

# Spirit<sup>™</sup> APS<sup>™</sup> (Adjustable Positioning System<sup>™</sup>) Child Restraint Instructions

**Designed for Children with Special Health Care Needs** 

#### Model #SPIRIT



User Weight: 25 - 130 lb (11.3 - 59 kg)

User Height: Less than 66" (less than 1.67 m)

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## **WARNING!**

Read ALL instructions before using this child restraint!

Failure to follow the warnings on the labels and in the instructions can result in death or serious injury to the user.

#### **ATTENTION**

Your Spirit™ Adjustable Positioning System (APS)™ Child Restraint has been built to the highest standards of quality to ensure years of superior service. Please take the time to read this informative instruction guide and pay particular attention to the safety information provided.

Your child's safety is of the utmost importance, so we urge you to carefully and completely READ ALL the instructions.

The proper use of a child restraint, combined with careful driving, can lower a child's risk of injury or death in a crash. Please ensure that your child restraint is correctly installed by reading and following the instructions.

If you require additional assistance, please call Columbia Medical Customer Service at (800) 454-6612, or e-mail info@columbiamedical.com

Thank you for choosing Columbia Medical.

#### **IMPORTANT**

- Use this child restraint in the forward-facing position only.
- The recommended location for this child restraint is in the rear center seat.
- This child restraint must be used in forward facing vehicle seats only.
- ALWAYS use top tether straps when installed the child restraint in the vehicle.
- Visit "www.safekidsworldwide.org" to find the nearest child restraint safety check point, or ask your local highway patrol office for assistance.

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# WARNING DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

- Use only with individuals who weigh between 25 and 130 lb (11.3 59 kg) and are less than 66 inches (1.67 m) in height.
- Read and follow all instructions on this child restraint and in the written instructions located on the side of the child restraint.
- When using in a vehicle with airbags, read vehicle owner's manual for other warnings and additional precautions.
- Make sure that all straps and harnesses provided with this child restraint fit snugly around the user. A snug strap should not allow any slack and lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. The strap should also not press on the user's skin or push the user's body into an unnatural position.
- Secure this child restraint with the vehicle's seat belt even when it is not occupied.
- Use this child restraint in the forward-facing position ONLY. This child restraint is NOT designed for use in a rear-facing position.
- Do not use this child restraint in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag unless the air bag is turned off. Death or serious injury can occur. According to crash statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seat rather than in the front seat. Regardless of seating position, the Federal Government recommends that all children twelve or under ride in the rear seat.
- Do not use this child restraint with vehicle seats that face to the side or rear or with vehicle seats with backs that can fold forward in a crash or sudden stop. Check your vehicle manual or with your dealer if you are not sure.
- This child restraint conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. This Restraint Is Not Certified For Use in Aircraft. Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Register your name, address, email address, restraint's model number and manufacturing date online at www.columbiamedical.com. 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.
- Do not use this child restraint with your vehicle's lower anchor LATCH connector system. Use only the vehicle's seat belts for installation. Upper LATCH anchor points may be used to secure the tether.



# WARNING DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

- When using this child restraint in a vehicle with side air bags, refer to the vehicle owner's manual for installation instructions and precautions.
- Do not route the vehicle seat belt over the user while using this child restraint.
- When using a shoulder/lap safety belt, the shoulder belt strap must lie within
  the "Shoulder Belt Zone" as labeled on the upper left and right side of the child
  restraint. If this is not the case, then a top tether MUST be used.
- Do not use the harness independently of the seat. The harness assembly is for use only with the Spirit™ APS™ Child Restraint.
- Secure this child restraint even when it is not occupied; in a crash, an unsecured child restraint may injure vehicle occupants.
- Never leave a child unattended in the vehicle even if they are secured in the child restraint. Children could be seriously or fatally injured from excessive exposure to extreme heat or cold.
- This child restraint conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). This child restraint is certified for use only in motor vehicles. It is not certified for use in airplanes.

