



Child Car Seat Cleaning Guide



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Your child car seat's owner's manual includes helpful cleaning instructions and is often available online. This guide shares some general tips, but it's always best to check the manual to make sure they're right for your specific child car seat.

Before You Start Cleaning

- Check the child car seat owner's manual for detailed cleaning instructions (often available online through the manufacturer).
- Look under the fabric cover for additional cleaning labels or instructions.
- Take photos and make notes before removing parts-, this will make reassembly easier.
- Keep the harness buckled when removing it where possible, to help maintain the correct order.
- Allow enough time before the child car seat is needed again, as all the covers and inserts will need to fully dry naturally. Do not tumble dry.

Removing the Covers and Parts

- Unclip and unhook cover attachments.
- Unthread harnesses if required.
- Remove covers, inserts, harnesses and hardware.
- Clean each component separately.
- Shake out crumbs and debris before cleaning.

Check and Clean the Shell

- Vacuum dirt and debris from all the crevices of the shell.
- Wipe down the child car seat shell with a damp cloth and mild soap
- While the covers are off:
 - check harness straps for fraying,
 - check the shell for cracks or stress marks, and
 - check the harness adjuster is working and clamping correctly.
- If any parts are cracked or broken, contact the child car restraint manufacturer for advice.

Cleaning by Component

Harnesses

- Spot clean only using a damp cloth.
- Do not use soap or detergent on the harness.
- Do not machine wash the harness.

Hardware

- Clean metal and plastic hardware with a damp cloth and mild soap.
- Do not machine wash hardware.

Covers

- Covers can be hand or machine washed in cold water using a mild soap.
- If machine washing, use a gentle cycle.
- Do not pull any sticky substances off the fabric—soak them off instead.
- Rinse thoroughly before drying.
- Dry covers naturally on a flat surface.
- Inserts may take longer to dry—ensure they are completely dry before .

Buckles

Buckles can become sluggish if food or drinks enter the mechanism. A buckle should always make a strong audible “click” when fastened.

To clean the buckle:


- Remove the buckle (with crutch harness attachment) from the child car seat.
- Rinse the buckle under warm running water for five minutes. Do not use soap or detergent.
- Test the buckle a few times to check for an audible “click”.
- Repeat rinsing if needed until the buckle functions correctly.

Reassembling the Child Car Seat


- Check all covers, inserts, harnesses and hardware are completely dry.
- Replace the cover onto the shell, starting at the top of the child car seat.
- Reinstall all harnesses and hardware:
 - check they are facing the correct way, and
 - check there are no twists in the harness.
- Reattach all hooks and clips on the cover.
- Refit inserts correctly before use.

Further Support and Information

If you have concerns about cleaning, damage, or reassembly, contact us:

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