

Supplement to the 2005 GMC Sierra Denali Owner Manual

This information replaces the information found in Section 1 of your owner manual under the headings "Top Strap", "Top Strap Anchor Location", "Lower Anchors and Top Tethers for Children (LATCH)", and "Securing a Child Restraint Designed for the LATCH System".

Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH)

Your vehicle has the LATCH system. The LATCH system holds a child restraint during driving or in a crash. This system is designed to make installation of a child restraint easier. The LATCH system uses anchors in the vehicle and attachments on the child restraint that are made for use with the LATCH system.

Make sure that a LATCH-compatible child restraint is properly installed using the anchors, or use the vehicle's safety belts to secure the restraint, following the instructions that came with that restraint, and also the instructions in this manual. When installing a child restraint with a top tether, you must also use either the lower anchors or the safety belts to properly secure the child restraint. A child restraint must never be attached using only the top tether and anchor.

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In order to use the LATCH system in your vehicle, you need a child restraint equipped with LATCH attachments. The child restraint manufacturer will provide you with instructions on how to use the child restraint and its attachments. The following explains how to attach a child restraint with these attachments in your vehicle.

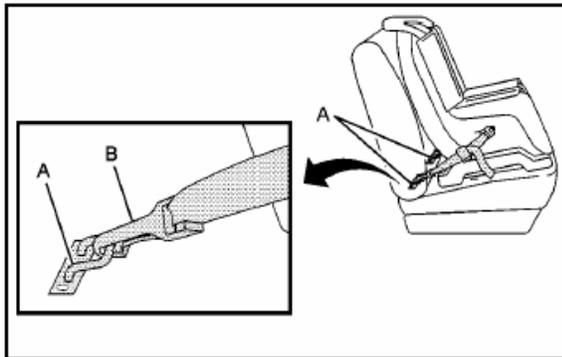
Your vehicle has lower anchors and top tether anchors. Your child restraint may have lower attachments and a top tether.

Not all vehicle seating positions or child restraints have lower anchors and attachments or top tether anchors and attachments.

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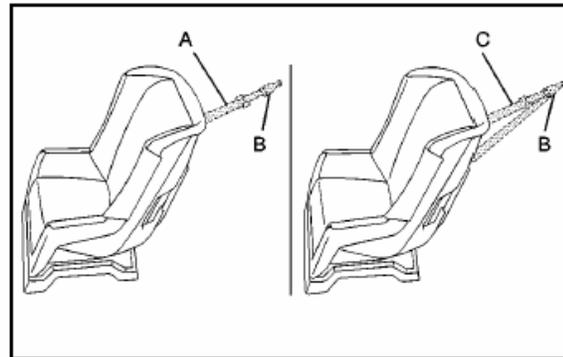
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Lower Anchors



Lower anchors (A) are metal bars built into the vehicle. There are two lower anchors for each LATCH seating position that will accommodate a child restraint with lower attachments (B).

Top Tether Anchor



A top tether (A, C) anchors the top of the child restraint to the vehicle. A top tether anchor is built into the vehicle. The top tether attachment (B) on the child restraint connects to the top tether anchor in the vehicle in order to reduce the forward movement and rotation of the child restraint during driving or in a crash.

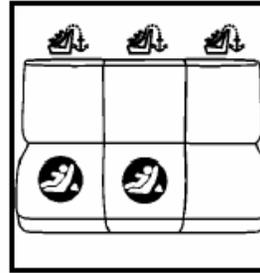
Your child restraint may have a single tether (A) or a dual tether (C). Either will have a single attachment (B) to secure the top tether to the anchor.

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Some top tether-equipped child restraints are designed for use with or without the top tether being attached. Others require the top tether always to be attached. In Canada, the law requires that forward-facing child restraints have a top tether, and that the tether be attached. In the United States, some child restraints also have a top tether. Be sure to read and follow the instructions for your child restraint.

If the child restraint does not have a top tether, one can be obtained, in kit form, for many child restraints. Ask the child restraint manufacturer whether or not a kit is available.

Lower Anchor and Top Tether Anchor Locations



 (Lower Anchor): Seating positions with two lower anchors.