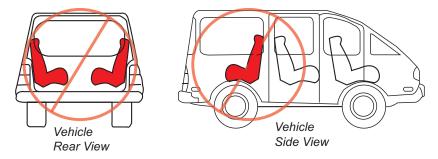


### **IMPORTANT Safety Information**

- This child restraint is designed to fit a wide range of individuals. To ensure a
  proper fit for the user, it is important that the child restraint be correctly set up and
  installed before using it for the first time.
- Read the section on "Vehicle Seat Belt Compatibility" (pg. 10-11) to determine the type of seat belts that may be used with this child restraint.
- No additional padding, other than what is provided with the child restraint, should be used behind or under the child restraint, or under or behind the user in the child restraint.
- The child restraint harness should not be worn over heavy clothing such as thick jackets, coats or vests.
- If your child restraint becomes badly worn or damaged, or is involved in a crash, regardless of speed and regardless of how minor, your child restraint may no longer be effective and should be immediately replaced.
- The metal parts on the child restraint and/or vehicle seat belt can heat up if
  the vehicle is parked in the sun. To avoid injury to the occupant, always check
  that the metal parts are not too hot before putting the occupant in the seat. We
  recommend covering the seat with a blanket or towel, if you park your vehicle in
  the sun, to help keep the metal parts from heating up.
- Do not leave loose objects in the passenger compartment of your vehicle. In the
  event of a crash, these objects can become projectiles and can cause serious
  injury or death.
- Do not leave folding vehicle seats unlatched. In the event of a sudden stop, a
  loose seat back could prevent the child restraint from protecting the child as well
  as it should.
- Do not, except as described in this booklet, attempt to disassemble any part of this child restraint or change the way its harness or the vehicle restraint belts are used.
- Discontinue use of a child restraint if it has been involved in a crash to prevent injury due to deterioration or hidden damage.
- Upholstery meets Fire-Retardant Code 302 for automobile upholstery.

## **Vehicle Seating Positions**

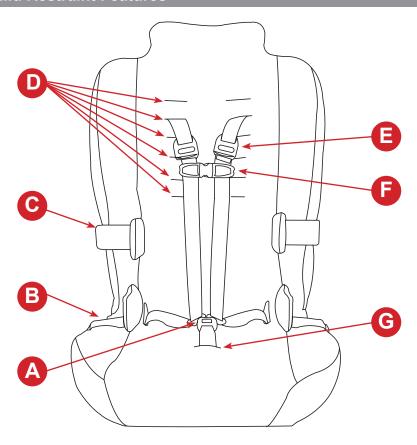
- Do not place a child in a child restraint in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag unless the air bag is turned off. DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.
- This child restraint must ONLY be used in forward-facing vehicle seats.
- Use this child restraint in the forward-facing position ONLY.
- The recommended installation location for this child restraint is in the rear center seat.
- This child restraint CANNOT be used in rear-facing vehicle seats, such as those
  in some vans or buses.
- This child restraint CANNOT be used in side-facing vehicle seats, such as those
  in some vans and pick-up trucks.
- This child restraint CANNOT be used in flip-down vehicle seats, often referred to as "jump-seats".



NOTE: According to research sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), children are significantly safer when properly restrained in the back seat, compared to the front seat.

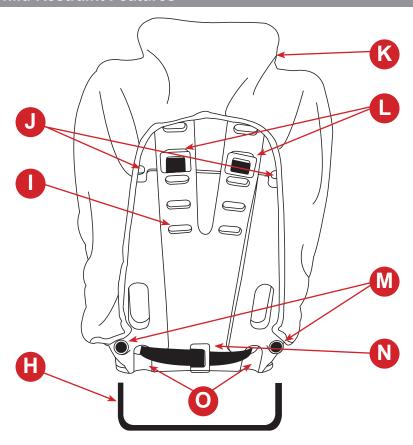
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## **Child Restraint Features**



