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Keep this manual in the storage location provided on the SafeGuard Child Seat.
General Information

Congratulations on your purchase of a SafeGuard Child Seat, the premiere child restraint available today.

The SafeGuard team truly cares about child passenger safety and is committed to providing innovative child restraints that offer the utmost in safety and ease of use. While no child restraint can prevent injury in every situation, proper installation and use of a child restraint can substantially reduce a child’s risk of serious injury or death.

It is critical to read and understand these instructions and the instructions in the vehicle owner’s manual BEFORE using this child restraint. Failure to properly use this child restraint may result in serious injury or death of your child. If you have any questions after reviewing the instructions, please contact us at:

SafeGuard Customer Service: www.safeguardseat.com (or) 1-800-586-7839.

This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards. This restraint is certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft.

Video Instructions

Video instructions are also provided to help users fully understand how to use their SafeGuard Child Seat. The DVD video instructions are located in a pocket in the front cover of this instruction manual. The video provides complete step-by-step instructions in both English and Spanish.

If you do not have access to a DVD player, video cassette instructions are also available free of charge by contacting SafeGuard Customer Service at www.safeguardseat.com (or) 1-800-586-7839.

Color Coding Of Instructions, Labels, And Child Restraint

This instruction manual, product labels, and portions of the child restraint itself have been color-coded to help users further understand proper use of the SafeGuard Child Seat.

This key outlines the color-coding:

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Registration Information

Please fill out the prepaid registration card attached to the child restraint and mail it today (or) register online at the website listed below.

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, manufacturing date, and serial number to IMMI, 18881 U.S. 31 North, Westfield, IN 46074 (or) call 1-800-586-7839 (or) register online at www.safeguardsseat.com/register.

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://www.NHTSA.gov.

For future reference, fill in the information below. The information can be found on the label on the back of the child restraint.

Model Number: ____________________________
Serial Number: ____________________________
Manufactured In: __________________________

Warnings

FAILURES TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH OF YOUR CHILD. PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW ALL CHILD RESTRAINT AND VEHICLE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

• DO NOT INSTALL OR USE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT UNLESS YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL AND IN THE VEHICLE OWNER’S MANUAL. DO NOT LET OTHERS INSTALL OR USE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT UNLESS THEY UNDERSTAND HOW TO USE IT CORRECTLY.

• According to crash statistics, CHILDREN ARE SAFER WHEN PROPERLY RESTRAINED IN REAR VEHICLE SEATING POSITIONS, RATHER THAN FRONT SEATING POSITIONS.

• DO NOT PLACE ANY CHILD RESTRAINT IN THE FRONT SEAT OF A VEHICLE WITH AN ACTIVE PASSENGER AIR BAG UNLESS THE VEHICLE OWNER’S MANUAL SPECIFICALLY INDICATES IT IS ALLOWED. The back seat is the safest place for children under 13. FOR A VEHICLE WITH SIDE AIR BAGS, REFER TO THE VEHICLE OWNER’S MANUAL for child restraint installation instructions and precautions.

• INSTALL THIS CHILD RESTRAINT ONLY ON VEHICLE SEATS THAT FACE FORWARD. DO NOT INSTALL this child restraint on vehicle seats facing sideways or backwards.

• FOLLOW ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS on the child restraint and in this manual.

• ONLY USE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT WITH CHILDREN WHO WEIGH BETWEEN 22 AND 65 POUNDS (10 - 29.5 KG) AND WHOSE HEIGHT IS 57 INCHES (144 CM) OR LESS, AND WHO ARE OVER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

• ONLY USE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT FACING THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE. DO NOT INSTALL REAR-FACING.
WARNING

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH OF YOUR CHILD. PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW ALL CHILD RESTRAINT AND VEHICLE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

- ALWAYS SECURE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT WITH THE VEHICLE’S CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE SYSTEM (LATCH) IF AVAILABLE OR WITH THE VEHICLE SEAT BELT. A child restraint should be properly secured even when unoccupied. An unsecured child restraint can be thrown around and may injure occupants in a sharp turn, sudden stop or crash.

- ALWAYS SECURE THE TETHER STRAP provided with this child restraint if a tether anchor is available in your vehicle.

- WHEN USING THIS CHILD RESTRAINT WITH CHILDREN WHO WEIGH OVER 48 POUNDS (21 KG): Secure this child restraint with the vehicle seat belt only. (DO NOT use the lower LATCH anchors.)

- SNUGLY ADJUST THE HARNESS provided with this child restraint around your child. An improperly adjusted harness can contribute to ejection of the child resulting in serious injury or death.

- NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED in this child restraint.

- REPLACE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT AFTER A CRASH. A crash can cause damage to the child restraint that you cannot see. Contact SafeGuard Customer Service for more information.

- STOP USING THIS CHILD RESTRAINT after the date molded into the back of the child restraint.

- DO NOT MODIFY THIS CHILD RESTRAINT or use any accessories or parts supplied by other manufacturers. DO NOT, except as allowed in this manual, attempt to disassemble any part of the child restraint or change the way the harness or vehicle seat belt are used.

- NEVER USE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT IF IT HAS DAMAGED OR MISSING PARTS. DO NOT use a cut, frayed or damaged harness, LATCH belt or vehicle seat belt.

