

## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

- 1 Once you have selected an acceptable seating location (see pages 14-15), place the car seat on the vehicle seat firmly against the vehicle seat back.
- 2 Fit the vehicle belt through the slot on the side of the car seat shell.
- 3 Continue to route the vehicle belt behind the car seat shell.
- 4 Pull the vehicle belt out through the slot on the opposite side of the car seat shell.



**Note:** For clarity, this illustration shows the shell without the pads or harness.

## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

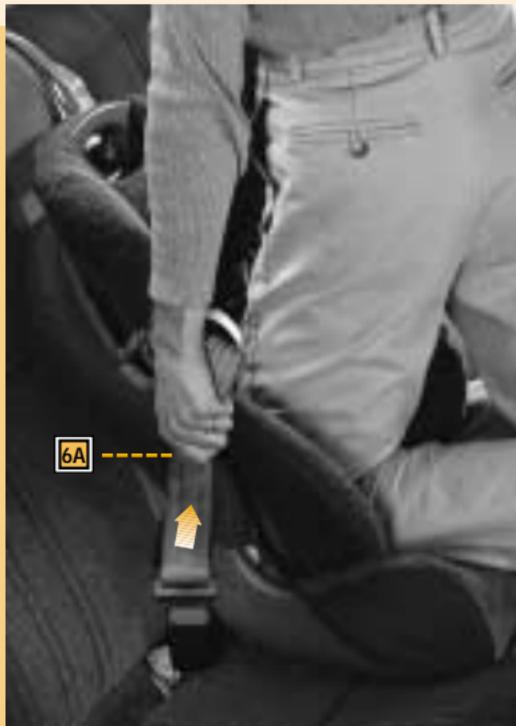
- 5 Buckle the vehicle belt.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

### 6A For a manual lap belt system:

With the vehicle belt buckled, push down on the car seat with your knee and pull the free end of the vehicle belt for the tightest possible fit.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

- 6B** For a lap and shoulder belt system:  
With the vehicle belt buckled, push down on the car seat with your knee and pull the shoulder belt for the tightest possible fit.

### HINT

Some vehicle belt systems have labels with instructions for use with car seats. Read the instructions on your vehicle's belt or refer to your vehicle owner's manual for specific instructions on how to tighten and lock your vehicle belt system.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

**7** Check to see if the lap portion of the vehicle lap and shoulder belt system loosens. Move the car seat from side to side. If you can loosen the lap portion of the lap and shoulder vehicle belt system, the lap portion probably does not have a locking mode and you will need a locking clip. (Included with your car seat.)

If the lap portion of the lap and shoulder vehicle belt system does not loosen, please proceed to step 12, page 45.

### HINT

*If you do not need a locking clip, store it under the clips on the back of the headrest for future use.*



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

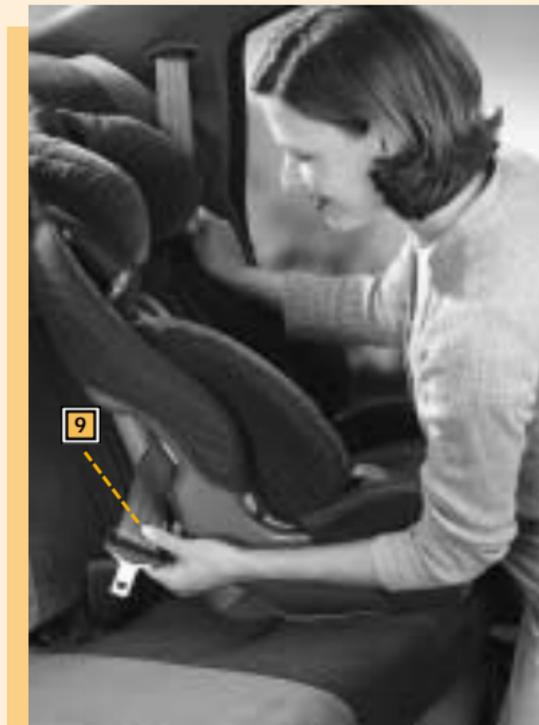
- 8** After properly tightening the vehicle belt system, you may notice that your car seat has pushed down and forward on the vehicle seat. This is normal, and as long as the lap portion of the lap and shoulder belt system does not loosen, you can proceed to step 12, page 45.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

### 9 To install the locking clip:

Re-tighten the vehicle lap and shoulder belt system (see page 40). Hold the lap and shoulder belts together just behind the tongue and unbuckle the vehicle belt. **Continue to hold the lap and shoulder belts together.**



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

- 10** While holding the belts together, tuck the edges of the vehicle belts under the arms of the locking clip. Make sure the locking clip is positioned approximately  $1/2$ " from the sliding tongue.
- 11** While pushing down on the car seat with your knee, buckle the vehicle belt system.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

- 12 Attach the tether strap hook to the tether anchor.
- 13 Pull the free end of the tether strap to tighten.
- 14 Fold or roll the excess tether strap and tuck it between the car seat and the vehicle seat.

**Note:** To remove the tether strap from the tether anchor, lift the tab on the adjuster to loosen the tether strap. Remove the tether strap hook from the tether anchor.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

- 15** Test your installation of the car seat again, this time by rocking the car seat forward and backward. You should **NOT** be able to pull the back of the car seat away from the vehicle seat more than one inch.

**Note:** Regularly check to be sure your car seat installation is secure.

### IMPORTANT!

If the lap belt continues to loosen after testing your installation, choose another vehicle seating location to install this car seat. If there is no position which will keep this car seat secured with a lap belt, contact your vehicle manufacturer. The vehicle manufacturer may be able to install a vehicle belt system that will be able to restrain your child properly in this car seat. **NEVER** alter your vehicle belt system yourself.



