



# User's Guide

## Multi-Positioning Seat

USA  
Model# Series  
79XXXXXX  
Revision 09/17  
UMMPS09-17LIT



**⚠ CAUTION**

Read Instructions Before Using!

Save This Guide For Future Reference

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**Please Note:** Special Tomato™ products are latex-free.

\*MPS = Multi-Positioning Seat

\*\*All users MUST read and understand this instruction manual before using this product. Store instruction manual in pocket on back of MPS so that it can be consulted at any point to ensure proper use!

# The Story Behind the Brand

Special Tomato™ is Tim Bergeron's latest product line. He has over 40 years of experience designing, building, and selling adaptive positioning equipment, including founding the Tumble Forms® product line as its original designer. Tim has coupled his design experience with a new manufacturing process that provides soft durable, impermeable cushions for positioning children with special needs. The first Special Tomato™ Brand Product is the Multi-Positioning Seat.

Now you may be asking, "What's so Special about Tomatoes?" Tim is pictured here with his youngest daughter, Carrie, a young adult with Down syndrome. Carrie's story, "The Special Tomato", summarizes what Tim believes that most parents feel about their child with special needs.

"Every child is special in their own unique way. It's a parent's job to find ways to facilitate their child's growth in a way that includes them equally within the family and community." For children with physical disabilities, adaptive equipment can play an important role in helping them reach their highest functioning level.

## The Special "Tomato" on the Bergeron Bush

My dad and mom had four children. The first three children were healthy and regular people. Then I came along, a baby with a difference, Down Syndrome. I had a hole in my heart, a rip in my heart valve, jaundice, a big tongue and a wobbly head. As I got older I also realized that I am a slow learner. One day it was bothering me that I was having a hard time doing my school work. I told my dad about this problem and he shared a story about when he was out in his garden picking tomatoes the year I was born. Every year my dad grows a garden and loves to plant tomatoes.

At harvest time there were Beefsteak tomatoes on a bush. When he saw a differently shaped tomato it got his attention. It had a large, smooth, bright red enlarged side that made my dad want to pick it up and study the bump because it was so unique and looked appetizing. At supper, that tomato was just as juicy as the others. Even though I'm different like the tomato as a person with Down Syndrome, my family and friends love me even more and want to help me when I need it. My dad tells me that even though I have more difficulty learning than my brother and sisters, my lovable and outgoing personality and strong character make me just as special as they are. I guess I am the special "tomato" on our family's bush!

**-Carrie Bergeron**



Peggy, Tim and  
Carrie Bergeron  
(from left to right)

# Setting Up Your MPS

## Unpack

Check to see that the following items are included with your Multi-Positioning Seat (MPS):

- Seat Shell
- Head Cushion installed
- Headrest Tether Strap
- Back Cushion installed
- Seat Cushion installed
- Two Safety Attachment Straps installed
- Five Point Harness System installed
- Top Tether Strap
- LATCH Strap (Small MPS only)

- Left and Right Leg Rest Extensions
- 2 Leg Rest GROOVED Knobs (1 3/16")
- 2 Footrest BALL Knobs (1 1/2")
- Footrest with 2 Foot Straps

These items are not included when the MPS is purchased in the Car Seat configuration only.



## Assembly

First attach the MPS to the appropriate base of choice with the Attachment Straps. If purchased as a car seat, skip to page 7.

### Mobile Floor Base

- Secure tightly the Rear Strap under lip of Mobile Floor Base
- Secure tightly the Bottom Strap under Mobile Floor Base between both sets of wheels

**Figure 1.**

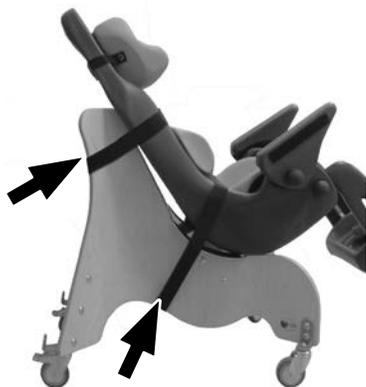


Figure 1.

### Push Chair Base

- Secure tightly the Rear Strap around back of Push Chair Base, between the fabric and the cross bars **Figure 2a.**
- Secure tightly the Strap under Push Chair Base under the seat making sure to thread between the seat back frame and the front leg frame **Figure 2b.**



Figure 2a.



Figure 2b.

### Standard Chair

- Secure tightly the Rear Strap around back of chair (spiral method below or straight method in **Figure 1.**)
- Secure tightly the Bottom Strap under seat of chair **Figure 3.**
- **Note:** Make sure the chair is stable!