Safe Practices

- Ensure all vehicle occupants are properly restrained before traveling. Unrestrained occupants can be thrown around and may be seriously injured or seriously injure other occupants in a sharp turn, sudden stop or crash.

- Before every trip, check that the child restraint is secure and that the harness is properly adjusted around the child.

- If the child is wearing cold weather clothing, give extra attention to adjusting the harness — make sure the harness straps lie flat on the child’s shoulders, are adjusted snugly so that the clothing is compressed and the child cannot lean forward, and the chest clip is at armpit level. Clothing that interferes with the proper placement or adjustment of the harness system should never be used.

- Cover the child restraint when the vehicle is parked in direct sunlight. Parts of a child restraint can become very hot if left in the sun. Contact with these parts can burn a child’s skin. Always check the surface of any metal or plastic parts before putting your child in the child restraint.

- Do not leave loose objects, such as books, bags, etc., in the back of the vehicle. In the event of a sharp turn, sudden stop, or crash, loose objects can be thrown around and possibly cause serious injury to vehicle occupants.

- Do not allow children to play with vehicle seat belts. If possible, move unused seat belts out of reach to avoid a strangulation hazard.
Height And Weight Limitations

The child MUST meet all of the following requirements to use this child restraint:

• 22-65 pounds (10-29.5 kg)
• 57 inches (144 cm) or less
• 1 year old or older
• Top of child’s ears are below top of child restraint after proper headrest adjustment
• Shoulder straps are at or just above child’s shoulders after proper headrest adjustment

If the child does not meet ALL of the above child size requirements, do not use this child restraint.

Safe Practices cont’d.

• Always tightly roll or fold any excess tether strap and attach the hook and loop strip to avoid a strangulation hazard.

• Do not leave folding vehicle seats unlatched. This can lead to serious injury in a sharp turn, sudden stop, or crash.

• Do not use anything to raise the child restraint off the vehicle seat. In a sharp turn, sudden stop, or crash, the child restraint could slide and potentially cause serious injury.

• Do not allow children to play with the child restraint.

• Never give this child restraint to someone else without also giving them this manual.

• Never use a second-hand child restraint with an unknown history.
**Vehicle Information**

**Vehicle Features**

**Important:** Refer to your vehicle owner’s manual to identify your vehicle’s specific features and requirements for child restraint installation. Your vehicle’s features may be quite different from those shown below.

**Frontal Air Bag**
Do not place this child restraint in a vehicle seating position that has an active frontal air bag.

**Vehicle Seat Requirements**

**LATCH Tether Anchors**

**Rear Lap-Shoulder Belts**

**Rear Center Lap Belt**

**LATCH Lower Anchors**

**Seat Bight**

**Rear Seat Belt Buckles**

According to crash statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions than in the front seating positions.

**Vehicle Features** cont’d.

Vehicle tether anchors can be found in many different locations. Some of the typical locations are shown below. Refer to your vehicle owner’s manual for specific locations in your vehicle.

- Ceiling or frame around the rear door
- Rear shelf of sedans
- Back wall of pickups
- Vehicles with reinforced seats
- Cargo floor of station wagons, hatchbacks, vans and SUV’s

**Vehicle Seat Requirements**

**WARNING**

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE VEHICLE SEAT REQUIREMENTS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

SOME SEATING POSITIONS IN YOUR VEHICLE MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE FOR THIS CHILD RESTRAINT. Some vehicles do not have any seating positions that can be used safely with a child restraint.

If you are not sure where to place the child restraint in your vehicle, consult your vehicle owner’s manual or call SafeGuard Customer Service at 1-800-586-7839.
Vehicle Seat Requirements cont’d.

WARNING
FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE VEHICLE SEAT BELT REQUIREMENTS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Some vehicle seat belt systems are not acceptable to use with this child restraint. A vehicle seat belt must hold a child restraint tightly at all times. If the vehicle seat belt does not remain tight or the child restraint can move more than 1” in any direction, your child could be seriously injured in a sharp turn, sudden stop, or crash.

- According to crash statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in rear vehicle seating positions, rather than front seating positions.

- The child restraint should not hang over the edge of the vehicle seat. At least 80% of the bottom of the child restraint should be in contact with the vehicle seat cushion.

- Install this child restraint only on vehicle seats that face forward. DO NOT install this child restraint on vehicle seats facing sideways or backwards.

- Only use vehicle seats with seat backs that lock in an upright position. Check that the seat back is locked.

Vehicle Seat Belt Requirements

Unacceptable Vehicle Seat Belt Systems

Do not use any of the following systems to secure this child restraint.

- Lap belt with an emergency locking retractor (ELR)
  This type of lap belt stays loose and can move until it locks in a sudden stop or crash. This vehicle seat belt may NOT safely hold a child restraint in place. DO NOT USE this type of belt system unless the vehicle owner’s manual or label states the belt can be locked at all times.

WARNING
Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.

- Do NOT place a child restraint in a front seat of a vehicle with an active passenger air bag.

- For vehicles with side air bags, refer to the vehicle owner’s manual for child restraint installation instructions and precautions.

Make sure you understand the seat belt systems in your vehicle. Carefully read this section on belt systems and also refer to the vehicle owner’s manual and any labels on the vehicle seat belts. If you are unsure whether the vehicle seat belts are acceptable to use, contact the vehicle manufacturer or call SafeGuard Customer Service at 1-800-586-7839.
Unacceptable Vehicle Seat Belt Systems cont’d.

