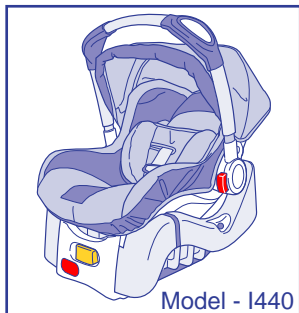


# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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INFANT CAR SEAT



This Infant Seat is for use by children who meet **BOTH** of the requirements below:

**Weight is:**

4 to 22 pounds  
(1,8 to 10 kg)

**Height is:**

30 inches or less  
(76 cm)

## ⚠ WARNING ⚠

**DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur**

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

## Section 1 - Introduction

Dear Parents,

Thank you for purchasing *The First Years Via I440*. We hope that it will make your baby's travel safer, easier, and more pleasant.

We believe the *Via I440* is the easiest Infant Seat to use. We do more testing than most companies to make it as safe as possible. And, we use the latest methods to assure the highest quality.

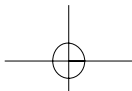
The First Years monitors the molding of every key plastic part. Our MoldTrac technology allows us to watch every part as it is molded. In addition, we place a number on each seat so key parts can be traced. You will find this number on the bottom of your seat and on the top of your base.

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 **the First Years Staff at 1-888-899-2229**

**Keep this instruction manual for future use.  
Store in pocket on the back of Infant 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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## ⚠ WARNING ⚠

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### AIR BAG WARNING!

- **NEVER use this Infant Seat in any vehicle seating position equipped with an active air bag. Read your vehicle's owners manual to see to turn off your airbag if you have no back seat or a child must ride in the front seats. For side airbags see page 10.**



**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 3 - Warnings

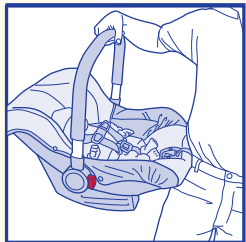
### **⚠ WARNING ⚠** **DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur**

- Failure to follow these instructions and Infant 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 Infant Seat seems easy to use 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 LATCH 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 Infant Seat unless they read and understand the instructions and labels, and can demonstrate proper use to your satisfaction.
- Use only car seat accessories manufactured by Compass. Accessories can affect your child's safety in a sudden stop or crash.
- DO NOT modify or attach any toys, padding, or other items to this Infant Seat. Untested modifications or padding could result in injury in a crash.
- Secure this Infant Seat with the vehicle seat belt or LATCH bars at all times (even when there is no child in it). An unsecured child restraint can injure others if a crash occurs.

# ▲ WARNING ▲

**DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur**

- Direct sunlight can make Infant Seat surfaces hot enough to burn your child. Use caution and check the vehicle and Infant Seat on hot, sunny days.
- NEVER leave child unattended under any circumstance.
- DO NOT use this Infant 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 infant seat.
- DO NOT use this Infant Seat if it is damaged in any way or has missing parts.
- STOP USING THIS INFANT SEAT AND THROW IT AWAY after the date on the back of the seat. THROW IT AWAY in a dark trash bag.....Do Not sell to a thrift or consignment shops or at flea markets.
- NEVER place the Infant Seat in a shopping cart.
- NEVER place the infant seat on your hip. Carry the Infant Seat at your side at all times.



## Section 4 - Use Recommendations

The First Years 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.

### 1440 Infant Seat Use Requirements:

This child restraint is designed for use by children whose:

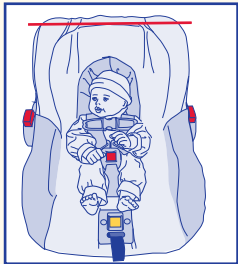
- Weight is between 4 and 22 lbs (1,8 and 10 kg), and
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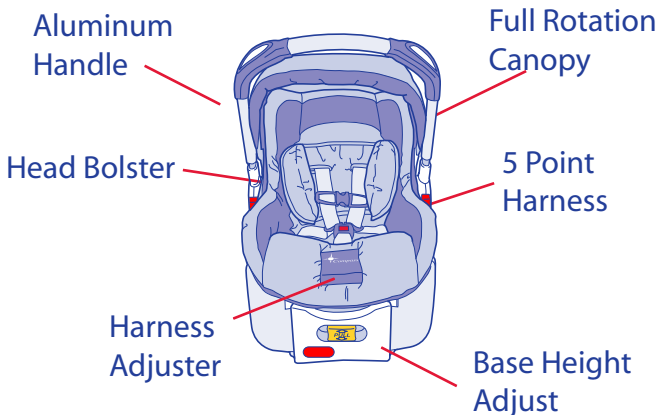
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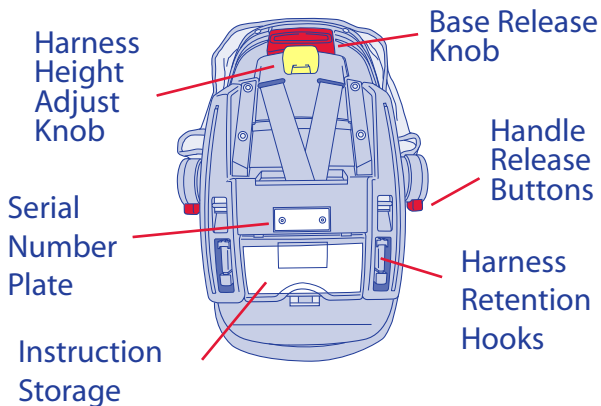
- **DO NOT use this Infant Seat when top of child's head is closer than 1 inch from the top edge of seat back. Severe head or neck injuries can result without proper head support.**