- A. Harness Buckle
- B. Swing-Away Hip Supports (optional accessories)
- C. Swing-Away Trunk Supports (optional accessories)
- D. Shoulder Harness Slots (6 on each side)
- E. Tension Adjuster
- F. Chest Retainer Clip
- G. Crotch Strap Slot (2 positions)
- H. Recline Bar

## **Child Restraint Features**



- I. Shoulder Harness Slot (6 on each side)
- J. Tether Slots (4 slots located underneath cover)
- K. Cover
- L. Harness Metal Bracket
- M. Insertion Holes for Recline Bar
- N. 3-Bar Metal Bracket Fastener for Harness Assembly
- O. Lower Side Harness/Vehicle Belt Slots



## **Vehicle Belt Compatibility**

Vehicle seats and safety belts differ from vehicle to vehicle. Always refer to your vehicle owner's manual or call the vehicle manufacturer for specific information about the use of child restraints in your vehicle. Some vehicles may have seating positions or seat belts which are not compatible with this Columbia Medical child restraint.

Below are the types of vehicle seat belt retractors. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual to determine the kind of retractors used in your vehicle and how to operate them.

**ELR – Emergency Locking Retractor:** Allows the belt to be freely extended or rewound. It locks only when the vehicle slows, changes direction or stops suddenly.

**ALR – Automatic Locking Retractor:** Allows belt to be pulled in one motion until fastened, then operates as a ratchet, winding in slack, preventing further extension (until completely rewound). In most belts, you will hear a faint clicking sound that indicates the belt is locked and ratcheting in.

**Switchable** – Manually adjustable from ELR mode to ALR mode. For most, pull belt webbing all the way out of the retractor to activate the ALR mode. A slight "click" may be heard, but the belt will ratchet into retractor once switched into ALR mode. In some models, the retractors switch from ELR to ALR by pushing a button.

## Vehicle Belt Compatibility (continued)

Below are the vehicle seat belts that CAN BE USED:

Continuous-loop lap-shoulder belts with a sliding latch plate. This type of seat belt consists of continuous webbing that is bolted to the vehicle on one end and has a retractor on the other end. The latch plate (the "male" part of the seat belt buckle) slides freely along the webbing to form a lap belt and a shoulder belt when attached to the buckle. The lap/shoulder belt may need to be locked by pulling it completely out of the retractor, thereby switching it to automatic locking mode. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual.

Combination lap-shoulder belts with a locking latch plate.

This type of seat belt has a latch plate (the "male" part of the seat belt buckle) that locks into place to secure the child restraint.

Lap belts with automatic locking retractors (ALR).

These lap belts automatically lock to whatever length they have been pulled to, after which they can only be reset by retracting the belt completely. However, a TOP TETHER STRAP MUST BE USED if the child restraint is installed with only a lap belt.

Lap belts with a locking latch plate.

This type of seat belt stays locked after the seat belt is tightened by pulling the free end. However, a TOP TETHER STRAP MUST BE USED if the child restraint is installed with only a lap belt.

Vehicle seat belts that CANNOT BE USED:

Seat belts with the top and/or bottom anchor attached to the vehicle door.

Lap belts with an emergency locking retractor (ELR), which means that the lap belt will only lock in the event of a sudden stop or crash.

Motorized seat belts that automatically surround the passenger when the door is closed.

Combination lap and shoulder belts with a "sewn latch plate". The lap belt is sewn to the side of the latch plate (the "male" part of the seat belt buckle), while the shoulder belt is sewn to the top of the latch plate. Each belt feeds into a separate emergency-locking retractor prohibiting proper control of the seat belt tension.

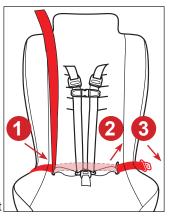


## Installation: Lap-Shoulder Belt (ALR)

Follow these instructions when installing in a vehicle with seat belts that utilize an **Automatic Locking Retractor (ALR)** which, when extended all the way out, the seat belt activates the locking mechanism and retracts the belt without allowing any further lengthening or slack.