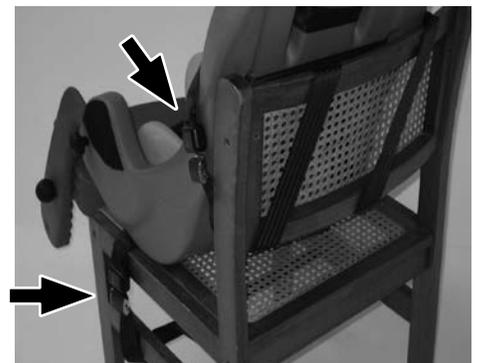


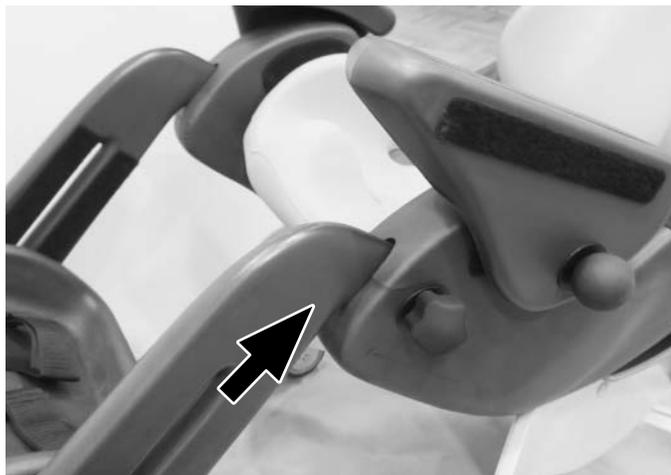
Figure 3.

# Setting Up Your MPS

## Footrest Assembly

Your Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat (MPS) comes partially assembled for your convenience.

1. Insert both ends of the Leg Rest Extensions into the corresponding holes in the front of the seat shell.
2. Make sure to insert the leg rests far enough so that the Leg Rest GROOVED Knobs (1 3/16") go through one of the three corresponding holes in the leg rests, giving the appropriate depth for your child. **Figure 4.**
3. Tighten the 2 Leg Rest GROOVED Knobs (1 3/16"). Overtightening is not necessary! Turn it until you feel resistance. There is a block to prevent tightening it too much.
4. Place the footrest at the appropriate height, depth, and angle for your child. **Figure 5.**
5. Insert the 2 Footrest BALL Knobs (1 1/2") into one of the three appropriate holes on the side of the footrest. These Footrest BALL Knobs (1 1/2") should be tight!



**Figure 4.**



**Figure 5.**

**Please Note:** It is NOT necessary to overtighten any of the knobs. They are designed to hold with a SNUG fit!

# Setting Up Your MPS

## Adjustments

The Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat provides a comfortable and adjustable seating surface for your child. The durability of this unique product along with built-in adjustability allow for years of use as it grows with your child. Adjustability is accomplished as follows:

### Seat Cushion

Uses hook and loop strips plus our track system for easy adjustment. Under the Seat Cushion are three guide lines. **Figure 7a.** The middle line positions the hips at 90°. The top line provides 15° of Hip Extension. The bottom line provides 15° of Hip Flexion. Our Hip Flex™ Adjustment provides 15° of Hip Flexion or 15° of Hip Extension without recline. Align the top of the seat cushion along the selected line for hip positioning. **Figure 7b.**

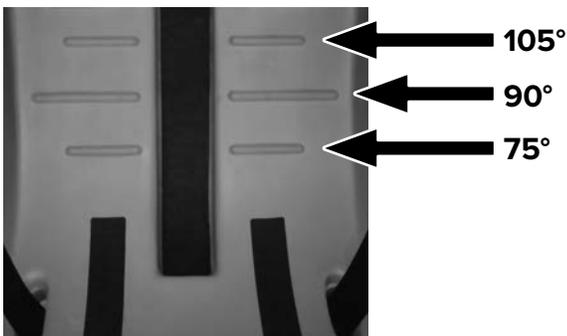


Figure 7a.

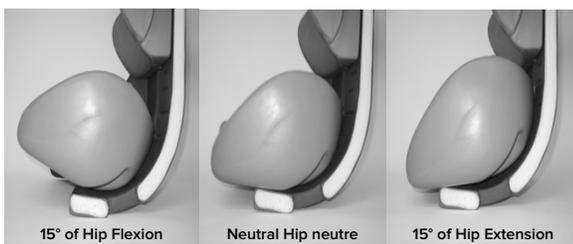


Figure 7b.

### Head Cushion and Back Cushion

Adjust up and down easily. Hook and loop strips and our track reference mark system allow you to quickly reposition the modular cushions to fit your child. **Figure 6.**

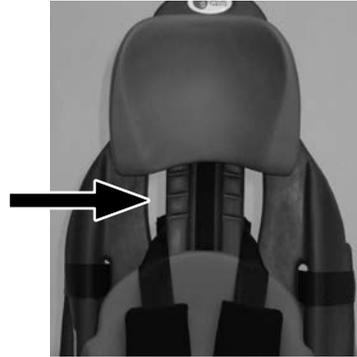


Figure 6.

### Foot Rest

Provides maximum adjustment allowing for height, depth, and angle adjustability. hook and loop straps secure your child's feet to the footrest for proper positioning. **Figure 8a.** Adjust the depth of the footstraps as needed. **Figure 8b.**



Figure 8a.