- Combination lap-shoulder belt with two retractors
  This type of belt system has a retractor for the shoulder portion and another retractor for the lap portion of the belt system. Both belt portions are sewn to the latch plate. This vehicle seat belt may NOT safely hold a child restraint in place. DO NOT USE this type of belt system unless the vehicle owner’s manual or label states the lap belt portion can be locked at all times.

- Lap belts forward of the seat bight (seat crease)
  Some vehicle seat belt systems’ lap belts are anchored forward of the seat bight and come up through the vehicle seat’s bottom cushion. This vehicle seat belt may NOT safely hold a child restraint in place. DO NOT USE this type of belt system unless it holds the child restraint securely and the lap belt portion stays locked at all times.

- Belt systems attached to the vehicle door or on a motorized track.
  DO NOT USE vehicle seat belts that are attached to the door in any way or that move along a track to automatically surround the passenger when the door is closed. These vehicle seat belts WILL NOT safely hold a child restraint in place.

- If you determine that all the seat belt systems in your vehicle are unacceptable, installing the child restraint with LATCH may be an option. Refer to the vehicle owner’s manual for LATCH locations and page 19 of this manual for more information. If LATCH is not available, contact the vehicle manufacturer to see if installing a seat belt system that can be used with a child restraint is an option.

Acceptable Vehicle Seat Belt Systems

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE SEAT BELT SYSTEMS CAN BE USED WITH THIS CHILD RESTRAINT IF the seat location meets all other requirements of these instructions and those in the vehicle owner’s manual. If available, the LATCH attachments on this child restraint and the LATCH anchor points in the vehicle may be an option to use in place of the vehicle seat belt system. Refer to the vehicle owner’s manual for LATCH locations and page 19 of this manual for more information.

- Manually-adjusted lap belt
  This type of lap belt is tightened by pulling on the excess belt once it is buckled. When adjusted properly, this belt system should hold the child restraint securely in place. Always check to make sure the seat belt is holding the child restraint securely.

- 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. When used properly, this belt system should hold the child restraint securely in place. The belt may need to be fed back into the retractor to remove the slack. Always check to make sure the seat belt is holding the child restraint securely.
Acceptable Vehicle Seat Belt Systems cont’d.

• 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. When adjusted properly, this belt system should hold the child restraint securely in place. Always check to make sure the seat belt is holding the child restraint securely.

• 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 out all the seat belt webbing. Refer to your vehicle owner’s manual for details. If your vehicle seat belt cannot be locked, the shoulder belt lock on the child restraint MUST be used with this type of belt system. (Refer to page 30, Figure F for further instructions.) When adjusted properly, this belt system should hold the child restraint securely in place. Always check to make sure the seat belt is holding the child restraint securely.

LATCH Requirements

⚠️ WARNING
FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE LATCH REQUIREMENTS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.
SEE THE VEHICLE OWNER’S MANUAL FOR EXACT LOCATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR USING LATCH WITH THIS CHILD RESTRAINT.

If you are unsure about how to identify or use the LATCH system, contact the vehicle manufacturer or call SafeGuard Customer Service at 1-800-586-7839.

LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren) can be found in newer vehicles. Most new vehicles have two or more seating positions with LATCH anchorage systems. When used properly, the system holds the child restraint securely in place. If it does not hold the child restraint tightly, use the seat belt system instead.

LATCH consists of:
Two lower anchors and one tether anchor.

Acceptable Vehicle Seat Belt Systems cont’d.
LATCH Requirements cont’d.

- The vehicle lower anchors may be visible at the vehicle seat bight (seat crease). If not visible, they may be marked with one of these symbols.
- The vehicle’s tether anchors may be visible. If not, they may be identified with this symbol.
- ONLY use LATCH on this child restraint in a seating position recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.
- LATCH and the center-rear seating position: Do not use the inner lower LATCH anchors to install the child restraint in the center-rear seating position, unless:
  - the vehicle owner’s manual specifically indicates it is allowed, AND
  - the inner anchors are spaced between 11 and 20 inches (280 and 500mm) apart.
- Never attach two LATCH connectors to one LATCH anchor.
- Never use both the lower LATCH anchors and the vehicle seat belt system at the same time to install this child restraint.
- Always use the tether!

! WARNING

FAILURE TO USE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT IN A MANNER APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CHILD’S SIZE CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Instructions for the use of this child restraint and your vehicle’s seat belt and LATCH systems differ depending on the size of your child. Be sure you are using the child restraint with the correct vehicle system.

Installation Of Child Restraint In Vehicle

Use this child restraint FORWARD FACING ONLY.
ALWAYS use this child restraint WITH the harness.

LATCH Requirements cont’d.

- The vehicle lower anchors may be visible at the vehicle seat bight (seat crease). If not visible, they may be marked with one of these symbols.
- The vehicle’s tether anchors may be visible. If not, they may be identified with this symbol.
- ONLY use LATCH on this child restraint in a seating position recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.
- LATCH and the center-rear seating position: Do not use the inner lower LATCH anchors to install the child restraint in the center-rear seating position, unless:
  - the vehicle owner’s manual specifically indicates it is allowed, AND
  - the inner anchors are spaced between 11 and 20 inches (280 and 500mm) apart.
- Never attach two LATCH connectors to one LATCH anchor.
- Never use both the lower LATCH anchors and the vehicle seat belt system at the same time to install this child restraint.
- Always use the tether!

