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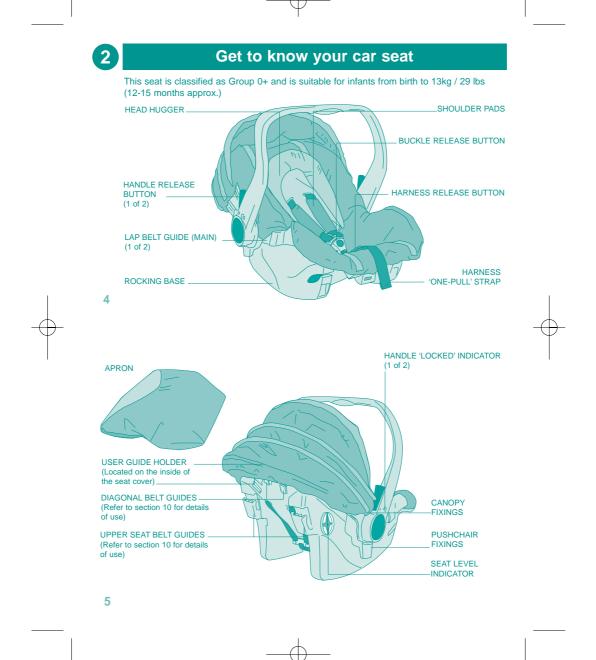
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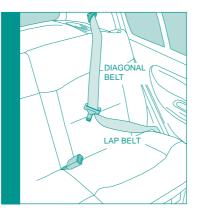
### Safety Warnings

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY BEFORE COMMENCING INSTALLATION, AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CLOSELY AS AN INCORRECT INSTALLATION COULD BE HIGHLY DANGEROUS.

- Do not use this child seat in passenger seats equipped with airbags.
- This child seat must only be installed in the rearward facing position. Do not use on side facing or rear facing vehicle seats.
- Never use this child seat without fastening the child's harness correctly, and never attempt to use it without fastening it into the car as specified in these instructions.
- It is most important that the seat belt is correctly routed with the lap portion of the belt through the side guides and the diagonal belt going through the guides on the back of the child seat. Ensure the belt straps are not twisted.
- The child seat must be tightened down on the upholstery as tight as possible to ensure maximum protection. The recommended method is shown in these instructions.
- Do not add to or modify the seat in any way. This could render the seat unsafe.
  - It is recommended that this car seat should be replaced when it has been subjected to violent stresses in an accident or has become badly worn.
  - Periodically inspect the harness for wear, paying particular attention to the attachment points, stitching and adjusting devices.
- Never leave your child unattended in the seat.
- The carrying handle must be in the correct position when used in the car.
- Ensure that no part of the seat is trapped in a door or folding seat. If your car has a folding rear seat, ensure that it is correctly latched in the upright position.
- Car interiors can become very hot when in direct sunlight, it is therefore recommended that the child seat is covered when not in use. This prevents components, particularly those attached to the child seat, becoming hot and burning the child.
- In the event of an emergency, it is important that the child can be released quickly. This means that the buckle is not fully tamper-proof and so your child must be taught never to play with the buckle. The buckle should always be easily accessible.
- Luggage and other heavy or sharp objects should be secured in the car. Loose objects are liable to cause injury in the event of an accident.



# The type of seat belt required



Your Mothercare child seat can only be installed rearward facing using a 3 point static or retractor seat belt, approved to UN/ECE Regulation No.16, or other equivalent standard.

DO NOT USE THIS CHILD SEAT IN PASSENGER SEATS EQUIPPED WITH AIRBAGS AND DO NOT USE ON SIDE FACING OR REAR FACING SEATS.

# Legal Requirements

### Front Seat

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Anyone, especially children, travelling in the front seat of a car must be properly restrained.

Children under three years must use a suitable restraint designed for their weight.

### Rear Seat

All adults and children must use seat belts or child restraints where they are fitted in the rear of a car and are available for use. If the appropriate restraint is not available, children from 3 years must wear an adult belt if available.

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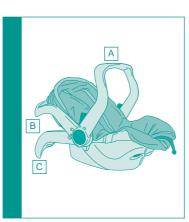
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### **Important Notes**

- This child seat is for children from birth to 13kg / 29lbs (12-15 months approx) using a 3-point lap and diagonal seat belt in the rearward facing position only.
- Keep this user guide in a safe place where it can easily be found. A holder is provided on the inside of the padded cover at the head of the child seat.
- When not in use, the child seat should be fastened into the car with a seat belt to avoid it being thrown about in the event of an accident.
- In an emergency, your child can be released quickly by pressing the red button on the harness buckle.
- Never remove the polystyrene impact absorbent pads between the seat shell and the cover.
- If you travel with passengers using both front and rear seats, the lighter occupants should be in the back and heavier occupants in the front of the vehicle.