Figure 8b.

# Setting Up Your MPS

## Adjustments

**Five-Point Harness:** Provides comfort and adjustment needed to properly support and position your child.

**Figure 9a.**

To adjust the Five-Point Harness, remove the black covers from the shoulder straps. Press in the gray button. **Figure 9b.** Pull the top strap to tighten. **Figure 9c.** Pull the bottom strap to loosen. **Figure 9d.**



**Figure 9a.**



**Figure 9b.**



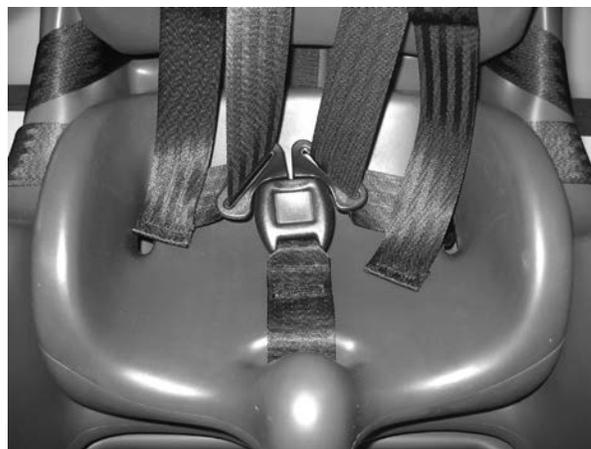
**Figure 9c.**



**Figure 9d.**

### Lap Strap

Press the center red button to release both sides of the lap strap. Re-insert each metal buckle into the corresponding socket to secure the lap strap portion of the 5-point harness. **Figure 10.**



**Figure 10.**

# MPS Optional Accessories

## Mobile Floor Base

1. Complete with four swivel casters. **Figure 11.**
2. Rear casters have foot-operated locks. **Figure 12.**
3. Tray Storage in rear of Mobile Floor Base. Stays secure with metal brackets. **Figure 13.**



Figure 11.



Figure 12.



Figure 13.

## Customize Your Size

When you order your MPS you can order from several size cushions to make the MPS your own! **Figure 14.** Cushions vary in size to accommodate children as early as 9 months to young adult.

Headrests		Back Cushions					
MHS and MHL headrests fit (MS) and (ML) shells.		MS2, MS4, ML2 back cushions fit (MS) shell. ML2, ML4 back cushions fit (ML) shell.					
MHS (Standard)  7.5"W x 6.5"H	MHL (w/ Laterals)  7"W x 6"H	MS2  8"W x 8.5"H	MS4  9"W x 11"H	ML2  10"W x 11"H	ML4  11"W x 13"H		
Seat Cushions							
MS seat cushions fit (MS) shell. ML seat cushions fit (ML) shell.							
MS1  7"W x 6"D	MS3  9"W x 8"D	MS5  10"W x 10"D	MS7  10"W x 12"D	ML1  11"W x 11"D	ML3  12"W x 13"D	ML5  13"W x 15"D	ML7  13"W x 17"D

Figure 14. Note: (MS) = MPS Small, (ML) = MPS Large,

# MPS Optional Accessories

## Installing Replacement Cushions

### Switching Seat Cushions:

- 1 - Unclip crotch strap and pull down through hole in seat cushion. **Figure 15a.**
- 2 - Remove seat cushion.
- 3 - Verify that the 5-Point Harness Clip is securely fastened. Push small metal clip through slot of large metal clip to secure the 5-Point Harness. **Figure 15b.**
- 4 - Test it by pulling on both straps to make sure that they stay connected. **Figure 15c.**
- 5 - Place new cushion in seat shell.
- 6 - Pull crotch strap back up through seat cushion. **Figure 15d.**



**Figure 15a.**



**Figure 15b.**



**Figure 15c.**



**Figure 15d.**

# MPS Optional Accessories

## Tray

### Tray items include:

1 Tray, 2 Tray Risers, 2 Tray Riser BALL Knobs (1 1/2"), 2 Washers

- 1 - Secure both Tray Risers to the Seat Shell at desired angle with the attached hook and loop strips. **Figure 16.**
- 2 - Place Washers on BALL Knobs (1 1/2") and insert them into the corresponding slot and hole. Tighten both BALL Knobs (1 1/2"). **Figure 17.** (Not necessary to over tighten.)
- 3 - Place the Tray on the Tray Risers considering the appropriate amount of depth for your child. Use the hook and loop flap to secure the Tray to the Tray Risers. **Figure 18.**
- 4 - To remove the tray, first pull up on the hook and loop flap. **Figure 19a.** Second, pull the tray off by holding onto the curved sides and rotating one side towards you. **Figure 19b.**
- 5 - The Tray Risers can remain on the Seat Shell. **Figure 20.**

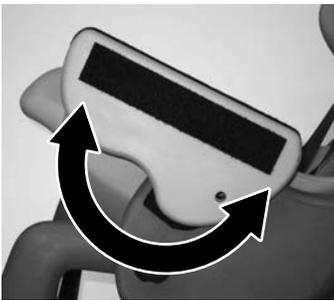


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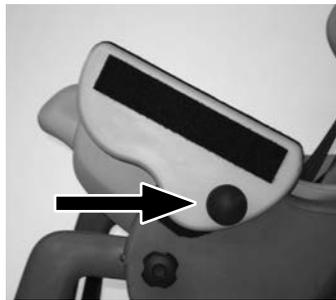


Figure 17.