**CORRECT**



**INCORRECT** 

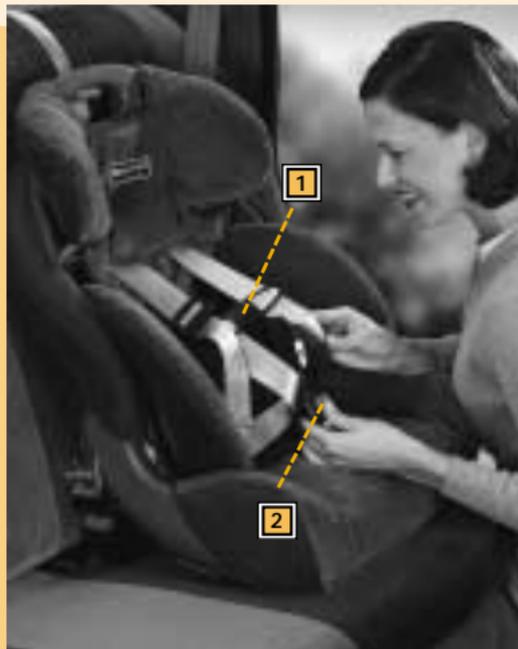
## Securing Your Child

- 1 After installing the car seat in your vehicle, unfasten the chest clip.
- 2 Press the button on the crotch strap and remove the shoulder straps.

### HINT

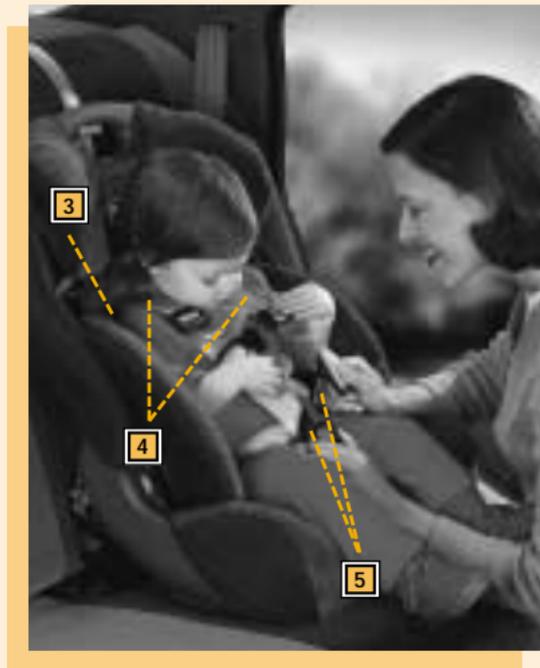
The metal and plastic parts of the car seat may become very hot when exposed to the sun. When not in use, cover the car seat with a blanket if it will be exposed to the sun for prolonged periods of time.

Before placing your child in the car seat, remove the blanket and check to be sure the metal and plastic parts are not too hot.



## Securing Your Child

- 3** Place your child in the car seat. Make sure your child's lower back is against the car seat. This will allow you to position the car seat restraint around your child properly.
- 4** Position the shoulder straps over your child's shoulders. Make sure the shoulder straps are not twisted.
- 5** Insert the shoulder strap latch plates into the crotch strap buckle. **Make sure you hear a "click" for each latch plate.**



## Securing Your Child



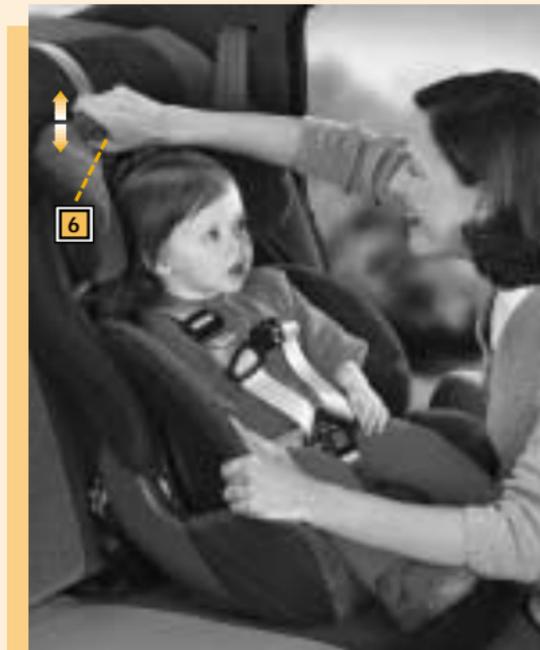
### WARNING

**NEVER** dress your child in clothing that interferes with positioning the crotch strap between your child's legs. If the crotch strap is not positioned between your child's legs, your child could eject from the car seat in a crash.

## Securing Your Child

### **6** Adjust the height of the headrest and shoulder straps to your child:

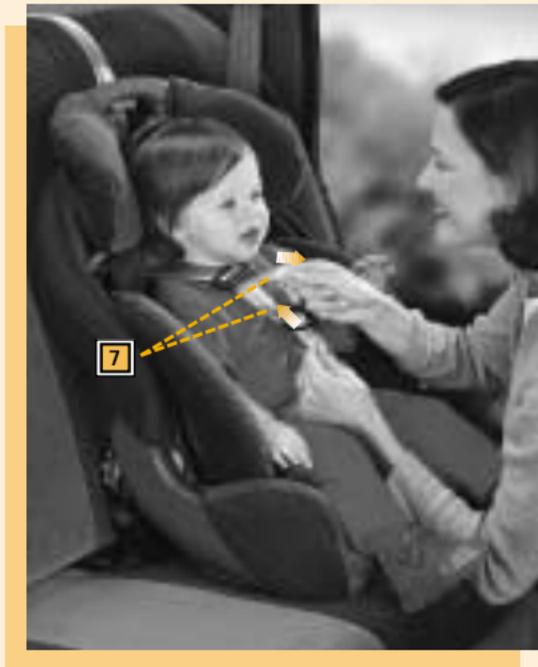
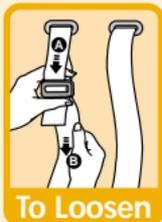
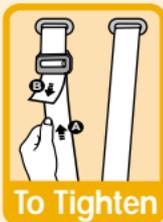
Squeeze the headrest release button and lift or lower the headrest. This will also raise or lower the shoulder straps. Align the shoulder strap slots at or just above the top of your child's shoulders.



