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## SNUGRIDE® SNUGFIT™ 35

INFANT CAR SEAT BASE

#### **Read This Instruction Manual**

Do not install or use this child restraint until you read and understand the instructions in this manual.

FAILURE TO PROPERLY
USE THIS
CHILD RESTRAINT
INCREASES THE
RISK OF SERIOUS
INJURY OR DEATH IN
A SUDDEN STOP OR
CRASH.

KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.

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#### **1-A Quick Guide to Your Manual**

This base is compatible with any Graco® Click Connect™ car seat.

#### Get to Know Your Car seat base

Review section 2-A to see all of the features of this infant car seat base.

#### What Seating Location Should I Use?

#### The best seating location for this infant car seat base is one that:

- Is recommended by your vehicle owner's manual, and
- Results in a secure installation of this car seat base.



**Never** place a child rear-facing in a seating position with an active front air bag.

Review section 4 of this manual AND your vehicle owner's manual.

#### Which Installation Method Should I Use?

This infant car seat base can be installed in your vehicle using either the vehicle seat belt **OR** the lower anchor attachment system. Both are equally safe to use. DO NOT USE BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.

#### When Installing Base





#### Vehicle Seat Belt



Lower anchor attachment consists of lower anchors, which are built-in to your vehicle, and connecting hooks that are built-in your car seat base. | | | | | | |



Review section 3-B of this manual AND your vehicle owner's manual.

There are two types of vehicle seat belts that can be used. Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt or Lap Only Seat Belt.





Review section 3-C of this manual AND your vehicle owner's manual.



#### 1-B Before You Begin

Your child's safety depends on you. No car seat can guarantee protection from injury in every situation, but proper use helps reduce the risk of serious injury or death.

Even if this car seat base seems easy to figure out on your own, you must follow the detailed instructions in this instruction manual to ensure the steps below are performed correctly.

#### Register This Child Restraint

Please fill out the prepaid registration postcard attached to the harness and mail it in today or register online at www. gracobaby.com/carseatregistration.

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 and manufacturing date to:

Graco Children's Products, Inc. Attn: Customer Service P.O. Box 169, Elverson, PA 19520-9901 or call 1-800-345-4109

or register online at www.gracobaby.com/carseatregistration

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.

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For future reference or if you change addresses, record the model name, model number, date of manufacture, and purchase date of this car seat base below. You can find this information either on the registration card if you still have it or on the date label located on the back of the car seat base.

Model Name	
Model Number	
Date of Manufacture _	
Date of Purchase	

#### If You Need Help

In the U.S.A, please contact our Customer Service Department with any questions you may have concerning parts, use, or maintenance. When you contact us, please have your product's model number and date of manufacture ready so that we may help you efficiently. These numbers can be found on a sticker on the back side of your car seat base.

For additional resources or to get your car seat base checked by a child passenger safety technician, please visit the following web sites:

www.nhtsa.gov • www.seatcheck.org • www.safekids.org





#### **Certification**

This child restraint meets or exceeds all applicable requirements of Federal motor vehicle safety standard 213 for use in motor vehicles.



This child restraint's **base** is NOT certified for use in aircraft.

Contact the airline for their specific polices.

#### Car seat base's Useful Life

STOP using this car seat base and throw it away 7 years after the date of manufacture. Look for date of manufacture label on back of the car seat base.

Graco Children's Products Inc. advises against loaning or passing along a car seat unless you know the complete history of the product. We also advise against purchasing a car seat second hand.

#### **Vehicle Seat Protection**

Protect vehicle seat. Use a car seat mat, towel, or thin blanket under and behind car seat base.

#### **1-C Safety Warnings**

No car seat can guarantee protection from injury in every situation, but proper use helps reduce the risk of serious injury or death. READ THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY.

#### AWARNING!

Failure to follow these instructions and child restraint's labels can result in child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash.



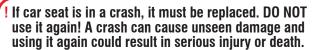
NEVER PLACE THIS CHILD RESTRAINT REAR-FACING IN A VEHICLE SEATING LOCATION THAT HAS AN ACTIVE FRONT AIR BAG.

If an air bag inflates, it can hit the child and car seat with great force and cause serious injury or death to your child.

- ! Review your vehicle owner's manual for more information about air bags and car seat use.
- ! If your vehicle does not have a back seat, review your vehicle owner's manual.

