

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

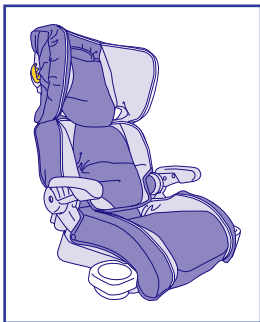
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B530

B540



Folding Adjustable Booster Seat



This Booster Seat is for use by children who meet **ALL** the requirements below:

Age is:

3 years or over

Weight is:

30 to 100 pounds
(13.6 to 45 kg)

Height is:

38 to 57 inches
(96 to 145 cm)

⚠ WARNING ⚠

- Failure to use this Booster Seat properly increases the risk of serious injury or death in a sudden stop or crash.
- Do not install or use this Booster Seat until you have read and understand the instructions in this manual.

Section 1 - Introduction

Dear Parents,

Thank you for purchasing the Compass *B530/40* Booster Seat. We hope that it will make your child's travel safer, easier, and more pleasant.

We believe the *B530/40* is the easiest Booster Seat to use. We do more testing than other companies to make it as safe as possible. And, we use the latest methods to assure the highest quality.

Only Compass monitors the molding of every key plastic part. Our MoldTrac technology allows us to watch every part as it is molded. In addition, we place a number on each seat so key parts can be traced. You will find this number on the bottom of your seat.

We have tried very hard to keep our instructions simple and understandable. We apologize for beginning our instructions with so many warnings but they are very important for you to properly restrain your child. Read and understand all of the instructions and warnings. The safety of your child depends on it!

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the **Compass Staff at 1-888-899-2229.**

**Keep this instruction manual for future use.
Store in pocket on back of Booster Seat.**

No car seat can guarantee protection from injury in every situation, but proper use helps reduce the risk of serious injury or death.

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Section 3 - Warnings

⚠ WARNING ⚠

DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- Failure to follow these instructions and Booster Seat labels can result in injury or death to a child from striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash.
 - Even if the Booster Seat seems easy to figure out on your own, it is important to read these instructions and the vehicle owner's manual for details you might miss.
- The instructions in this manual and in your vehicle owner's manual must be followed carefully. If there is a conflict between the two, the vehicle owner's manual must be followed.
- Failure to use the automobile seat belt or to adjust it properly can result in your child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash. Serious injury or death can occur.
- **DO NOT** allow others (baby sitters, friends, grandparents, etc.) to use this Booster Seat unless they read and understand the instructions and labels.
- Only use accessories manufactured by Compass. Use of accessories can affect your child's safety in a sudden stop or crash.

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- **DO NOT** modify or attach any toys, padding, or other items to this Booster Seat. Untested modifications or padding could result in injury in a crash.
- **Secure this Booster Seat with the vehicle seat belt at all times (even when there is no child in it). An unsecured child restraint can injure someone if a crash occurs.**
- **Direct sunlight can make Booster Seat surfaces hot enough to burn your child. Use caution and check them on hot, sunny days.**
- **NEVER** leave child unattended.
- **DO NOT** use this Booster Seat if it has been in a crash. (There may be hidden damage and it must be replaced.) Your insurance company may provide some assistance replacing this booster.
- **DO NOT** use this Booster Seat if it is damaged in any way or has missing parts.
- **STOP USING THIS BOOSTER SEAT AND THROW IT AWAY** after the date on the back of the seat.
- **Secure this child restraint with a vehicle lap and shoulder belt.**

Section 4 - Use Recommendations

Compass advises parents that children should use a child restraint with a built-in harness system until they exceed the weight or height limits specified by the manufacturer.

B530 B540 Booster Seat Use Requirements:

This child restraint is designed for use by children whose:

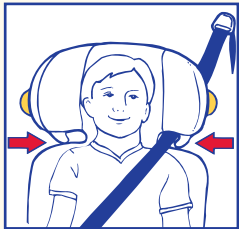
- Age is 3 years or older, and
- Weight is between 30 and 100 lbs (13.6 and 45 kg), and
- Height is between 38 and 57 inches (96 and 145 cm).

Child **MUST** meet all of these requirements to use this Booster Seat.

