

## Parts Reference

**Anti-Rebound Bar:** Rigid bar found on some rear-facing car seats used to reduce movement of the car seat towards the rear of the vehicle in the event of a crash

**Belt Path:** Manufacturer-defined area on a car seat or booster seat where the seat belt or lower anchor connector webbing is routed to secure in the vehicle

**Buckle:** Locking mechanism on the car seat where the harness straps connect

**Carrier:** Part of a rear-facing only car seat that connects to a detachable base; depending on the model, may be used without the detachable base

**Carrier Release:** Mechanism that releases the carrier from the detachable base on a rear-facing only car seat; may be found on the carrier or the detachable base

**Carry Handle:** Plastic bar attached to rear-facing only car seats used to carry the car seat; depending on the model, also may be used as an anti-rebound bar

**Carry Handle Release Button:** Mechanism that releases the carry handle on a rear-facing only car seat so it can be adjusted to different positions for carry and travel depending on the model

**Detachable Base:** Separate car seat base that can be installed in the vehicle; typically found on rear-facing only car seats

**Foot Prop/Load Leg:** Support mechanism that extends from the base of a car seat to the vehicle floor; used to prevent or reduce excessive forward and downward rotation of the seat in a crash

**Harness, 5-Point:** Webbing straps that keep a child in the car seat and spread crash forces with five points of contact (one over each shoulder, one on each side of the pelvis, and one between the legs) with all five coming together at the buckle

**Harness Adjuster Strap:** Single piece of webbing used to tighten the harness on a car seat

**Harness Release Button:** Mechanism that releases the harness to allow the straps to be loosened on a car seat

**Harness Slot:** Place in the car seat where the harness is threaded through the shell

**Insert/Pad:** Additional accessory for car seats and booster seats provided by the manufacturer to aid positioning, fit and comfort

**Instruction Manual Storage Location:** Defined space, required by FMVSS 213, on car seats and booster seats to store the instruction manual

**Labels:** General use information, as required by FMVSS 213, affixed to the car seat or booster seat

**Lock-Off:** Built-in seat belt locking feature found on the shell of the car seat or detachable base

**Locking Clip:** Metal piece that secures the seat belt at a fixed length in place of a locking latch plate that does not lock; used with car seat installation

**Lower Anchor Connector:** Metal component used to secure the car seat or booster seat to lower anchors in the vehicle

**Recline Adjuster:** Mechanism that moves the recline adjustment

**Recline Adjustment:** Part of the car seat that moves to change the recline angle; can be found on both rear-facing and forward-facing car seats

**Recline Indicator:** Mechanism that identifies correct angle for use per manufacturer’s instructions

**Retainer Clip/Chest Clip:** Plastic part that holds harness shoulder straps on car seats together over the child’s chest; positioned at child’s armpit level

**Shoulder Belt Guide/Positioner:** Mechanism on a booster seat where the vehicle shoulder belt is routed to help position the belt on the shoulder rather than across the neck; may be adjustable

**Seat Padding:** Fabric that covers the shell/frame and foam, if present, of car seats and booster seats

**Shell/Frame:** Molded plastic and/or metal structure of the car seat or booster seat

**Splitter Plate:** Metal component that connects the two ends of the shoulder harness to the harness adjuster strap on a car seat

**Tether:** Piece of adjustable webbing (single or dual strap) with a tether connector on one end attached to the top of a car seat; attaches to a tether anchor in the vehicle to limit forward motion in a crash

## REGISTERING A CAR SEAT OR BOOSTER SEAT

Per FMVSS 213, all car seat manufacturers must provide a **registration card** on the car seat or booster seat. Caregivers are encouraged to register each car seat to be notified about safety issues, including recalls.

Alternate methods to registering a car seat include the following.

- Contact the car seat manufacturer (online or by phone)
- NHTSA’s Car Seat Registration Form at [nhtsa.gov](http://nhtsa.gov)

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**CHILD SAFETY SEAT REGISTRATION FORM  
FOR YOUR CHILD’S CONTINUED SAFETY**

Although child safety seats undergo testing and evaluation by the manufacturer and must also meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213; Child restraint systems, it is possible that your child seat could be recalled.

All child seats come with a registration form so that owners can provide their names and addresses to the manufacturer. In the event of a recall manufacturers are required to notify all registered owners by first class mail that their child seat is included in the recall. Therefore, it is very important that the manufacturer of your child seat has your current mailing address, and all of the information necessary to properly identify your child seat.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) encourages owners of child safety seats to **fill out the manufacturer’s registration form attached to the child safety seat and send it directly to the manufacturer.** However, if you would like NHTSA to forward your registration information to the manufacturer, please provide all of the information requested on the lower half of this form, sign it and mail or fax (202-366-1767) it to: U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Defects Investigation, Correspondence Research Division (NEF-109), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.

If you have any questions, or need help with any child seat, please call the U.S. Department of Transportation’s toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 or visit our Website at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Seat Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Model Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacture Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I AUTHORIZE NHTSA TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS FORM TO THE CHILD SEAT MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIED ABOVE**

**(SIGNATURE REQUIRED):** \_\_\_\_\_

*NHTSA Car Seat Registration Form*