- ! Children are safer riding rear-facing and should ride rear-facing as long as possible, until they reach the maximum rear-facing height or weight rating for their car seat. Graco convertible and all-in-one car seats have higher rear-facing limits that will allow children to ride rear-facing longer after outgrowing their infant car seat. Be sure to check your local and state laws, as well as AAP and NHTSA recommendations, for car seat usage.\*
- ! Select a suitable location for the car seat in your vehicle.
- ! Secure car seat base with a vehicle seat belt or lower anchor attachment that is properly routed as shown in this manual.
- ! Vehicle seat belt system MUST hold car seat securely. Not all vehicle seat belts can be used with a car seat.
- ! If vehicle seat belt does not hold car seat base securely, read "Vehicle Seat Belts" section 4-D and your vehicle owner's manual.
- ! Always secure car seat with lower anchor attachment or a vehicle seat belt, even when unoccupied. In a crash, an unsecured car seat can injure passengers.
- ! DO NOT use car seat if it is damaged or missing parts.

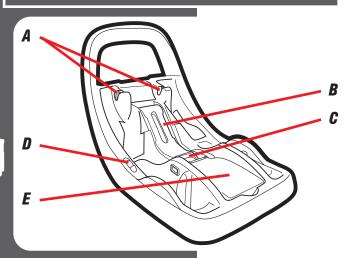
<sup>\*</sup>Graco Supports the American Academy of Pediatrics and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Car Seat Guidelines. Visit www.gracobaby.com/en-US/safety for information on car seat usage recommendations.

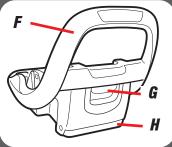


- ! DO NOT use accessories or parts other than those provided by Graco except for a thin towel or mat to protect your vehicle seat or rolled towels or pool noodles to help get your car seat level. Their use could alter the performance of the car seat.
- ! DO NOT remove lower anchor attachment system from car seat. If using vehicle seat belt to secure car seat, lower anchor attachment connectors must be stored.
- ! Never leave child unattended, even when sleeping. Child may become tangled in harness straps and suffocate or strangle.
- ! Rear-facing car seat must be properly leveled:
  - Too reclined can result in injury or ejection.
  - Too upright can result in breathing difficulties.



- ! Never attach two lower anchor attachment connectors to one vehicle lower anchor point unless specifically allowed by the vehicle manufacturer.
- ! Do not use both the vehicle seat belt and lower anchor attachment strap at the same time when using the car seat rear-facing.
- ! Do not to allow children to play with the base unit even outside the vehicle.



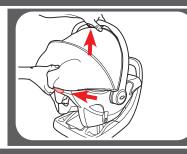


- A Car Seat Base Lock
- B SnugLock® Lock-Off
  - C SnugLock® Lock-Off Release Lever
- **D** Level Indicator
- E Instruction Manual and Lower Anchor Attachment Storage
- F Anti-Rebound Bar
- G Base Recline Lever
- H Base Recline Foot

#### 2-B Remove Car Seat from Base

#### To Remove Car Seat from Base

From the back of the car seat, squeeze the base release handle and lift the car seat out of the base

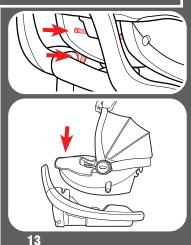


#### 2-C Attach Car Seat to Base

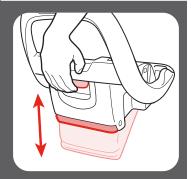
#### Attaching Car Seat To Base

Alian the locking bar at the front of the car seat with the locks in the base. Set car seat in the base. Push down on the front of the car seat. You will hear a "click" when it is locked.

Pull up on the front corners of the seat to make sure it is locked.



#### 2-D Recline the Base



#### Base Has 5 Recline Positions

Squeeze the base recline lever and lift the base to extend the foot.

Squeeze the base recline lever and lower the base to retract the foot.

Check the level indicator for appropriate install. (See Next Page)

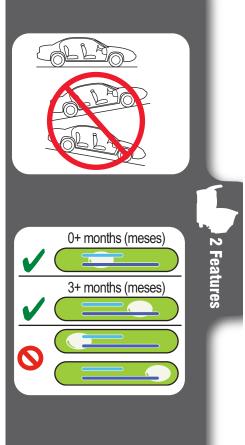
When the foot is completely extended and the level indicator is not correct for your child's age, you may raise the foot and place a rolled towel under the foot until the indicator shows correctly.

