



User's manual

MPS Car Seat





WARNING:

The Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat is designed to provide proper positioning in sitting for children and young adults with special needs. This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards [FMVSS]. However, the FMVSS #213 addresses child restraints for children up to 65 pounds [29 kilograms]. For children and young adults over 65 pounds, the vehicle belt is typically sufficient for restraint. For those children and young adults over 65 pounds that need positioning support to maintain a sitting position in a vehicle, the Small and Large Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seats full weight range limits were designed and tested in the spirit and intent of FMVSS No. 213. With proper installation and use, the Small & Large Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seats provide a safe positioning system for your child or young adult.

The SMALL Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat is designed for use only by children who weigh between 20 and 80 pounds [9 and 36 kilograms] and whose height is between 32.5 and 50 inches [82.5 and 127 centimeters] for Type I & Type II belts. The LATCH Belt is designed for children who weight between 20 and 40 pounds [9 and 18 kilograms].

The LARGE Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat is designed for use only by children with a max weight of 130 lbs [59 kilograms] and whose height is between 50 and 63 inches [127 and 160 centimeters].

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: Bergeron Health Care, 15 South Second St, Dolgeville, NY 13329 or call 1-866-529-8407 [315-429- 8407]. For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393 [202-366-0123 in DC area].

Note: The tray and footrest are not part of the Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat child restraint system as tested to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213. Those accessories are designed for use while not in the vehicle.

WARNING! Failure to follow each of the following instructions can result in your child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash. Secure this child restraint with a vehicle belt as specified in this instruction booklet and printed on the seat back. Snugly adjust the belts provided with this child restraint around your child.

Secure the top anchorage strap provided with this child restraint as specified in this instruction booklet.

Safety Information

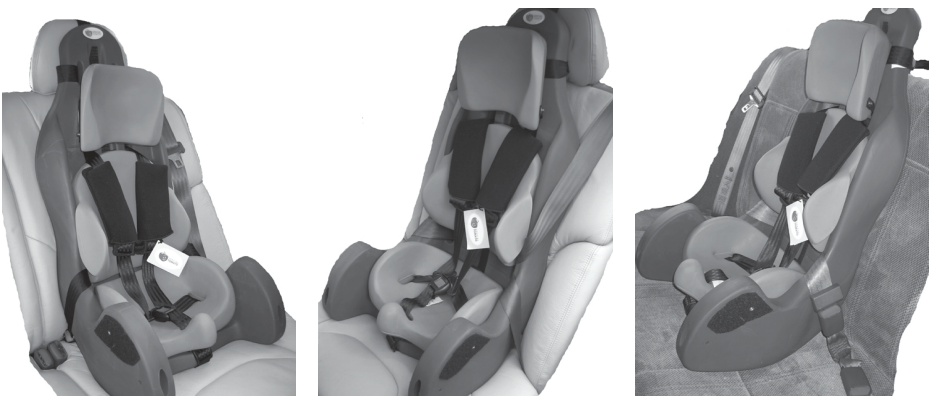
- 1) Verify that the restraint is secure to your vehicle before placing your child in the MPS each time you use it.
- 2) The 5-Point Harness will need to be adjusted to accommodate different clothing [i.e. - winter vs. summer clothing].
- 3) Refrain from leaving the child restraint in direct sunlight for long periods of time. The metal buckles can become hot enough to burn.
- 4) When not in use, store in a safe place. Do not place heavy objects on the child restraint for storage.
- 5) To avoid injury due to hidden damage or deterioration, no longer use the system after six years or if it has been in a crash.
- 6) According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the safest place to put your child in a restraint system in your vehicle is in the rear seat. DO NOT place a child in the front seat of the vehicle that has an airbag unless the airbag has been turned off. The impact of an airbag on a child can cause SERIOUS INJURY, and even DEATH.
- 7) Make sure all users of this restraint understand all information in this booklet.
- 8) Install this child restraint in a FORWARD FACING vehicle seat ONLY! Never install in a vehicle seat that faces sideways or backwards!
- 9) Secure this child restraint with the vehicle belts even when there is not a child in the restraint. In the event of a crash, an unsecured child restraint could injure vehicle occupants if it moves.
- 10) The Headrest Tether MUST remain secure when using the MPS as a child restraint.
- 11) Children should not be left in a vehicle alone for any length of time.
- 12) Do not disassemble or change this child restraint in any manner, except those steps described in this booklet.
- 13) If your vehicle seats fold forward, make sure they are latched before installing this child restraint.
- 14) Do not let children play with this child restraint.
- 15) Do not place anything between the vehicle seat and the child restraint to raise the height of the child restraint. In the event of an accident, the object could slip and disrupt the stability of the child restraint.
- 16) Primary protection for occupants of a vehicle comes from the vehicle itself in the event of an accident. Child restraints will not completely protect a child in the event of a serious impact. The role of the child restraint, when properly installed, is to significantly improve the chance for survival in most crashes.
- 17) Unless specified by your vehicle's manufacturer, assume that the vehicle LATCH anchor limit is 40 pounds [18 kilograms].
- 18) Carry your child restraint by the hard seat shell. Do NOT carry it by the 5-Point Harness to prevent damage.
- 19) The child restraint Top Tether Strap MUST be used at all times in a vehicle.
- 20) There is a 6-year Expiration Date for the MPS Car Seat and the MPS Push Chair Kits for use during transportation! The MPS Seat itself can be used beyond 6 years with the Wooden Mobile Base or attached to a standard chair for more than 6 years!