Always use top tether strap when installing the restraint in the vehicle.

- Place the child restraint in a forward-facing position on the vehicle seat.
   Note: If more than 3 inches of the child restraint base extends beyond the front edge of the vehicle seat (not including use of the recline bar), then the vehicle seat is too shallow to properly support the child restraint. If this is the case, DO NOT INSTALL.
- Pull the seat belt out completely to engage the retractor. Do not allow the belt to retract.
  - Insert the latch plate (the "male" part of the seat belt buckle) into the outer lower side vehicle belt slot and route the belt around the back of the child restraint
  - ii. Pull the seat belt out through the other lower side vehicle belt slot
  - iii. Insert the latch plate (the "male" part of the seat belt buckle) into the vehicle's seat belt buckle (see right)
- When routing the vehicle's seat belt, make sure that the shoulder belt lies within the on top of the seam between the two fabric.
- 4. Place one knee in the child restraint and push down firmly. Starting from the buckle, pull on the shoulder belt portion of the webbing until it is tight.
- Eliminate the slack by releasing the shoulder belt back into the retractor. You should hear a clicking noise as the webbing rewinds.
- Pull on the shoulder belt to ensure that it is locked. If properly engaged, you should not be able to create any slack in the seat belt. Ensure that the child restraint is held down firmly into the vehicle seat.
- The tightness of the installation should ensure that there is no more than 1-inch of movement of the child restraint. If there is more than 1-inch of movement, then the installation is incorrect and must be redone.
- 8. Install top tether strap by following the instructions on page 15.



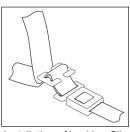
### Installation: Lap-Shoulder Belt (ELR)

Follow these instructions when installing in a vehicle with seat belts that utilize an Emergency Locking Retractor (ELR) which allows free movement of the occupant

and only locks in the event of an emergency situation, such as sudden breaking or collision. To install the child restraint using an ELR system, a LOCKING CLIP (not provided) is required to maintain to proper belt tension AND YOU MUST USE A TOP TETHER (see pg. 15).



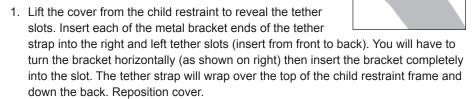
- 1. Lift the cover from the child restraint to reveal the tether slots. Insert each of the metal bracket ends of the tether. strap into the right and left tether slots (insert from front to back). You will have to turn the bracket horizontally (as shown on right) then insert the bracket completely into the slot. The tether strap will wrap over the top of the child restraint frame and down the back. Reposition cover.
- 2. Place the child restraint in a forward-facing position on the vehicle seat. Note: If more than 3 inches of the child restraint base extends beyond the front edge of the vehicle seat (not including use of the recline bar), then the vehicle seat is too shallow to properly support the child restraint. If this is the case, DO NOT INSTALL.
- 3. Pull the seat belt out completely. Then,
  - i. Insert the latch plate (the "male" part of the seat belt buckle) into the outer lower side vehicle belt slot and route the belt around the back of the child restraint
  - ii. Pull the seat belt out through the other lower side vehicle belt slot
  - iii. Insert the latch plate (the "male" part of the seat belt buckle) into the vehicle's seat belt buckle.
- 4. Place one knee in the child restraint and push down firmly while pulling on the shoulder belt to tighten and remove any slack from the lap portion of the belt.
- 5. With one hand, firmly hold the shoulder and lap portions of the seat belt together, immediately behind the latch. Then, release the seat belt latch from the buckle.
- 6. Fold the webbing and thread it through the locking clip, Installation of Locking Clip as shown above, keeping the locking clip as close as possible to the latch plate (no further than 0.5-inch). Buckle the seat belt checking that the child restraint is tightly in place and continue to tether installation (pg. 15)
- 7. The tightness of the installation should ensure that there is no more than 1-inch of movement of the child restraint. If there is more than 1-inch of movement, then the installation is incorrect and must be redone.