Installation Of Child Restraint In Vehicle

Use this child restraint FORWARD FACING ONLY.
ALWAYS use this child restraint WITH the harness.
**Installation With LATCH**

(22-48 Pounds Only)

**WARNING**

FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

- Use this child restraint FORWARD FACING ONLY.
- When used with children who weigh over 48 pounds (21 kg), secure the child restraint with a vehicle seat belt ONLY (DO NOT use lower LATCH anchors).
- Never attach two LATCH connectors to one LATCH anchor.
- Use LATCH only in seating positions approved by the vehicle manufacturer.
- Read and follow all instructions in the child restraint instruction manual and the vehicle owner’s manual. In the case of a discrepancy, follow the instructions in the vehicle owner’s manual.
- See pages 19 & 20 for important LATCH requirements.

1. Choose an appropriate vehicle seat and determine if LATCH anchors are available. A
   - Check vehicle owner’s manual to determine if the vehicle is equipped with LATCH.
   - If LATCH is available, refer to the vehicle owner’s manual to determine the exact LATCH anchor locations.
   - If LATCH is not available, the child restraint must be installed with a vehicle seat belt (see page 28).

2. Prepare tether. B
   - Remove tether from its storage location on the back of the child restraint.
   - Place tether loosely in front of child restraint.

3. Place child restraint facing forward. Make sure the back of the child restraint is flat against the vehicle seat. C

4. Pull out one LATCH connector while pushing the black LATCH belt tension release button on the front of the restraint. D
   **Note:** LATCH belt will retract after black LATCH button is released.
5. Attach LATCH connector to vehicle lower LATCH anchor. Listen for an audible click when the LATCH connector is attached. Check to be sure LATCH Belt is not twisted and LATCH connector is attached properly. Tip: Continuing to push on front LATCH button during this step may ease installation.

6. Repeat steps 4 & 5 with the second LATCH connector.

7. Push the child restraint firmly into the vehicle seat by placing a knee into the child restraint to compress the vehicle seat cushion. Then, push down firmly on the child restraint above one LATCH connector then the other. Note: The retractable LATCH belts will tighten automatically during this step.

8. Secure the tether.
   - Refer to the vehicle owner’s manual to determine the exact tether anchor location.
   - Secure the tether clip to the vehicle tether anchor. G

Secure the Tether cont’d.
   - If possible, route tether strap under vehicle headrest or remove headrest. Secure the removed headrest so that it will not become a projectile in a crash. Make sure tether clip is attached as shown. H
   - Pull the free end of the tether strap to tighten and remove any slack. I
   - Tightly roll or fold the excess tether strap, attach the hook and loop strip, and place it out of the child’s reach to avoid a strangulation hazard. J

Check to be sure the tether is tightly secured.
   - Your child restraint may be equipped with a tether tension indicator. K To use, pull on the free end of the tether strap until silver appears in the window. L
9. Check for a secure installation.

- Grasp child restraint at belt path as illustrated. Pull forward and side-to-side on the child restraint.

- The installation is secure if the LATCH belts remain tight and the child restraint does not move more than 1 inch in any direction. If the child restraint does not remain securely attached, repeat steps 1-8 until a secure installation is achieved or move the child restraint to another seating position.

- If possible, move unused vehicle seat belts out of the child’s reach to avoid a strangulation hazard. Check for secure installation before every use of child restraint!

10. Removal:

- To detach the LATCH connectors from the vehicle lower LATCH anchors, press the red release button on each LATCH connector.

**Tip:** Press front black button while pulling out on the child restraint. This will provide slack in the LATCH strap and may ease removal of the LATCH connectors.

- To remove the tether, press the tether adjuster button and loosen the tether strap.

- Depress snap and remove hook from the vehicle tether anchor.

- Attach the tether clip to its storage location on the back of the child restraint. Pull free end of the tether strap to remove any slack.

- Tightly roll or fold the excess tether strap and attach the hook and loop strip.

**Note:** The LATCH belts will then automatically retract to their storage position on the child restraint.
Installation With Vehicle Seat Belts

(22-65 Pounds)

**WARNING**

FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

- Use this child restraint FORWARD FACING ONLY.
- Read and follow all instructions in the child restraint instruction manual and the vehicle owner’s manual. In the case of a discrepancy, follow the instructions in the vehicle owner’s manual.
- See pages 15-18 for important vehicle seat belt requirements.

**Installation With Lap-Shoulder Belt**

1. Choose an appropriate vehicle seat and determine if a tether anchor is available. [A]
   - If a tether anchor is available, refer to the vehicle owner’s manual to determine the exact location.
   - If a tether anchor is not available, attach the tether clip to its storage location on the back of the child restraint. (See Figure P, page 32). Many vehicles may be retro-fitted with a tether anchor. Contact your vehicle manufacturer or local dealer.

2. Prepare tether (if seating position is equipped with a tether anchor). [B]
   - Remove tether from its storage location on the back of the child restraint.
   - Place loosely in front of child restraint.