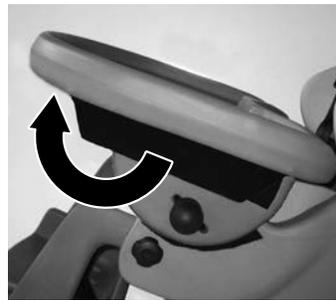


Figure 18.



Figure 19a.



Figure 19b.



Figure 20.

## Push Chair Base

If you have purchased the MPS Push Chair Base, you will receive a separate manual with your MPS Push Chair Base.

# Car Seat Installation

## Safety Information

The Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat is designed to provide proper positioning in sitting for children and young adults with special needs. This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS). However, the FMVSS #213 addresses child restraints for children up to 65 pounds (29 kilograms). For children and young adults over 65 pounds, the vehicle belt is typically sufficient for restraint. For those children and young adults over 65 pounds that need positioning support to maintain a sitting position in a vehicle, the Small and Large Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seats full weight range limits were designed and tested in the spirit and intent of FMVSS No. 213. With proper installation and use, the Small & Large Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seats provide a safe positioning system for your child or young adult.

The SMALL Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat is designed for use only by children who weigh between 20 and 80 pounds (9 and 36 kilograms) and whose height is between 32.5 and 50 inches (82.5 and 127 centimeters) for Type I & Type II belts. The LATCH Belt is designed for children who weight between 20 and 40 pounds (9 and 18 kilograms).

The LARGE Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat is designed for use only by children with a max weight of 130 lbs (59 kilograms) and whose height is between 50 and 63 inches (127 and 160 centimeters).

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to: Bergeron Health Care, 15 South Second St, Dolgeville, NY 13329 or call 1-866-529-8407 (315-429-8407). For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393 (202-366-0123 in DC area).

Note: The tray and footrest are not part of the Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat child restraint system as tested to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213. Those accessories are designed for use while not in the vehicle.

**WARNING!** Failure to follow each of the following instructions can result in your child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or crash. Secure this child restraint with a vehicle belt as specified in this instruction booklet and printed on the seat back.

Snugly adjust the belts provided with this child restraint around your child.

Secure the top anchorage strap provided with this child restraint as specified in this instruction booklet.



# Car Seat Installation

## Safety Information (Continued)

- 1) Verify that the restraint is secure to your vehicle before placing your child in the MPS each time you use it.
- 2) The 5-Point Harness will need to be adjusted to accommodate different clothing (i.e. - winter vs. summer clothing).
- 3) Refrain from leaving the child restraint in direct sunlight for long periods of time. The metal buckles can become hot enough to burn.
- 4) When not in use, store in a safe place. Do not place heavy objects on the child restraint for storage.
- 5) To avoid injury due to hidden damage or deterioration, no longer use the system after six years or if it has been in a crash.
- 6) According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the safest place to put your child in a restraint system in your vehicle is in the rear seat. **DO NOT** place a child in the front seat of the vehicle that has an airbag unless the airbag has been turned off. The impact of an airbag on a child can cause **SERIOUS INJURY**, and even **DEATH**.
- 7) Make sure all users of this restraint understand all information in this booklet.
- 8) Install this child restraint in a **FORWARD FACING** vehicle seat **ONLY!** Never install in a vehicle seat that faces sideways or backwards!
- 9) Secure this child restraint with the vehicle belts even when there is not a child in the restraint. In the event of a crash, an unsecured child restraint could injure vehicle occupants if it moves.
- 10) The Headrest Tether **MUST** remain secure when using the MPS as a child restraint.
- 11) Children should not be left in a vehicle alone for any length of time.
- 12) Do not disassemble or change this child restraint in any manner, except those steps described in this booklet.
- 13) If your vehicle seats fold forward, make sure they are latched before installing this child restraint.
- 14) Do not let children play with this child restraint.