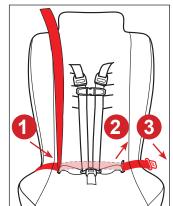
## **Installation: Lap Belt (ALR)**

When installing the child restraint into a vehicle using only a lap belt, YOU MUST

USE A TOP TETHER STRAP (see pg. 15) anchored to one of the anchor points in your vehicle. Make sure to check the Vehicle Seat Belt Compatibility (pg. 10) before installing the child restraint.



- Place the child restraint in a forward-facing position on the vehicle seat.
   Note: If more than 3 inches of the child restraint base extends beyond the front edge of the vehicle seat (not including use of the recline bar), then the vehicle seat is too shallow to properly support the child restraint. If this is the case, DO NOT INSTALL.
- 3. Pull the lap belt out completely. Then,
  - Insert the latch plate (the "male" part of the seat belt buckle) into the outer lower side vehicle belt slot and route the belt around the back of the child restraint
  - Pull the seat belt out through the other lower side vehicle belt slot
  - iii. Insert the latch plate (the "male" part of the seat belt buckle) into the vehicle's seat belt buckle (see right)
- 4. Place one knee in the child restraint and push down firmly while pulling on the lap belt to tighten and removing all slack. Make sure that the child restraint is flat against the vehicle seat back and bottom. Continue to tether installation (pg. 15).
- The tightness of the installation should ensure that there is no more than 1-inch of movement of the child restraint. If there is more than 1-inch of movement, then the installation is incorrect and must be redone.



## **Installing the Tether**

The Spirit™ APS™ Child Restraint is designed to use a lap-shoulder belt equipped with an Automatic Locking Retractor (see pg. 12). However, when installed in a

vehicle using a lap-belt only or a lap-shoulder belt with an Emergency Locking Retractor (see pg. 13), then the child restraint must be anchored to the vehicle's **TOP TETHER ANCHOR POINTS** designated by the symbol on the right.



Anchor point symbol

All vehicles manufactured since 2002 are equipped with tether anchors located directly behind the rear seats. Check your vehicle owner's manual for location details.

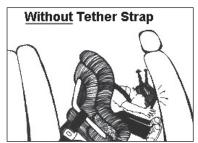
For vehicles manufactured before 2002, a bolt-in tether must be used. Contact Columbia Medical customer service for more information.



# WARNING DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

- An incorrectly installed child restraint may come loose during a crash which could result in serious injury or death to the user.
- The tether hooks must be attached to the tether anchor points designated
  as tether anchor points by the vehicle manufacturer. The icon shown above is
  used by vehicle manufacturers to identify the tether anchor points. Use of other
  locations is NOT approved or permitted.
- For occupants over 80 lbs. (36 kg), BOTH tether hooks must be used. Each
  hook must be attached to a separate tether anchor. A single tether anchor is not
  strong enough to support weights in excess of 80 lb. (36 kg).







## **Installing the Tether (continued)**

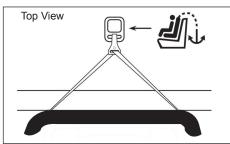
Note: The tether is a REQUIRED accessory and MUST be ordered separately. Please check vehicle owner's manual for tether anchor capacity.

#### Vehicle owner's manual supersedes instructions and recommendations below.

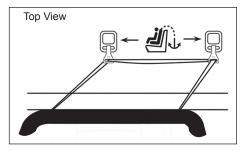
1. As noted in the child restraint installation section of these instructions (pg. 13-14), lift the cover from the child restraint to reveal the tether slots. Insert each of the metal bracket ends of the tether. strap into the right and left tether slots (insert from front to back). Turn the bracket horizontally (as shown on right) then insert the bracket completely into the slot. The tether strap will wrap over the top of the child restraint frame and down the back. Reposition cover.