3. Place the child restraint on the vehicle seat with the back of the child restraint facing you. [C]

4. Thread the vehicle seat belt through the child restraint. The opening on the back of the child restraint allows the seat belt to be easily threaded through the belt path. Route the vehicle seat belt over the harness of the child restraint as shown. [D]

5. Move the child restraint so that the back of the child restraint is flat against the vehicle seat.

6. Check to be sure the vehicle seat belt is not twisted, then buckle the seat belt.
7. Tighten the vehicle seat belt.
   • Push down on the child restraint to compress the vehicle seat cushion.
   • Pull the shoulder portion of the vehicle seat belt in the direction shown to tighten the lap portion.

   Tip: Place your knee into the child restraint and firmly push down while pulling the shoulder portion of the seat belt.

   • After lap portion of vehicle seat belt is tight, place shoulder portion of belt in the shoulder belt lock on the opposite side of the vehicle seat belt buckle.

   Important Note: A locking vehicle seat belt may be used in place of the shoulder belt lock. Check to determine if seat belt locks by pulling all the seat belt webbing out. Refer to vehicle owner’s manual for complete instructions.

8. Secure the tether (if seating position is equipped with a tether anchor).
   • Secure the tether clip to the vehicle tether anchor.
   • If possible, route tether strap under vehicle headrest or remove headrest. Secure the removed headrest so that it will not become a projectile in a crash.

   Secure the Tether cont’d.
   Make sure tether clip is attached as shown.
   • Pull the free end of the tether strap to tighten and remove any slack.
   • Tightly roll or fold the excess tether strap, attach the hook and loop strip, and place it out of the child’s reach to avoid a strangulation hazard.

   Check to be sure the tether is tightly secured.
   • Your child restraint may be equipped with a tether tension indicator. To use, pull on the free end of the tether strap until silver appears in the window.
9. Check for a secure installation.
   - Grasp child restraint at belt path as illustrated. Pull forward and side-to-side on the child restraint. A
   - The installation is secure if the vehicle seat belt remains tight and the child restraint does not move more than 1 inch in any direction. If the child restraint does not remain securely attached, repeat steps 1-8 until a secure installation is achieved or move the child restraint to another seating position.
   Check for secure installation before every use of the child restraint!

10. Removal:
   - Unbuckle vehicle seat belt, remove shoulder portion of seat belt from shoulder belt lock, and remove seat belt from belt path.
   - To remove the tether, press the tether adjuster button and loosen the tether strap. N Detach tether clip from the vehicle tether anchor. O
   - Attach the tether clip to its storage location on the back of the child restraint. Pull free end of the tether strap to remove any slack. Tightly roll or fold the excess tether strap and attach the hook and loop strip. P

Installation With Lap Only Belt

1. Choose an appropriate vehicle seat and determine if a tether anchor is available. A
   - If a tether anchor is available, refer to the vehicle owner’s manual to determine the exact location.
   - If a tether anchor is not available, attach the tether clip to its storage location on the back of the child restraint (See Figure P).

2. Prepare tether (if seating position is equipped with a tether anchor). B
   - Remove tether from its storage location on the back of the child restraint.
   - Place loosely in front of child restraint.

3. Place the child restraint on the vehicle seat with the back of the child restraint facing you. C
4. Thread the vehicle seat belt through the child restraint. The opening on the back of the child restraint allows the seat belt to be easily threaded through the belt path. Route the vehicle seat belt over the harness of the child restraint as shown.  

5. Move the child restraint so that the back of the child restraint is flat against the vehicle seat.

6. Check to be sure the vehicle seat belt is not twisted, then buckle the seat belt.

7. Tighten the vehicle seat belt.
   - Push down on the child restraint to compress the vehicle seat cushion.
   - Tighten the vehicle seat belt.

   **Manually adjusted:** Place your knee into the child restraint and firmly push down while pulling the free end of the seat belt.

   **Automatic locking retractor (ALR):** Place your knee into the child restraint and firmly push down while “feeding” the seat belt back into the retractor.

**Important Note:** See pages 15-18 section for additional vehicle seat belt information.

8. Secure the tether.
   - Secure the tether clip to the vehicle tether anchor.

   **If possible, route the tether strap under the vehicle headrest or remove headrest. Secure the removed headrest so that it will not become a projectile in a crash.**

   **Make sure the tether clip is attached as shown.**

   - Pull the free end of the tether strap to tighten and remove any slack.

   - Tightly roll or fold the excess tether strap, attach the hook and loop strip, and place it out of the child’s reach to avoid a strangulation hazard.

   **Check to be sure the tether is tightly secured.**
Your child restraint may be equipped with a tether tension indicator. To use, pull on the free end of the tether strap until silver appears in the window.

Check for a secure installation.

Grasp child restraint at belt path as illustrated. Pull forward and side-to-side on the child restraint.

The installation is secure if the vehicle seat belt remains tight and the child restraint does not move more than 1 inch in any direction. If the child restraint does not remain securely attached, repeat steps 1-8 until a secure installation is achieved or move the child restraint to another seating position.

Check for secure installation before every use of the child restraint!

