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INTRODUCTION

The Graco 4Ever DLX SnugLock Grow 4-in-1 Car Seat is engineered to provide 10 years of continuous use, adapting seamlessly as your child grows. This versatile car seat transitions through four distinct modes: rear-facing harness, forward-facing harness, highback belt-positioning booster, and backless booster. It is designed for optimal safety and comfort at every stage of your child's development.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety during installation and use. Refer to both this instruction manual and your vehicle's owner's manual for complete safety guidelines and proper installation procedures.

- **Read Manuals:** Always read and understand both the car seat instruction manual and your vehicle's owner's manual before installation or use.
- **Level Ground:** Ensure your vehicle is parked on level ground during installation to achieve the correct recline angle.
- **Graco ProtectPlus Engineered:** This car seat has undergone rigorous crash tests to help protect your child in frontal, side, rear, and rollover crashes.
- **Rear-Facing Usage:** Children are safer riding rear-facing and should remain in this position for as long as possible, until they reach the maximum rear-facing height or weight rating for their car seat.

PRODUCT FEATURES

The Graco 4Ever DLX SnugLock 4-in-1 Car Seat is packed with features designed for safety, comfort, and ease of use.

- **4-in-1 Seating System:** Provides 10 years of use, transitioning from:
 - Rear-Facing Harness (4-40 lb)

- Forward-Facing Harness (22-65 lb)
 - Highback Belt-Positioning Booster (40-100 lb)
 - Backless Booster (40-120 lb)
- **SnugLock Technology:** Ensures a hassle-free installation in less than one minute using either the vehicle seat belt or LATCH system.
 - **No-Rethread Simply Safe Adjust Harness System:** Allows the headrest and harness to adjust together in one motion, ensuring a proper fit as your child grows.
 - **10-Position Adjustable Headrest:** Provides customized comfort and safety for your growing child.
 - **6-Position Recline:** Offers multiple recline options for optimal comfort and proper installation.
 - **Steel-Reinforced Frame:** Provides strength and durability for enhanced safety.
 - **Integrated Harness Storage:** Conveniently stores the harness straps when transitioning to booster mode.
 - **2 Easy-Clean Cup Holders:** Keep drinks and snacks within reach and are removable for easy cleaning.
 - **Rapid Remove Seat Cover:** Allows for quick and easy removal of the seat cover for washing.
 - **Fuss-Free Harness Storage:** Pockets on the side of the seat hold the buckle tongues out of the way, making it easier to get your child in and out.



Figure 1: The Graco 4Ever DLX car seat adapts through four stages to accommodate your child's growth.



Figure 2: Key features of the Graco 4Ever DLX car seat, highlighting its adjustable components and convenience features.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION (FORWARD-FACING WITH VEHICLE BELT LOCK-OFF)

Pre-Installation Checklist

- Have your car seat instruction manual and your vehicle's owner's manual readily available.
- Ensure your vehicle is on level ground for accurate installation.
- Review Graco's car seat usage recommendations for appropriate child positioning.

Installation Steps

1. **Position Car Seat:** Push the car seat base firmly against the vehicle seat. Verify that at least 80% of the car seat base is resting on the vehicle seat.
2. **Prepare Tether Strap:** Unhook the top tether strap from its storage position and place it over the front of the car seat for easy access later.
3. **Adjust Recline:** Recline the car seat to position 4 or 5. Consult your car seat manual for the appropriate recline position for your child's weight and height.
4. **Store LATCH Connectors:** Store the LATCH connectors at the front of the car seat.
5. **Loosen Harness:** Loosen the harness straps and raise the headrest to its highest position.

6. **Unbuckle:** Unbuckle the chest clip and the main buckle.
7. **Access Belt Path:** Lift the headrest pad flap up and out of the way. Undo the lower snaps on the seat pad to expose the back of the car seat and the belt lock-off.
8. **Open Belt Lock-Off:** Open the red belt lock-off mechanism.
9. **Thread Seat Belt:** Thread the vehicle's lap and shoulder seat belt through the forward-facing belt path, which is marked with an orange label.
10. **Buckle Seat Belt:** Buckle the seat belt, ensuring it lies flat and is not twisted.
11. **Tighten Seat Belt:** Press down firmly in the center of the car seat while pulling on the shoulder belt to remove all slack.
12. **Close Lock-Off:** Close and lock the belt lock-off. Confirm that both the lap belt and shoulder belt are routed underneath the lock-off.
13. **Replace Pad & Adjust Headrest:** Replace the seat pad and adjust the headrest to the proper position for your child.
14. **Attach & Tighten Top Tether:** Extend the tether strap by lifting up on the tether lock. Attach the tether to the appropriate anchor point in your vehicle (refer to your vehicle's owner's manual). Remove all slack from the top tether strap.



