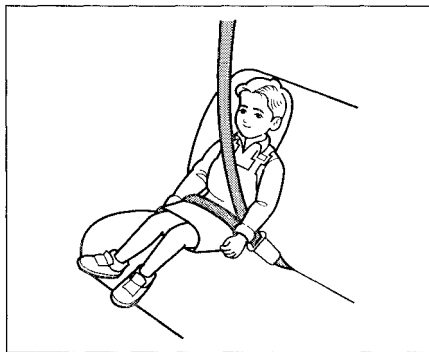


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If the shoulder part of the belt rests over the child's collarbone and against the center of the chest, as shown above, the child is large enough to wear the seat belt.

However, if the belt touches or crosses the child's neck, the child needs to use a booster seat.

Do not let a child wear a seat belt across their neck. This could result in serious neck injuries during a crash.

Do not let a child put the shoulder part of a seat belt behind their back or under their arm. This could cause very serious injuries during a crash. It also increases the chance of a child sliding under the belt and being injured in a crash.

Do not put any accessories on a seat belt. Devices intended to improve occupant comfort, or reposition the shoulder part of a seat belt, severely compromise the protective capability of seat belts and increase the chance of serious injury in a crash.

Two children should never use the same seat belt. If they do, they could be very seriously injured in a crash.

Using a Booster Seat



If a child needs a booster seat, we recommend choosing a style that allows the child to use the lap/shoulder belt directly, without a shield, as shown above.

Whichever style you select, follow the booster seat maker's instructions.

A child may continue using a booster until the top of their ears are even with the top of the seat-back. When a child reaches this height, they should be tall enough to use the lap/shoulder belt without a booster.

When Can a Larger Child Sit in Front

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Transport Canada recommends that all children age 12 and under ride in the back seat, properly restrained.

The back seat is the safest place for a child of any age or size.

In addition, the passenger's airbag poses serious risks to children. If the seat is too far forward, or the child's head is thrown forward during a collision, or the child is unrestrained or out of position, an inflating airbag can kill or seriously injure the child.

Of course, children vary widely. And while age may be one indicator of when a child can safely ride in the front, there are other important factors you should consider.

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Physical Size

Physically, a child must be large enough for the lap/shoulder belt to properly fit over their hips, chest, and shoulder (see page 13). If the seat belt does not fit properly, the child should not sit in the front.

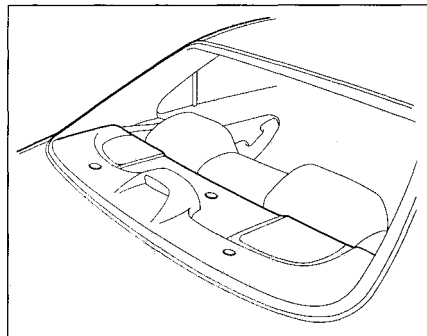
Maturity

To safely ride in front, a child must be able to follow the rules, including sitting properly and wearing their seat belt properly throughout a ride.

If you decide that a child can safely ride up front, be sure to:

- Read the owner's manual and make sure you both understand all seat belt instructions and all safety information.
- Move the vehicle seat to the rear-most position.
- Have the child sit up straight with their back against the seat and their feet on or near the floor.
- Check that the child's seat belt is properly positioned and secured.
- Closely supervise the child. Even mature children sometimes need to be reminded to fasten their seat belt or sit properly.

Using Child Seats with Tethers

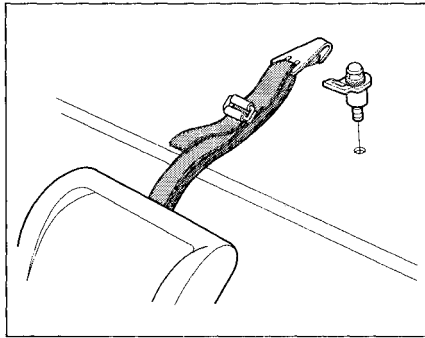


Your car has three attachment points on the rear shelf for securing a tether-style child seat to the car.

Since a tether can provide additional security, we recommend using a tether whenever one is required or available. (Tethers are required in Canada. U.S. owners may check with the child seat maker to determine whether a tether is available for a particular child seat.)

To attach a tether to your car:

1. Using the illustration on page 38, locate the attachment point you want to use.
2. Remove the plug with a small flat-tipped screwdriver or a fingernail file.
3. Install the anchor plate and mounting hardware. The hardware is available for purchase from your Honda dealer (part number 82410-SE3-C01). For Canadian models, the hardware is supplied with the vehicle.



When installing tether hardware, make sure the toothed washer is on the bottom of the bolt. Tighten the bolt to:
16 lbf.ft(22 N·m, 2.2 kgf.m)

If a torque wrench was not used, see your Honda dealer as soon as possible to verify proper installation.

To attach the tether to the child seat, follow the child seat maker's instructions.

If you are not sure how to install the tether, or you need mounting hardware, contact your Honda dealer.