- 2. After the child restraint has been installed using the vehicle's seat belts (see pg. 13-14), attach the tether hook(s) to the vehicle's tether anchor(s). The primary tether anchor to use will be located immediately behind the child restraint.
  - i. For individuals LESS than 80 Ib (36 kg); attach ONE tether **hoo**k to the tether anchor immediately behind the child restraint.



ii. For individuals GREATER than 80 lb (36 kg): use TWO tether hooks, attaching one tether hook to the tether anchor immediately behind the child restraint AND the other tether hook to the closest adjacent tether anchor.



3. After the hooks are secured, firmly adjust the tension on tether strap with adjuster sliders making sure there is no slack on the strap.

## Adjusting the Child Restraint

#### **Operating the Harness Buckle**

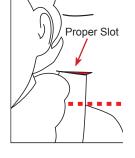
- 1. To release, press the red button on the harness buckle.
- To close, insert one metal latch into the harness buckle until it clicks. Repeat for the other metal latch.
- 3. Always make sure BOTH latches are properly fastened in the harness buckle when securing a user.
- 4. NEVER lubricate the harness buckle

#### **Checking the Harness Height**

- Place the user in the child restraint and properly secure the harness (as outlined above).
- Check the position of the harness relative to the shoulder of the user.
  - Harness straps should be inserted in the nearest slot at or above the user's shoulder.
  - If the height of the user's shoulder is above the harness, it will be necessary to adjust the harness height.
  - If the harness height is correct, the child restraint can be used with no further adjustment.

#### Adjusting the Harness Height

- Place the user in the child restraint and identify the closest harness slot at or above the user's shoulder. Remove the user from the child restraint.
- 2. Locate the metal bracket securing the top of the harness, along the back side of the restraint, and pull to expose 3" 4" of the strap.
- 3. Turn the metal bracket horizontally so that it fits through the slot (as shown right) and push it all the way through, including the cover. Reposition harness to correct slot.
- Reverse the process to reinstall, ensuring the metal bracket is flat against the back of the child restraint.





### **Adjusting the Child Restraint (continued)**

#### Adjusting the Harness Fit

- With the user in the child restraint, check the location of the buckle. When pulled upright, the buckle should be positioned at the level of the user's hips, not over the stomach area. Adjust the harness to fit the clothes the child is wearing. Remove bulky coats and/or jackets before putting the child in child restraint.
- 2. If necessary, the position of the buckle can be changed by relocating it to the other slot.
  - Locate the metal bracket on the under side of the child restraint that secures the bottom-end of the buckle strap.
  - Turn the metal bracket horizontally so that it fits through the slot and push it up all the way through, including the cover. Reposition buckle strap to correct slot.
  - Reverse the process to reinstall, ensuring the metal bracket is flat against the underside of the child restraint once finished.
- The shoulder straps can be independently adjusted by pressing the gray button on the tension adjuster (see "E" on pg. 8) then adding or removing slack in the webbing.

Note: The tension adjuster should be positioned just below the user's collar bone. If the tension adjuster is either too low or too high relative to the user's collar bone, then the shoulder harness can be shortened/lengthened by increasing or decreasing the amount of webbing through the 3-bar metal bracket on the back side of the child restraint



 A snug strap SHOULD NOT allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging or pressing on the user's skin or body causing an unnatural position.

## **Adjusting the Child Restraint (continued)**

#### **Adjusting the Chest Retainer Clip**

The chest retainer clip keeps the shoulder straps of the harness from sliding down off the shoulders.

**Note**: The correct height for the chest retainer clip is at the middle of the chest-level with the armpit.

- The chest retainer clip is fastened by fitting the two halves together. The chest retainer clip is properly secured only when a click is heard.
- Place the chest retainer clip in the proper location (level with the armpit) by sliding it up or down the harness straps.
- 3. To unfasten the chest retainer clip, simply squeeze the top and bottom tabs in the center, then pull the two halves apart.

#### **Adjusting Padded Head Supports**

The Spirit<sup>™</sup> APS<sup>™</sup> Child Restraint comes standard with adjustable soft-padded head supports.

