

## car seats and car capsules, your comprehensive guide



# shopping for a car seat or capsule?

## we've got you covered.



### australian law

From ages 0 to 4 years, rear or forward-facing child restraints are mandatory, while children between 4 and 7 years must use forward-facing restraints or booster seats.

### prioritise rear-facing safety

In parts of the world, children are required to remain rear-facing until 4 years of age. While this is not the case in Australia, for optimal safety, it's recommended to keep young children rear-facing until they reach the upper height marker on the restraint.

### consider car size

If you're driving a smaller car, choose compact restraints that won't significantly compromise the legroom in the front seats.

### consider space for multiple children

For families with three children or a need to accommodate three across, narrow restraint options are worth exploring.

### correct installation

You don't require a professional installer if you meticulously follow the instructions to correctly and securely install the restraint.

### second car consideration

Remember if you have two cars you may consider buying multiple child restraints, or an extra capsule base for your second car.

### clarification on ISO-FIX Installation

Contrary to common belief, ISO-FIX installation isn't a safer option nor easier to install. Both installation options are equally safe if done correctly.

### maximum height safety

It's essential that you move your child out of the restraint as soon as they reach the maximum height indicator. Your child may not have maximum protection during a crash if the child has surpassed the indicators.



## your car seat options

### car capsules

0-6m or 0-12m

Portable capsules that can be easily removed from the car and attached to your pram, allowing you to transport your baby without disturbing them.



#### PROS

Facilitates seamless movement between car, house, or pram without disturbing your sleeping baby.

Some models are suitable for accommodating low birth weight babies, unlike other restraints.

Option to purchase an additional base, which allows easy transfer between two cars without requiring re-installation each time and saves you from buying an entire second seat or capsule for your second car.

#### CONS

Requires an additional purchase once your baby reaches the upper height marker (you will still need a convertible car seat).

Slightly wider than 0-4 seats, potentially impacting three-across seating.

Longer in length, affecting front seat legroom.

Due to the curved spinal position that your infant will be in, it is typically recommended to limit the time in a capsule to 2-3 hours.

#### DID YOU KNOW

You can buy a capsule base separately. This allows you to use one capsule across multiple cars without needing to purchase multiple car seats.

## convertible car seat

0-4yr

Suitable for infants and young children. These seats offer the flexibility to rear-face until 30 months and forward-face until 4 years of ages.



### PROS

Only one product required from infancy to 4 years, saving on capsule costs.

A narrower option, possible to fit 3 seats side-by-side (car model dependant).

### CONS

Can't attach to a pram, which may result in waking your baby during car transitions.



## convertible car seat

0-8yr

An all-in-one seat from newborn to 8 years. Rear-facing until 30 months and forward-facing until 8 years.



### PROS

Single product purchase: rear-facing from 0-30 months, forward-facing up to 8 years.

Cost-efficient option throughout your child's 8 years.

An inbuilt harness offers enhanced safety over an unharnessed booster seat (4+ years). This is particularly the case for smaller children during severe crashes.

Adjustable sides for a customized fit.

### CONS

With heavy use, seat fabrics might show signs of wear before reaching 8 years.

Extended length when rearward-facing may impact front seat legroom.

Higher sides may make it slightly challenging to get infants in and out.

The size of the seat is not as tailored to newborns as a car capsule or 0-4 seat would be.

## forward-facing car seat

6m-8yr

This harnessed seat is forward-facing only and is suitable once your child transitions out of their rear-facing restraint, designed for children from 6 months to 8 years.



### PROS

Inbuilt harness offers enhanced safety over an unharnessed booster seat (4+ years). This is particularly the case for smaller children during severe crashes.

### CONS

Restriction to forward-facing use only.

Headrest height restriction may necessitate transitioning to a booster seat if your child outgrows the seat before 8 years.

### DID YOU KNOW

Experts recommend keeping your child rear-facing until 2-3 years of age, as this is a safer impact position for younger children.

# the maxi-cosi range available at babybee



Our range is designed to bring you market leading products while also providing more budget-friendly alternatives in each category. When it comes to safety, Australia has the most stringent standards in the world. To safeguard your child, prioritize keeping them rear-facing for at least 30 months or until they outgrow the height marker. Additionally, ensure the restraint is correctly installed and that the harness is appropriately adjusted on your child for maximum safety.

## car capsules



MAXI-COSI MICO PLUS    MAXI-COSI MICO 12 LX    CAPSULE BASES

## car seats and boosters



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35% on our car seat  
and capsule range  
when you bundle  
with a pram.