## Securing Your Child

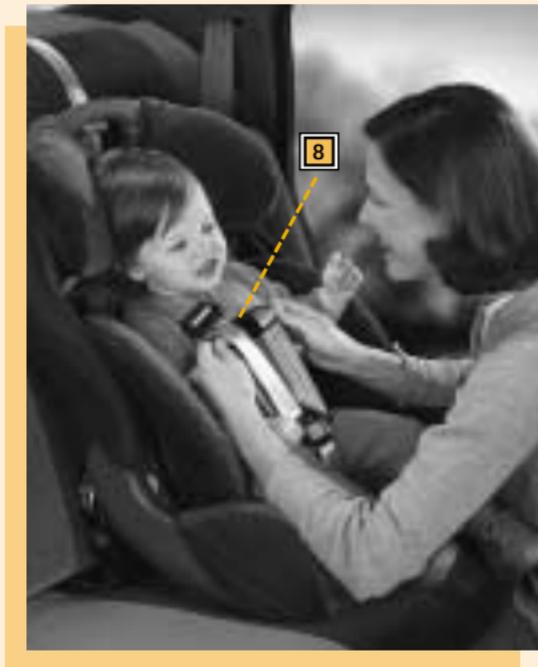
**7** To tighten the shoulder straps:  
Pull the attached shoulder strap **A** up to remove slack. Then, pull the free end of the shoulder strap **B** down to tighten. If necessary, repeat this procedure to comfortably tighten the shoulder straps.

**To loosen the shoulder straps:**  
Fit your finger through the loop and press the metal plate on the adjuster **A**. Pull the attached shoulder strap **B** down.



## Securing Your Child

- 8 Fasten the chest clip. Slide the chest clip up so that it is level with your child's underarm area; or up against the adjuster.



## Securing Your Child

- 9** Check to be sure the shoulder straps are snug against your child. Pull the shoulder straps away from your child's chest. They should not move more than one inch (two fingers) from your child's chest. If the shoulder straps are too loose, tighten them (refer to page 51, step 7).



### WARNING

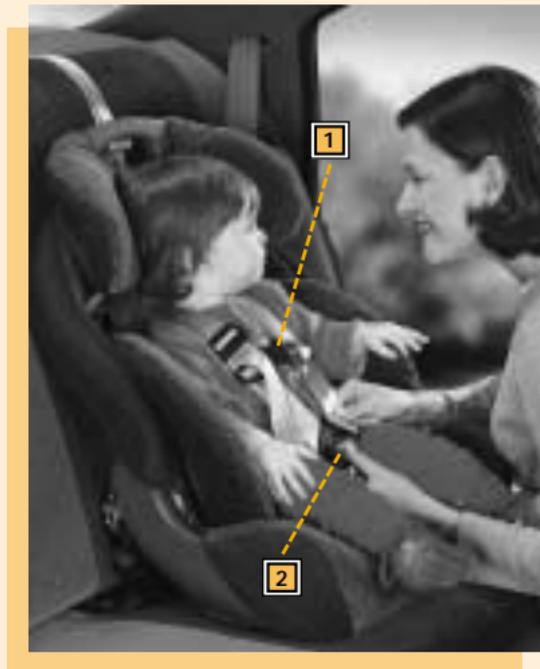
**NEVER** allow the shoulder straps to be loose around your child. If the shoulder straps are not snug against your child, your child will not be properly restrained.



## Removing Your Child

- 1 Unfasten the chest clip.
- 2 Press the button on the crotch strap buckle and remove the shoulder straps from the buckle. Remove your child from the car seat.

**Note:** Insert the shoulder strap latch plates into the crotch strap buckle.



## Aircraft Use

You can install this car seat in aircraft seats that face forward. Before bringing the car seat on board:

- Notify the airline of your intent to bring this car seat. The airline may have restrictions regarding its use.
- The width of the car seat is 17". You may need to lift an armrest out of the way to provide added room for the car seat. Check with the airline to be sure this car seat will fit in the aircraft seat.

Install the car seat in aircraft seats that face forward and follow the instructions of the flight attendant regarding placement of the car seat. For specific instructions, please see pages 37-39 and 46.

**Note: DO NOT** use the tether strap to install the car seat in an aircraft.

## Cleaning and Washing

- Machine wash the seat pad, and headrest pad and “wing” support pads in cold water and mild detergent. Do not use bleach. Tumble dry on low heat.
- To clean the 5-point harness, shell and “wing” support, use a mild cleaning agent and damp cloth. Rinse with clean water to remove soap residue.

### **To remove the pads:**

- Tip the car seat backward and remove the seat pad’s elastic loops from the clips on each side of the car seat. Pull the seat pad off of the shell.
- Remove the headrest pad’s elastic loops from the clips on each side of the headrest. Remove the headrest pad from the headrest.

## Registering Your Car Seat



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**Fisher-Price®**

# Grow-With-Me™ Car Seat

**Booster Car Seat Mode  
(30-80 lbs.)**

**OWNER'S MANUAL**

Model 79711



## Message to Parents for Booster Car Seat Mode

Thank you for choosing the Fisher-Price® Grow-With-Me™ Car Seat.

This car seat can be used in two different modes: 5-Point Harness for a child 20-40 lbs.; or Booster Car Seat (without harness) for a child 30-80 lbs. **If your child is at least 30 lbs., please read this side of this owner's manual for Booster Car Seat Mode information.**

Before you use this car seat, please take time to read and understand this manual completely. **DO NOT** allow others to use this car seat until they understand these instructions for proper use. **Your child's safety depends on you!**

No one can predict when the use of a car seat will prevent injury or death. When used properly, this car seat in booster car seat mode will better restrain your child in your vehicle by allowing you to properly position the vehicle lap and shoulder belt. The use of a properly positioned lap and shoulder belt will reduce the risk of injury in a sudden stop or crash.