Figure 3: The SnugLock technology simplifies car seat installation using the vehicle's seat belt or LATCH.

Installation Checklist

After installation, perform the following checks to ensure your car seat is securely and correctly installed:

- **Test for Tightness:** Grasp the car seat at the belt path and attempt to move it side-to-side and front-to-back. The car seat should not move more than one inch in any direction. If it moves more, re-tighten the seat belt.
- **Check Proper Harness Height:** For forward-facing, the harness slots should be at or above your child's shoulders. Adjust the headrest as needed.
- **Do the Pinch Test:** Tighten the harness straps snugly. Attempt to pinch the harness strap vertically at your child's shoulder. If you can pinch any slack, the straps are too loose and need further tightening.
- **Check Chest Clip Placement:** Once buckled, ensure the chest clip is positioned at armpit level on your child. Adjust as necessary.

Installation Video Guide

Video 1: Detailed instructions for forward-facing installation of the Graco 4Ever DLX car seat using the vehicle belt lock-off system.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Adjusting Harness Height

The No-Rethread Simply Safe Adjust Harness System allows for easy adjustment of the harness and headrest simultaneously.

1. Locate the headrest adjustment handle at the top of the car seat.
2. Squeeze the handle and slide the headrest up or down to the desired position. The harness straps will move with the headrest.
3. Ensure the harness slots are at the correct height for your child's mode of use (at or above shoulders for forward-facing, at or below shoulders for rear-facing).

No-Rethread **SIMPLY SAFE ADJUST** Harness System Headrest and harness adjust together



Figure 4: Adjusting the headrest and harness height is simple with the integrated adjustment system.

Tightening and Loosening Harness

- **To Tighten:** Pull the harness adjustment strap located at the front of the car seat until the harness is snug against your child's body. Perform the pinch test to ensure proper tightness.
- **To Loosen:** Press the harness release button (usually located under the seat pad near the adjustment strap) and pull the harness straps forward to loosen.

Recline Adjustment

The car seat features 6 recline positions to ensure comfort and proper installation angle.

1. Locate the recline adjustment handle at the front of the car seat base.
2. Squeeze the handle and rotate the car seat to the desired recline position.
3. Ensure the recline indicator is within the acceptable range for your child's mode of use (e.g., blue zone for rear-facing, orange zone for forward-facing).

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Keeping your car seat clean is essential for hygiene and longevity.

- **Seat Pad:** The Rapid Remove seat cover can be easily removed for machine washing. Follow the care instructions on the fabric label for specific washing guidelines.
- **Harness Straps:** Wipe harness straps with a damp cloth. Do not machine wash or immerse harness straps in water, as this may weaken them.
- **Buckle:** Clean the buckle by wiping with a damp cloth. Do not use detergents or lubricants.
- **Plastic and Metal Parts:** Wipe plastic and metal parts with mild soap and cool water. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues during the installation or use of your Graco 4Ever DLX SnugLock 4-in-1 Car Seat, please refer to the detailed troubleshooting section in your full owner's manual. For further assistance, contact Graco customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Product Dimensions	20.25 x 20 x 26 inches
Item Weight	25 pounds
Material Type	Polyester
Number of Reclining Positions	6
Rear-Facing Minimum Child Weight	4 Pounds
Rear-Facing Maximum Child Weight	40 Pounds
Forward-Facing Minimum Child Weight	22 Pounds
Forward-Facing Maximum Child Weight	65 Pounds
Booster Minimum Child Weight	40 Pounds
Booster Maximum Child Weight	120 Pounds



Figure 5: Physical dimensions of the Graco 4Ever DLX car seat.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, product registration, and customer support, please refer to the complete owner's manual included with your car seat or visit the official Graco website. Graco is committed to providing safe and reliable products for your family.