# WARNING

# Car Seat Installation

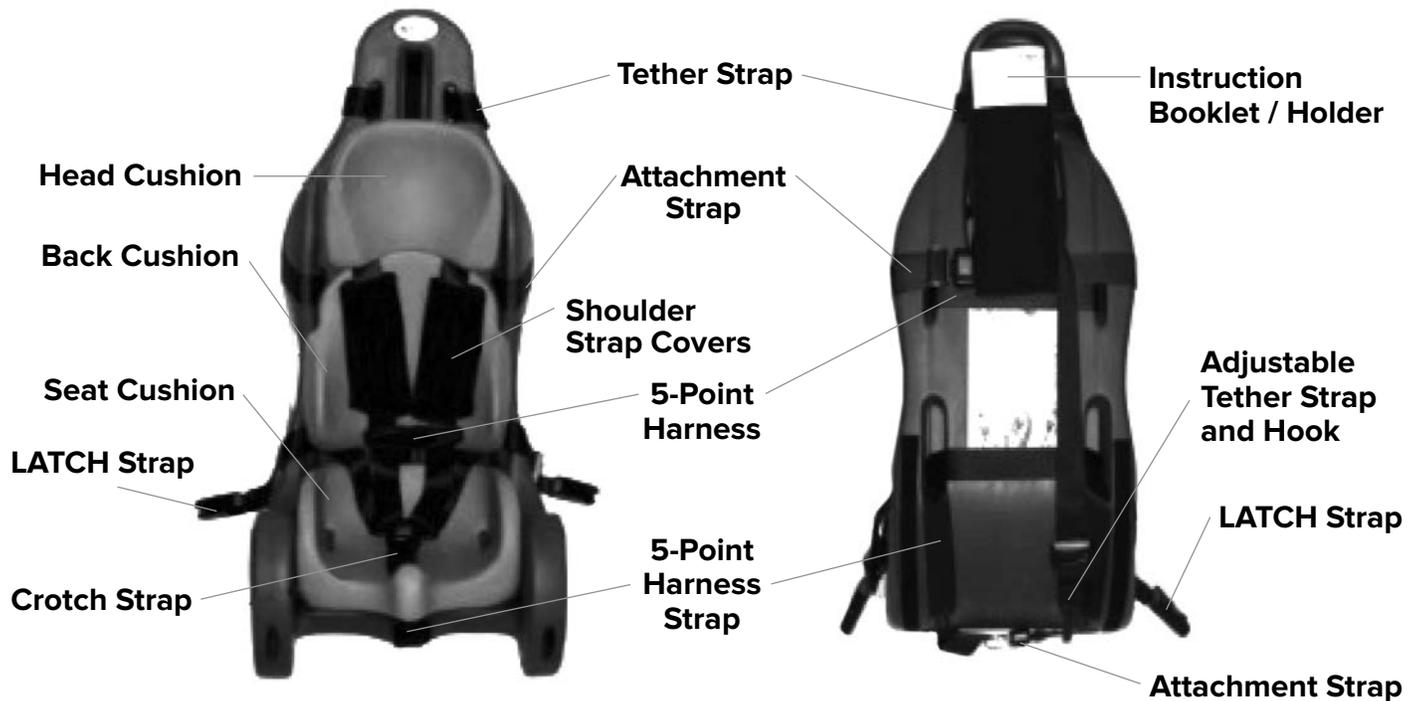
## Safety Information (Continued)

- 15) Do not place anything between the vehicle seat and the child restraint to raise the height of the child restraint. In the event of an accident, the object could slip and disrupt the stability of the child restraint.
- 16) Primary protection for occupants of a vehicle comes from the vehicle itself in the event of an accident. Child restraints will not completely protect a child in the event of a serious impact. The role of the child restraint, when properly installed, is to significantly improve the chance for survival in most crashes.
- 17) Unless specified by your vehicle's manufacturer, assume that the vehicle LATCH anchor limit is 40 pounds (18 kilograms).
- 18) Carry your child restraint by the hard seat shell. Do NOT carry it by the 5-Point Harness to prevent damage.
- 19) The child restraint Top Tether Strap MUST be used at all times in a vehicle.
- 20) There is a 6-year Expiration Date for the MPS Car Seat and the MPS Push Chair Kits for use during transportation! The MPS Seat itself can be used beyond 6 years with the Wooden Mobile Base or attached to a standard chair for more than 6 years!



# WARNING

# Car Seat Installation



**Figure 21.**  
(Front View)

**Figure 22.**  
(Rear View)

The Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat Car Seat comes with several standard safety features. **See Figures 21 and 22.**

**Please fill out the registration card and mail it in today!**

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons at any time. In case of a recall, we can reach you only if we have your name and address, so please send in the registration card today to be on our recall list.

This restraint is certified for use in aircraft.

Use the following chart to decide which vehicle installation method is required for your child.

Vehicle Installation Method	Small MPS	Large MPS
LATCH Belt and Tether	20 - 40 lbs. (9 -18 kg)	Not Applicable
Lap / Shoulder Belt and Tether	20 - 80 lbs. (9 - 36 kg)*	Max wt. 130 lbs. (59 kg)
Lap Belt and Tether	20 - 80 lbs. (9 - 36 kg)*	Max wt. 130 lbs. (59 kg)

\* Use these methods for children between 20 - 40 lbs. if your vehicle is not equipped with the LATCH mechanism.

# Car Seat Installation

## Belt and Tether Installation

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Tether Strap **MUST** be used with **ALL** Belt Configurations to secure your Special Tomato™ Multi-Positioning Seat Car Seat to your vehicle:

1 - LATCH Belt and Tether.

**Figure 23.**

2 - Lap / Shoulder Belt and Tether. **Figure 24.**

3 - Lap Belt and Tether.

