

Getting to Know the Britax Belt Positioning Booster Seats

Continuing Education Unit



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- When you have completed this Continuing Education Unit session you will:
 - ✓ Review Booster Seat Basics when a booster seat is appropriate.
 - ✓ Review Law vs. Best practice and accessing state laws.
 - ✓ Have an understanding of the product features that the BRITAX Belt-Positioning Booster seats include.
 - ✓ Be familiar with the weight, height and age requirements for BRITAX Belt-Positioning Booster seats including SecureGuard and ISOFLEX Flexible Lower LATCH Connection System.
- For this CEU opportunity, you must answer **16** out of **20** questions correctly in order to get the one (1) CEU awarded. If you incorrectly answer more than **4** questions, then you may review the material again and retake the quiz.
- Much of the information in this CEU material can be found at us.britax.com and in the user guides for each model.



Types of Belt-Positioning Booster Seats

High Back Booster Seats are a type of belt-positioning booster seat that includes a back with a head restraint that provides side impact protection as well as support and comfort. They are to be used once children have outgrown their forward-facing 5-point harness seats.



Backless Booster Seats do not include a back with a head restraint. They should only be used in a vehicle seating position with a built-in headrest. Backless Boosters are popular, but parents should consider High-Back Boosters for their enhanced safety features.





The 2017 National Survey of the Use of Booster Seats

- The 2017 NSUBS found that 40.1 percent of 4- to 7-year-old children were using booster seats in 2015 compared to 44.5 percent in 2015.
 - 31.4 percent of children 4- to 7 years old were not being properly restrained (down from 37.4 in 2015)
 - 20.8 percent were in seat belts (down from 25.8 in 2015)
 - 10.6 percent were unrestrained (down from 11.6 in 2015)
- Restraint use for all children under 13 remained statistically unchanged at 90.1 percent in 2017.
- <u>CLICK HERE</u> to access the complete report.



How Long Should Your Child Stay in a Booster Seat: Law vs. Best Practice

- ➤ Requirements for car seat use vary depending on the state. BRITAX recommends that you follow the laws of your state as the <u>minimum</u> requirements for restraining a child while traveling. Additionally, BRITAX recommends that you continue to use the child seat system convertible car seat, youth seat, or booster seat to the upper limits of its recommended use, or until your child can fit properly in the adult seat belt (see the Safety Belt Fit Test).
- Also, please keep in mind that state law does not always represent best practice. We recommend that you follow the laws of your state as the **minimum** requirements for restraining your child while traveling.

Find out what the laws are in your state



When is a child ready for a booster seat?

- Your child reached the top weight or height allowed for their convertible car seat with a harness. (These limits are listed on the seat and also included in the user guide.)
- Your child's shoulders are above the top harness slots in their forward-facing seat.
- Your child's ears have reached the top of their forward-facing seat.
- If your kid is a wiggle worm or sleeps often in the vehicle, then the booster may not be an appropriate selection just yet.

Factors to consider when determining if your child is ready for a booster seat:



Your child reaches the top weight or height allowed for their forward-facing seat with a harness. (These limits are listed on the seat and also included in the seat's user guide.)



Your child's shoulders are above the top harness slots in their forward-facing seat.



Your child's ears have reached the top of their forward-facing seat.



Your child meets the age and size requirements of the booster seat.



Your child meets the requirements of your state laws regarding booster seat use.



Your child's maturity level - if your child is a wiggle worm or sleeps frequently in the vehicle, he may not be ready for a booster seat.