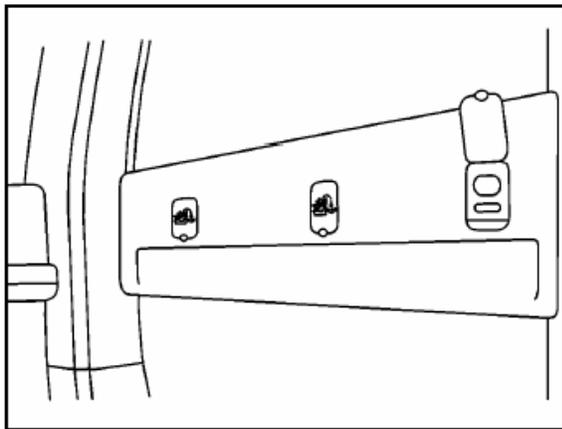
 (Top Tether Anchor): Seating positions with top tether anchors.

The rear passenger side and center seating positions have exposed metal lower anchors located in the crease between the seatback and the seat cushion.



There is an anchor symbol on the trim cover to assist you in locating the top tether anchors.

There are covered top tether anchors for each seating position located on the back panel of your vehicle, behind the rear seat. Remove the trim covers to access the anchor.



Do not secure a child restraint in the right front passenger's position, if a national or local law requires that the top tether be attached, or if the instructions that come with the child restraint say that the top tether must be attached. There is no place to attach the top tether in this position.

Accident statistics show that children are safer if they are restrained in the rear rather than the front seat. See "Where to Put the Restraint" in your owner manual for additional information.

Securing a Child Restraint Designed for the LATCH System

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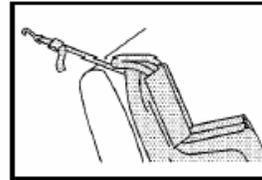
If a LATCH-type child restraint is not attached to anchors, the restraint will not be able to protect the child correctly. In a crash, the child could be seriously injured or killed. Make sure that a LATCH-type child restraint is properly installed using the anchors, or use the vehicle's safety belts to secure the restraint, following the instructions that came with that restraint, and also the instructions in this manual.

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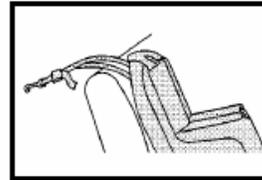
Each top tether anchor and lower anchor in the vehicle is designed to hold only one child restraint. Attaching more than one child restraint to a single anchor could cause the anchor or attachment to come loose or even break during a crash. A child or others could be injured if this happens. To help prevent injury to people and damage to your vehicle, attach only one child restraint per anchor.

1. If the child restraint is forward facing, attach the top tether to the top tether anchor. Refer to the child restraint instructions and the following steps:
 - 1.1. If the position that you are using has an adjustable head restraint, raise the head restraint.
 - 1.2. Raise the seat cushion by pulling up on the strap loop at the rear of the seat cushion. Then, pull the seat cushion up and fold it forward.
 - 1.3. Fold the seatback forward.

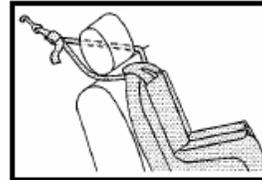
- 1.4. Place the child restraint in the vehicle near the seating position that you are using.
- 1.5. Route the top tether according to your child restraint instructions and the following instructions:



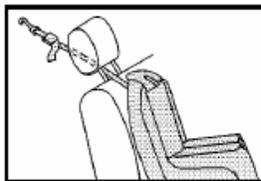
If the position you are using does not have a head restraint and you are using a single tether, route the tether over the seatback.



If the position you are using does not have a head restraint and you are using a dual tether, route the tether over the seatback.



If the position you are using has an adjustable head restraint and you are using a dual tether, route the tether around the head restraint.



If the position you are using has an adjustable head restraint and you are using a single tether, route the tether under the head restraint and in between the head restraint posts.

- 1.6. Remove the trim cover to expose the top tether anchor.
- 1.7. Attach the top tether attachment to the top tether anchor.

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If the seatback is not locked, it could move forward in a sudden stop or crash. That could cause injury to the person sitting there. Always press rearward on the seatback to be sure it is locked.

- 1.8. Lift the seatback up and push it rearward. Then lower the seat cushion until the seatback and the seat cushion lock into position.

2. Put the child restraint on the seat.
3. Find the lower anchors, if equipped, for the desired seating position.
4. If the desired seating position does not have lower anchors, secure the child restraint using the vehicle's safety belt. Your child restraint instructions and your vehicle's owner manual will show you how.
5. Attach and tighten the lower attachments.
6. Tighten the top tether.
7. Push and pull the child restraint in different directions to be sure it is secure.