# the range compared

## capsule comparison

| <b>MAXI-COSI MICO PLUS</b>                                                                 | <b>0-6m</b> | <b>VS</b> | <b>MAXI-COSI MICO 12 LX</b>                                                                                                   | <b>0-12m</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| More affordable.                                                                           |             |           | 12 month limit means you can continue moving your child from car to home or pram without waking them until they are around 1. |              |
| Only 4.6kg and 700g lighter than Mico 12 LX.                                               |             |           | Can be used with premature and low birthweight babies.                                                                        |              |
| Airplane compliant (can sit in the seat).                                                  |             |           | 6cm shorter in length meaning 6cm more legroom in the front seat.                                                             |              |
| ISO-FIX installation is preferred by some parents, however, both options are equally safe. |             |           | Easier installation (non ISO-FIX).                                                                                            |              |
| Larger sun canopy that will cover babies legs.                                             |             |           | More reclined structure so will fit better in more vehicles.                                                                  |              |
|                                                                                            |             |           | Auto adjustable headrest and harness.                                                                                         |              |
|                                                                                            |             |           | More harness height positions.                                                                                                |              |
|                                                                                            |             |           | Visual connection indicators on base to confirm correct installation.                                                         |              |

## convertible car seat comparison

| <b>MAXI-COSI PRIA LX</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>0-4y</b> | <b>VS</b> | <b>MAXI-COSI NOVA LX</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>0-4y</b> |
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| <p>World first SMART guide re-routes the top tether strap out of the way, making it easier to get your child in and out without needing re-adjustment.</p> <p>Most compact rear-facing seat on the market.</p> <p>Narrower option – fits 3 across (car model dependent).</p> <p>More headrest and harness height adjustment positions.</p> <p>World first “V” harness height adjustment means the harness widens as they grow – making it more comfortable around their neck.</p> <p>The restraint sits lower which makes it easier to access your child.</p> <p>Easier to install due to the belt clamp and tensioner (which ensures it remains tight).</p> |             |           | <p>The more affordable option.</p> <p>ISO-FIX installation (which some parents prefer, but is equally as safe as non ISO-FIX).</p> <p>Includes the same Maxi-cosi Air Protect technology seen in more expensive models.</p> |             |

## older age car seat comparisons

| <b>MOTHERS CHOICE ASCEND CONVERTIBLE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>0-8y</b> | <b>VS</b> | <b>MAXI-COSI LUNA PRO FORWARD-FACING</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>6m-8y</b> |
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| <p>Can rear face up to 30 months making it the better option if you’re transitioning from capsule to a higher age car seat. They can remain rear-facing to 30 months and you won’t need to purchase an additional 0-4 convertible car seat as well.</p> |             |           | <p>If you’re using this product from 3+ years and won’t need to rear face, this is the better product.</p> <p>The more affordable option.</p> <p>The slightly lower seat makes it easier for kids to climb in on their own.</p> <p>Kids can spread their legs out more.</p> <p>Can adjust the depth of the crotch strap (not just the height).</p> <p>Two built in cup holders.</p> <p>Adjustable arm rests.</p> |              |

# so, what is the best option for you?

We've broken down which products you'll need to take you from newborn to 8 years, depending on your budget and whether you choose to use a capsule.



|                  | Best option – with capsule   | Best option – no capsule | Budget option – with capsule                                                     | One product – cheapest option                                                    |
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| <b>Newborn</b>   | 0-12m:<br>Mico 12 LX Capsule | 0-4y:<br>Pria            | 0-6m:<br>Mico Plus Capsule<br>(not best for small cars)                          | 0-8y:<br>Mothers Choice Ascend Convertible Car Seat<br>(not best for small cars) |
| <b>1-4 Years</b> | Pria                         | Above                    | 0-8y:<br>Mothers Choice Ascend Convertible Car Seat<br>(not best for small cars) | Above                                                                            |
| <b>4-8 Years</b> | Luna Pro                     | Luna Pro                 | Above                                                                            | Above                                                                            |

## second car consideration

If you have a second car, grandparents or support people who may also need a car capsule or car seat for their cars you may consider more affordable alternatives which won't have all of the features but will serve you fine if you're not using them everyday! Another great option for the early days while bub still fits in a capsule is to just purchase a second capsule base to install into the secondary car which will allow you to shift the capsule from car to car without needing to purchase an entirely new product. Affordable alternatives: Nova LX, 0-8Y Mother Choice Ascend.



## still unsure?

If you need more help selecting the best car transport product for your needs, head to our [contact page](#) to chat to our team of parents who would love to help you find the perfect option for your family.