#### When Reading The Level Indicator

Vehicle **MUST** be on level ground.

Use corrected age for preemies.

- If the bubble is entirely under the light blue line, the restraint is level for infants 0+ months in age.
- If the bubble is entirely under the dark blue line, the restraint is level for a child 3+months in age.
- If the bubble is not completely under the blue lines, the child restraint is NOT level. You must adjust your recline position.



#### 2-E Choosing Vehicle Seat Location

Review your vehicle owner's manual for seating locations. Review section 4 for additional information.

Some vehicles have specific requirements for where the car seat can be installed. Be sure to check your vehicle owner's manual for all available seating positions.



#### AWARNING!



NEVER place this child restraint rearfacing in a vehicle seating location that has an active front air bag.

In the event there is no back seat, review your vehicle owner's manual to see how to use your infant child restraint.

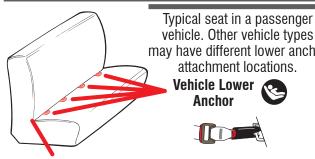
#### 2-F Choosing Lower Anchor Attachment or Seat Belt

This car seat base can be installed in your vehicle using either the vehicle seat belt OR the lower anchor attachment system. Both systems are equally safe to use. DO NOT USE BOTH AT THE SAME TIME. Review section 4 for additional information.

#### 2-G What is Lower Anchor Attachment?

Lower anchor attachment consists of lower anchors, which are built-in to your vehicle, and connecting hooks that are built-in to your car seat base. Lower anchors are used INSTEAD of the vehicle's seat belt to secure the child seat to the vehicle.

Review your vehicle's owner manual for exact location and use. Review section 4 for additional information.

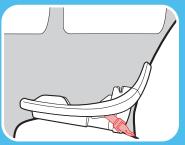


may have different lower anchor attachment locations. Vehicle Lower **Anchor** 



**Vehicle Seat Crease** 

#### 3-A Rear-Facing Checklist



**Lower Anchor Attachment Strap** 





Vehicle Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt

3 Rear Facing

- Car seat MUST be rearfacing in the vehicle back seat.
- Make sure lower anchor attachment strap or vehicle seat belt is routed through the rear-facing belt path, marked with a blue label.
- Install this base tightly in your vehicle. The base should not move at the belt path more than 1" (2.5 cm) from side to side and front to back.
- Make sure to check the level indicator or level line for proper recline.
- Make sure base is a minimum of 80% on vehicle seat.

Children are safer riding rear-facing and should ride rear-facing as long as possible, until they reach the maximum rear-facing height or weight rating for their car seat. Graco convertible and all-in-one car seats have higher rear-facing limits that will allow children to ride rear-facing longer after outgrowing their infant car seat. Be sure to check your local and state laws, as well as AAP and NHTSA recommendations, for car seat usage.



**Vehicle Lap Only Seat Belt** 

### AWARNING!



NEVER place this child restraint

rear-facing in a vehicle seating location that has an active front air bag.



#### 3-B Install With Base With Lower Anchor Attachment

Review your vehicle owner's manual for lower anchor attachment location and use.



#### 1. Place Base in Back Seat of the Vehicle

Place the base flat on the vehicle seat. Push it back until the anti-rebound bar touches the vehicle seat back. Center the base between the lower lower anchor attachment anchors.

If allowed by your Vehicle Owner's Manual, the center seating position may be used if the anchor spacing is 11" (28 cm) or greater.



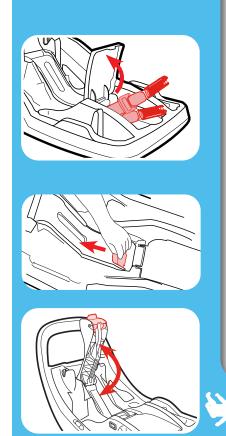
## 2. Remove the Lower Anchor Attachment Connectors from Storage Location

Open the lower anchor attachment storage door and pull out the lower anchor attachment strap.

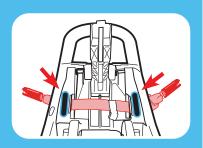
Close the Door.

#### 3. Open the SnugLock® Lock-Off

Push in the release lever and open the lock-off.