SAFETY FEATURES

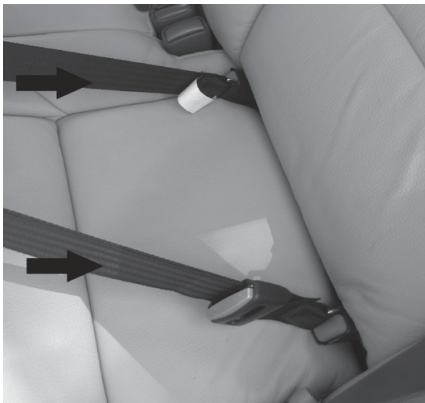


BELT AND TETHER INSTALLATION

PLEASE NOTE: The Tether Strap MUST be used with ALL Belt Configurations to secure your Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat Car Seat to your vehicle:



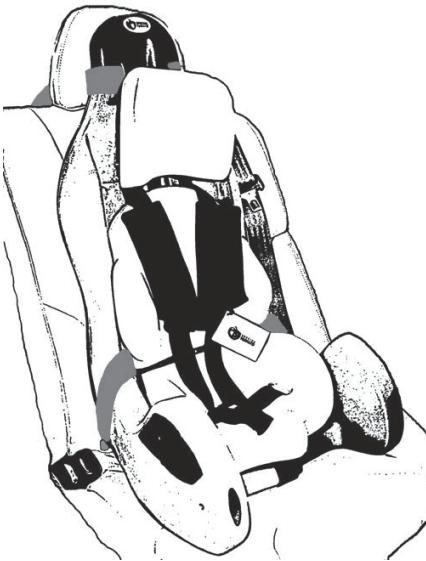
LATCH BELT AND TETHER INSTALLATION - SMALL MPS



Verify that your vehicle is equipped with LATCH anchors
Consult your vehicle manual to locate the exact position
of the LATCH anchors.

Verify that your vehicle is equipped with a Tether
anchor.

Verify that the 5-Point Harness is secured.



Install the MPS with the LATCH Belt & top Tether Strap.



Snap both LATCH belt buckle into corresponding LATCH
anchors until you hear an audible “Click” for each
buckle.



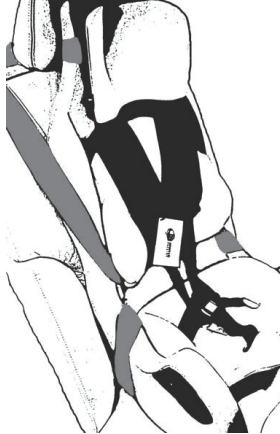
Place your knee in the MPS, bearing weight on the seat,
to make it fit snugly to your vehicle. Pull tightly until
slack is removed from LATCH adjuster strap.

LAP/SHOLDER BELT AND TETHER INSTALLATION



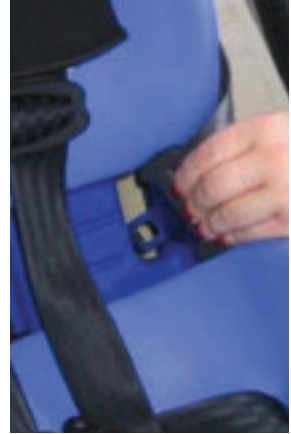
Identify your vehicle's Lap/Shoulder Belt.

Verify that your vehicle is equipped with a Tether anchor.



Verify that the 5-Point Harness is secured.

Install the MPS with the Lap/Shoulder Belt & top Tether Strap.



Thread the Lap/Shoulder Belt from the front to the back through the slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions.

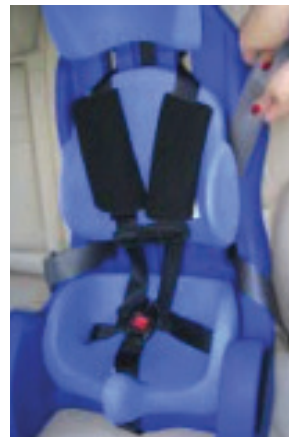
Thread the Lap/Shoulder Belt across the back of the seat shell.



