

# The Roosevelt

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“Kit for Children  
with Scoliosis”  
Instructions



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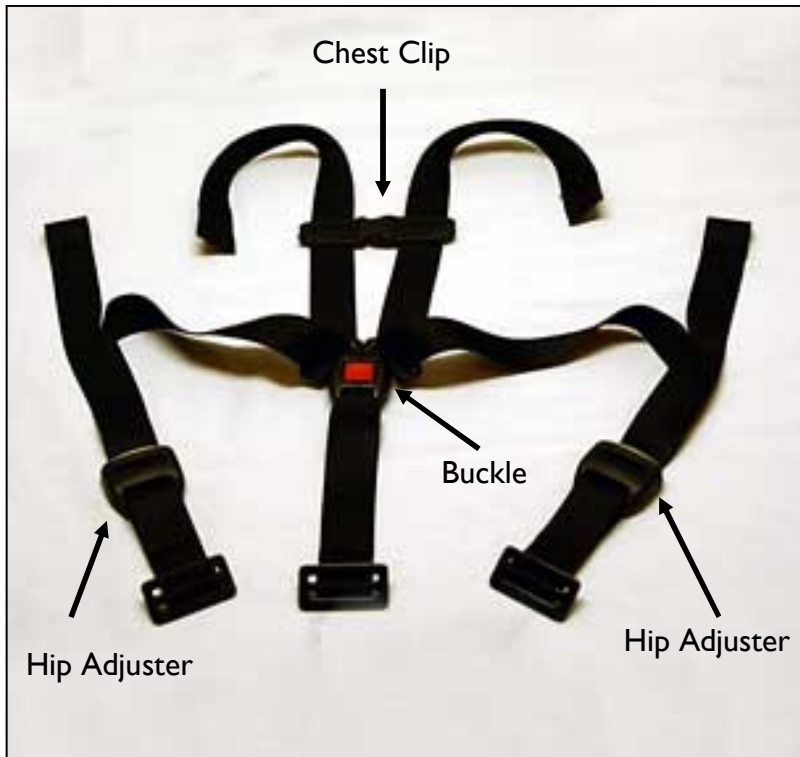
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**WARNING!**  
**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING WARNINGS CAN RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY TO YOUR CHILD:**

- **Note: Installation of the foam (according to Steps 1-9 on Pages 6-8) must only be performed by a medical professional; such as a physical, occupational (or comparable therapist), a nurse, or doctor.**
- **The harness and foam inserts described in this instruction booklet are only to be used with the *Roosevelt* child safety seat manufactured by Merritt Manufacturing, Inc. Do not use with any other child restraint system.**
- **The Foam sheets (Page 5) must not be added in areas where the occupant is already contacting the existing foam. It is only acceptable to use this foam to fill in gaps that exist when the occupant is securely restrained in the restraint.**
- **These are supplemental instructions which only describe how to use the kit for children with scoliosis. Please read and follow all instructions on this child restraint and in the written instructions located in the pocket on the side of the restraint.**