**Figure 25.**



**Figure 23.**



**Figure 24.**



**Figure 25.**

## LATCH Belt and Tether Installation - Small MPS Only

1 - Verify that your vehicle is equipped with LATCH anchors (**Figure 26** - shown with LATCH strap).

Consult your vehicle manual to locate the exact position of the LATCH anchors.

2 - Verify that your vehicle is equipped with a Tether anchor. Refer to Steps 1 -5 on Page 17.

3 - Verify that the 5-Point Harness is secured. **See page 23 for details.**

4 - Install the MPS with the LATCH Belt & top Tether Strap. **Figure 27.**

5 - Snap both LATCH belt buckle into corresponding LATCH anchors until you hear an audible “Click” for each buckle. **Figure 28.**

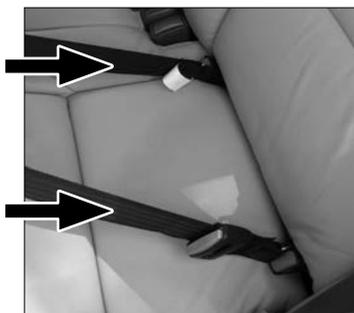
6 - Place your knee in the MPS, bearing weight on the seat, to make it fit snugly to your vehicle.

Pull tightly until slack is removed from LATCH adjuster strap. **Figure 29.**

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**Figure 26.**



**Figure 27.**



**Figure 28.**



**Figure 29.**

# Car Seat Installation

## Lap / Shoulder Belt and Tether Installation

- 1 - Identify your vehicle's Lap/Shoulder Belt. **Figure 36.**
- 2 - Verify that your vehicle is equipped with a Tether anchor. Refer to Steps 1-5 on page 19.
- 3 - Verify that the 5-Point Harness is secured. See Page 23 for details.
- 4 - Install the MPS with the Lap/Shoulder Belt & top Tether Strap. **Figure 37.**
- 5 - Thread the Lap/Shoulder Belt from the front to the back through the slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions. **Figure 38.**
- 6 - Thread the Lap/Shoulder Belt across the back of the seat shell.
- 7 - Thread the Lap/Shoulder Belt from the back to the front through the opposite slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions. **Figure 39.**
- 8 - Buckle the Lap/Shoulder Belt, making sure you hear an audible "Click." **Figure 40.**
- 9 - Place your knee in the MPS, bearing weight on the seat, to make it fit snugly to your vehicle. Pull tightly until slack is removed from Lap / Shoulder Belt. **Figure 41.**

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**Figure 36.**



**Figure 37.**



**Figure 38**



**Figure 39.**



**Figure 40.**



**Figure 41.**

# Car Seat Installation

## Lap / Shoulder Belt and Tether Installation - Continued

- 1 - Verify that your MPS has the Tether Strap attached correctly. If not, follow steps 2 - 5 before continuing with the installation.
- 2 - Face MPS Seat Back to you. Thread loop end of Tether Strap up through left shoulder slot. **Figure 42.**
- 3 - Thread loop end of Tether Strap down through right shoulder slot. **Figure 43.**
- 4 - Thread Tether hook through loop end of Tether Strap. **Figure 44.**
- 5 - Pull hook end of Tether Strap taut. **Figure 45.**
- 6 - Now that the Tether Strap is attached correctly, verify that the Lap / Shoulder belt is secured and tight.
- 7 - Hook the Tether hook to the vehicle anchor. **Figure 46.**
- 8 - If your vehicle does NOT have a Tether anchor, install the Tether Anchor with hardware provided in this order: **Figure 47.** - **A)** 3/8" bolt, **B)** Small Washer, **C)** Tether Anchor, **D)** Large Washer, **E)** Lock Washer, and **F)** Nut. **Please note:** Please contact your vehicle manufacturer to determine the best place to install the Tether Anchor in your vehicle.



Figure 42.



Figure 43.



Figure 44.



Figure 45.



Figure 46.

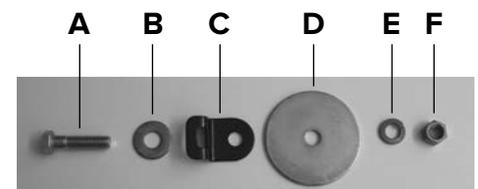


Figure 47.

## Lap / Shoulder Belt and Tether Removal

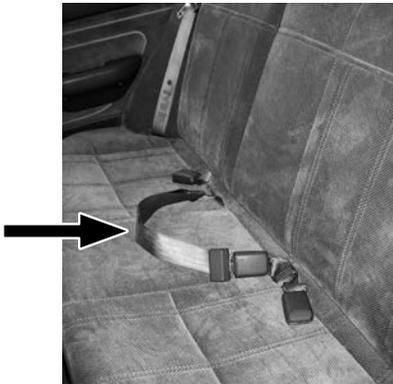
To remove the restraint, depress the red release button on the Lap / Shoulder buckle. Release the top Tether anchor to completely detach the restraint from the vehicle.