- Locate the plastic buckle and squeeze the top and bottom tabs, then pull buckle apart.
- Adjust the height of the head support by inserting each end of the black strap into any of the unused harness slots that correspond to the vertical position of the user's head. Snap buckle to close.
- To adjust the strap, pull on loose end until desired fit is achieved.

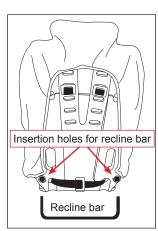
#### **Adjusting Seat Recline**

The child restraint can be adjusted to a reclined position using the optional recline bar.

- 1. Locate the holes in the lower rear of the child restraint (see right).
- 2. Insert the ends of the recline bar into the holes.

**Note**: The bottom of the child restraint should be flat on the vehicle seat when installed.

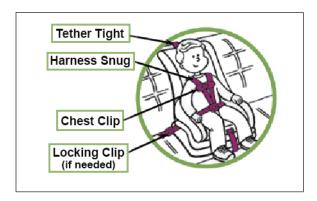
3. Place and secure the child restraint into the vehicle as outlined in pages 10 - 16.





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## Securing the User in the Child Restraint



Once the child restraint has been properly fitted and installed in the vehicle, follow these instructions to secure the user in the child restraint. Remove bulky coats and/or jackets before putting the child in child restraint.

- Open the harness and move the harness straps to the side of the child restraint.
- 2. Place the user in the restraint with his/her back positioned against the back rest in as upright a position as possible.
- 3. Verify that the harness straps are located in the slots above, but closest to the top of the user's shoulders.
- 4. If the harness straps are not in the appropriate position, move them according to the instructions provided in **Adjusting the Harness Height** (page 17).
- 5. Place the harness shoulder straps over each of the user's shoulders, making sure that the straps are not twisted or binding on any object.
- 6. Fasten the metal latch on each shoulder strap securely into the buckle.
- 7. Fasten the plastic chest retainer clip and position it in the middle of the user's chest aligned with the armpits of the user.
- Check to ensure the harness fit is snug. A proper fit means that you should not be able to pinch the webbing. If needed, adjust the harness fit as noted in **Checking** the Harness Fit (page 17).
- 9. To remove the user from the child restraint, follow the preceding steps in reverse.

### **Optional Accessories**

The Spirit™ APS™ Child Restraint can be fitted with optional accessories designed to provide a customized fit for each user. Consult your therapist for proper fit.

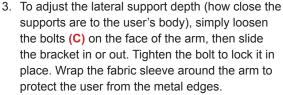
For information on how to install your child restraint's accessories, **consult the instructions that are included with each accessory.** 

See page 24 for the complete list of part numbers.

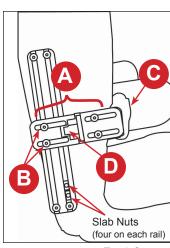
#### **Swing-Away Supports**

The child restraint is designed to be easily fitted with swing-away lateral hip and trunk supports that can be adjusted to provide customized support for the user.

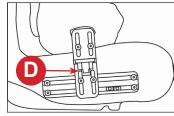
- When ordered with trunk and hip supports, the Spirit APS comes with the mounting rails already installed. These rails are used for mounting the swing-away supports. Locate the rails on the child restraint by pulling back the fabric flaps on each side of the child restraint.
- 2. To mount the swing-away arm onto the rail, locate the slab nuts already inserted in the mounting rail (2 on each track). Slide the arm into the desired position, making sure that the slab nuts are aligned with the open grooves on the latch mechanism (A). To lock the arm in position, use an Allen wrench to screw the bolt (with washer) through the latch mechanism and into the slab nuts (B). You can use slab nuts on either track depending on the desired positioning of the swing-away support.



4. To "swing away" the supports, just press on the latch trigger (D).



Trunk Support



Hip Support



## Optional Accessories (continued)



#### **Seat Depth Extender**

The Spirit™ APS™ Child Restraint can be ordered with a seat depth extender and arrives already assembled. However, a seat depth extender can also be ordered separately and easily installed.