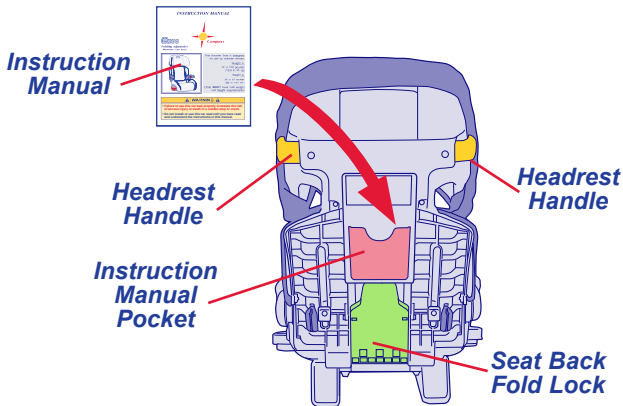
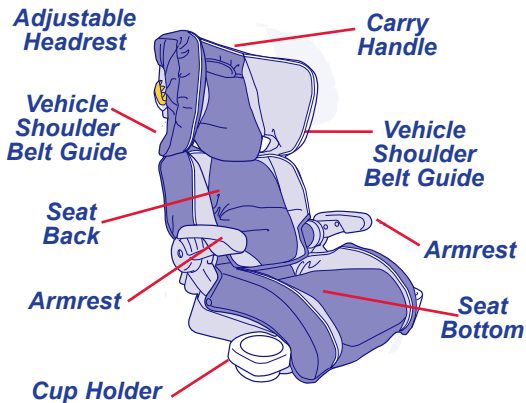
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DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- **DO NOT** use this Booster Seat when top of child's ears are above the top edge of seat back. Severe head or neck injuries can result without proper head support.
- **DO NOT** use Booster Seat when the child's shoulders are above the shoulder belt guide with headrest in highest position.



Section 5 - Booster Seat Parts



Section 6 - Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

⚠ WARNING ⚠

DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining a child in this Booster Seat.
- NEVER use the Booster Seat with only a vehicle lap belt.
- DO NOT use this Booster Seat with the vehicle's Child Restraint Anchorage System or LATCH System.
- DO NOT use this Booster Seat with vehicle seat belts mounted to front door.
- DO NOT use this Booster Seat if it cannot be properly installed. Some child restraints will not fit some vehicle seating positions.
- NEVER use this Booster Seat in any vehicle seating position equipped with an active air bag unless recommended by the vehicle manufacturer. For side airbags see page 8.
- DO NOT use this Booster Seat in rear seat of a compact pickup truck. Severe head injury or death can occur.



DO NOT place rear-facing child seat on front seat with air bag. DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

The back seat is the safest place for children 12 and under.

NO coloque el asiento infantil para el automóvil orientado hacia atrás en el asiento delantero del vehículo que tenga una bolsa neumática de seguridad. El niño podría MORIR O SUFRIR LESIONES GRAVES. El asiento trasero es el lugar más seguro para los niños de 12 años o menores.

⚠ WARNING ⚠

Section 6 - Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

1. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) alerts vehicle owners that, according to accident statistics, children under age 13 are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions rather than in front seating positions.
2. Refer to vehicle owner's manual for car seat installation instructions for your vehicle.
 - Use Booster Seat in a vehicle rear seat location whenever possible.
 - Never put Booster Seat in a front seat location unless recommended by vehicle owner's manual.
 - For vehicles with air bags, refer to vehicle owner's manual for child restraint installation information.
 - If a vehicle front seat location with an air bag must be used, follow the vehicle manufacturer's instructions for child restraint use and move the vehicle seat back as far as possible.

Compass Policy Statement

Use Of B530 & B540 Booster Child Restraint In Conjunction With Side Airbags

To determine the types of side impact air bag(s) your vehicle may have for individual seating positions, please refer to your owner's manual. The Compass B530 & B540 folding booster child restraint may be used in any rear seating position equipped only with side

Section 6 - Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

Side Air Bags Continued-

impact airbags that are roof mounted with "curtain" type deployment. For all other vehicles with other types of side impact airbags, please refer to the specific vehicles owner's manual for appropriate use of child restraints ,or call the automobile manufacturer for more information.

3. Vehicle Seats:

DO NOT use this Booster Seat with the following vehicle seats:



**Seats Which
Face Sides Of
Vehicle**



**Seats Which
Face Rear
Of Vehicle**



**Rear Seats Of
Small Extended
Cab Pickup
Trucks**

Section 6 - Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

4. Vehicle Seat Belt Systems:

Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this booster seat.