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## WARNING

Proper installation and use depends on you! If you do not follow the instructions in this manual and the labels on the booster car seat, paying particular attention to the warning statements, your child could be at risk of striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash, resulting in serious injury or death.



**USE ONLY** the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this car seat in Booster Car Seat Mode. Using a lap only belt will still allow your child's head to move forward in a sudden stop or crash, possibly causing your child's head to strike the vehicle's interior or your child's knees hard enough to cause injury or death.



**NEVER** leave an unsecured car seat in your vehicle. If left unsecured, even when not occupied, the car seat could injure other occupants in a sudden stop or crash.



## WARNING

-  **NEVER** put anything on your vehicle seat (such as a cushion) to raise the car seat. This will create too much slack in the vehicle belt system. In a sudden stop or crash, a loose vehicle belt system will not be able to properly restrain your child.
-  **NEVER** use the car seat after it is involved in a crash. A crash can cause damage to the booster car seat that you cannot see.
-  **NEVER** allow the vehicle shoulder belt to be moved off of your child's shoulder. It is critical that your child not move the vehicle shoulder belt out of position after you have adjusted it.

## IMPORTANT!

- **USE ONLY** a vehicle lap and shoulder belt system to restrain your child in this car seat when used in Booster Car Seat Mode.
- The Grow-With-Me™ Car Seat in Booster Car Seat Mode is intended for use by children who weigh between 30 and 80 lbs. (14 and 36 kg) and are between 37 and 52 inches (94 and 132 cm) tall. If your child does not meet this criteria **DO NOT** use this car seat in this mode. Depending on the age and size of your child, your child may be able to use this car seat in 5-Point Harness Mode (20-40 lbs., 28-40 inches, 1 year and up). Please refer to the instructions on the other side of this owner's manual.
- Please read the entire side of this manual carefully before using the car seat in Booster Car Seat Mode. Keep this manual under the clip on the back of the car seat for easy reference.
- This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS 213) and the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J1819 for child restraint systems.

## IMPORTANT!

- This restraint, when used in Booster Car Seat Mode, is not certified for aircraft use. A booster car seat requires the use of a lap and shoulder belt system to restrain your child. Aircraft are not equipped with lap and shoulder belt systems.
- **DO NOT** use the locking clip (included) when using this car seat in Booster Car Seat Mode.
- Fisher-Price® recommends that child restraints be replaced after eight years to provide the best assurance that the child restraint is: in reliable working condition; well-suited for use in constantly changing automobile interior designs; and reasonably current in relation to Federal regulations. When you replace your booster car seat for any reason, make sure that it can no longer be used by another child by disposing of it properly.

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## All About Booster Car Seat Mode (30-80 lbs.)

### ADJUSTABLE HEADREST

Squeeze the release button to raise or lower the headrest for your child's comfort.

### SHOULDER BELT POSITIONER

Attached to adjustable headrest to raise or lower the vehicle shoulder belt into the proper position to secure your child.

### LAP BELT POSITIONER

Groove in car seat shell to help position the lap portion of the vehicle lap and shoulder belt system on your child's lap, not abdomen.

The safety features of this Fisher-Price® car seat will reduce the risk of injury to your child in a crash; however, no car seat can prevent serious injury or death in all crashes.



## Assembly

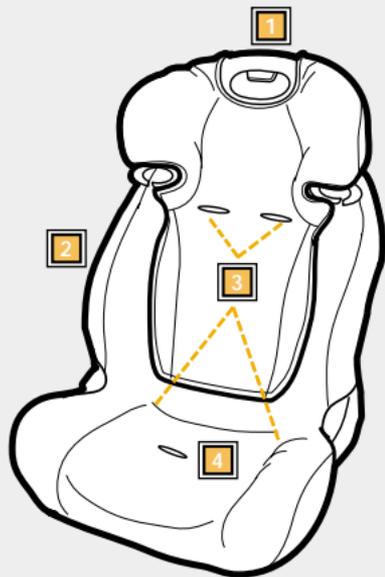
If you have purchased this car seat and will be using it immediately in Booster Car Seat Mode, you will need to: assemble the pads to the headrest and seat; remove the 5-point harness; remove the rod; and remove the “wing” cushion.

**To assemble** the seat pad, refer to pages 23-26 in the 5-Point Harness Mode section and follow assembly steps 7, 9 and 11. To assemble the headrest pad, refer to pages 30-31 in the 5-Point Harness Mode section and follow assembly steps 17 to 19.

**To remove** the 5-point harness, rod, tether strap and tuck the crotch strap away, please proceed to the next section, Converting Modes, page 10.

## Converting Modes

### Booster Car Seat (30-80 lbs.)



If you have used this car seat in 5-Point Harness Mode, you will need to convert it to Booster Car Seat Mode. Please follow the instructions on pages 10 and 11.

- 1 Remove Tether Strap
- 2 Remove "Wing" Cushion
- 3 Remove Harness Shoulder/Lap Belts
- 4 Hide Crotch Strap

## Converting Modes Booster Car Seat (30-80 lbs.)

- 1 Press the rod clip down. Slide the harness shoulder straps and tether straps off of the rod.

Pull the tether strap to remove it from the shell.

Remove the rod from the shell.
- 2 Lift the headrest pad and press the wing cushion tabs. Remove the “wing” cushion.
- 3 Unbuckle the chest clip and 5-point harness.

Feed the ends of the harness shoulder/lap strap down through the slots in the pad and shell. Remove the harness shoulder/lap strap from the shell.
- 4 Pull the crotch strap down through the slot in the seat pad. Do not remove the crotch strap from the shell.

