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Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in Back!			
	AGE / WEIGHT	SEAT TYPE / SEAT POSITION	USAGE TIPS
INFANTS	Birth to at least 1 year and at least 20 pounds.	Infant-Only Seat/rear-facing or Convertible Seat/used rear-facing. <i>Seats should be secured to the vehicle by the safety belts or by the LATCH system.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Never use in a front seat where an air bag is present. ▪ Tightly install child seat in rear seat, facing the rear. ▪ Child seat should recline at approximately a 45 degree angle. ▪ Harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level (lower set of slots for most convertible child safety seats). ▪ Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level.
	Less than 1 year/ 20-35 lbs.	Convertible Seat/used rear-facing (select one recommended for heavier infants). <i>Seats should be secured to the vehicle by the safety belts or by the LATCH system.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Never use in a front seat where an air bag is present. ▪ Tightly install child seat in rear seat, facing the rear. ▪ Child seat should recline at approximately a 45 degree angle. ▪ Harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level (lower set of slots for most convertible child safety seats). ▪ Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level.
PRESCHOOLERS / TODDLER	1 to 4 years/ at least 20 lbs. to approximately 40 lbs.	Convertible Seat/forward-facing or Forward-Facing Only or High Back Booster/Harness. <i>Seats should be secured to the vehicle by the safety belts or by the LATCH system.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tightly install child seat in rear seat, facing forward. ▪ Harness straps/slots at or above child's shoulders (usually top set of slots for convertible child safety seats). ▪ Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level.
YOUNG CHILDREN	4 to at least 8 years/unless they are 4'9" (57") tall.	Belt-Positioning Booster (no back, only) or High Back Belt-Positioning Booster. <i>NEVER use with lap-only belts—belt-positioning boosters are always used with lap AND shoulder belts.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Booster used with adult lap and shoulder belt in rear seat. ▪ Shoulder belt should rest snugly across chest, rests on shoulder; and should NEVER be placed under the arm or behind the back. ▪ Lap-belt should rest low, across the lap/upper thigh area—not across the stomach.