- 4. Route the
  Lower Anchor
  Attachment Strap
  through the
  Rear-Facing Belt
  Path, Marked
  With a Blue
  Outlined Label
- 5. Make sure the strap is threaded above the notches near the lock-off.



6. Extend the Lower Anchor Attachment Strap

> Extend the lower anchor attachment strap to its maximum length by pressing the gray button and pulling on the strap.

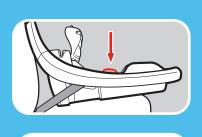
## 7. Check the Level Indicator

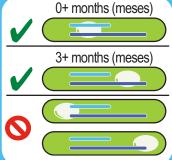
Vehicle **MUST** be on level ground.

To recline, review section 2-D.

# 8. Connect Lower Anchor Attachment Connectors to Vehicle's Lower Lower Anchor Attachment Anchors

Lower anchor attachment strap should lay as flat as possible and not be twisted.













## 9. Remove the Slack

Press down firmly on the top of the base while pulling on the free end of the lower anchor attachment strap to remove all the slack.

Do not pull on the strap with excessive force

#### 10. Close the SnugLock® Lock-Off

Shut the lock-off on top of the lower anchor attachment strap.

Close the lock-off until you hear a "Click".



#### **AWARNING!**

Keep hands away from the lock-off area when closing the lock-off.

#### 11. Test For Tightness

Grab the sides of the base at the belt path, push and pull the base from side to side and front to back.

If the base moves less than 1" (2.5 cm), it is tight enough.

#### 12. Attach Car Seat to Base

Place car seat into the base. Push down on the front of the car seat and handle until you hear a "click".

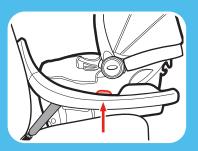
Test to make sure the car seat is attached by pulling up on the front corners of car seat.

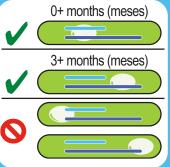














3 Rear Facing

#### 13. Check the Level Indicator

Vehicle **MUST** be level with the ground.

Check the level indicator with child in the child restraint.

#### **Is Everything Correct?**

Base Does Not Move More Than 1" (2.5 cm) At The Belt Path

Car Seat Is Properly Attached To Base

With Vehicle On Level Ground, Check the Level Indicator









#### 3-C Install With Base With Vehicle Seat Belt





#### 1. Store Lower Anchor Attachment Strap

Open the storage door and insert the lower anchor attachment strap as shown.

Close the storage door.

#### 2. Place Base in Back Seat of the Vehicle

Place the base flat on the vehicle seat. Push it back until the anti-rebound bar touches the vehicle seat back.



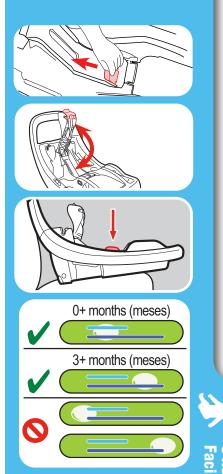
#### 3. Open the SnugLock® Lock-Off

Push in the release lever and open the lock-off.

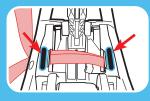
## 4. Check the Level Indicator

Vehicle **MUST** be level with the ground.

To recline, review section 2-D.









#### 5. Route the Vehicle Seat Belt

Thread the lap portion of the vehicle seat belt through the rear-facing belt path (marked with a blue label) and buckle it. The seat belt should lay as flat as possible and not be twisted.

6. Make sure the strap is threaded above the notches near the lock-off.



## Review your vehicle's owner's manual for vehicle seat belt use

## 7. Tighten the Vehicle Seat Belt

Press down firmly on the top of the base while pulling on the shoulder belt to remove the slack.

Do not pull on the strap with excessive force.

#### 8. Close the SnugLock® Lock-Off

Push down on the arm until the you hear the latch click.





#### **AWARNING!**

Keep hands away from the lock-off area when closing the lock-off.





## 9. Test For Tightness

Grab the sides of the base where the seat belt is and push and pull the base from side to side and front to back.

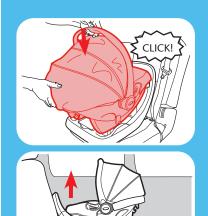
If the base moves less than 1" (2.5 cm), it is tight enough.