## Section 5 - Infant Seat Parts

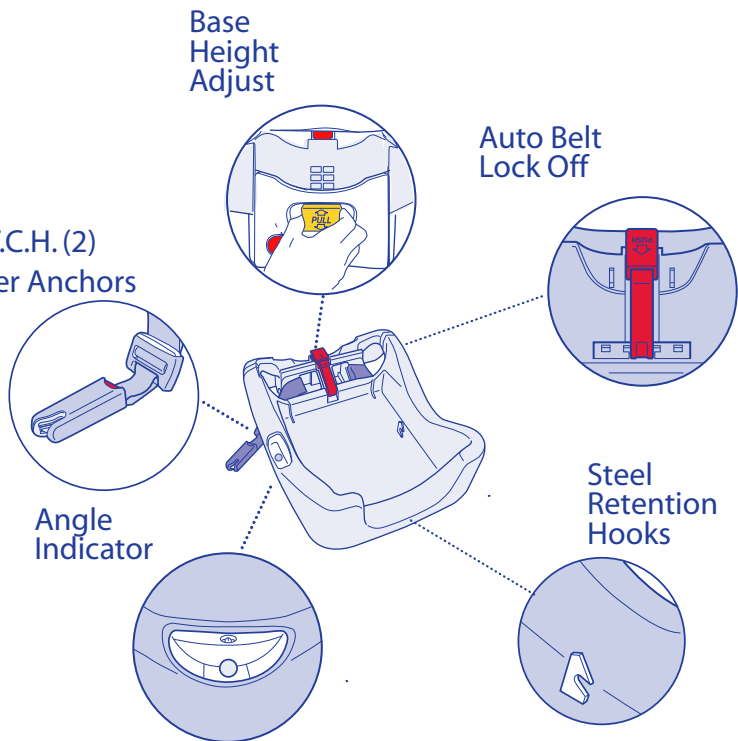


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## Section 5 - Infant Seat Parts



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### ⚠ WARNING ⚠

**DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur**

- Use only in a rear facing position when using this restraint in a vehicle.
- **DO NOT** use this infant seat in a forward facing position.
- Only use this Infant Seat with the vehicle's seat belts or LATCH System.
- **DO NOT** use this Infant Seat with vehicle seat belts mounted to the vehicle door or door frame.
- **DO NOT** use this Infant Seat if it cannot be properly installed. Some child restraints will not fit some vehicle seating positions.

- **NEVER** use this Infant Seat in any vehicle seating position equipped with an active air bag. Read your vehicle's owners manual to see



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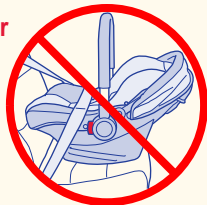
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⚠ WARNING ⚠

- to turn off your airbag if you have no back seat or a child must ride in the front seats.

For side airbags see page 10.

- **DO NOT** use this Infant Seat in rear seat of a compact pickup truck. Severe head injury or death can occur.
- **ALWAYS** use the base with the carrier in this child restraint.
- **NEVER** attempt to install the Infant Seat without the base. The Infant seat has not been designed to be used with out a base.



## 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 specific vehicle.
  - Use of Infant Seat in a vehicle rear seat location.
  - Never put Infant Seat in a front seat location unless permitted 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 manufacturer's instruction to disable air bags that could cause serious injury to child and move seat back as far as possible.

### The First Years Policy Statement

#### Use Of Via I440 Infant Seat 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 First Years Via I440 Infant Seat child restraint may be used in any rear seating position equipped only with side impact airbags that are roof mounted with "curtain" type deployment. For all other vehicles with other types of side impact airbags, please refer to your specific vehicles owner's manual for appropriate use of child restraints, or call the automobile manufacturer for more information.