# Car Seat Installation

## Lap Belt and Tether Installation

- 1 - Identify your vehicle's Lap Belt. **Figure 48.**
- 2 - Verify that your vehicle is equipped with a Tether anchor. Refer to Steps 1-5 on page 20.
- 3 - Verify that the 5-point Harness is secured. See page 21 for details.
- 4 - Install the MPS with Lap Belt and top Tether Strap. **Figure 49.**
- 5 - Thread the Lap Belt from the front to the back through the slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions. **Figure 50.**
- 6 - Thread the Lap Belt across the back of the seat shell.
- 7 - Thread the Lap Belt from the back to the front through the opposite slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions. **Figure 51.**
- 8 - Buckle the Lap Belt, making sure you hear an audible "Click." **Figure 52.**
- 9 - Place your knee in the MPS, bearing weight on the seat, to make it fit snugly to your vehicle. Pull tightly until slack is removed from Lap Belt.

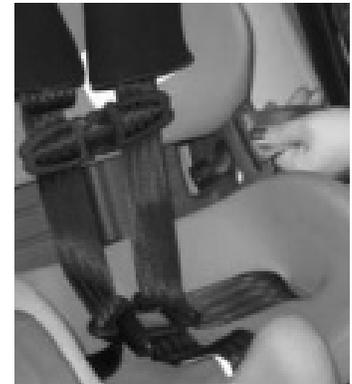
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**Figure 48.**



**Figure 49.**



**Figure 50.**



**Figure 51.**



**Figure 52.**

# Car Seat Installation

## Lap Belt and Tether Installation - Continued

- 1 - Verify that your MPS has the Tether Strap attached correctly. If not, follow steps 2 - 5 below before continuing with the installation.
- 2 - Face MPS Seat Back to you. Thread loop end of Tether Strap up through left shoulder slot. **Figure 53.**
- 3 - Thread loop end of Tether Strap down through right shoulder slot. **Figure 54.**
- 4 - Thread Tether hook through loop end of Tether Strap. **Figure 55.**
- 5 - Pull hook end of Tether Strap taut. **Figure 56.**
- 6 - Now that the Tether Strap is attached correctly, verify that the Lap belt is secured and tight.
- 7 - Hook the Tether hook to the vehicle anchor. **Figure 57.**
- 8 - If your vehicle does NOT have a Tether anchor, install the Tether Anchor with the hardware provided in this order: **Figure 58. A)** 3/8" bolt, **B)** Small Washer, **C)** Tether Anchor, **D)** Large Washer **E)** Lock Washer, and **F)** Nut.

**Please note:** The vehicle body goes between the Tether Anchor and the Large Washer with the Large washer directly underneath the vehicle body.

**Please note:** Contact your vehicle manufacturer to determine the best place to install the Tether Anchor in your vehicle.

Vehicle Installation Method	Small MPS	Large MPS
LATCH Belt and Tether	20 - 40 lbs. (9 -18 kg)	Not Applicable
Lap / Shoulder Belt and Tether	20 - 80 lbs. (9 - 36 kg)*	Max wt. 130 lbs. (59 kg)
Lap Belt and Tether	20 - 80 lbs. (9 - 36 kg)*	Max wt. 130 lbs. (59 kg)

\* Use these methods for children between 20 - 40 lbs. if your vehicle is not equipped with the LATCH mechanism.



Figure 53.

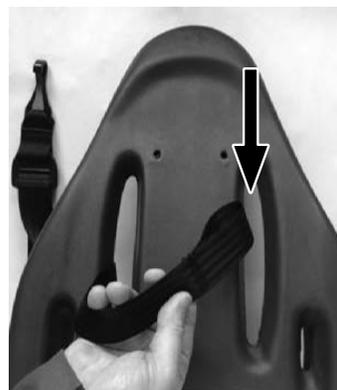


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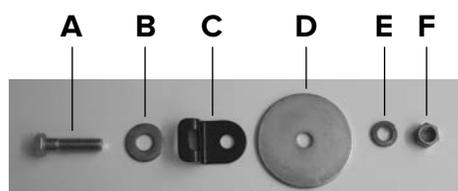


Figure 58.

## Lap Belt and Tether Removal

To remove the restraint, depress the red release button on the Lap Strap buckle. Release the top Tether anchor to completely detach the restraint from the vehicle.

# Aircraft Installation

- 1 - Identify the Aircraft's Lap Belt. **Figure 59.**
- 2 - Verify that the 5-point Harness is secured. See page 23 for details.
- 3 - Install the MPS with Aircraft Lap Belt. **Figure 60.**
- 4 - Thread the Aircraft Lap Belt from the front to the back through the slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions. **Figure 61.**
- 5 - Thread the Aircraft Lap Belt across the back of the seat shell.
- 6 - Thread the Aircraft Lap Belt from the back to the front through the opposite slot in the seat shell located between the seat and back cushions. **Figure 62.**
- 7 - Buckle the Aircraft Lap Belt per Airline Instructions, making sure you hear an audible "Click".
- 8 - Place your knee in the MPS, bearing weight on the seat, to make it fit snugly to the Aircraft Seat. Pull tightly until slack is removed from Aircraft Lap Belt.