Design and operation of vehicle seat belt systems vary from vehicle to vehicle and from seating location to seating same vehicle. Not all vehicle seat belts can be used with a child restraint. Refer to the information in this section for information on the various types of vehicle seat belt systems.



**Lap and
Shoulder Belt**

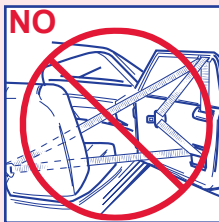
DO NOT use this Booster Seat with the following vehicle seat belts:



Lap Belt Only



**Passive Restraints
Motorized
Shoulder Belt**



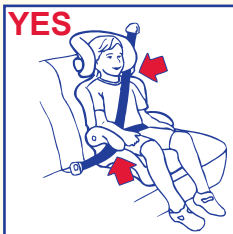
**Passive Restraints
Lap Or Shoulder
Belt Mounted On
Front Door**

Section 7 - Installation and Use

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- Use only a vehicle lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this Booster Seat.
- **NEVER** use just a lap belt. Always use a combination lap and shoulder belt.

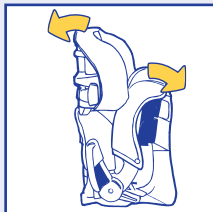


- Snugly adjust the vehicle lap and shoulder belt around your child according to the instructions in the vehicle owner's manual.
- **NEVER** place the Booster Seat in a seating position with an active air bag unless recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.
- **DO NOT** allow child to slide down in Booster Seat which could position vehicle lap belt across child's abdomen and shoulder belt over neck or face.

Section 7 - Installation and Use

1. Open the Booster Seat from its folded position until seat back locks in place:

- Grasp seat back and seat bottom and pull to unfold Booster Seat.
- Continue to move seat back until it locks in place.
- Check that back is locked. Push forward on seat back to verify.



⚠ WARNING ⚠

- **Prevent pinch injury. Keep hands clear of hinge area between seat back and seat bottom.**

2. Place Booster Seat in vehicle seating location selected.

- Seating location **MUST** have a lap and shoulder belt.
- If vehicle seat back is adjustable, adjust back into the upright position.
- Adjust vehicle head rest to lowest position.



Section 7 - Installation and Use

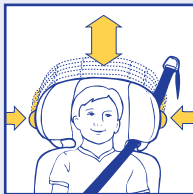
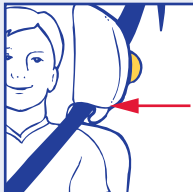
3. Place child in Booster Seat.

- Child **MUST** sit upright with back contacting seat back, **NOT** slouching or sliding down.



4. Adjust headrest so that the top of shoulder belt guides are at or just above child's shoulders.

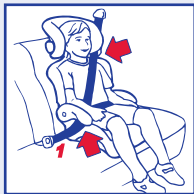
- Push yellow headrest handles in and move headrest up or down to desired position.
- Release headrest handles and make sure handles snap into locked position.



Section 7 - Installation and Use

5. Place lap and shoulder belt across front of child and buckle seat belt.

- Position lap belt under both armrests.
- Place shoulder belt over child's chest and into shoulder belt guide.



NOTE: Armrest may be raised to make getting in Booster easier. Be sure to lower armrest once child is seated in booster seat. *Shoulder belt must stay under one arm rest, the one nearest the auto buckle. 1*

6. Snugly adjust lap and shoulder belt according to instructions in vehicle owner's manual.

- Lap belt **MUST** stay under both armrests.

7. Check vehicle seat belt:

- Lap belt must be snug and low on hips contacting thighs.
- Shoulder belt must contact chest and be centered on shoulder.

NOTE: Some active children may change position or move seat belt.

- DO NOT allow child to slide down under lap belt moving lap belt onto stomach or abdomen.
- DO NOT allow child to place shoulder belt under arm or behind back.

Section 7 - Installation and Use

Cup Holders:

To Use:

- Rotate cup holder out into use position.

⚠ WARNING ⚠

- **DO NOT place pencils or other sharp or pointed objects in cup holder.**

To Store:

- Rotate cup holder back into stored position.

Storage & Transport Of Booster Seat:

To Fold Booster Seat:

- Pull lower edge of green seat back fold lock out and fold seat back forward toward seat bottom.
- Move seat back down until it is in the folded position.
- Store Booster Seat inside carton, in a cool dry location.

To Carry Booster Seat:

- Place fingers in carry handle opening and grasp top of seat back.

