

Fitting MCC car seats

3-in-1 baby & child car safety seats for groups 1, 2 & 3

From 9kg to 36kg = approximately 9 months to 11 years



More info (skip the colours part in the middle) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IH31GM6fnMg>

These seats will take children from 9 months through to around 11 years of age without needing to be changed. They meet the required safety standards. These particular seats have been provided for:

Moussa – 3 children.

As of November 2016:

- Boy of 4
- Boy of 3
- Girl of 15 months

Oday – 2 of his 4 children

As of November 2016:

- Girl of 4
- Girl of 2

Mohammad – 4 children

As of November 2016:

- Boy of 8
- Girl of 6
- Boy of 4
- Boy of 1

It is essential to know:

1. How to fit the child into the seat
2. How to fit the seat into the car
3. At what age (1) and (2) above need to be adapted to suit the child's growth (**the way you use the seat changes**).

Each child should have their own seat, which has had its straps & headrest adjusted for them. Don't swap seats between children (the colour-coding will help).

Car seats aren't used in the Middle East, so this is a new concept for the families and we can't rely on them to know what to do. Watch out for:

- Parents being unsure as to how to fit the seats
- Parents releasing buckles or taking the child out of the seat if it cries, during the journey
- Children releasing their own buckles or taking their arms out of the straps
- Children sliding down in the seat and getting their throat/neck caught under the lap strap (this has happened with one of the families but thankfully ended well).

The younger children don't initially like being strapped in but they get used to it. If a child (or parent, as a result) becomes really distressed, pull over rather than permitting a child to be removed from the car seat. Make it clear that the car doesn't start up again until the child is once again safely restrained.

Incorrect use of the seats puts the child's life at risk. Not using the seat risks the driver a **£500 fine!**

In this document, you will find out:

- **children's approximate weights by age, and therefore which car-seat group the child fits**
- **what the law says about carrying children in different vehicles**
- **how the use of the seat varies according to three age groups of child**
- **how to fit the child to these particular seats**
- **how to fit these particular seats in a car.**

Seat group by weight range

(these seats are for groups 1, 2, & 3)

Seat group	Weight range	Approximate age range
Group 0	0-10kg (0-22lb)	From birth to about 6 to 9 months
Group 0+	0-13kg (0-29lb)	From birth to about 12-15 months
Group 0+/1	0-18kg (0-20lb)	From birth to 4 and a half years
Group 1	9-18kg (20-20lb)	About 9 months to 4 and a half years
Group 2/3	15-36kg (33lb-5st 9lb)	About 3 years to 12 years
Group 3	22-36kg (3st 7lb-5st 9lb)	About 6 years to 12 years
Group 1/2/3	9-36kg (20lb-5st 9lb)	From around 9 months up to 12 years

Children's average weight by age

Average Child Weight (in stone and kg):

Age	Boys	Girls
2	1st 12.5lb (12 kg)	1st 12.5lb (12 kg)
3	2st 5.1lb (15 kg)	2st 5.1lb (15 kg)
4	2st 9.5lb (17 kg)	2st 9.5lb (17 kg)
5	3st 2.1lb (20 kg)	2st 11.7lb (18 kg)
6	3st 6.5lb (22 kg)	3st 4.3lb (21 kg)
7	3st 11lb (24 kg)	3st 11lb (24 kg)
8	4st 1.3lb (26 kg)	4st 3.5lb (27 kg)
9	4st 5.7lb (28 kg)	4st 12.3lb (31 kg)
10	4st 12.3lb (31 kg)	5st 7.1lb (35 kg)
11	5st 7.1lb (35 kg)	6st 2lb (39 kg)
12	6st 2lb (39 kg)	6st 10.8lb (43 kg)
13	7st 1.2lb (45 kg)	7st 7.8lb (48 kg)
14	8st 2.6lb (52 kg)	8st 2.6lb (52 kg)
15	8st 13.7lb (57 kg)	8st 9.3lb (55 kg)
16	9st 8.5lb (61 kg)	8st 13.7lb (57 kg)

The law – when a child does & doesn't need a car seat

A child can travel without a child car seat in some circumstances:

(1) Taxis and minicabs

If the driver doesn't provide the correct car seat, children can travel without one - but only if they travel on a rear seat:

- and wear an adult seat belt if they're 3 or older
- without a seat belt if they're under 3

(2) Minibuses, coaches and vans

Minibus or coach drivers and companies don't have to provide child car seats. You must provide your own if you want to make sure a child has one.