### IMPORTANT!

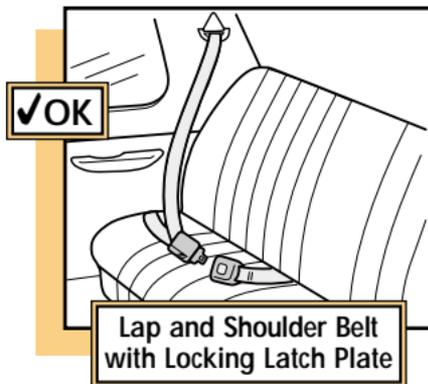
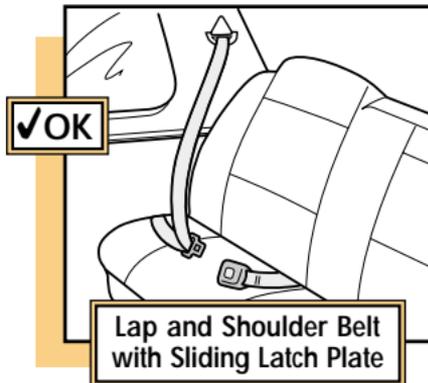
Store all parts removed in a safe place for future use in 5-Point Harness Mode.

## What Kind of Vehicle Belt System Do You Have?

**YOU MUST USE  
A VEHICLE LAP AND SHOULDER BELT TO USE  
IN THE BOOSTER CAR SEAT MODE!**

There are many different types of vehicle belt systems. Some vehicle belt systems can never be used with this car seat in the Booster Car Seat Mode. Read your vehicle's owner's manual and check to determine which type of vehicle belt systems you have in your vehicle.

Many vehicles have more than one type of vehicle belt system. For example, you may find lap only belts in the center seating locations and lap and shoulder belts in side seating locations. If you are not sure which type of vehicle belt system you have, contact your vehicle dealer or manufacturer.



## What Kind of Vehicle Belt System Do You Have?

The illustrations on the next page show vehicle belt systems that can never be used with this car seat in the Booster Car Seat Mode. If you do not have a seating location with a usable lap and shoulder vehicle belt system, **DO NOT** use this car seat. Your vehicle manufacturer may be able to install a vehicle belt system that will be able to restrain your child properly in this car seat. **NEVER** alter your vehicle belt system yourself.



### WARNING

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# NEVER USE These Vehicle Belt Systems

## NEVER USE Lap Only Belt

**Explanation** – There is no shoulder belt. A lap and shoulder belt system is required to restrain your child in the Booster Car Seat Mode.



## NEVER USE Door Mounted Lap and Shoulder Belt

**Explanation** – This lap and shoulder belt system is attached to the vehicle's door and moves when the door is opened. You will not be able to use the car seat shoulder belt positioner properly.



## NEVER USE Motorized Shoulder Belt

**Explanation** – The lap belts with these systems cannot be tightened for a firm fit. Also, the shoulder belt moves along a track when the door is opened or when the vehicle is started. You will not be able to use the car seat shoulder belt positioner properly.



## Selecting a Vehicle Seating Location for Your Car Seat

### IMPORTANT!

**Accident statistics show that children are safer when properly restrained in rear vehicle seating locations than in front seating locations.** Only use the front seat when no acceptable rear seating location is available. If the front seating location is equipped with an airbag, but must be used, adjust the vehicle seat as far back from the dashboard as possible. Please refer to your vehicle owner's manual regarding front seat child restraint use.

## Selecting a Vehicle Seating Location for Your Car Seat

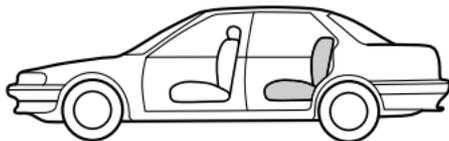
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The rear seating locations are **ALWAYS** preferred.

\*You can use the rear, center seating location if it is equipped with a lap/shoulder belt.

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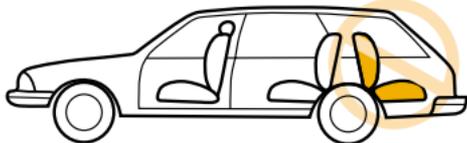


**ALWAYS** use vehicle seats that face the front of the vehicle.



**NEVER** use vehicle seats that face the side of the vehicle.

← Front of Vehicle



**NEVER** use vehicle seats that face the rear of the vehicle.

## Restraining Your Child

- 1 Once you have selected an acceptable seating location, adjust the vehicle seat back to the upright position.
- 2 Place the car seat on the vehicle seat, firmly against the vehicle seat back.
- 3 Place your child on the car seat, with his lower back against the car seat back.