When To Switch To Vehicle Seat Belt



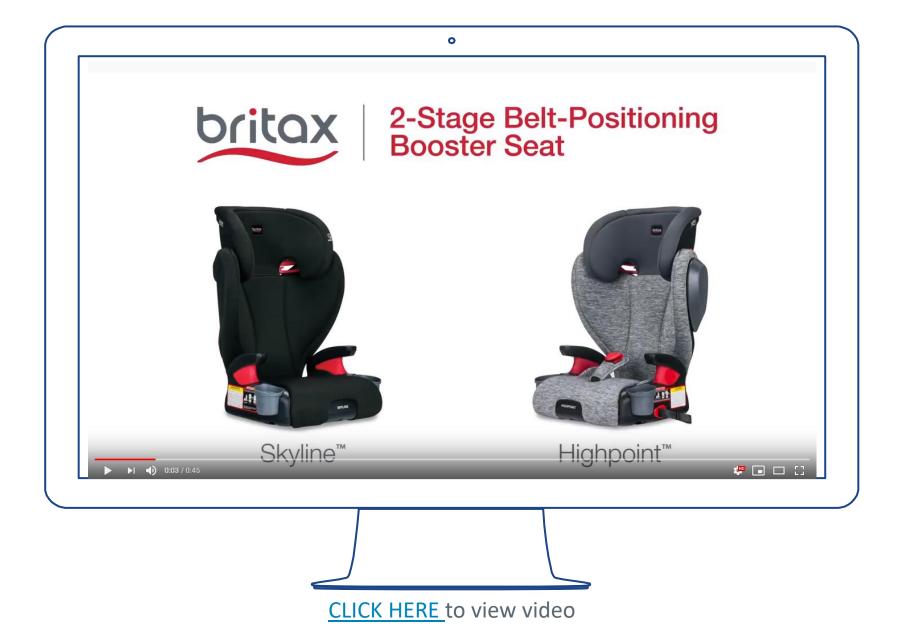


- ➤ Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snugly across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.
- Britax recommends that you continue to use a car seat to the upper limits of its recommended use, or until your child can fit properly in the adult seat belt.
- > To be able to fit an adult seat belt, a child must:
 - •Be tall enough to sit without slouching
 - •Keep his/her back and buttocks against the vehicle seat back
 - •Keep his/her knees completely bent over the front edge of the vehicle seat
 - •Keep his/her feet flat on the floor
 - •Be able to stay comfortably seated this way, AND
 - •The vehicle seat belt must be positioned correctly across the child's hips and shoulder/middle of the chest.

Check your state/province laws for additional guidance on car seat and booster use. We recommend that you follow the laws of your state/province as the minimum requirements for restraining your child while traveling.



2-Stage Booster Overview





Skyline 2-Stage Belt-Positioning Booster







With backrest: 40 – 120 lbs. | 44" – 63" in height 10 Position quick-adjust head restraint (14"-21.5")

Without backrest: 48 – 120 lbs. | 46" – 63" in height

ISOFLEX Lower LATCH Connectors | Dishwasher-safe cup holders



10-Year Expiration from date of manufacture





Highpoint 2-Stage Belt-Positioning Booster





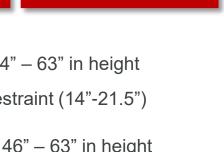




10 Position quick-adjust head restraint (14"-21.5")

Without backrest: 48 – 120 lbs. | 46" – 63" in height











Belt-Positiong Boosters (discontinued)

Fall 2019 transition started to 2-Stage







Skyline

40 – 120 lbs.

38" – 63" in height

2 layers of side impact protection
ISOFLEX Lower LATCH Connectors

10 Position quick-adjust head restraint (14"-21.5")

Dishwasher-safe cup holders 10-Year Expiration

Midpoint

40 – 120 lbs.

38" – 63" in height

2 layers of side impact protection
ISOFLEX Lower LATCH Connectors

10 Position quick-adjust head restraint (14"-21.5")
Secure Guard Belt Guide to prevent submarining
Dishwasher-safe cup holders

10-Year Expiration

Highpoint

40 – 120 lbs.

38" – 63" in height

3 layers of side impact protection
ISOFLEX Lower LATCH Connectors

10 Position quick-adjust head restraint (14"-21.5")
Secure Guard Belt Guide to prevent submarining
Dishwasher-safe cup holders

10-Year Expiration



Features:



2 Layers of Side Impact Protection

feature a deep foam-lined shell and quickadjust head protection



LATCH System easily anchors the seat in place

Flexible push-button lower connectors secure the seat to the vehicle



2 Removable, Dishwasher Safe Cup Holders

cup holders are removable for cleaning



10-Position quick adjust head restraint

easily grows as your baby gets bigger.



SecureGuard Clip

SecureGuard is an easy-to-use BRITAX exclusive feature that works with the vehicle safety belt to prevent the child from sliding under the lap belt portion of the safety belt (submarining) during impact.