**Figure 59.**



**Figure 60.**



**Figure 61.**



**Figure 62.**

# MPS Features

## 5-Point Harness

- 1 - Turn your MPS upside down. **Figure 63** shows the correct position of the two clips (one black, one brass) that hold the 5-point Harness in place.
- 2 - To secure the belt if it has come undone, push the brass metal clip through the slot of black metal clip. **Figure 64**. Test it by pulling on both straps to make sure that they stay connected.

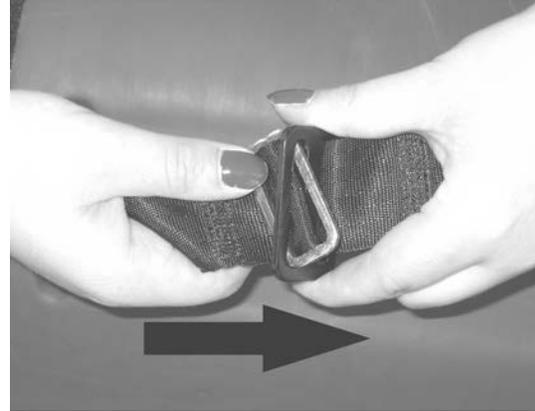
## Buckling the 5-Point Harness

- 1 - The Chest Clip is provided to keep the 5-Point Harness in place to protect your child. **Figure 65**.
- 2 - Once your child is in the MPS, engage the Chest Clip by connecting the two halves. **Figure 66**. You will hear an audible “Click” when it is properly engaged.
- 3 - To disengage the Chest Clip, to remove your child after you are finished using the restraint, depress the two black prongs in the center of the Chest Clip and pull the two halves apart. **Figure 67**.
- 4 - To complete securing the 5-point Harness, insert each of the silver buckle tongues into the corresponding sockets of the black buckle. **Figure 68**.

You will hear an audible “Click” when it is properly engaged.



**Figure 63.**



**Figure 64.**



**Figure 65.**



**Figure 66.**



**Figure 67.**



**Figure 68.**

# Car Seat Installation

## Securing Your Child

**1** - Once the 5-Point Harness is buckled, adjust the shoulder straps so that the 5-Point Harness is comfortable, but SNUG. Adjust the Shoulder Straps by opening the Shoulder Strap Covers. Underneath you will find the Shoulder Strap Adjustment buckles. Depress the gray button and pull slowly on the excess strap to tighten the straps. If you need to loosen them, keep the gray button depressed and pull on the tightened portion of the strap. **Figure 69.** Close the Shoulder Strap Covers.

**Please Note:** The 5-Point Harness should be tight enough to hold your child securely while allowing you to place one finger between the 5-Point Harness and your child's collar bone.

**Please Note:** A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.

**2** - Once the 5-Point Harness is properly adjusted, slide the Chest Clip so that it is level with your child's armpit. **Figure 70.**

## Crotch Strap Adjustment

The Crotch Strap portion of the 5-Point Harness can be adjusted to the correct length for your child. The appropriate threading method is pictured in **Figure 71.** It is not necessary to unthread this strap to adjust its length. You can loosen each section of the strap to adjust the length.

## Locking Clip

**1** - Some vehicles are manufactured with a "Sliding Tongue" which allows the Lap/Shoulder Belt to move freely when buckled. The Locking Clip is provided to prevent the Lap/Shoulder Belt from loosening. **Figure 72.**

**2** - To install, secure the restraint with the Lap/Shoulder Belt. Slide the Locking Clip around both ends of the belt, positioning it a few inches from the buckle. **Figure 73.**



**Figure 69.**



**Figure 70.**



**Figure 71.**



**Figure 72.**



**Figure 73.**

# Consumer Information

## Maintenance

Special Tomato™ Products are impermeable to fluids. Use a mild detergent/cleaner to wipe the chair periodically.

Do NOT submerge products in water or other cleaning fluids.

To extend the life of the hook and loop strips, comb out the hook portion (hard side) to remove lint and other debris.

## Limited Warranty

**Please fill out and mail your warranty card!**

Bergeron Health Care warrants to the original retail purchaser of the Special Tomato™ product, that if any part or component proves defective in material or workmanship within five years of the purchase date, the defective part will be repaired or replaced (at Bergeron Health Care's discretion) free of charge. Warranty service may be performed by an authorized service center or (at Bergeron Health Care's discretion) the factory.

This warranty does not cover normal wear and tear, or damage caused by accident or misuse.

To exercise this limited warranty, the user should first obtain a Return Authorization Number from the dealer the Special Tomato™ product was purchased from. The product must be delivered charges pre-paid (UPS recommended) to the factory or to an authorized service center, together with a copy of the original invoice, the Return Authorization Number and a written description of the problem.

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