Thread the Lap/Shoulder Belt from the back to the front through the opposite slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions.



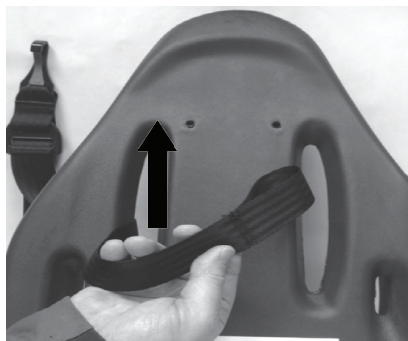
Buckle the Lap/Shoulder Belt, making sure you hear an audible "Click."



Place your knee in the MPS, bearing weight on the seat, to make it fit snugly to your vehicle.

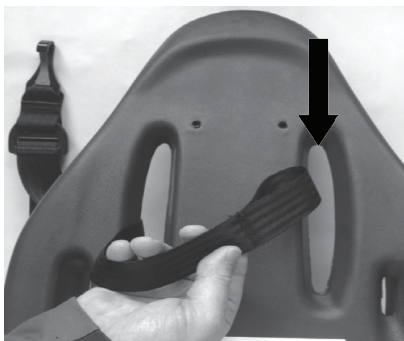
Pull tightly until slack is removed from Lap / Shoulder Belt.

LAP/SHOLDER BELT AND TETHER INSTALLATION

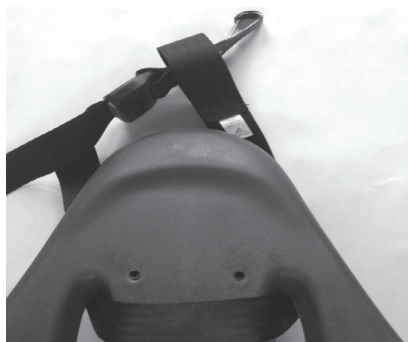


Verify that your MPS has the Tether Strap attached correctly.

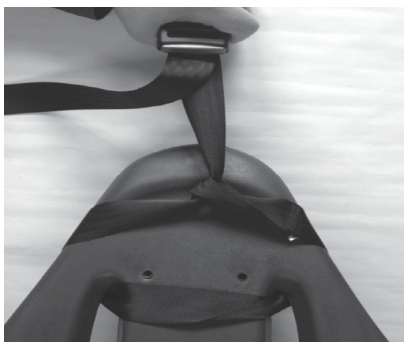
Face MPS Seat Back to you. Thread loop end of Tether Strap up through left shoulder slot.



Thread loop end of Tether Strap down through right shoulder slot.



Thread Tether hook through loop end of Tether Strap.



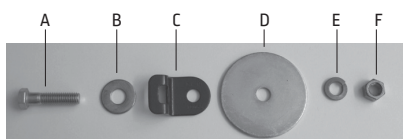
Pull hook end of Tether Strap taut.



Now that the Tether Strap is attached correctly, verify tha the Lap / Shoulder belt is secured and tight.

Hook the Tether hook to the vehicle anchor.

To remove the restraint, depress the red release button on the Lap / Shoulder buckle. Release the top Tether anchor to completely detach the restraint from the vehicle.



If your vehicle does NOT have a Tether anchor, install the Tether Anchor with hardware provided in this order:

- A) 3/8" bolt
- B) Small Washer
- C) Tether Anchor
- D) Large Washer
- E) Lock Washer,
- F) Nut.

Please note: Please contact your vehicle manufacturer to determine the best place to install the Tether Anchor in your vehicle.

LAP BELT AND TETHER INSTALLATION



Identify your vehicle's Lap Belt.

Verify that your vehicle is equipped with a Tether anchor.



Verify that the 5-point Harness is secured.

Install the MPS with Lap Belt and top Tether Strap.



Thread the Lap Belt from the front to the back through the slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions.



Thread the Lap Belt across the back of the seat shell.

Thread the Lap Belt from the back to the front through the opposite slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions.



Buckle the Lap Belt, making sure you hear an audible "Click."

Place your knee in the MPS, bearing weight on the seat, to make it fit snugly to your vehicle. Pull tightly until slack is removed from Lap Belt.

AIRCRAFT INSTALLATION



Identify the Aircraft's Lap Belt.



Verify that the 5-point Harness is secured.

Install the MPS with Aircraft Lap Belt.



Thread the Aircraft Lap Belt from the front to the back through the slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions.

Thread the Aircraft Lap Belt across the back of the seat shell.



Thread the Aircraft Lap Belt from the back to the front through the opposite slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions.

Buckle the Aircraft Lap Belt per Airline Instructions, making sure you hear an audible "Click".