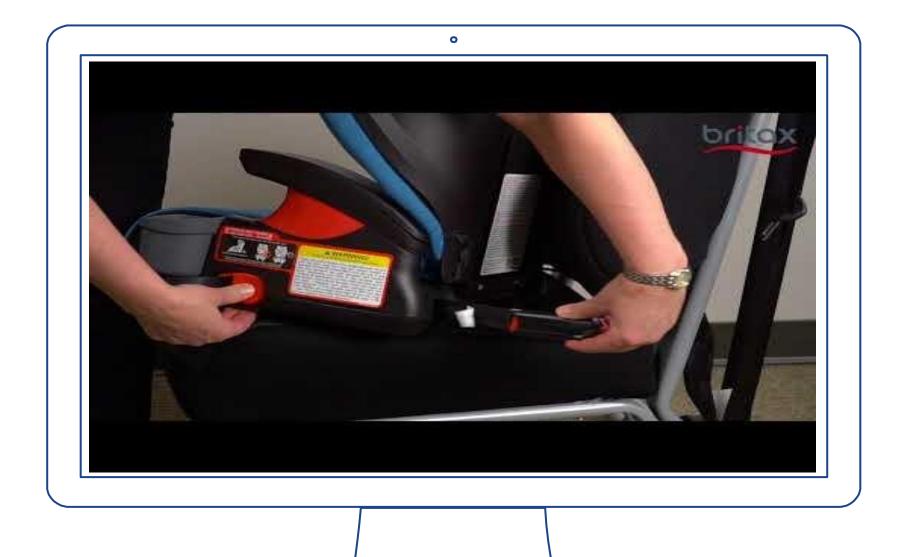
A child in a booster seat may "submarine", or slide under the The SecureGuard clip maintains proper belt positioning low vehicle lap belt during impact, which can lead to serious abdominal injuries.



across the child's upper thighs/hips and prevents the child from "submarining".

CLICK HERE to learn more about SecureGuard.

Skyline and Highpoint 2-Stage





Installation of a BRITAX belt-positioning booster seat when vehicle head restraint causes interference

Vehicle Head Restraints

WITH BACKREST: Proper positioning of the booster seat may require adjusting or removing the vehicle head restraint to allow the backrest to lie flat against the vehicle seat back. If the vehicle head restraint cannot be adjusted or removed, a different seating position or different booster seat should be used.

WITHOUT BACKREST: Use only as a backless booster when used in a seating position with a vehicle head restraint. See your vehicle owner's manual for booster seat positioning instructions.





GENERAL INFORMATION & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



2-Stage Belt-Positioning Boosters



Belt-Positioning Boosters





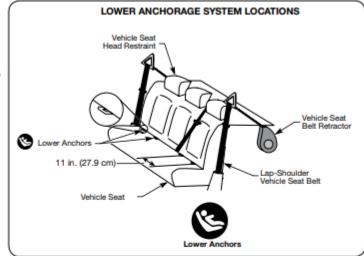
Can a Britax car seat be installed in the center seating position borrowing the inner anchors (LATCH) of the outboard seating positions?

No. To use lower anchors / LATCH, it must be a designated LATCH position by the vehicle with standard spacing.

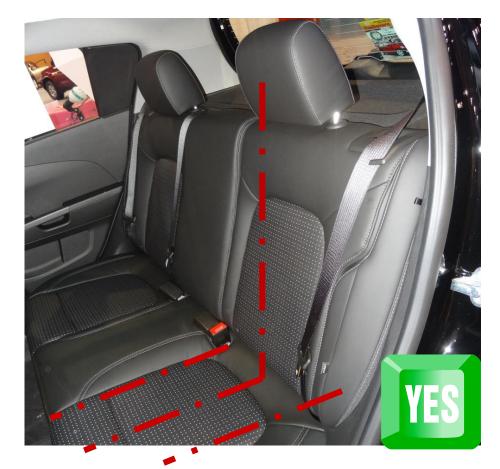
Lower Anchor System

The lower anchor system helps to anchor the booster seat into the car for added stability and safety in the event of a crash. The lower anchor system does not restrain your child. You must use the lap-shoulder belt to properly secure your child.

The figure at right shows typical locations for lower anchors in a vehicle. Check your vehicle owner's manual to learn if it is equipped with lower anchors, information on the lower anchor locations, and designated seating positions available for use with this child seat.



Positioning BRITAX in BPB mode with Lower Anchors





The Britax belt-positioning booster seats can be positioned on the vehicle seat using the lower anchor system. Use the vehicle's lapshoulder belt to secure the child.

Ensure that the lower anchors do not interfere with the vehicle belt function and alignment when securing the child.