## Section 6 - Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

### 3 Vehicle Seats:

**DO NOT** use this Infant Seat with the following vehicle seats:



**Seats Which Face Sides Of Vehicle**



**Seats Which Face Rear Of Vehicle**

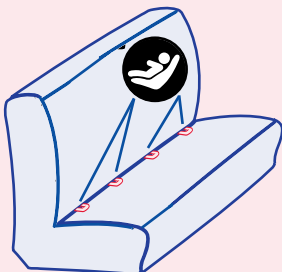


**Rear Seats Of Small Extended Cab Pickup Trucks**

### 4. Latch Bar Location

Consult your automobiles owner's manual or manufacturer for location and availability of LATCH anchor points.

LATCH  
Bar  
Locations



## Section 6 - Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

### 5. Vehicle Seat Belt Systems:

Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt, lap belt or LATCH system when restraining this Infant Seat.

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

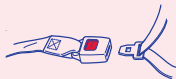
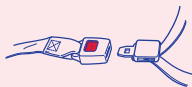
#### LAP SHOULDER BELTS

##### **Combination lap-shoulder belt with locking latch plate**

This type of belt system has a latch plate that will not allow the lap portion of the belt to loosen once it is buckled. The belt is tightened by pulling hard on the shoulder portion of the vehicle belt while pushing down on the restraint.

##### **Combination lap-shoulder belt with sliding latch plate**

This type of belt system has a latch plate that allows the belt to slide through even when it is buckled. Many vehicles with this type of seat belt system can be locked by pulling all the seat belt webbing out. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for details on switching the retractor from ELR mode to ALR mode. The belt is tightened by pulling hard on the shoulder portion of the vehicle belt while pushing down on the restraint.



## Section 6 - Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

### LAP BELTS

#### **Manually-adjusted lap belt**

This type of lap belt is tightened by pulling on the excess belt once it is buckled.



#### **Lap belt with automatic locking retractor(ALR)**

This belt system's retractor locks automatically and does not allow the lap belt to lengthen once it is buckled. Tighten by feeding the autobelt back into the retractor while pushing down on the infant restraint.



### **Unsafe Vehicle Seat Belt Systems:**

**DO NOT** use this Infant seat with the following vehicle seat belts.



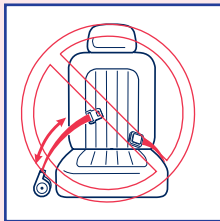
***Passive Restraints  
Motorized  
Shoulder Belt***



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

#### **Lap Belt with Emergency Locking Retractor-ELR**

Do Not Use! -This lap belt stays loose when when buckled and can move until locks in sudden stop or crash.

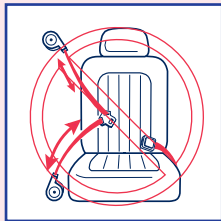


## Section 6 - Selecting A Vehicle Seating Location

### Unsafe Vehicle Seat Belt Systems cont.-

#### **Lap and Shoulder Belt with Dual Retractors**

Do Not Use!- Each autobelt Strap has a retractor at each end and is attached to the latch plate at one end.



### 6. Vehicle Seat Belt Retractors

Consult your vehicle's owners manual for types of retractors that are in your automobile and the function of the retractors.

#### Acceptable Autobelt Retractor Type

**ALR – Automatic Locking Retractor:** Allows belt to be pulled in one motion until fastened, then operates as a ratchet, winding in slack, preventing further extension (until completely rewound). In most belts, you will hear a faint clicking sound that indicates the belt is locked and ratcheting in.

**Switchable**– When Adjusted to the ELR mode - Manually adjustable from ELR mode to ALR mode. For most, pull belt webbing all the way out of the retractor to activate the ALR mode. A slight "click" may be heard, but the belt will ratchet in to retractor once switched into ALR mode). In some models, the retractors switch from ELR to ALR by pushing a button.

#### Unacceptable Autobelt Retractor Type

**ELR – Emergency Locking Retractor:** Allows the belt to be freely extended or rewound. It locks only when the vehicle slows, changes direction or stops suddenly.

**▲ WARNING ▲**  
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- Use only in a rear facing position when using this restraint in a vehicle.
- Use only with children who weigh between 4 and 22 pounds (1,8 and 10 kg) or less and whose height is 30 inches (76 cm) or less.
- Snugly adjust the belts (Harness) provided with this child restraint around your child.
- Secure this child restraint with the vehicle's child restraint Anchorage system (LATCH) if available or with a vehicle belt.
- Follow all instructions on this child restraint and in the written Instructions located on the bottom of the seat. Do not use without instructions. Call 1-888-899-2229 to obtain instructions.
- Register your child restraint with Learning Curve.
- **DO NOT** place this rear facing child seat in a front seat that has an airbag.
- **NEVER** leave child unattended under any circumstance.
- **SUFFOCATION HAZARD:**  
Infant Carrier can roll over on soft surfaces and suffocate child. Never place carrier on beds, sofas or other soft surfaces.
- **STRANGULATION HAZARD:**  
Child can strangle in loose restraint straps. Always use harness, **NEVER** leave child in carrier when straps are loose or undone.
- **FALL HAZARD:**  
Child's movements can slide carrier. **NEVER** place carrier near edges of counter tops, tables or other elevated surfaces. Be sure handle locks into position before lifting carrier.