## Restraining Your Child

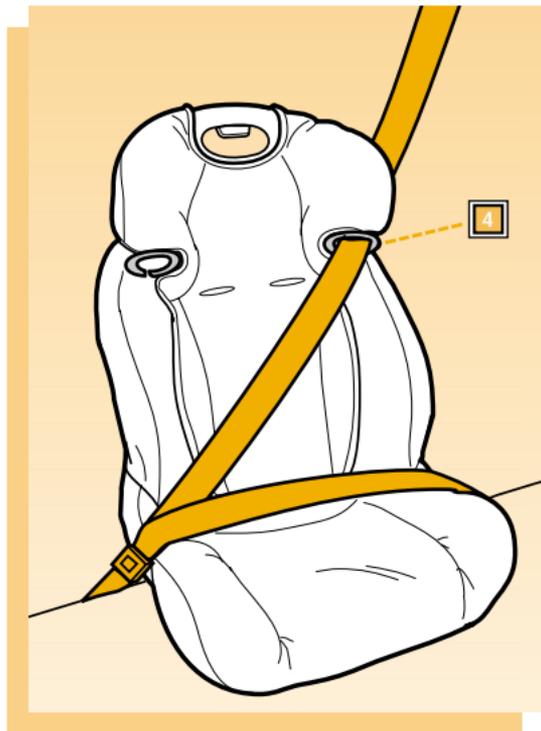


### WARNING

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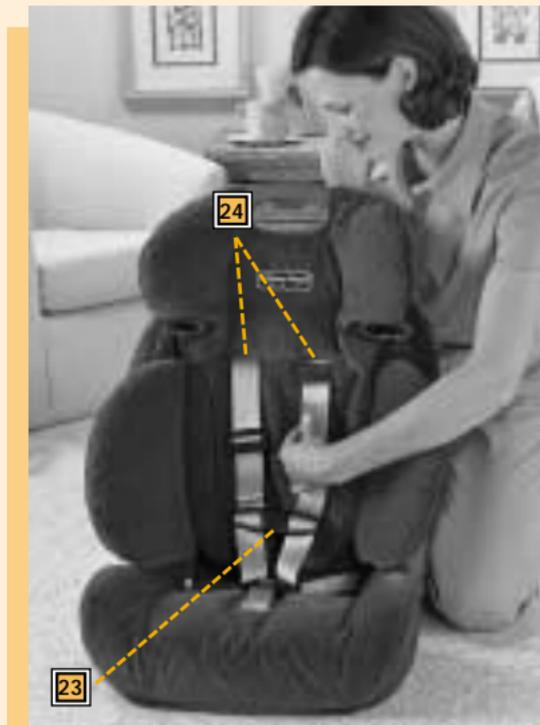
## Restraining Your Child

- 4 Locate the shoulder belt positioner that is on the same side as the vehicle shoulder belt anchor. Fit the vehicle's shoulder belt up through the slot in the shoulder belt positioner.



## Assembly

- 23** From the front of the car seat, fasten the chest clip.
- 24** Insert the shoulder straps through the slots in the seat pad and shell. **Make sure the shoulder straps are not twisted.**

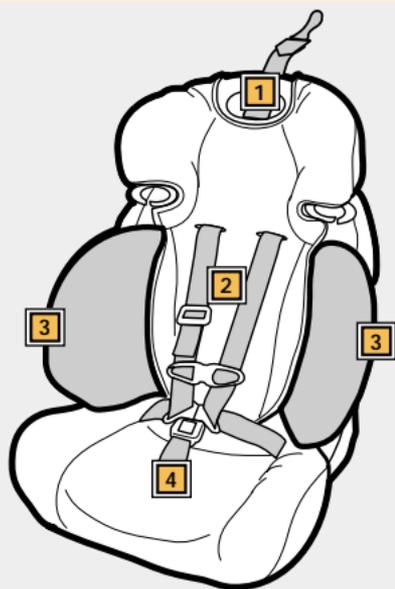


## Assembly

- 25** Fit the harness shoulder straps on the rod. **DO NOT** remove the tether strap from the rod.
- 26** Fit the rod with shoulder straps and tether strap into the groove in the shell. Push the rod clip up to lock the rod in place.



## Converting Modes 5-Point Harness (20-40 lbs.)



If you have used this car seat in Booster Car Seat Mode, you will need to convert it to 5-Point Harness Mode. Please follow the references below:

- 1** Add Tether Strap  
(see page 20, under the Note:)
- 2** Add 5-Point Harness Shoulder/Lap Belt  
(see page 25, step 10; page 27, steps 12 and 13; page 31, step 20; pages 32-34, steps 21-26)
- 3** Add "Wing" Cushion  
(see page 29, step 16)
- 4** Add Crotch Strap  
(see page 27, step 12)

## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

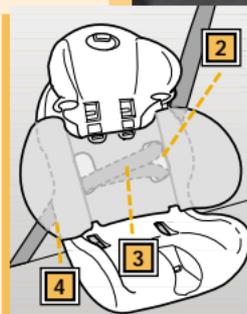
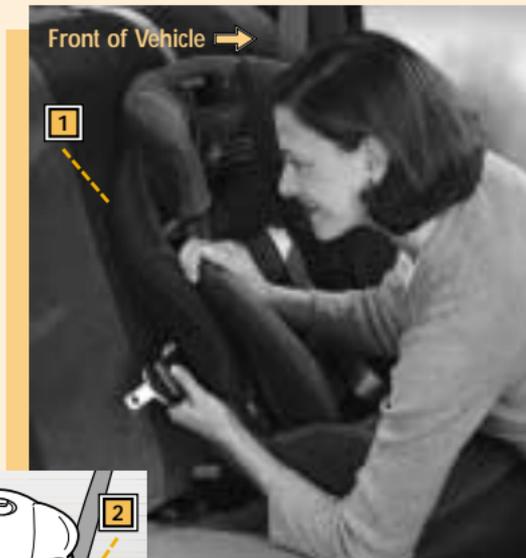


### WARNING

**ALWAYS** secure this car seat with your vehicle belt system exactly as described in this manual. Refer also to your vehicle owner's manual for specific information on your vehicle belt system and specific instructions on how to install a car seat in your vehicle.

## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

- 1** Once you have selected an acceptable seating location (see pages 14-15), place the car seat on the vehicle seat firmly against the vehicle seat back.
- 2** Fit the vehicle belt through the slot on the side of the car seat shell.
- 3** Continue to route the vehicle belt behind the car seat shell.
- 4** Pull the vehicle belt out through the slot on the opposite side of the car seat shell.



