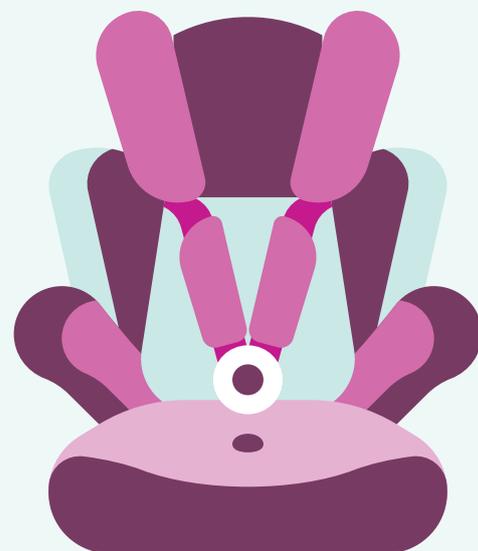


Child car seat guide

Everything you need to know

We've teamed up with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) to bring you this child car seat guide, containing the latest information surrounding both the i-Size and R44 regulations

Read on for RoSPA's advice and top tips



i-Size and R44 child seats

i-Size approved child seats keep children rear-facing until they are 15 months old as this is safer; seats that conform to the R44 approved child seat that keeps children rear-facing until at least 9kg in weight, but more than 13kg in weight (this is often around 12 months old, but check the maximum weight for the seat)

Regulations

Europe



i-Size (R129) legislation was introduced in Europe in July 2013. This is the new European Union safety regulation for child car seats that is based on a child's height, rather than weight. In the UK, the law was amended to allow the use of these types of child seats in March 2015, alongside child seats that are approved in line with the current R44 standard.

UK



In the UK, there are two types of child car seats that meet the current safety standards that are in line with the law. These are seats that meet the i-Size (R129) standards and those that meet R44 standard.

The facts

- ✓ **Not all cars are suitable for i-Size seats**, so car seats that conform with the current safety standard (R44) are still fine to use
- ✓ **i-Size seats do not use seat belts to be fixed** – instead, they use the car's ISOFIX points
- ✓ **Many R44 seats are designed to be used with a car's ISOFIX points**, but some can only be fitted with the car's seat belt

Top tips from RoSPA

- If you currently have a child seat that conforms to the current regulations (either R44 or i-Size), and you are using it in line with the manufacturer's guidelines, there is no need to change
- If you are considering purchasing a new child seat and you have a car that has ISOFIX points that support i-Size seats, you have the largest choice available to you. You can use either i-Size seats or R44 seats that use ISOFIX points (but check the seat is compatible with your car), or R44 seats that use the car's seat belt to fix into the car
- When choosing your child seat, make sure your provider has trained staff who are able to test the seat out in your car so you can ensure it is suitable for your child and your car, and you are comfortable with your choice. It is also beneficial to be shown how to install the child seat safely, whether it is an i-Size or R44 seat

ISOFIX - what you need to know

Not all ISOFIX points support i-Size car seats, so you have three different options available to you, depending on your car:

1. If your car has ISOFIX points that support i-Size seats, you are able to choose between an i-Size or an R44 car seat that uses ISOFIX points or the car's seat belt
2. If your car has ISOFIX points that do not support i-Size seats, there are R44 seats that use the car's ISOFIX points that you can use, or you can use an R44 seat that uses the car's seat belt
3. If your car does not have ISOFIX points, you have to use an R44 seat that is fixed in using the car's seat belt

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