**The Handle** 

8 • Do not allow the seat to contact corrosive substances e.g. battery acid, or solvents.



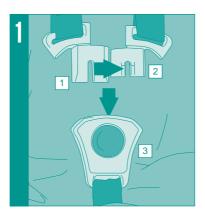
The handle has 3 positions.

- A For carrying your child or fitting in the car;
- B When fitted on the pushchair or for rocking your baby;
- C When used as a seat, e.g. for feeding.

To move the handle from one position to another, press both release buttons at the same time, move the handle to the required position, and release the buttons. The 'locked' indicators on the sides will only show green when locked.

Always check that the handle is locked and the harness fastened before lifting the car seat.

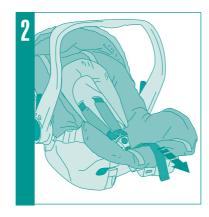
# The Harness (Fastening and Tension)



The buckle is fastened by locating parts (1) and (2) together then pushing into the socket. A positive click should be heard, indicating that the buckle is secure. Check by pulling the straps above and below the buckle.

The buckle is released by pressing the red button (3).

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Before tightening the harness, ensure the shoulder straps sit comfortably on the child's shoulders, and that the straps are not twisted.

The shoulder pads should be positioned so they sit on top of your child's shoulders, not just on the chest.

To tighten the harness, pull on the 'one-pull' adjuster strap as shown.

It is recommended that there is just enough room to insert two fingers between the shoulder straps and the child's chest.

To loosen the harness press on the button at the top of the 'one-pull' adjuster strap and pull gently on the harness.



# The Harness (Height selection)

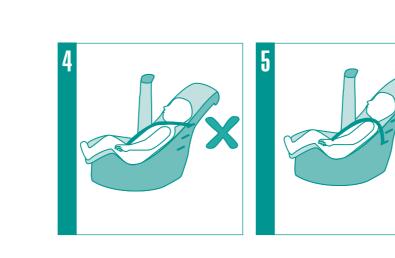


Your child seat comes with the shoulder straps through the lowest shoulder slots in the seat back.

As your child grows you will need to move the straps to the next slots. The correct slots are those at, or just below your child's shoulders. If the slots are too far from the shoulders there will be too much slack.

Diagram 3 shows a correct shoulder strap position.

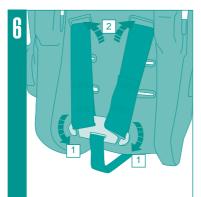
Diagrams 4 and 5 show incorrect positions.



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# The Harness (Adjusting the height)



Before you begin loosen the harness straps using the 'one-pull' adjuster as described on page 11.

#### Step 1

Remove the ends of the shoulder straps from the metal plate at the rear of the seat.

### Step 2

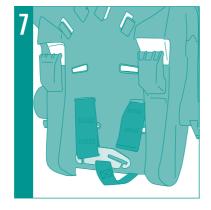
Pull the straps through to the front.

#### Step 3

Re-insert the straps through the appropriate slots in the seat shell, polystyrene pad, seat cover and head hugger.



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**Step 4** Re-attach the loops on the shoulder straps to the slots on the metal plate. Check that the loops are within the metal plate slots and are securely attached.

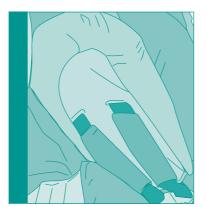
Ensure that the shoulder straps are not twisted.

Exercise extreme caution when changing the shoulder straps to make sure they are properly re-attached.



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# Positioning the head hugger

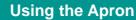


A head hugger (not supplied) is used to give added support to your child's head. It has a pair of slots that the shoulder straps of the car seat fit through.

The head hugger should fit your child's head snugly.



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The Apron is designed to keep your child warm when they are seated in the car seat and is for use when the Car Seat is attached to a pushchair or being used as a rocker.

The apron must not be used when the Car Seat is fitted into a car as it obscures the buckle release.

# Using the seat level indicator



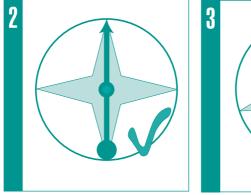
Your car seat is fitted with a seat level indicator. This is designed to help you ensure that the seat is positioned at the correct angle.

The arrow should point directly at the top of the star as shown below. If it does not then your car seat is not correctly fitted and is not providing the best protection for your child.

**CAUTION**: Always check the level indicator before and after fitting the seat belts.



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### 11 Fitting the child seat with standard seat belts

However safe a child seat is, however well built it is, your child's safety depends on you.

Read this section thoroughly before fitting your child seat in your car.

REMEMBER: Misusing your child seat will reduce the protection and safety you offer your child.

- Ensure the harness is adjusted to suit your child. A fitting for winter clothes will be too loose for a child wearing summer clothes.
- Install the child seat carefully using the 3- point lap and diagonal belt, as described in this section.
- Check that your child seat is secure before each journey.