**Note:** For clarity, this illustration shows the shell without the pads or harness.

## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

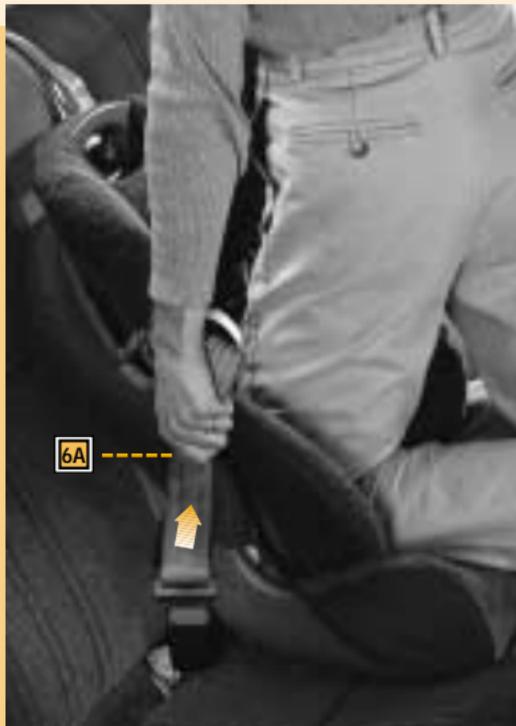
- 5 Buckle the vehicle belt.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

### 6A For a manual lap belt system:

With the vehicle belt buckled, push down on the car seat with your knee and pull the free end of the vehicle belt for the tightest possible fit.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

- 6B** For a lap and shoulder belt system:  
With the vehicle belt buckled, push down on the car seat with your knee and pull the shoulder belt for the tightest possible fit.

### HINT

Some vehicle belt systems have labels with instructions for use with car seats. Read the instructions on your vehicle's belt or refer to your vehicle owner's manual for specific instructions on how to tighten and lock your vehicle belt system.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

**7** Check to see if the lap portion of the vehicle lap and shoulder belt system loosens. Move the car seat from side to side. If you can loosen the lap portion of the lap and shoulder vehicle belt system, the lap portion probably does not have a locking mode and you will need a locking clip. (Included with your car seat.)

If the lap portion of the lap and shoulder vehicle belt system does not loosen, please proceed to step 12, page 45.

### HINT

*If you do not need a locking clip, store it under the clips on the back of the headrest for future use.*



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

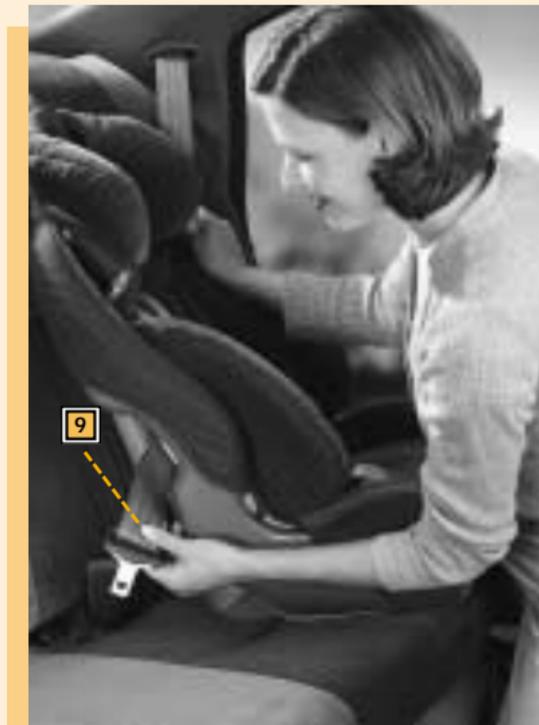
- 8** After properly tightening the vehicle belt system, you may notice that your car seat has pushed down and forward on the vehicle seat. This is normal, and as long as the lap portion of the lap and shoulder belt system does not loosen, you can proceed to step 12, page 45.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

### 9 To install the locking clip:

Re-tighten the vehicle lap and shoulder belt system (see page 40). Hold the lap and shoulder belts together just behind the tongue and unbuckle the vehicle belt. **Continue to hold the lap and shoulder belts together.**



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

- 10** While holding the belts together, tuck the edges of the vehicle belts under the arms of the locking clip. Make sure the locking clip is positioned approximately  $1/2$ " from the sliding tongue.
- 11** While pushing down on the car seat with your knee, buckle the vehicle belt system.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

- 12 Attach the tether strap hook to the tether anchor.
- 13 Pull the free end of the tether strap to tighten.
- 14 Fold or roll the excess tether strap and tuck it between the car seat and the vehicle seat.

**Note:** To remove the tether strap from the tether anchor, lift the tab on the adjuster to loosen the tether strap. Remove the tether strap hook from the tether anchor.



## Installing Your Car Seat in a Vehicle

- 15** Test your installation of the car seat again, this time by rocking the car seat forward and backward. You should **NOT** be able to pull the back of the car seat away from the vehicle seat more than one inch.

**Note:** Regularly check to be sure your car seat installation is secure.

### IMPORTANT!

If the lap belt continues to loosen after testing your installation, choose another vehicle seating location to install this car seat. If there is no position which will keep this car seat secured with a lap belt, contact your vehicle manufacturer. The vehicle manufacturer may be able to install a vehicle belt system that will be able to restrain your child properly in this car seat. **NEVER** alter your vehicle belt system yourself.



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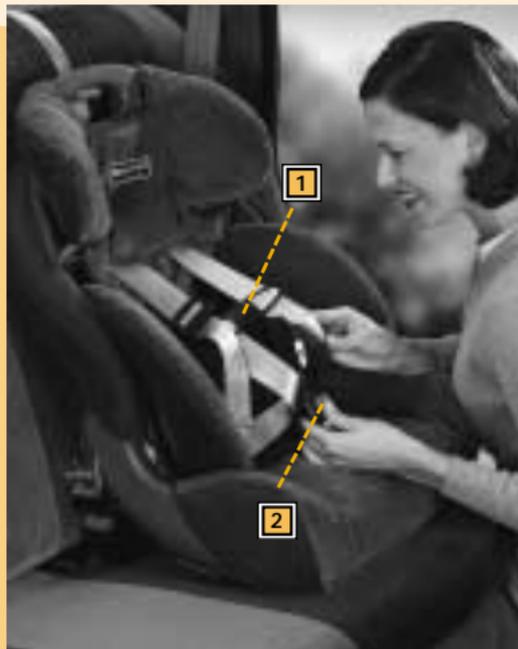
## Securing Your Child

- 1** After installing the car seat in your vehicle, unfasten the chest clip.
- 2** Press the button on the crotch strap and remove the shoulder straps.