10. Removal:
- Unbuckle vehicle seat belt and remove seat belt from belt path.
- To remove the tether, press the tether adjuster button and loosen the tether strap.
- Depress snap and remove hook from the vehicle tether anchor.
- Attach the tether clip to its storage location on the back of the child restraint. Pull free end of the tether strap to remove any slack. Tightly roll or fold the excess tether strap and attach the hook and loop strip.
Securing Child In Child Restraint

1. Prepare harness.
   - Loosen harness: Pull harness shoulder straps while lifting yellow harness adjustment lever on front of the child restraint. A
   - Tip: When loosening harness, pull both harness straps.

   **WARNING**
   FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.
   - Make sure the harness is adjusted snugly before every use of the child restraint.
   - Avoid bulky clothing that can interfere with harness fit.

2. Place child in restraint.
   - Open chest clip by squeezing middle tabs and pulling apart. B
   - Unbuckle harness buckle by pressing down on red release button. C
   - Place child in child restraint with child’s back flat against the back of the restraint.
   - Remove any twists from harness straps.
   - Position harness shoulder straps over child’s shoulders. D
   - Make sure the buckle pad is between the child and the buckle strap.
3. Adjust headrest/harness height.
   • Lift yellow height adjuster on the back of the headrest. E
   • Lift or lower the headrest until the harness shoulder straps are at or just above the child’s shoulders. F
   • Check to be sure the headrest is locked in place.

   Note: The retractable harness will automatically position the buckle strap to its proper position during this step.

   • Make sure harness straps are not twisted.
   • Insert buckle tongues into harness buckle. Listen for an audible click when each buckle tongue is fastened. G

   Check that buckle connection is secure by pulling on harness shoulder straps.

5. Tighten harness.
   • Lift yellow harness adjustment lever on front of the child restraint to tighten harness around the child. H

   Note: This lever activates the harness retractor that automatically tightens the harness.
   • For final tightening, turn the yellow harness tension adjustment knob on the side of child restraint until harness is snug around the child. I

   Tip: When tightening harness, pull shoulder pads down, remove slack from harness, and reposition shoulder pads.
6. Fasten harness chest clip.
   - Fasten chest clip by pushing both sides together. J
   - Position chest clip at middle of the child’s chest, at armpit level. K

7. Check to be sure harness straps are snug and tight around the child. L & M
   - 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.
   - Make sure the harness is snug and tight on both the thighs and chest before each and every use!

8. To remove child from the child restraint:
   - Loosen harness: Lift and hold yellow harness adjustment lever on the front of the child restraint and pull harness shoulder straps. N
   - Open chest clip by squeezing middle tabs and pulling apart. O
   - Unbuckle harness buckle by pressing down on red release button. P
   - Remove child.
   - Rebuckle harness to prevent twisting of the straps.
Checklist For Proper Use

Read complete instructions prior to using the child restraint!

☐ 1 Child weighs between 22 and 65 pounds (10 - 29.5 kg) and is 1 year old or older.

☐ 2 Child restraint is securely installed and cannot move more than 1 inch in any direction at the belt path.

☐ 3 If the child weighs over 48 pounds (21 kg), the child restraint is installed with a vehicle seat belt (not lower LATCH anchors).

☐ 4 If the child restraint is installed with a lap-shoulder belt, only the shoulder belt lock on the opposite side of the vehicle seat belt buckle is used.

☐ 5 If the seating position is equipped with a tether anchor, the tether is tightly secured. If no tether anchor is present, the tether is stored on the back of the child restraint.

☐ 6 Tops of child’s ears are below top of child restraint.

☐ 7 Shoulder straps are positioned at or just above child’s shoulders and headrest is locked in place.

☐ 8 Chest clip is securely fastened and adjusted to armpit level.

☐ 9 Harness buckle connection is secure.

☐ 10 Harness is snug and tight on child’s thighs and chest.

Questions?
Please contact SafeGuard Customer Service: www.safeguardseat.com or 1-800-586-7839. For assistance locating the nearest child restraint inspection station, you may contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.dot.gov or 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (888-327-4236).

Instructions Storage
After carefully reading and following these instructions, store the instruction manual in its pocket on the top of the child restraint.

Aircraft Use

This restraint is certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft.

• Use on forward-facing aircraft seats only and in a position where the seat belt can be tightly secured.

• Do not use the tether strap. Attach the tether clip to its storage location on the back of the child restraint.

• Follow the lap belt only installation instructions beginning on page 33 to secure the child restraint to the aircraft seat.

Tip: You may need to shorten the belt buckle by twisting it to prevent the buckle from being positioned behind the child restraint.

• For more information, go to www.faa.gov/passengers/fly_children/crs/

Tip: Contact the airline in advance to be sure this child restraint complies with their specific requirements. (If checking the child restraint as baggage, make sure the headrest is locked in the lowest position. Always protect the child restraint by transporting in a protective bag.)
**Additional Information cont’d.**

**Other Uses**
- This child restraint is certified only for use in motor vehicles and aircraft.
- Do not use in recreational vehicles (RVs), boats, golf carts, or any other non-approved application.
- Do not allow children to play with this child restraint.

**Transporting The Child Restraint**

For ease of transport, the child restraint may be carried in the following manner:
- Attach the tether clip to its storage location on the back of the child restraint. A
- Adjust the tether strap to desired length and carry on shoulder as shown. B

**Storing The Child Restraint**
- Place in original box.
- Keep in a cool, dry area.
- Do not place any heavy objects on top of it.

