

# 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.

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