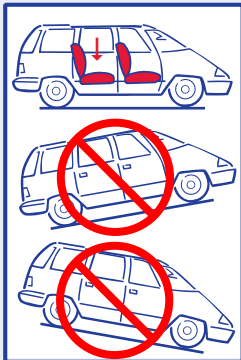
## Section 7 - Installation and Use

### Base Installation - 7.1

#### 1. Level Vehicle

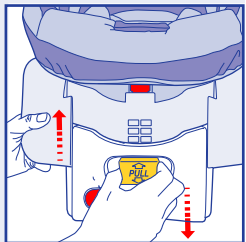
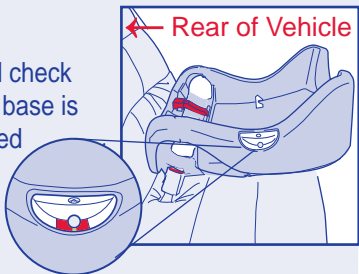
- Check to make sure vehicle is on a level surface.

**This carrier must always be used with the base.**



#### 2- Leveling base.

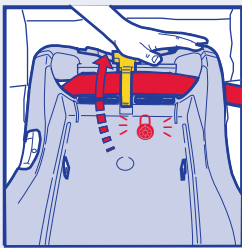
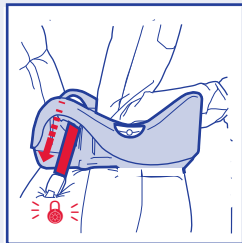
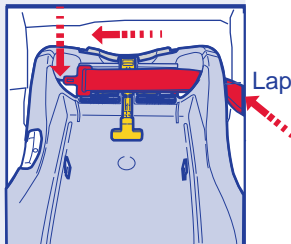
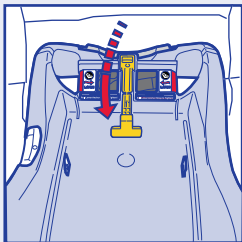
- Place seat in base and check level indicator to see if base is level. LEVEL is indicated by the ball being completely in the green area.
- Pull out on the yellow release knob and slide the angle foot to raise the base or to lower the base angle.
- The base is **NOT** level and seat back is **NOT** at 45 degree unless the ball is in the green.



**NOTE:** If needed, a towel or pool noodle can be used for extra elevation and angle adjustment.

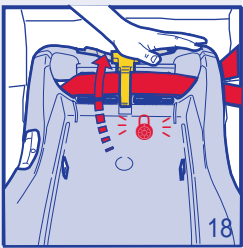
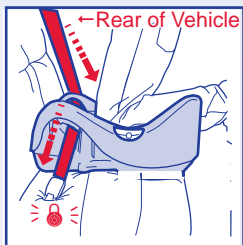
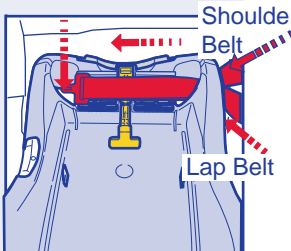
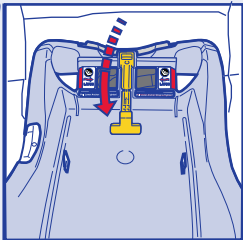
### 7.2-Auto Belt - Base Installation with Lap Belt

- 1- After Ball is in the green area on Level indicator, open Lock Off and thread auto safety belt through the labeled "Belt Here" auto safety belt path.
- 2- Press down on base with knee, tighten auto belt and insert buckle tongue into buckle. Close and secure "Lock Off" to eliminate slippage. Pull on auto safety belt to ensure the auto buckle is secure.
- 3- **CHECK** level indicator to ensure the ball is in the green area. Pull out on the yellow release knob and slide the angle foot to raise the base or to lower the base angle.
- 4- **CHECK** base at safety belt path for movement. Base should not move more than 1 inch in any direction.
- 5- If base moves, repeat steps until all safety steps are met.