### HINT

*The metal and plastic parts of the car seat may become very hot when exposed to the sun. When not in use, cover the car seat with a blanket if it will be exposed to the sun for prolonged periods of time.*

*Before placing your child in the car seat, remove the blanket and check to be sure the metal and plastic parts are not too hot.*



## Securing Your Child

- 3** Place your child in the car seat. Make sure your child's lower back is against the car seat. This will allow you to position the car seat restraint around your child properly.
- 4** Position the shoulder straps over your child's shoulders. Make sure the shoulder straps are not twisted.
- 5** Insert the shoulder strap latch plates into the crotch strap buckle. **Make sure you hear a "click" for each latch plate.**



## Securing Your Child



### WARNING

**NEVER** dress your child in clothing that interferes with positioning the crotch strap between your child's legs. If the crotch strap is not positioned between your child's legs, your child could eject from the car seat in a crash.

## Securing Your Child

### **6** Adjust the height of the headrest and shoulder straps to your child:

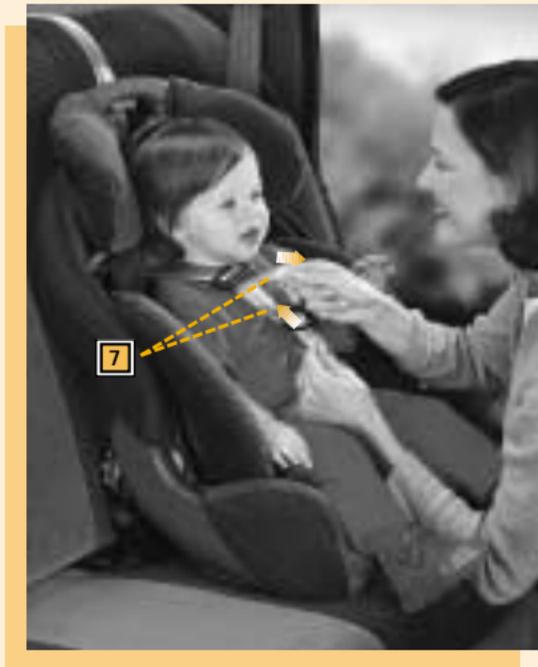
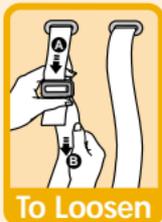
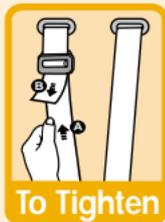
Squeeze the headrest release button and lift or lower the headrest. This will also raise or lower the shoulder straps. Align the shoulder strap slots at or just above the top of your child's shoulders.



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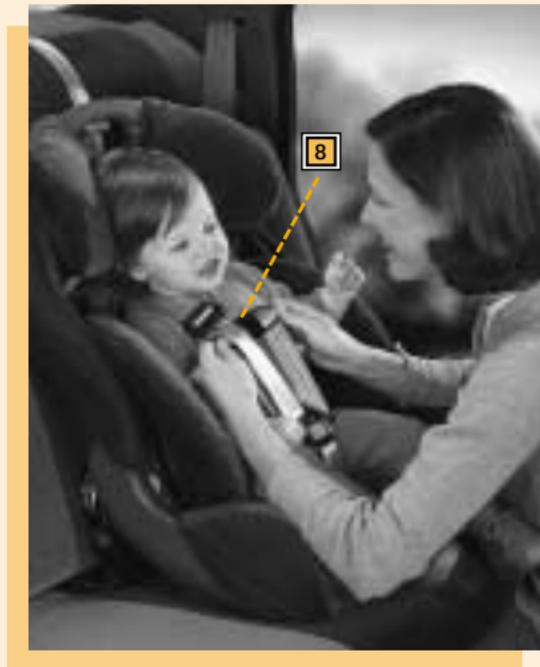
**7** To tighten the shoulder straps:  
Pull the attached shoulder strap **A** up to remove slack. Then, pull the free end of the shoulder strap **B** down to tighten. If necessary, repeat this procedure to comfortably tighten the shoulder straps.

**To loosen the shoulder straps:**  
Fit your finger through the loop and press the metal plate on the adjuster **A**. Pull the attached shoulder strap **B** down.



## Securing Your Child

- 8 Fasten the chest clip. Slide the chest clip up so that it is level with your child's underarm area; or up against the adjuster.



## Securing Your Child

- 9** Check to be sure the shoulder straps are snug against your child. Pull the shoulder straps away from your child's chest. They should not move more than one inch (two fingers) from your child's chest. If the shoulder straps are too loose, tighten them (refer to page 51, step 7).



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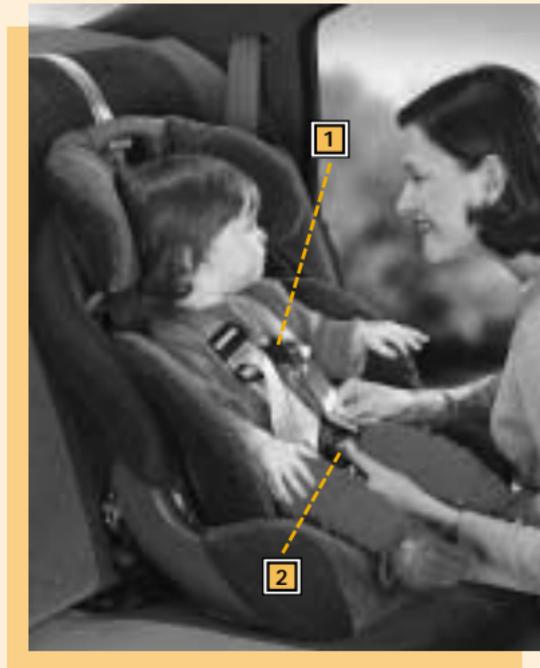
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