



FITTING A CHILD CAR SEAT

A properly fitted car seat that matches your child's age and size can help prevent serious injuries or death in a crash.


When choosing where to place the child car seat, consider these factors:

Is there access to the required attachment systems? This includes the top tether strap and anchorage attachment and suitable adult vehicle seatbelt or ISOFIX attachment.

Does the child car seat interfere with the driver's seat, other child car seats or booster seats, or make it hard for other passengers to get in and out?

Can you safely get your child in and out of the car using the safety door (the door farthest from oncoming traffic)?



 **Children 12 and under should always sit in the back seat of a car.**

Fitting the seat

Always read the instruction manual carefully when installing the child car seat. Keep the instructions in the pouch with the car seat so you can easily refit or adjust it if needed. Installing a child car seat **incorrectly** can increase the risk and severity of injuries in a crash.



Child car seat top tether strap and anchorage points

Locate the child car seat top tether strap anchorage point using your vehicle owner's manual. The anchorage point should be directly behind and central to the seating position.

If your vehicle is NOT fitted with anchorage points, DO NOT consider making any modifications to your vehicle on your own. Any after market modifications should be installed by an authorised person.

Contact your local transport authority for further information.



Anchorage component kits

An anchorage component kit can be purchased separately if required.

Install the anchorage components, following the instructions in your vehicle owner's manual if one is required.

The current hook attachment system was introduced in 1993. Some vehicles also have integrated anchorages already fitted into your vehicle and require no additional parts.*

i Important information

*As part of the latest revision of the Australian Standard, anchorage bolt kits will not come with all restraints, to come into effect in the next 12 months approx.



ISOFIX Lower Anchorages

Some vehicles will be fitted with lower anchorages which are often referred to as ISOFIX attachments.

Check your vehicle owner's manual to find out whether your vehicle has ISOFIX attachments and where they are located.

ISOFIX is an alternative way to install your child car seat to the car instead of using a seatbelt. ISOFIX compatible child car seats are available in Australia, meet the Australian Standard, and suitable for children from birth up to approximately four years of age.

These seats can be installed using ISOFIX attachments or the adult seatbelt. Regardless of whether you install a child car seat with ISOFIX or the adult seatbelt, you **MUST** use the top tether strap and anchorage attachment.



**Avoid common misuse issues by:**

- ✓ Ensuring seatbelts are connected at all times using the correct pathway.
- ✓ Check seatbelts for twisting, frayed edges or other damage.
- ✓ Make sure the inbuilt harness is correctly fitted and adjusted.
- ✓ Connect the top tether strap and anchorage attachment to the correct anchorage point for that seating position.
- ✗ Never use both the adult seatbelt AND ISOFIX attachment at the same time for installing a child car seat. Pick one method, and always use the top tether strap. If using ISOFIX attachments, be sure to check your vehicle's manual to make sure you install the car seat with ISOFIX correctly.

Destroy child car seats after a crash

The Australian Standard states that where a child car seat is involved in a severe crash (where the car's main body is damaged) the child car seat should be destroyed.

This also applies if there is no obvious damage to the seat and the child wasn't using the seat at the time.

Check with your vehicle insurer to find out if your policy covers replacement of child car seats after a crash.