**Care And Cleaning**

**Seat Cover Care**

To clean the seat cover, first try to spot clean with mild soap and water. If spot cleaning is inadequate or the entire cover requires cleaning, follow the instructions below to remove the cover.

**Removing the Cover:**

1. Please note that the harness DOES NOT need to be removed to remove the cover(s).

2. Loosen harness A:
   - Lift and hold the yellow harness adjustment lever on the front of the child restraint and pull the harness shoulder straps.

3. Adjust headrest/harness height to the highest position B:
   - Lift yellow height adjuster on back of headrest and lift headrest to its highest position.
Removing the Cover cont’d.

4. Remove headrest cover C:
   • Remove instruction manual from pocket in headrest cover.
   • Open hook and loop closures on each side of the harness straps at the bottom of the headrest.
   • Pull bottom flap of headrest cover through the harness straps.
   • Detach the plastic clips at the top of the headrest.
   • Remove the headrest cover from the child restraint with a downward motion.
     Tip: Start from top of headrest.

5. Remove seat cover D:
   • Be sure headrest is in highest position.
   • Unbuckle the harness buckle.
   • Remove harness buckle from buckle pad.
   • Detach clip on front and remove cover from the sides of the child restraint.
   • Remove cover from the front base of the child restraint.
   • Carefully remove the cover from around the front control panel.
   • Open hook and loop closure on lower seat back behind the shoulder straps.
   • Remove cover from armrests and from under the headrest.
   • Adjust headrest/harness height to lowest position.
   • Remove top of cover from the top of seat back.

Cleaning the Cover:
   • Machine wash separately in cold water on delicate cycle.
   • Line dry. DO NOT machine dry as it may result in excessive shrinkage and the cover may not fit the child restraint properly.
   • DO NOT use bleach or abrasive detergents.

Reinstalling the Seat Cover:
1. Adjust headrest/harness height to lowest position.
2. Attach top of seat cover to the top of seat back.
3. Adjust headrest/harness to highest position.
4. Place seat cover under headrest and on armrests.
5. Attach hook and loop closure on lower seat back behind the shoulder straps.
6. Carefully put seat cover around front control panel.
7. Place seat cover around base and sides of child restraint and attach plastic clips.

Reinstalling the Headrest Cover:
8. Place headrest cover on the headrest. (Tip: Start from bottom of headrest.)
9. Place bottom flap of headrest cover under harness straps.
10. Attach plastic clips at the top of the headrest.
11. Loosen harness.
12. Attach hook and loop closures on both sides of harness straps at the bottom of the headrest.
14. Place buckle through buckle pad.
15. Adjust headrest/harness straps to proper height. DO NOT use the child restraint without the cover.
Buckle And Harness Care

Cleaning buckle and harness:
- The harness buckle may be cleaned with a damp cloth and should fasten with a “click”. If not, rinse under warm running water. NEVER USE SOAP OR LUBRICANTS.
- The harness straps may be wiped clean with warm water and mild soap. Allow to air dry.
- If harness straps cannot be wiped clean, the harness may be immersed in warm water for up to ten minutes. The water may not contain soap. Rinse the harness straps under warm running water and allow to air dry.
- If harness straps cannot be cleaned as outlined above, contact SafeGuard Customer Service at 1-800-586-7839 to order a new harness.
- DO NOT use any harsh detergents, chemicals or bleach.
- DO NOT iron the harness straps.

Removing the Harness:
Note: The harness straps can be removed and replaced; however, the buckle strap and harness buckle are NOT removable.

1. Adjust headrest/harness height to the highest position:
   - Lift yellow height adjuster on back of headrest and lift headrest to its highest position. A

2. Loosen harness:
   - Lift the yellow harness adjustment lever on the front of the child restraint and pull the harness shoulder straps out B until you can see the metal splitter plate on the back of the child restraint. C
   Tip: Release lever before releasing harness straps.

3. Remove the harness straps from the metal splitter plate as shown. C
   Note: Do not lift yellow harness adjustment lever during this step.

4. Remove the harness assembly from the child restraint:
   Note: Chest clip, shoulder pads, and buckle tongues should NOT be removed from the harness.
   - Open the chest clip.
   - Unbuckle the harness buckle.
   - Pull the harness straps through the front harness slots. D
   - Pull the harness straps out from the bottom of the child restraint.
   Note: During this step, push the buckle tongues, chest clip, and shoulder pads out of the bottom of the child restraint.
Replacing the Harness:

**IMPORTANT:** BE SURE TO ADJUST THE HEADREST/HARNESS HEIGHT TO THE HIGHEST POSITION BEFORE REINSTALLING THE HARNESS.

1. Open the chest clip.

2. From the bottom of the child restraint, push harness straps through the bottom slots on the child restraint and the bottom slots on the cover. **E**

   **Note:** During this step, push the shoulder pads, chest clip, and buckle tongues through the bottom slots on the child restraint.

3. Buckle harness buckle and fasten chest clip. Check to be sure harness is not twisted.

4. Push harness straps through front of cover and through the child restraint. **F**

Replacing the Harness cont’d.