Example shown: Offset lower anchors cannot be used to secure a Britax belt-positioning booster because the lap-shoulder will not properly position on the child.



How much overhang is acceptable with any Britax belt-positioning booster?

Booster Mode

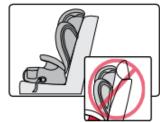
 Overhang is not allowed. The base of the child restraint must fit completely on the vehicle seat. Britax Child Safety, Inc.

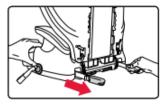
Positioning the Booster Seat

Lower anchors can be used to secure the child seat to the vehicle seat even when unoccupied, since in a crash an unsecured child restraint system may injure occupants. Secure your child using the vehicle's lap-shoulder belt system.

Lower connectors are not required for proper seat installation. If lower connectors are not used, ensure they are properly stored in the seat base and do not interfere with the base of the booster seat.

- Verify the booster seat is compatible with your vehicle. Refer to pages 28 - 29 for information about compatible seat belts and head restraints.
 - a. Push the booster seat against the vehicle seat back and ensure that it is positioned correctly so the vehicle head restraint allows the backrest to lie flat against the vehicle seat back. Vehicle head restraint may need to be adjusted or removed. See page 28 for more information.
 - Ensure that the base of the booster seat does not hang over the edge of the vehicle seat.
- If the vehicle seat back is adjustable, ensure it is in the upright position before placing the booster seat on the vehicle seat (see page 12).
- Push the lower connector release button and pull lower connector to fully extend the lower connector adjuster strap. Repeat on the opposite side to ensure that all slack has been released from the lower connector system.









When do Britax car seats/booster seats expire?

Britax Child Safety, Inc.

Safety Information

Failure to follow all warnings and instructions could result in SERIOUS INJURY or DEATH.

Read these instructions carefully before using this product.

FIT REQUIREMENTS

- WITH BACKREST: Use only with children who weigh between 40 120 lbs (18 54 kg) and whose height is between 44 - 63 inches (110 - 160 cm).
- WITHOUT BACKREST: Use only with children who weigh between 48 120 lbs (22 -54 kg) and whose height is between 46 - 63 inches (115 - 160 cm).

INSTALLATION

- Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this
- Use only as a backless booster when used in a seating position with a vehicle head restraint and when proper vehicle belt placement can be achieved.

GENERAL USAGE

- Follow all instructions on this child restraint and in the written instructions located under the base of the seat.
- Register your child restraint with the manufacturer.
- Use this booster seat forward-facing only.

HIGHPOINT User Guide

- In a vehicle with rear designated seating positions, vehicle owners should be alerted that, according to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions than in the front seating positions. To ensure your child's safety, please study Vehicle Seating Positions on page 26 and consult your vehicle
- Always make sure the child restraint system is secured to the vehicle, even when unoccupied, since in a crash an unsecured child restraint system may injure occupants. The unoccupied child seat can be secured to the vehicle by attaching the lower connectors to the lower anchors in the vehicle, or by fastening the vehicle
- To prevent injury due to deterioration, discontinue use of a booster seat that is older than ten (10) years or has been in a severe crash (see page 6). See expiration date on Serial Number and Manufactured Date Label located under the base cover.
- not approved by Britax. Their use could cause this booster seat not to perform as
- The primary protection for occupants of a vehicle in a collision is the body of the vehicle itself; a child seat will not protect a child when a vehicle is seriously impacted. However, correctly installed, a child seat will substantially improve chances for survival in most crashes. Make sure all users fully understand the correct ways to use this child seat in a vehicle.

The statement for number of years will be found in the Warnings / Note section of user guide.

For newer models, it can also be found on the serial number label.

Example shown on left: Highpoint 2-Stage. Expiration dates change by make and model.

MODEL:

XXXXXXXXXXXX

BATCH/LOTE:

XXXXXXXXXX

SERIAL/SERIE: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

EXPIRES/EXPIRS: 09/31/2024

MANUFACTURED

FABRICADOS:

2018 YR/AÑO MO/MES

MANUFACTURED BY/FABRICADOS POR:

BRITAX CHILD SAFETY, INC. 4140 PLEASANT RD. FORT MILL, SC 29708 USA



Can Britax car seats and booster seats be installed with Child Safety, Inc. All rights reserved Inflatable Seat Belts?