#### **Swing-Away Abductor**

The swing-away abductor is used to separate the knees to improve hip alignment and stabilize seating posture.



#### **Extensor Thrust Wedge**

Changes the seat to back angle by increasing the front height.



#### **Buckle Guard**

Prevents a user from inadvertently releasing the harness.



#### **Memory Foam Padding**

Provides an extra layer of support and comfort for the user.



#### **Incontinence Covers**

Leak-resistant covers help shield seating from fluid and soiling.

#### **Care and Maintenance**

#### Cleaning the Cover

- Spot clean with upholstery shampoo, foam from a mild detergent, or mild dry cleaning solvent. Do not saturate with liquid.
- Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance.
- To clean the harness straps, use a sponge, warm water and mild detergent. Do
  not use abrasive cleansers.
- To clean the buckle, use a damp cloth and mild detergent. Do not use abrasive cleansers.
- Do not disassemble the harness.

#### Removing the Cover

- Remove the soft support pads (if present) by releasing the lanyards from the underside of the cover.
- 2. Open the chest retainer clip and release the metal latches from the buckle.
- 3. Remove harness completely by first locating the metal bracket securing the top of the harness along the back side of the child restraint. Pull it away to expose 3 to 4 inches (76.2 to 101.5 mm) of the webbing.
- 4. Turn the metal bracket so the short side will fit through the slot in the back of the child restraint and push it through the slot and the cover (from back to front).
- 5. Push those same metal brackets through the lower side harness slots (from front to back). The harness assembly should slide out the back of the child restraint. Make sure not to disassemble the 3-bar metal bracket that fastens the harness assembly together.
- Remove the cover by lifting the edges of the cover over the shell of the child restraint.

#### **Refitting the Cover**

 The cover, harness and pads can be reinstalled by the following the preceding instructions in reverse.



## Part Number List and Descriptions

Model No.	Description
SPIRIT	Child restraint (25-130 lb capacity).
SPIRIT-EX	4-inch Seat Depth Extender
SPIRIT-MF	Pressure reducing viscoelastic foam support seat/back insert
SPIRIT-AB	Swing-Away Abductor for mounting directly on SPIRIT child restraint
SPIRIT-AB-4	Swing-Away Abductor for mounting on SPIRIT-EX Seat Depth Extender
SPIRIT-HS-S	Swing-Away Hip Support Assembly with 2" x 3", 2" x 3" brackets
SPIRIT-HS-M	Swing-Away Hip Support Assembly with 2" x 2", 2" x 4" brackets
SPIRIT-TS-S	Swing-Away Hip Support Assembly with 2" x 4", 2" x 4" brackets
SPIRIT-TS-M	Swing-Away Trunk Support Assembly with 2" x 3", 2" x 3" brackets
SPIRIT-TS-L	Swing-Away Trunk Support Assembly with 2" x 2", 2" x 3" brackets
SPIRIT-TS-XL	Swing-Away Trunk Support Assembly with 2" x 2", 2" x 2" brackets
SPIRIT-HP	Hip Support Pad. Available in S, M, L.
	Pad dimensions are: S (3" x 6"), M (4" x 8"), L (4" x 12")
SPIRIT-TP	Trunk Support Pad. Available in S, M, L. Pad dimensions are: S (3" x 3"), M (3" x 5"), L (4" x 6")
SPIRIT-TW	3-inch Extensor Thrust Wedge
SPIRIT-IC	Incontinence Cover for Car Seat
SPIRIT-IC-HP-S	Incontinence Cover for Small Hip Pads
SPIRIT-IC-HP-M	Incontinence Cover for Medium Hip Pads
SPIRIT-IC-HP-L	Incontinence Cover for Large Hip Pads
SPIRIT-IC-AB	Incontinence Cover for Abductor
SPIRIT-TA	Tether Strap

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