

Car seats shopping checklist

The answers to all of these questions will help a shop assistant select the right car seat for you, your car and your baby. Take this sheet to your appointment and make sure all the questions are covered off.



What's your child's weight?

The majority of car seats are selected based on the weight of your child.



What's your child's height?

i-Size seats are selected based on the height of your child. Height is also crucial to help determine when a baby has outgrown his or her baby car seat, as their head will be level with the top of the seat. Toddlers are ready for a new seat when their eyes are level with the top of the seat.



What's your child's age?

Babies need to stay rear-facing until 15-months old in i-Size seats.



What vehicle will you use the seat in?

Not all car seats fit in all cars, so it's vital to select one that will fit in the make and model it will be used in.



Will you be using it in any other vehicles?

Giving these details helps to ensure a seat will be compatible with all cars you use.



Does your car have Isofix?

This should be considered, and the shop assistant should be able to explain Isofix, and the pros and cons of using this system.



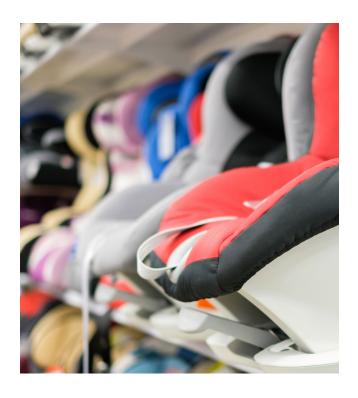
Does your car have underfloor storage?

Some car seats use a 'support leg', which may not be suitable to be used in cars with underfloor storage.



Does your car have top tether?

This will also affect the type of seat you can buy. Not all cars have top tether. If a car has underfloor storage in the back then a seat with top tether may be a good alternative.



Does the shop assistant consult the fit list?

Not all Isofix seats may fit in your vehicle make or model. The assistant should consult the fit list to double-check.



Does the shop assistant explain about staying rear-facing for longer?

Don't turn your baby forward-facing too soon. Keep him or her in a baby car seat for as long as possible, until the height or weight limit has been reached.



Does the shop assistant offer a demo?

A vital part of buying a car seat is being shown how to install it. If the shop assistant doesn't offer, ask for a demo and then get hands-on yourself.

Check out our list of Don't Buy car seats that we'd recommend you avoid at which.co.uk/dontbuycarseats