## Harness for Children with Scoliosis



## Harness and Buckle System Care

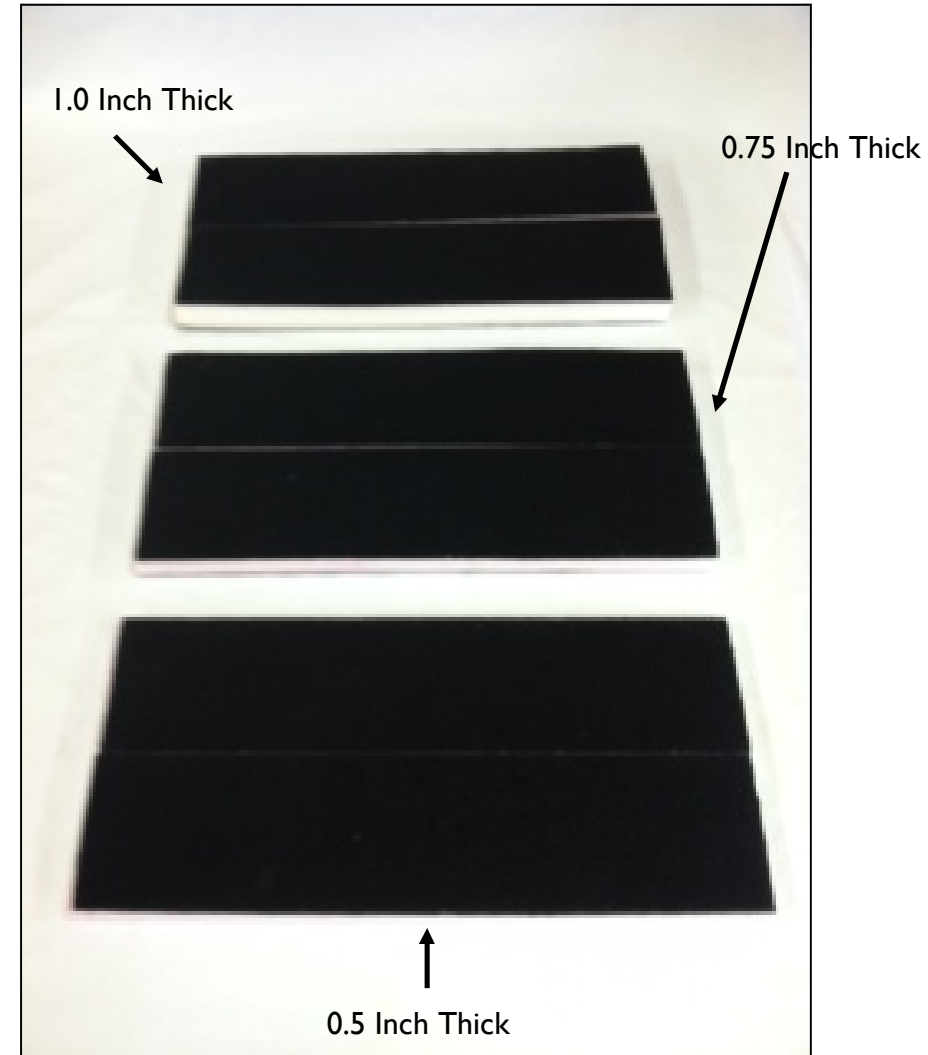
- The harness buckle may be cleaned with a damp (with water only) cloth. **NEVER LUBRICATE THE BUCKLE.**
- The harness straps may be wiped clean with warm water and mild soap and then allowed to air dry. **DO NOT** immerse the harness in water.
- If harness straps cannot be wiped clean, a new harness assembly can be ordered.
- **DO NOT** use any harsh detergents, chemicals or bleach.
- **DO NOT** iron the harness, buckle, LATCH, tether, or connector straps.

## Adjusting the Harness

1. Secure your child in the restraint according to Pages 40 and 41 in the “Instructions for Use” Manual.
2. After tightening the harness, according to Step 9 on Page 41 in the “Instructions for Use” Manual, check the tightness of the harness at each shoulder (See arrows - Figure A).
3. If a harness strap over one of the shoulders is loose, then grasp the looped end of the corresponding hip adjuster strap and pull it (Figure B) to tighten the harness snugly against the child.
4. Complete Steps 10 and 11 on Page 41 in the “Instructions for Use” Manual.



## Foam Pads



## Installing the Foam

**Note:** The harness and foam sheets are designed to be used for children with scoliosis.

**Note:** If the scoliosis harness is already installed, you may be able to install the foam sheets by simply loosening the cover and leaving the harness installed. If so, then loosen the cover according to Steps 1 and 2 on Page 42 in the “Instructions for Use” Manual. Otherwise proceed with Step 1.

1. Remove the standard harness, buckle, and cover from the restraint according to Steps 1-12 on pages 42 and 43 of the “Instructions for Use” Manual.

**Note:** Installation of the foam, according to the following steps, must only be performed by a medical professional.

**Note:** The following steps describe how to add foam only where gaps exist behind the occupant due to curvature of the spine.

**WARNING:** Foam must not be added in areas where the occupant’s back is already contacting the existing foam. It is only acceptable to use this foam to fill in gaps that exist when the occupant is securely restrained in the restraint.

2. Place the child in the restraint to determine the size of the gaps that need to be filled in.

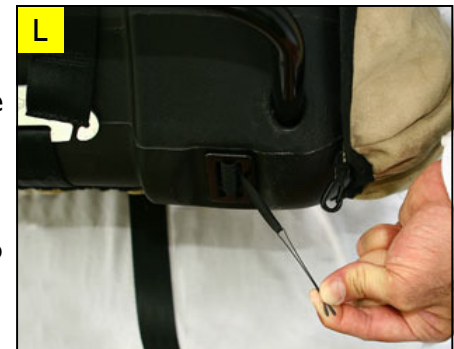
## Installing the Harness, Continued

### Cover and Harness Reinstallation, Continued

11. Slide the elastic loop (attached to the back side of the cover) over the bobbie pin (found in the parts bag) as shown in Figure K.