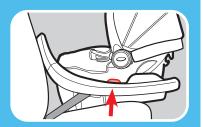
## 10. Attach Car Seat to Base

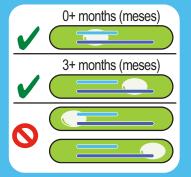
Place car seat into the base. Push down on the front of the car seat and handle until you hear a "click".

Test to make sure the car seat is attached by pulling up on the front corners of car seat.









#### 11. Check the Level Indicator

Vehicle **MUST** be on level ground.

Check the level indicator with child in the child restraint.

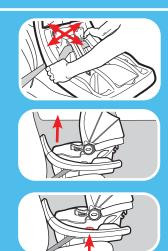


#### **Is Everything Correct?**

Base Does Not Move More Than 1" (2.5 cm) At The Belt Path

Car Seat Is Properly Attached To Base

With Vehicle On Level Ground, Check the Level Indicator





#### 4-A Additional Lower Anchor Attachment Information

This car seat base can be installed in your vehicle using either the vehicle seat belt OR the lower anchor attachment system. Both systems are equally safe to use. DO NOT USE BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.

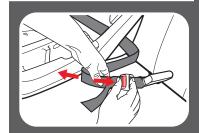
The lower anchor attachment system allows you to securely attach your car seat base in your car without using the vehicle seat belt and possibly to get a better fit. All 2003 and newer model year vehicles are required to have a lower anchor attachment system, although some manufacturers began including lower anchor attachment earlier. Some vehicle owner manuals use the term ISOFIX to identify the lower anchor attachment system.

Only use lower anchor attachment in seating positions recommended by your vehicle manufacturer. Review your vehicle owner's manual for more information.

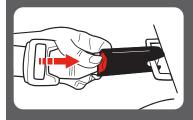


## 4-B How to Remove Lower Anchor Attachment

1. Push Gray Button In While Pulling on Lower Anchor Attachment Strap to Loosen



2. Press and Hold Lower Anchor Attachment Release Button



3. Pull Away From Anchor Point



### **4-C Unsafe Vehicle Seats**

Never install this car seat base in side-facing or rear-facing vehicle seats.





### **4-D Vehicle Seat Belts**

Review your vehicle owner's manual for vehicle seat belt use

This car seat base can be installed using a vehicle seat belt. To do this, you will need to change the seat belt to a locked mode for use with car seats. With some vehicle seat belts, this is done with the latch plate; with other vehicle seat belts, this is done with the retractor.

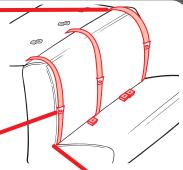
#### Vehicle Seat Belt Terms

#### Retractor

A device that winds up the unused vehicle seat belt. It is often hidden inside the panels on the walls of the vehicle or in the vehicle seat back.

#### Latch Plate

The male end of the seat belt with the silver tongue.



#### Seat Crease

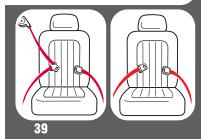
The crease where the vehicle seat back and seat bottom meet.

### Identify Your Seat Belt Type

There are two different types of vehicle seat belts that can be used with this car seat base:

# **Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt** 3 connections points.

**Lap Only Seat Belt** 2 connection points.



4 Vehicle Information

The following types of vehicle seat belts **CANNOT** be used safely with this car seat base:



Lap Belt with Motorized Shoulder Belt



Lap Belt or Shoulder Belt Mounted on Door Belts Forward of the Seat Crease



Some vehicles you may not get a secure fit. Read both your vehicle and car seat manuals.

### Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt Installation

Always review your vehicle owner's manual for specific information about your vehicle seat belts.

There are three types of retractors: **ELR (Emergency Locking Retractor), ALR (Automatic Locking Retractor),** and **Switchable (ELR switch to ALR).** To determine your type of retractor, follow these steps:

- 1. **Slowly** pull the belt out about halfway and stop.
- 2. Let the belt retract back several inches.
- 3. Try to **slowly** pull the belt out more. If the belt cannot be pulled any further, it is **ALR**, ready to install your car seat base. If it can be pulled further, go to the next step.
- 4. **Slowly** pull the belt **all the way out**, and then allow it to retract several inches. You may hear some clicking sounds.
- 5. Try to pull the belt all the way out again. If it cannot be pulled out, it is **Switchable**, ready to install your car seat base. If it can still be pulled out freely, it is **ELR**. Review the following pages to properly install your infant car seat base.