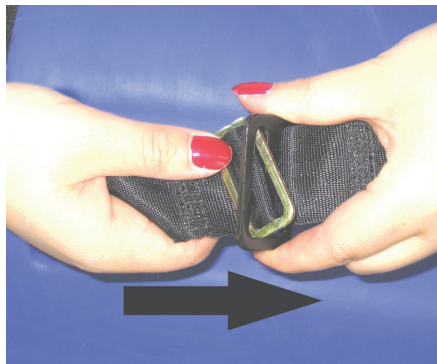
Place your knee in the MPS, bearing weight on the seat, to make it fit snugly to the Aircraft Seat. Pull tightly until slack is removed from Aircraft Lap Belt.

MPS FEATURES

5-point Harness



Turn your MPS upside down. Figure shows the correct position of the two clips [one black, one brass] that hold the 5-point Harness in place.



To secure the belt if it has come undone, push the brass metal clip through the slot of black metal clip. Test it by pulling on both straps to make sure that they stay connected.

Buckling the 5-point Harness



The Chest Clip is provided to keep the 5-Point Harness in place to protect your child.



Once your child is in the MPS, engage the Chest Clip by connecting the two halves.

You will hear an audible "Click" when it is properly engaged.



To disengage the Chest Clip, to remove your child after you are finished using the restraint, depress the two black prongs in the center of the Chest Clip and pull the two halves apart.



To complete securing the 5-point Harness, insert each of the silver buckle tongues into the corresponding sockets of the black buckle.

You will hear an audible "Click" when it is properly engaged.

SECURING YOUR CHILD

Once the 5-Point Harness is buckled, adjust the shoulder straps so that the 5-Point Harness is comfortable, but **SNUG**. Adjust the Shoulder Straps by opening the Shoulder Strap Covers. Underneath you will find the Shoulder Strap Adjustment buckles. Depress the gray button and pull slowly on the excess strap to tighten the straps. If you need to loosen them, keep the gray button depressed and pull on the tightened portion of the strap. Figure 69. Close the Shoulder Strap Covers.

Please Note: The 5-Point Harness should be tight enough to hold your child securely while allowing you to place one finger between the 5-Point Harness and your child's collar bone.

Please Note: A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.

Once the 5-Point Harness is properly adjusted, slide the Chest Clip so that it is level with your child's armpit. Figure 70.



CROTCH STRAP ADJUSTMENT

The Crotch Strap portion of the 5-Point Harness can be adjusted to the correct length for your child. It is not necessary to unthread this strap to adjust its length. You can loosen each section of the strap to adjust the length.



LOCKING CLIP

Some vehicles are manufactured with a "Sliding Tongue" which allows the Lap/Shoulder Belt to move freely when buckled. The Locking Clip is provided to prevent the Lap/Shoulder Belt from loosening.

To install, secure the restraint with the Lap/Shoulder Belt. Slide the Locking Clip around both ends of the belt, positioning it a few inches from the buckle.



LIMITED WARRANTY

Bergeron by Design warrants to the original retail purchaser of the Special Tomato® product, that if any part or component proves defective in material or workmanship within two/five years of the purchase date, the defective part will be repaired or replaced [at Bergeron by Design's discretion] free of charge. Warranty service may be performed by an authorized service center or [at Bergeron by Design's discretion] the factory.

This warranty does not cover normal wear and tear, or damage caused by accident or misuse.

To exercise this limited warranty, the user should first obtain a Return Authorization Number from the dealer the Special Tomato® product was purchased from. The product must be delivered charges pre-paid [UPS recommended] to the factory or to an authorized service center, together with a copy of the original invoice, the Return Authorization Number and a written description of the problem

MAINTENANCE & PRODUCT CARE

Special Tomato™ Products are impermeable to fluids. Use a mild detergent/cleaner to wipe the chair periodically.

Do NOT submerge products in water or other cleaning fluids.

To extend the life of the hook and loop strips, comb out the hook portion [hard side] to remove lint and other debris.

HARNESS CARE

Place harness in a mesh bag and machine wash with cold water, then air dry.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Contact your dealer directly. Or contact the European Authorized Representative.

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IMPORTANT- WARRANTY WILL BE VOID IF DEFACED OR REMOVED

Your MPS is guaranteed to be free from any manufacturing defects for a period of 2/5 years from the date of purchase under normal use and provided it is used in compliance with the operating instructions. This warranty extends only to the original retail purchaser and is only valid when supplied with proof of purchase. Please retain proof of purchase with this Limited Warranty.

Should a repair be needed please contact the retailer from whom the product was purchased.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WARRANTY WILL NOT BE APPLICABLE IF:

- A fault is the cause of misuse or poor maintenance.
- Repairs are carried out by a third party.
- The stroller is faulty due to general wear and tear which is the result of everyday use.
- A stroller is damaged as a result of an accident.
- The manufacturer is not satisfied that the stated warranty terms and conditions have been met.



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