12. Then route the bobbie pin through the harness anchor nearest the elastic loop (Figure L) and connect it to the plastic hook (Figure M). This connection serves to keep the cover tight.



13. Repeat Steps 11 and 12 for the elastic loop and hook on the other side of the cover.



14. Attach the cover attachment flaps (one on each side) on the back-side of the restraint just above the tilt bar (Figure N).



## Installing the Harness, Continued

### Cover and Harness Reinstallation, Continued

through to the back side of the restraint (Figure F).

- Slide the loop of the harness strap over the splitter plate (Figure G).
- Repeat Steps 6 and 7 for the other harness strap.

**Note: Refer to pages 20-22 (“Instructions for Use” Manual) to determine which slot to install the buckle into during Steps 9 and 10.**

- From the front side of the restraint, grasp the buckle anchor and twist it so that it can be inserted into the appropriate anchor slot (Figure H).

- Insert the buckle anchor through the slot (Figure I); then pull it through to the back side of the restraint (Figure I) and place it flat against the restraint (Inset J).

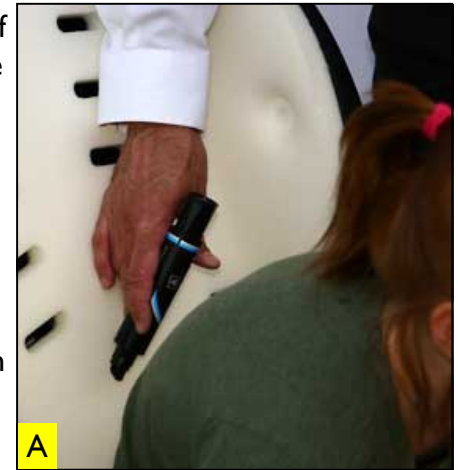


## Installing the Foam, Continued

- Use a felt tip marker, if necessary, to mark the existing foam (on the back of the restraint) in the locations where additional foam is to be added (Figures A and B).
- Remove the child from the restraint.

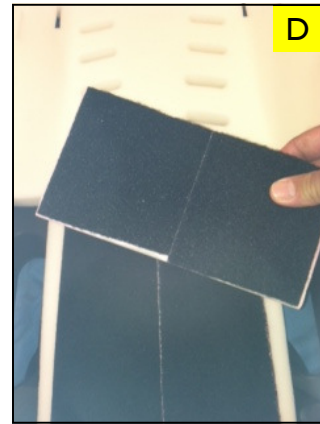
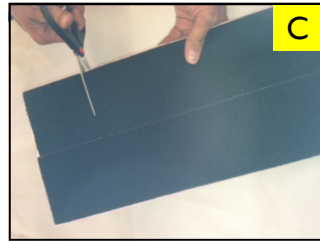
**Note: There are three foam sheets of varying widths (See Page 5) located in the box. They may be cut down and velcroed together as necessary to fill any gaps behind the occupant.**

- Remove the foam sheets from the box.



## Installing the Foam, Continued

6. Cut the foam sheet(s) to size (Figure C ) as necessary to match the width and height of the existing gap behind the child's back.
7. Attach the sheet to the velcro on the restraint (Figures D and E).
8. Continue to add additional sheets (of appropriate widths) of foam as necessary to match the thickness of the existing gap.
9. Steps 6-8 can be repeated for any additional gaps that may exist behind the child's back.



## Installing the Harness

**NOTE: If it was necessary to remove the harness, then follow these steps to replace it.**

1. Place the cover on the restraint.
2. Lay the scoliosis harness/buckle assembly out on the cover (Figure A).
3. From the front side of the restraint, grasp one of the harness anchors and twist it so that it can be inserted into its anchor slot (Figure B).
4. Insert the anchor through the slot (Figure B); then pull it through to the back side of the restraint (Figure C) and place it flat against the restraint (Inset D).
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for the other harness anchor.
6. From the front side of the restraint, insert one of the harness straps through the appropriate slot (Figure E), according to pages 18 and 19 ("Instructions for Use" Manual), and pull it