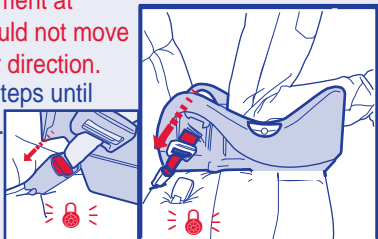
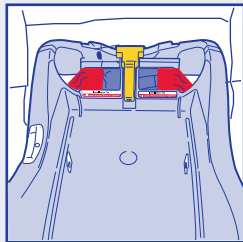
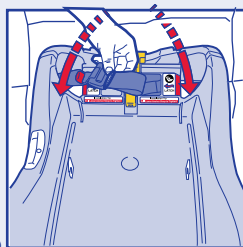
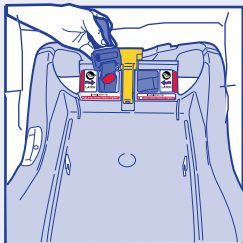
### 7.2.1-Auto Belt - Base Installation with Lap and Shoulder Belt

- 1- After Ball is in the green area on Level indicator, open Lock Off and thread auto safety belt through the labeled "Belt Here" auto safety belt path.
- 2- Press down on base with knee, tighten auto belt and insert buckle tongue into buckle. Close and secure "Lock Off" to eliminate slippage. Pull on auto safety belt to ensure the auto buckle is secure.
- 3- **CHECK** level indicator to ensure the ball is in the green area. Pull out on the yellow release knob and slide the angle foot to raise the base or to lower the base angle.
- 4- **CHECK** base at safety belt path for movement. Base should not move more than 1 inch in any direction.
- 5- If base moves, repeat steps until all safety steps are met.



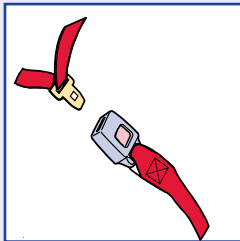
### CRS Connector LATCH Anchor Points- 7.3

1. Consult your automobile's owners manual or manufacturer for location and availability of LATCH lower anchor points.
- 2 - Remove **BOTH** LATCH Lower Anchor connectorc from the LATCH Lower Anchor storage compartment.
- 3- Attach the right and left LATCH Lower Anchor to the anchor points. Press down on the base with your knee and pull up on the webbing loop until the webbing is taut.
- 4- **CHECK** level indicator to ensure the ball is in the green area. Pull out on the yellow release knob and slide the anglefoot to raise the base or to lower the base angle.  
**CHECK** base for movement at the belt path. Base should not move more than 1 inch in any direction.
5. If base moves, repeat steps until all safety steps are met.

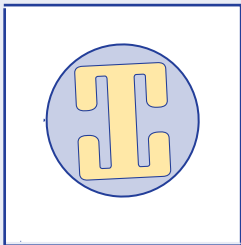


### CRS Locking Clip Installation - 7.4

1. A Free Sliding Latch Plate will require the use of a locking clip if the Lock Off feature is not used. The First Years requires the use of the Lock Off at all times.



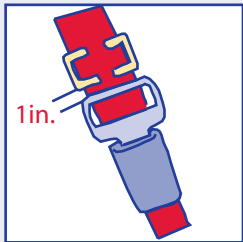
- 2 - A locking clip may be purchased by calling Learning Curve 1-888-899-2229.



- 3- Follow the base installation on pages 15 to 19.

**This carrier must always be used with the base.**

- 4 Thread the locking clip on the belt as close to the latch plate as possible—  
**It must be within 1 inch.**



## Section 7 - Installation and Use

### Installing Carrier onto the Base - 7.5

- 1- Ensure base is installed correctly as described in the Base Installation section before installing the Infant seat.

**This carrier must always be used with the base.**

- 2 - Lower Infant seat on to the base.

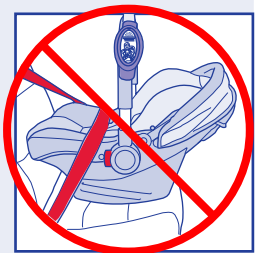
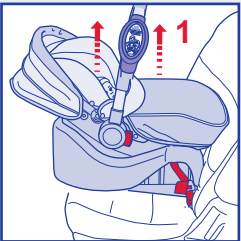
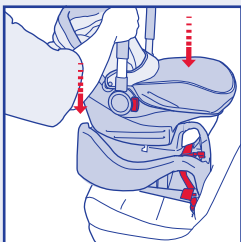
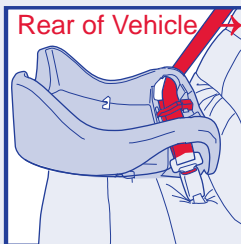
- 3- **NOTE**-You should hear a positive click when the Infant Seat is installed correctly. Pull up on the Infant Seat handle to ensure the Infant Seat is attached to the base. see figure 1

- 4- **CHECK** level indicator to ensure the ball is in the green area. Turn yellow adjust height knob clockwise to raise the base or counter clockwise to lower base.

**CHECK** base for movement at the belt path. Base should not move more than 1 inch in any direction.

- 5- If the base does not pass both checks, repeat installation steps until the base installation passes both checks.

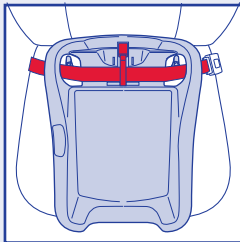
- 6- **NEVER** attempt to install the infant seat with the auto belt. The Infant Seat can only be used with a base.