Section 8 - Safety Checklist/Safe Practices

Safety Checklist

- √ Did you read and understand these instructions and labels on the Booster Seat?
- √ Is the child the proper weight and height for the Booster Seat?
- √ Is the child secured in the rear seat?
- √ Is the child restraint forward-facing with a lap and shoulder belt?
- √ Is the vehicle seat belt properly secured and snugly adjusted?
 - Lap belt under armrests?
 - Shoulder belt in shoulder belt guide?
 - Shoulder belt guide at or above child's shoulders?
 - Child is sitting up with lap belt low and contacting thighs?
 - Shoulder belt is contacting chest and on shoulder?
- √ Check for hot surfaces in sunny weather?
- √ Current date is not after "Do Not use After" date on back of Booster Seat?

Please drive safely!

Section 8 - Safety Checklist/Safe Practices

Safe Practices

For assistance with installation or use, contact one of the following sources:

- Compass at:
Phone: 1-888-899-2229
Email: cs@learningcurve.com
- A certified Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician in your area. To locate a CPS Technician in your area, log onto www.nhtsa.dot.gov and select “Child Passenger Safety” and then select “Technician Contact Locator”.

Or attend a car seat check-up event. For car seat check-up event location and timing:

- Log onto www.nhtsa.dot.gov and select “Child Seat Inspections”.
- Log onto www.seatcheck.org.
- Call 1-866-SEAT CHECK (1-866-732-8243).

Section 8 - Safety Checklist/Safe Practices

Safe Practices (Continued)

- * **EVERYONE** rides buckled up or the vehicle **DOES NOT GO!** Make **NO EXCEPTIONS** for adults or children!
 - If someone unbuckles, the vehicle **STOPS!** Being firm and consistent will result in fewer discipline problems as children grow older. An unrestrained person can be thrown into and injure other passengers.
 - **NEVER** try to tend to a crying child's needs while driving. Never take a child out of a child restraint for comforting while the vehicle is moving.
- * **DO NOT** allow child to slide down under lap belt or put shoulder belt under arm or behind back.
- * **DO NOT** allow a child to have lollipops, popsicles, or other food on a stick. The item can injure the child in a sudden stop or crash.
- * Put heavy or sharp items in the trunk. Loose items can be deadly in a crash.
- * If you need to use a blanket in cold weather, put the child in the restraint and cover both with the blanket.

Section 9 - Additional Information

Certification:

This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for use in motor vehicles.

This Booster Seat is certified for use in motor vehicles.

Aircraft Use:

This restraint is **NOT** Certified for Aircraft Use.

An aircraft does not have a combination lap and shoulder belt required to use this Booster Seat.

Vehicle Seat Protection:

Protect vehicle seat. Use a thin car seat mat, thin towel, or thin blanket under and behind Booster Seat.

Instruction Manual Storage:

Store instruction manual in pocket on back of Booster Seat.

Booster Seat Useful Life:

DO NOT use this Booster Seat after date on back of seat. Parts may be missing, damaged, or the Booster Seat may have been in a crash.

Section 9 - Additional Information

Registration Information:

“Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address and the restraint’s model number to

Learning Curve Brands

Attn: Consumer Services

2021 9th St. SE

Dyersville, IA 52040 or call 1-888-899-2229

or log onto www.learningcurve.com

For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://NHTSA.gov>.”

- Log onto the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recall website at:
<http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/childseat.cfm>
- Contact Compass (see contact information above)
- www.recalls.gov

Section 10 - Care and Cleaning

Removing Seat Pad, Back Pad and Headrest Pad:

- Gently unhook elastic and snaps. Remove pads from Booster Seat.

Cleaning Seat Pad, Back Pad and Headrest Pad:

- Hand wash in cool water and mild soap.
- Air dry.

Cleaning Shell:

- Wipe with mild solution of soap and water. Avoid wetting labels.
- Rinse with clean water.
- Never use "household" detergents or solvents.

Reattach Seat Pad, Back Pad and Headrest Pad:

- Place pads on Booster Seat, resecure elastic and snaps.

Section 11 - Replacement Parts

We know pads get worn or damaged. Some companies charge outrageous prices when their parts wear out. At Compass, we will sell you replacement parts at or near our cost plus what it costs us to handle and ship them. They are still expensive, but we promise they are fair prices. **Of course, replacement instructions are always free.** Please call for current prices on other items.

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