Please see our Inflatable Seat Belt Policy – https://us.britax.com/service-support/inflatable-seat-belt-policy/

Not all models of BRITAX car seats are approved for use with inflatable seat belts. At this time, ONLY the Ford Motor Company (Ford and Lincoln vehicles) Inflatable seat belt system is approved for use with the following BRITAX models: B-SAFE, Britax G Series Convertibles (Roundabout, Marathon, Boulevard, Advocate), Pioneer 70, Pioneer, Frontier, Frontier 85, Frontier 90, Frontier CLICKTIGHT, Pinnacle 90, Pinnacle CLICKTIGHT, Parkway SG and Parkway SGL.

If your car seat model is not listed above, it is NOT approved for use with the Ford inflatable seat belt system or any other inflatable seat belt system.

For more information on Inflatable seat belts, please <u>click here</u>.

In User Guides | COMPATIBLE SEAT BELTS

NOTE:

This BRITAX car seat may not be compatible with every inflatable lap-shoulder belt.

See FAQS in the support section of the BRITAX website (https://www.britax.ca/faqs OR https://us.britax.com/faqs/installation-questions/) for additional instructions.

Compatible	Not Compatible
B-SAFE (30 lb. capacity)	35 lb RFO with base 35 lb RFO without base
G Series Convertibles	Allegiance & Emblem CLICKTIGHT Convertibles
Pioneer Frontier CLICKTIGHT Pinnacle CLICKTIGHT	DualFit Grow With You Grow With You CLICKTIGHT Grow With You CLICKTIGHT PLUS One4Life
Parkway SG & SGL	Highpoint, Midpoint & Skyline





How do I clean my soft goods (covers)?

- ONLY SafeWash covers by Britax are machine washable and machine dryable.
- USER GUIDE Cleaning Instructions:
 - Refer to product care label for wash instructions.
 - If care label indicates machine washable, always refer to us.britax.com/fags for important care information.

Care Instructions Instructions d'Entretien Instrucciones de Cuidado

Machine wash old, delicate cycle



Laver à la machine à l'eau froide, cycle dellicat avec savon doux Lave a máquina con agua fría, ciclo de ropa fina con jabón suave

Tumble dry low

Secher à la machine cycle doux Secar a temperatura baja

DO NOT iron



NE PAS repasser NO planchar

DO NOT bleach

NE PAS javeliser NO utilizar lejía

DO NOT dry clean



NE PAS faire nettoyer á sec NO limpiar en seco

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Care Instructions Instructions d'Entretien Instrucciones de Cuidado



Hand wash with mild soap

os à main à l'eau froide et savon doux Lavar a mano en agua fría con jabón suave

Line dry

Séchez sur corde á linge Colgar para secar

DO NOT iron

NE PAS repasser NO planchar

DO NOT bleach



NE PAS iaveliser NO utilizar lejía

DO NOT dry clean

NE PAS faire nettoyer á sec NO limpiar en seco

DO NOT machine dry



NE PAS mettre dans une sécheuse

NO secar en secadora

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Serial numbers......It is like finding Waldo!











Grow With You & Grow With You CT









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Replacement after a Motor Vehicle Crash

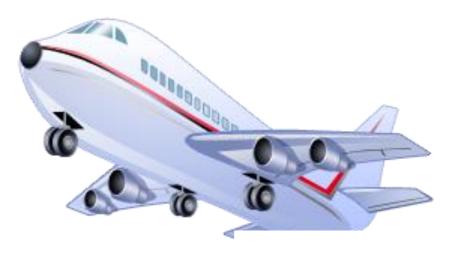
Discontinue use of this child seat if it has been in a moderate or severe crash. It is not necessary to replace a car seat after a minor crash, defined by the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) as:

- a. The vehicle is drivable from the crash site; and
- b. The vehicle door nearest the child seat was not damaged; and
- c. No vehicle occupants were injured; and
- d. There is no visible damage to the child seat; and
- e. The airbags (if present) did not deploy

This information can be found in each Britax product user guide in the WARNINGS or IMPORTANT NOTES section.



Use on Aircraft





A WARNING! INJURY can occur.