### CRS Installation Pictograms -7.6

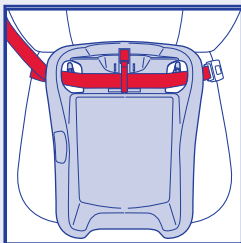
1. Base installed with Lap belt

**This carrier must always be used with the base.**



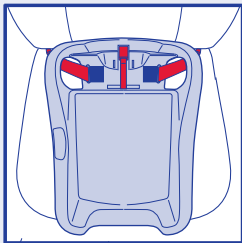
- 2 - Base installed with Lap and Shoulder belt.

**This carrier must always be used with the base.**



- 3- Base installed with LATCH connectors and LATCH Bars.

**This carrier must always be used with the base.**

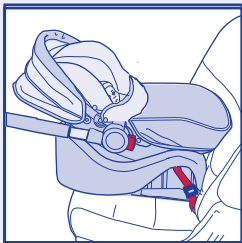


**This carrier must always be used with the base.**

### CRS Installation Pictograms -7.6

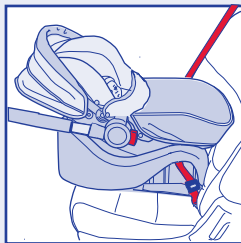
- 1- Infant Seat and Base installed with Lap belt.

**This carrier must always be used with the base.**



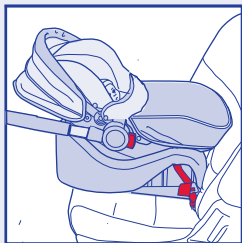
2. Infant Seat and Base installed with lap and shoulder belt.

**This carrier must always be used with the base.**



- 3 - Infant Seat and base installed with LATCH connectors to LATCH bars.

**This carrier must always be used with the base.**



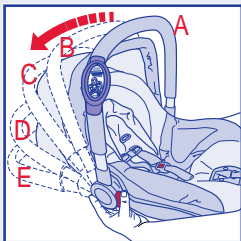
**This carrier must always be used with the base.**



## Handle - 7.7

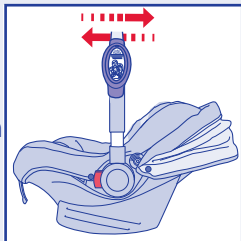
### 1. Positioning of Handle

- Press red button on both sides of the handle to move handle.
- Only use position **A** to carry the Infant Seat.



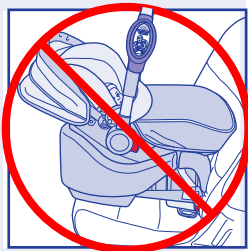
### 2- Check That Handle is Locked

- Before the Infant seat is lifted for any reason, check to make sure handle is locked into position by pushing forward and pulling back on the handle.



### 3- Handle position in auto

- Never have handle in position **A** when infant seat is installed in the automobile. Position **B, C, D** or **E** are acceptable use positions in the automobile.

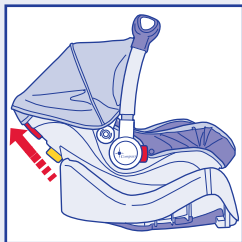


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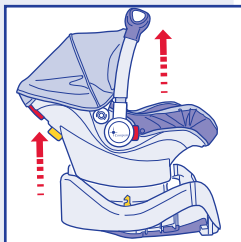
- **Prevent injury. Never have handle in position A when the Infant Seat is installed in the automobile.**

### I440 Removal from base 7.8

1- Grip red handle and gently pull up.



2- Pull straight up on the I440 by the handle and the front or back edge.



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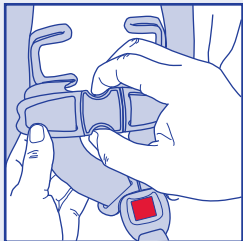
- **Prevent injury. Always have child restrained with harness system when child is in this Infant Seat**

### Harness System 7.9

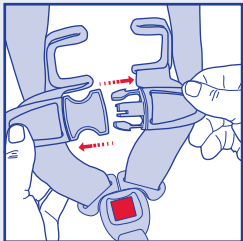
#### A Chest Clip-

##### 1- To Unlock

- Squeeze center locking tabs



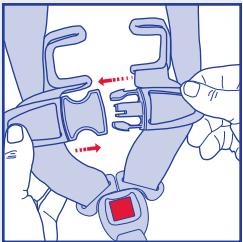
- Pull Chest clip apart



##### 2- To Lock

- Align locking tabs and press Chest Clip together until tabs snap into place.