Coaches

Children can travel without a car seat or seat belt, if they're not available.

Minibuses

All children must travel in rear seats (any seats behind the driver) if a child car seat or an adult seat belt isn't fitted. Children aged 3 or older must:

- use a car seat if there's one available in a minibus
- use an adult seat belt if child seats are not fitted or are unsuitable

Vans

The rules for vans are the same as for cars.

(3) Unexpected journeys

Aged 3 or older:

If the correct child seat isn't available, a child aged 3 or older can use an adult seat belt if the journey is all of the following:

- unexpected
- necessary
- over a short distance

Aged under 3:

You can't take children under 3 on an unexpected journey in a vehicle without the correct child car seat, unless both of the following apply:

- it's a licensed taxi or minicab
- the child travels on a rear seat without a seat belt

(4) No room for a third child seat

Aged 3 or older:

Children aged 3 or older can sit in the back using an adult belt.

Aged under 3:

Children under 3 must be in a child car seat. If there's no room for a third child seat in the back of the vehicle, the child must travel in the front seat with the correct child seat.

(5) Vehicles without seat belts

Aged 3 or older:

A child aged 3 or older can travel in a back seat without a car seat and without a seat belt if the vehicle doesn't have one

Aged under 3:

Children under 3 must be in a child car seat. If there's no seat belt, they can't travel.

Adjusting the MCC seat to fit the child

(do this BEFORE fitting the seat into the car)

GROUP 1

These instructions are for small children only – from 9 months to 3/4 years (9-18kg), depending on the size of the child.

Headrest

There is a red button on the reverse of the seat. You can press this to raise or lower the headrest. The child's head should sit neatly within the headrest, with sufficient side-to-side protection from the curved edges.

Shoulder straps

There are two possible heights for the shoulder straps, as indicated by the 2 pairs of slits in the back of the seat. The straps should be fed through either the upper or lower slots to suit the child's size.

Use the correct slot so that the straps sit as closely as possible to the top of the child's own shoulders.

Since each child should have their own car seat, the correct slot should already be pre-determined. However, children do grow, so please have a quick look to see if you're happy!

3-way harness

Ensuring that the straps aren't twisted, interlock the two upper straps coming down from the shoulders, and **click** them into the 3rd harness point coming up from between the legs.

Then TIGHTEN the shoulder straps to as tight a fit as possible without causing discomfort by pulling on the grey strap which hangs out of the bottom of the seat, between the legs.

If you need to LOOSEN these straps, there is a small button hidden in the recess just above where that grey strap hangs down. Use your finger to locate the metal button and press down on it while pulling the straps looser with your other hand.

GROUP 2

These instructions are for children aged about 3/4 to 7/8 years (from about 15-25kg), depending on the size of the child.

Headrest

As per younger children.

Shoulder straps

Do not use these. Remove the harness.

3-way harness

Do not use this. Remove the harness.

Padded layer

If necessary, for larger children, it is possible to remove the coloured padded layer in order to offer a little more room within the seat.

GROUP 3

These instructions are for older children only – from about 7/8 to 10/11 years (22-36kg), depending on the size of the child.

This seat should only be used as a booster cushion for this age group.

Note where the back joins the booster base and where the hinge is in-between.