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#### Step 1

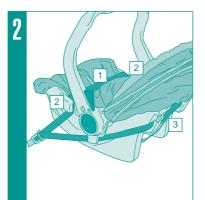
Pull the seat belt across the top of the seat. DO NOT fasten the seat belt into the buckle at this stage.

Note: When fitting in a vehicle front seat it may be necessary to slide the vehicle seat to its furthest back position to give sufficient webbing to secure the child seat.





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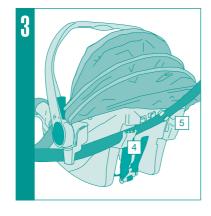
#### Step 2

Route the lap belt (1) through BOTH lap belt guides (2). These are marked with light blue arrows on the seat.

The lap belt should never be passed through the slots at the front of the seat. These are decorative only and will render the seat unsafe if used.

Pass the diagonal section of the seat belt (3) around the back of the child seat, then fasten the seat belt tongue into the buckle.





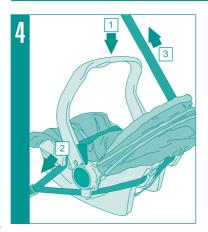
#### Step 3

Pass the diagonal section of the seat belt through ONE of upper seat belt guides (4). Then position it through the corresponding diagonal belt guide (5).

When the belt is fitted correctly it will pass over the top of the child seat as shown opposite.



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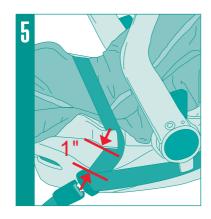


### Step 4

Ensure the seat belt is not twisted. Then, lean on or press down on the handle to push the child seat down into the vehicle seat (1), while pulling on the lap and diagonal sections (2) and (3) of the seat belt to remove any slack. Once the seat is secure, it is ready to use.

Do a final security check as shown in section 12 'Checking the security of the seat'.





### Important:

After installation and tightening the seat belt anchorage point and buckle must be at least 1 inch from the main lap belt guides slot and towards the FOOTREST END of the child seat.

If it is closer or toward the rear the child seat cannot be safely fitted using this belt route.

If in doubt, refer to the manufacturer or retailer for advice.



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### Checking the security of the seat



When fitted, the security of the child seat can be tested by pressing firmly into the backrest as shown.

The seat should feel very firm and move only slightly.

If the seat does not feel secure, go back to section 11 and follow the fitting instructions closely.

Only once the seat is secure is it ready for use.

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# Care of your child seat

- To clean the harness and plastics, sponge with warm water and allow to dry.
- The cover and accessories are removable for cleaning (follow the wash care instructions on the label on the cover).
- The canopy can be removed by simply pulling the frame out of the fixings.
- If food or drink finds it's way inside the buckle, remove it from the seat and rinse with mild hand soap and warm water. When dry, check that it functions properly, then refit carefully.
- Do not use solvents, chemical cleaners or lubricants on any part of the seat and never attempt to bleach or dye the webbing.
- Allow all parts to dry naturally.



### Accessories

- Your child seat and its cover have been carefully designed, manufactured and tested to the highest safety standards.
- Do not put your child's safety at risk by using without a seat cover.
- The seat cover should not be replaced with any other than the one recommended by Mothercare, because the cover constitutes an integral part of the restraint performance.

• The safety of this child seat may be compromised by the use of accessories not approved by Mothercare.

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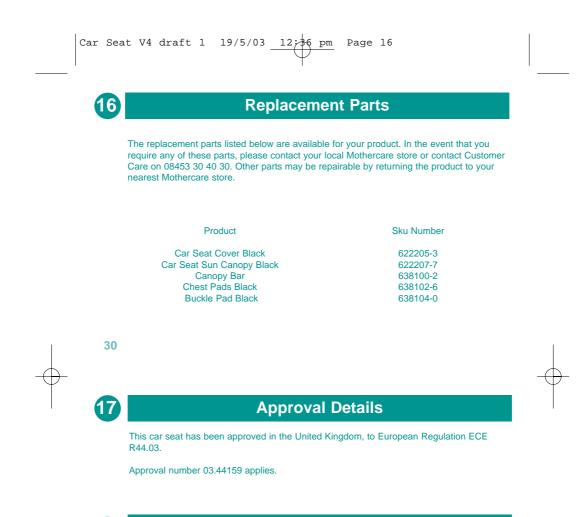
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### **Customer Care**

If you have a problem with this seat, please contact your nearest Mothercare store or call Mothercare Customer Care on 08453 30 40 30.

Alternatively, write to:

Customer Care, Mothercare, Cherry Tree Road, Watford, Herts. WD24 6SH





### **Second Hand Car Seats**



The British Standards Institution and Mothercare advise that child car seats should not be bought or sold second hand. Many seats sold through local advertising and car boot sales have been found to be dangerous. Please dispose of your child car seat safely.