**Note:** Try to pull Chest Clip apart to ensure the clip is locked.



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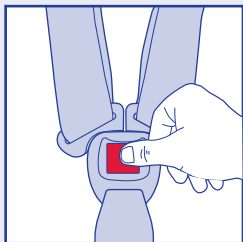
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### Harness System

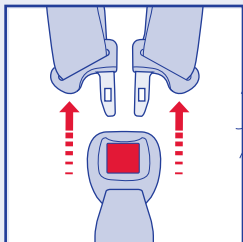
#### B 5 Point Buckle-

##### 3- To UnLock

- Press red center button until the 5 Point Buckle releases.



- Pull Buckle Tongue from Buckle

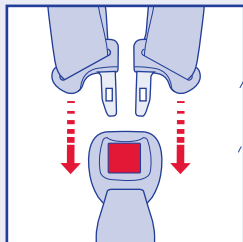


##### 4- 5 Point Buckle

##### To Lock

- Align Buckle Tongues and insert both Buckle Tongues into Buckle until Buckle Tongues lock in place.

**Note:** Try to remove Buckle Tongues from Buckle to ensure the Buckle is locked.



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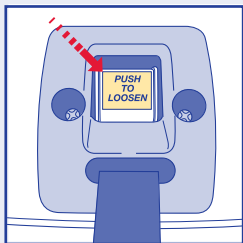
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### Harness System

#### C Harness Adjuster

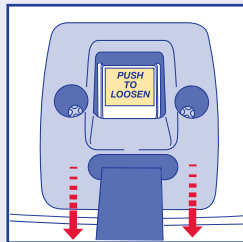
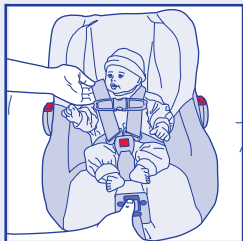
##### 5- To loosen harness system

- The Harness Adjuster is located at the Lower end of the Infant Seat between the child's feet.
- Press the yellow center button and pull the harness system outward from the seat back over the baby's shoulder.



##### 6- To Tighten Harness System

- Lock Chest Clip and 5 Point Buckle.  
Pull Harness webbing out until harness is snug over the child's shoulder.
- **Note:** A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.



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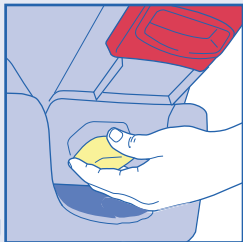
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### Harness System

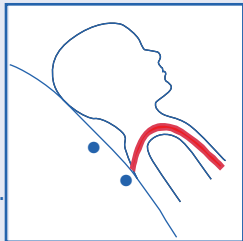
#### D Shoulder Height Adjustment

##### 7- To Raise or Lower Harness

- Loosen harness system.
- Pull out the yellow adjustment knob located on the seat back and slide the adjustment to either the upper or lower slot depending upon the height of the child.



- **Note:** After adjustment for shoulder height, move yellow knob up and down to ensure the yellow knob has engaged.
- **Note:** The harness should be at or below the shoulder of the child.



- **Note:** You should not be able to pinch excess webbing if the harness properly fastened.
- **Note:** A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.

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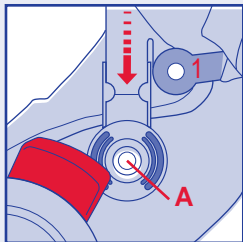
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## Canopy - 7.10

### 1. Installation

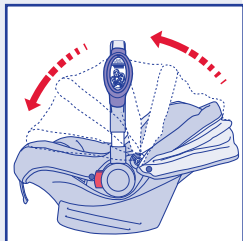
#### To install Canopy

- Insert Canopy post until the canopy clicks into place.  
Note: The pivoting canopy rod must be at the back of the seat. 1



### 2- Rotation

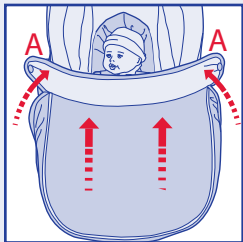
- The canopy has a full rotation.
- Push or pull to raise or lower into desired location.



## Cold Weather Boot / Cover- 7.11

### 1- Installation (Not included with all models)

- Slide boot / cover over the front on the Infant seat.
- Secure boot / cover by fastening snaps to canopy post snaps. (A)



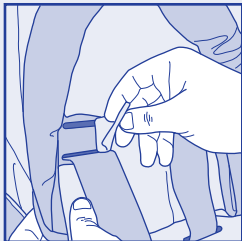
## ⚠ WARNING ⚠

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### Head Bolster - 7.12

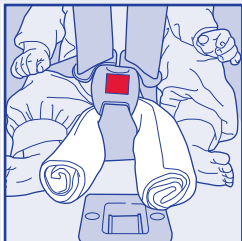
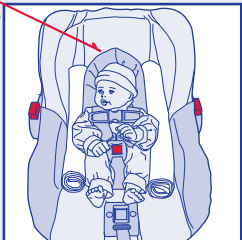
#### 1- Positioning/Removal

- The Head Bolster is held in place with hook and loop fasteners. The top inside of the Head Bolster should be as close to the top of the child's head as possible.