HARNESS MODE • Use only in a rear-facing position when using it with an infant weighing less than 22 pounds (10 kg). • Use only with children who weigh between 5 and 65 pounds (2.3 and 29.5 kg) and with a height of 49 inches (124.5 cm) or less. • Rear-facing for children weighing between 5 and 50 pounds (2.3 and 22.7 kg) and forward-facing for children weighing between 22 and 65 pounds (10 and 29.5 kg). BOOSTER MODE • Use only with children who weigh between 40 and 120 lbs (18.1 and 54.4 kg) and whose height is between 44 and 63 inches (111.8 and 160 cm). • Snugly adjust the betts provided with this child restraint around your child. • Secure the top anchorage strap provided with this child restraint around your child. • Secure the top anchorage strap provided with this child restraint around your child. • Secure the supplied to the vehicle's lap and shoulder bett system when restraining the child in this booster seat. • Secure this child restraint with the vehicle's child restraint and in the written instructions located in the pocket behind the cover of the child seat. • Register your child restraint with the manufacturer. • The provided infant positioning pillow MUST be removed for children weighing 20 lb (9.1 kg) or more.

This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. This Restraint is Certified for Use in Motor Vehicles and Aircraft when used in Harness Mode. This Restraint is Not Certified for Use in Aircraft when used in Restraint is Not Certified for Use in Aircraft when used in Harness Mode.

REAR-FACING
INSTALLATION HARNESS MODE
5 - 50 LBS (2.3 - 22.7 KG)
Less than 49 in (124.5 cm)

FORWARD-FACING
INSTALLATION HARNESS MODE
22 - 65 LBS (10 - 29.5 KG)
Less than 49 in (124.5 cm)

Harness straps in closest position below the child's shoulders

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Harness straps in closest position above the child's shoulders

Lower Anchors
Do not install by this method
for a child weighing more
than 35 lb (15.9 kg)

- Make sure your car seats is approved for use on aircraft. Look for statement on label:
 - This restraint is certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft.
 - Belt-positioning booster seats a NOT approved for use on aircraft.
- Best practice is EVERY family member has a seat and is properly secured (seat belt or car seat. While the FAA allows children under the age of 2 to be held on lap, remember – turbulences are unexpected at any time.
- Call airlines and ask if there are discounts for seats for children flying during nonpopular times or flights.
- By bringing YOUR car seat with you you do not have to worry about renting a car seat from a car rental agency.





Additional Resources – Skyline and Highpoint

- ✓ <u>CLICK HERE</u> to view 2-Stage Booster Overview
- ✓ <u>CLICK HERE</u> to view Attaching/Removing the Backrest
- ✓ <u>CLICK HERE</u> to view Parkway SG/SGL Installation Videos
- ✓ <u>CLICK HERE</u> How to position booster with Lower Anchors
- ✓ <u>CLICK HERE</u> How to Secure a Child
- ✓ <u>CLICK HERE</u> How to Replace the Cover
- ✓ <u>CLICK HERE</u> How To Remove and Install Cup holders on a Britax Booster
- ✓ <u>CLICK HERE</u> Specification (Sell) Sheets and Pictures
- ✓ <u>CLICK HERE</u> Access the current BRITAX product user guides at



Additional Resources



Installation Videos (YouTube Channel)

http://youtube.com/BritaxUSACarSeats



Access the current BRITAX product user guides

https://us.britax.com/service-support/instructional-videos-and-user-manuals/



Contact Britax Customer Service

888-427-4829 | Monday-Thursday 9 AM – 5:15 PM | Friday 9 AM – 4:45 PM



To determine lower anchor and/or tether capacity use by vehicle make.

https://www.cpsboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/VM-LATCH-Anchor-Weight-Limits-2019-11.pdf



Additional CEU material accessible through your profile at cert.safekids.org

Online CEUs \rightarrow 3. Britax Tech Site \rightarrow Obtain CEUs





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Thank you for learning more about BRITAX!

- Please CLICK HERE to take the quiz for the Getting to Know the Britax Belt-Positioning Booster Seats CEU Opportunity.
- Once you complete the quiz, you will receive your results via email.
- If you do not receive an email regarding your score in a timely fashion: (a) check your spam/junk folder and (b) consult your IT department that the system will allow emails from ceuquiz@britax.com.
- If you successfully completed the quiz, please save the email or print a copy and save with your recertification documentation.
 - ✓ The emails come from wordpress@ceu.britaxusa.com. If you do not receive within 24-48 hours, please check your spam and junk folders. Some systems have been known not to deliver them to your inbox.
 - ✓ Certificates/emails of completion cannot be re-created.
- If you did not successfully complete the quiz, please review the material again and retake the quiz when you are ready.