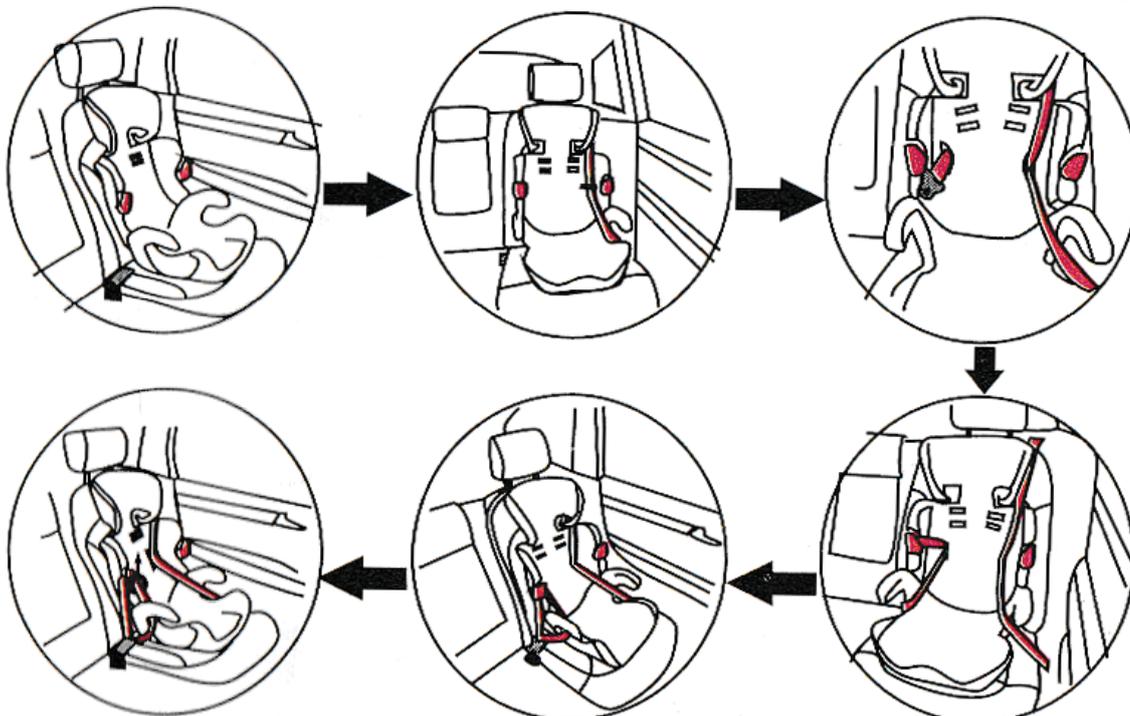
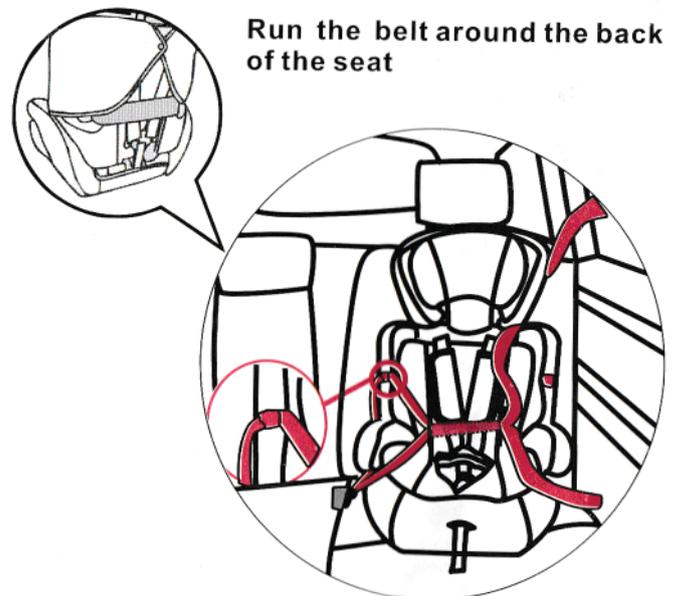
Press the booster seat down firmly, and push the backrest down, away from you, until it is lying flat. Then pull the backrest back up, and it should come away from the booster seat.