#### Babies with Low Birth Weight 7.13

- Rolled towels can be added for side support for smaller infant.
- Add a rolled wash cloth for added support between the crotch belt and the infant.



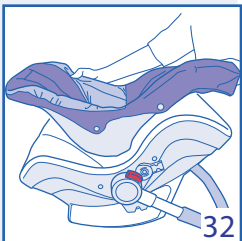
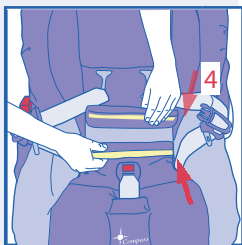
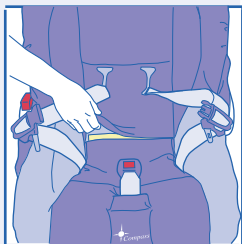
### **⚠ WARNING ⚠**

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## Pad Removal -7.14

- 1-Unfasten outer snaps, remove canopy, head bolster and cold weather boot if included.
- 2-Loosen harness and place the harness out of the way as indicated in the picture.
- 3-Locate the Easy Off pad flaps and separate.
- 4-Pull harness through the slots in the Easy Off Pad.
- 5-Remove pad and launder per the instructions on page 36.

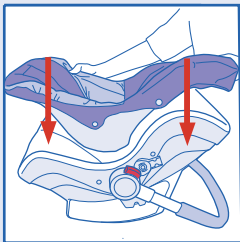


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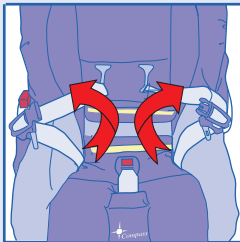
- **Prevent injury. Do not use this Infant Carrier without the pad**

### Pad Installation- 7.15

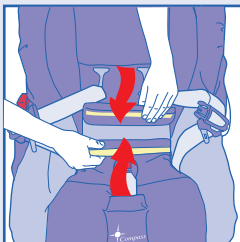
1. Lower dry pad on shell allowing the attachment flaps to remain open.



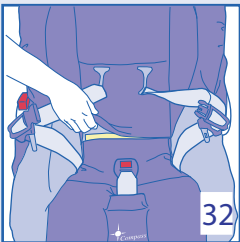
2. Pull harness through open flaps. Place harness in the harness location slots. Place harness to the side..



3. Close flaps and secure with the hook and loop fastener.



4. Fasten outer snaps, replace Canopy Head Bolster.



### **⚠ WARNING ⚠**

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### Safe Practices

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

- Learning Curve at:  
Phone: 1-888-899-2229  
Email: [cs@learningcurve.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov) and select "Child Seat Inspections".
- Log onto [www.seatcheck.org](http://www.seatcheck.org).
- Call 1-866-SEAT CHECK (1-866-732-8243).

- \* **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.
- \* 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 8 - Safety Checklist/Safe Practices

### Safety Checklist

- Did you read and understand these instructions and labels on the Infant Seat?
- Is the child the proper weight and height for the Infant Seat?
- Is the child secured in the back seat?
- Did you pull the harness adjustor tight?
- You should not be able to pinch the harness if the harness is properly fastened.
- Is the shoulder strap at or below the child's shoulders?
- Did you hear the positive click telling you that the infant seat is locked in the base?
- Is the base used and located in the rear automobile seat?
- Is the base located in the center seat, a window seat with no airbag, or a window seat with a roof mounted, curtain type deploying airbag (deploys down the window)?
- Is the base buckled in the automobile with either the LATCH system or auto safety belt system?
- Is the angle indicator in the Green area?
- Is the handle rotated to one of the back positions?
- Did you check for hot surfaces in sunny weather?
- Current date is not after "Do Not use After" date on bottom of Infant Seat?
- Has the airbag been deactivated in a vehicle with a front only seat?

## **Section 9 - Additional Information**

### **Certification:**

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

This Infant Seat is certified for use in motor vehicles.

### **Aircraft Use:**

**This Restraint is Certified for Aircraft Use.**

### **Vehicle Seat Protection:**

Protect vehicle seat. Use a thin car seat mat, thin towel, or thin blanket under the Infant Seat.

### **Instruction Manual Storage:**

Store instruction manual in pocket on the bottom of the Infant Seat.

### **Infant Seat Useful Life:**

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

### **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](http://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>.”

## Section 10 - Care and Cleaning

### Removing Seat Pad:

- Gently unsnap metal snaps after following the directions on page 32.

### Cleaning Seat Pad, Head Bolster and Canopy:

- 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:

- Follow directions on page 33 to reattach pad.

## Section 11 - Replacement Parts

We know pads get worn or damaged. Some companies charge outrageous prices when their parts wear out. At The First Years, 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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