**Note:** Most vehicles manufactured after 1996 will have Switchable retractors in the back seat. If you have any questions about your retractor type, consult your vehicle owner's manual or call Graco for assistance.



#### How to Lock Your Lap/Shoulder Vehicle Seat Belt







Note: With the vehicle seat belt in this locking mode, all the tension is upwards in the shoulder belt. This may start to tilt your car seat base sideways when rear-facing. If this happens, use a locking clip instead of switching the retractor. See Sliding Latch Plate and ELR Retractor.

**Note:** When using the base, you do not need to switch the retractor. The lock-off locks the seat belt.

#### Sliding Latch Plate and Switchable Retractor

A latch plate that slides freely on the belt webbing and cannot, by itself, hold the belt snug around a car seat.

When installing the car seat base, route the vehicle seat belt through the proper belt path and buckle it in. **Slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out to switch it to locking mode.** Then, as you pull the vehicle seat belt tight, feed all the slack back into the retractor.

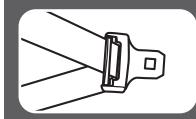
Grab the sides of the base or seat at the belt path and slide side to side and front to back. The base or seat should not move more than 1" (2.5 cm).

# Locking Latch Plate and ELR Retractor

A latch plate that holds the lap belt snug after it has been adjusted; contains a metal bar on the underside of the hardware that "locks" the belt in position.

When installing the car seat base, route the vehicle seat belt through the proper belt path and buckle it in. Then, pull upwards on the shoulder belt so that the lap belt gets tight around the base or car seat.

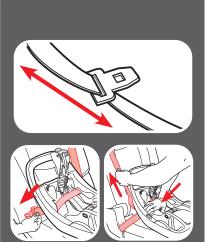
Grab the sides of the base or seat at the belt path and slide side to side and front to back. The base or seat should not move more than 1" (2.5 cm).





**Note:** When using the base, remove all the slack from the seat belt. The lock-off locks the seat belt.





# Sliding Latch Plate and ALR Retractor

A latch plate that slides freely on the belt webbing and cannot, by itself, hold the belt snug around a car seat

Slowly pull the shoulder belt all the way out. Route the vehicle seat belt through the proper belt path and buckle it in. Then, as you pull the vehicle seat belt tight, feed all the slack back into the retractor.

Grab the sides of the base or seat at the belt path and slide side-to-side and front-to-back. The base or seat should not move more than 1" (2.5 cm).

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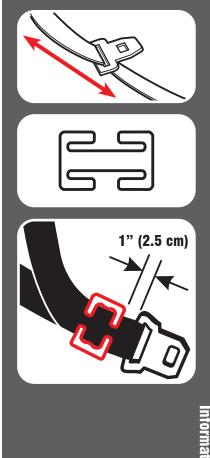
With this retractor, you will need to use the locking clip to lock the vehicle seat belt.

To obtain a locking clip call 1-800-345-4109.

Route the vehicle seat belt through the proper belt path and buckle it in. Pull the vehicle seat belt tight. While pushing down on seat, pinch the two straps together behind the buckle tongue. Unbuckle the belt without allowing it to slip.

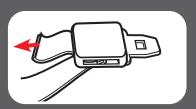
Attach locking clip to lap and shoulder belts as shown.

Buckle belt. Check that lap belt does not move by pulling hard. If belt loosens or lengthens, repeat procedure.



#### Lap Belt Installation

Always review your vehicle owner's manual for specific information about your vehicle seat belts.



Grab the sides of the seat at the belt path and slide side to side and front to back. The base or seat should not move more than 1" (2.5 cm).



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# Locking Latch Plate and No Retractor

When installing the car seat base, route the lap seat belt through the proper path and buckle it in. Then, pull upwards on the tail of the belt so that the lap belt gets tight around the car seat base.

# Sewn On Latch Plate and ALR Retractor

Slowly pull the lap belt all the way out. Route the vehicle seat lap belt through the proper belt path and buckle it in. Then, pull the lap belt tight while feeding all the slack back into the retractor.



## **5-A Lower Anchor Attachment**

Surface wash only with mild soap and damp cloth. **DO NOT IMMERSE THE LOWER ANCHOR ATTACHMENT STRAP IN WATER.** Doing so may weaken the straps.

If lower anchor attachment strap are frayed or heavily soiled, contact Customer Service at www.gracobaby.com or 1-800-345-4109.



# **Replacement Parts**

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