Fitting the MCC seat in the car

GROUP 1

For small children only – from 9 months to 3/4 years (9-18kg), depending on the size of the child.

1. Place the car safety seat firmly against the back of a forward-facing car seat.
2. Thread the diagonal part of the car's seat belt through the red shoulder belt guide.
3. Place the lap part of the belt under the armrest.
4. Identify the 2 slots in the back of the seat, behind the padding. Run both diagonal and lap parts of the seat belt through the back of the car safety seat.
5. Place the diagonal part of the belt into the shoulder-belt guide while the lap belt is positioned under the armrest.
6. Click the seat belt into its normal buckle.
7. Place your knee into the child safety seat and press down hard. At the same time, pull upwards, hard, on the diagonal part of the seatbelt so that the car safety seat sits as tight as possible into the car's own seat.



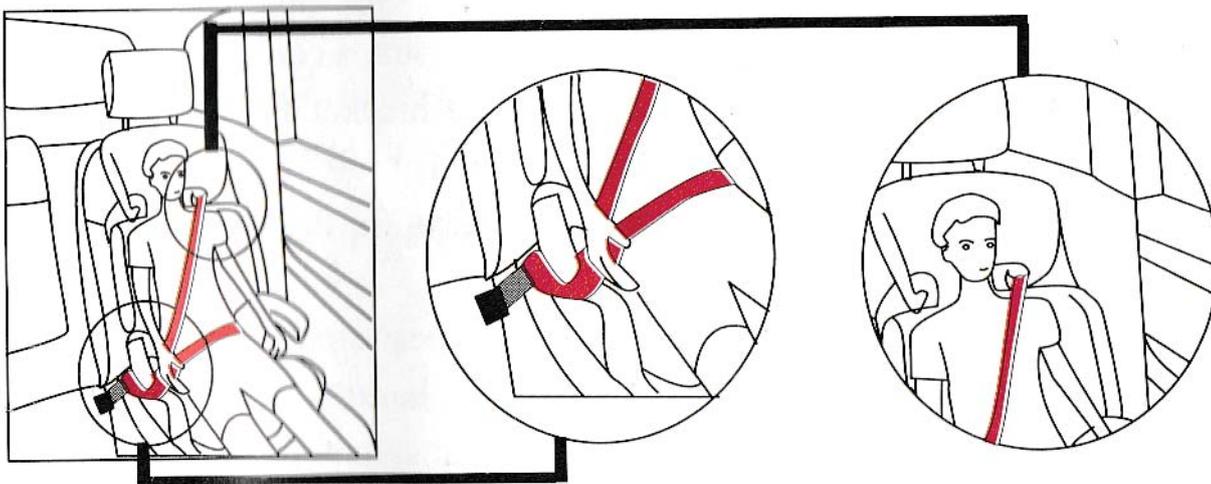
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GROUP 2

For children aged about 3/4 to 7/8 years (from about 15-25kg), depending on the size of the child.

Remember, children of this age/size are not using the safety seat's harness. The car's own seat belt is the only thing which will protect/restrain the child in the event of a crash, so it's important to get this right.

1. Place the car safety seat firmly against the back of a forward-facing car seat.
2. Then place the child into the child safety seat, making sure that their back is flat against the back of the car safety seat.
3. Pull out the car's own seat belt.
4. Thread the diagonal part of the car's seat belt through the red belt guide/headrest hook on the side closest to the car's seat-belt fixture
5. Place the lap part of the belt, and the diagonal part of the belt, under the armrest on the opposite side of the car safety seat and then over the red belt guide.
6. Click the seat belt into its normal buckle.



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The car's own seat belt is the only thing which will protect/restrain the child in the event of a crash, so it's important to get this right.

1. Place the booster seat firmly against the back of a forward-facing car seat.
2. Then place the child into the booster seat, making sure that their back is flat against the back of the car safety seat.
3. Run the lap **and** diagonal parts of the car's own seat belt through the red belt guides.
4. Position the LAP section of the seat belt under **both** armrests.
5. Click the seat belt into its normal buckle.