5. Attach harness straps to metal splitter plate. **G**

6. Make sure harness is not twisted and is routed through buckle tongues and chest clip as shown. **H & I**

7. Adjust headrest/harness straps to proper height.

Questions?
Please contact SafeGuard Customer Service for assistance at www.safeguardseat.com or 1-800-586-7839.
Replacement Parts

Replacement parts may be ordered online at www.safeguardseat.com or by contacting SafeGuard Customer Service at 1-800-586-7839. The following replacement parts are available:

- Instruction Manual with DVD (free replacement)
- Spanish version is available at www.safeguardseat.com/manuals
- Harness Assembly
- Cover Assembly
- Shoulder Pads
- Anti-Skid Material
- Comfort Foam

Please Note: The product model number and date of manufacture are required to order replacement parts. This information can be found on the label on the back of the child restraint. Use SafeGuard replacement parts only.

Crash Exchange Program

If your SafeGuard Child Seat has been involved in a vehicle crash, please contact SafeGuard customer service at 1-800-586-7839 or go to www.safeguardseat.com/exchangeprogram to see if you qualify for a new seat under our Crash Exchange Program.

Warranty

SAFEGUARD CHILD SEAT LIMITED WARRANTY
Indiana Mills & Manufacturing, Inc. (IMMI) provides the following limited warranty on its SafeGuard Child Seat. Completing and mailing the owner registration card within thirty (30 days) of purchase will expedite the processing of any future warranty claim.

LIMITED WARRANTY
IMMI warrants that SafeGuard Child Seat hardware components (buckles, retractors, frame, SmartCore Foam, adjusters, etc.) will be free from defects in material and workmanship for seven (7) years from the date of manufacture. IMMI warrants that the SafeGuard Child Seat harness and fabric will be free from defects in material and workmanship for one (1) year from the date of original purchase. The exclusive remedy of this warranty shall be replacement of the SafeGuard Child Seat. IMMI reserves the right to discontinue or change parts, fabrics, models, or products, or to substitute with a comparable model or product. IMMI will ship replacement child seats to you without charge.

WARRANTY LIMITATIONS
This warranty shall not apply to damages resulting from normal wear and tear, product misuse, misapplication, neglect (including but not limited to improper storage), modification, accident, improper installation, or use not in accordance with product instructions.

LIMITATION OF WARRANTIES AND DAMAGES
The warranty and remedies as set forth above are exclusive and in lieu of all others, oral or written, express or implied. In no event will IMMI be liable for any damages, including incidental or consequential damages, arising out of the use or inability to use the SafeGuard Child Seat. IMMI disclaims any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. Some states do not allow exclusion of implied warranties, so the above limitations may not apply to you. IMMI does not authorize any person to create for it any other warranty, obligation, or liability in connection with the SafeGuard Child Seat.

MAKING A CLAIM UNDER THIS LIMITED WARRANTY
All warranty claims and product returns must be made within the warranty period and must be submitted to IMMI within ten (10) days of discovery of the alleged defect or other problem, or the claim shall be deemed waived.
**Warranty cont’d.**

To make a claim under this warranty, please contact the SafeGuard Help Desk at 1-800-586-7839.

A SafeGuard representative will qualify your claim and upon confirmation will issue you a warranty identification number. Upon receiving this number, please ship the SafeGuard Child Seat, clearly marked with the warranty identification number, to IMMI at the following address for inspection and evaluation:

IMMI Warranty  
18881 US 31 North  
Westfield, IN 46074

**You have two options to consider:**

**Option A)** A replacement SafeGuard Child Seat can be immediately sent to you. Your credit card will be charged for the replacement at a discounted price, plus freight. IMMI representatives will inspect and evaluate the returned SafeGuard Child Seat within 14 days of receipt. Upon confirmation of warranty claim, your credit card will be credited for the amount previously charged for the replacement.

If the warranty claim is denied and the seat is safe to use, the seat will be returned. If the warranty claim is denied and the seat is unsafe to use, it will not be returned. You may purchase a new seat at a discounted price, plus freight.

If thirty (30) days have elapsed after the receipt of a warranty claim and we have not received the SafeGuard Child Seat, the claim will be denied on the basis of non-receipt of the seat in question and no refund will be given for the charge of the replacement.

**Option B)** You may request that we do not ship a replacement seat until you receive confirmation that the warranty claim will be approved. IMMI representatives will inspect and evaluate the returned SafeGuard Child Seat within 14 days of receipt.

If the warranty claim is denied and the seat is safe to use, the seat will be returned. If the warranty claim is denied and the seat is unsafe to use, it will not be returned. You will not be able to return the replacement seat previously sent.

**PARTS INSPECTION**

Products supplied by IMMI are certified to applicable federal standards and must have every part returned to IMMI for inspection. Each SafeGuard Child Seat must be clearly marked with the warranty identification number so that it can be matched up with the specific warranty claim involved.

**REPLACEMENT POLICY**

There are absolutely no provisions for field repairs or replacement(s) of child seat components. (Replacement fabric covers, harness system and instruction booklets may be purchased at www.safeguardseat.com.) The complete SafeGuard Child Seat must be returned to IMMI for evaluation, and a complete SafeGuard Child Seat will be sent as a replacement.
Failure to properly use this child restraint can result in serious injury or death. Please read and follow all child restraint and vehicle instructions carefully.

Buckle Up with Confidence

Instruction Manual

Para instrucciones en Español llama: 1-800-586-7839

Overall flat size: 16.75” x 7.75”
Finished size: 5.75” x 5.75”