



MAX



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## Safety information

#### Thank you for choosing Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX

Read this instruction manual before installing Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat in your vehicle.

For more information and installation videos, visit www.axkid.com.

Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX is a rear-facing car seat approved for children with a height between 61-125 cm, ≤36 kg

Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX is suitable for use from approximately six months of age, or from when your child can sit up unsupported.

This is an integral Specific vehicle Belted Enhanced Child Restraint System. It is approved according to UN Regulation No. 129, for use in compatible vehicle seating positions as indicated by the vehicle list. If in doubt, consult either the Enhanced Child Restraint System manufacturer (<a href="https://www.axkid.com">www.axkid.com</a>) or the retailer.

## Safety information

To maximize your child's safety, it is important that you keep the following in mind:

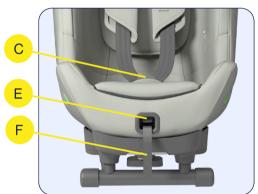
- Always follow the instructions in this manual. An incorrect installation may seriously affect the safety for your child. If in doubt, contact your retailer who can demonstrate a correct installation.
- · Keep this instruction manual for future reference. If manual is lost, you can find it online at www.axkid.com
- Do not use Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat in a seating position where an active frontal airbag is fitted. If you still wish to install Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat in this location the airbag must be switched off according to the vehicle manufacturers instructions.
- Should you have an accident, no matter how small, your car seat should always be replaced. It may have damage that
  is not visible and could seriously affect the safety of your child. For this reason, Axkid does not recommend purchasing
  secondhand car seats.
- If Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat has been exposed to direct sunlight, make sure the car seat is not too hot before installing your child.
- Never leave your child unattended in the vehicle.
- Ensure that any luggage or loose objects are secured in your vehicle as they may cause injuries to passengers in the event of an accident.
- Ensure that Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat is installed in a way where no parts become trapped by movable seats, car
  doors, etc.
- If you are using lower tether anchorage straps, make sure they are installed in a way where they don't interfere with the movement of any vehicle seat.
- Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat may only be installed rear-facing.
- Always make sure that the harness is adjusted to correctly fit your child's body. The harness is adjusted by moving the head support.
- Make sure that the child's back is pushed against the car seat when restraining your child with the harness.
- Always make sure that the harness is firmly tightened against your child and that the buckle is completely locked, you should
  not be able to pinch the straps.
- Make sure there is no twist in the harness.
- Always make sure the support leg is in its correct position and that is has contact with the vehicle floor. The support leg is a very important safety feature designed to maximise your child's safety in an accident.
- Do not attempt to disassemble or modify any part of the Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat. The warranty and the safety performance of the Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat could be affected if doing so.
- Never use Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat without the textile cover. The seat textile cover is a safety feature and may only be replaced with an Axkid original seat textile cover.

- Read the vehicle handbook and the vehicle list at <u>www.axkid.com</u> to find which seating positions are suitable for this car seat.
- $\bullet \ \text{Axkid recommends to always use a seat protection to protect your vehicle seat from scratches and dirt.}\\$
- If you have any doubts, contact the retailer where the car seat was purchased or contact info@axkid.com

## **Parts**



- A. HEADREST
- **B.** INTEGRAL HARNESS
- D. SEAT BELT SLOT
- G. RECLINE ADJUSTMENT LEVER
- I. ASIP PAD
- J. HEEL
- K. VERTICAL LINE



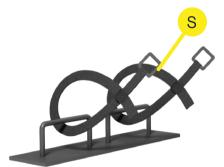
- C. BUCKLE RELEASE BUTTON
- E. HARNESS RELEASE BUTTON
- F. HARNESS TENSION STRAP



- H. HEADREST BRAKE LEVER
- L. ASIP CONNECTOR
- M.LOWER TETHER
- P. SUPPORT LEG
- Q. SUPPORT LEG BUTTON
- T. RECLINE ANGLE ADJUSTER



- N. BELT CLAMP
- O. BELT CLAMP LID
- R. SHOULDER STRAP



S. LOWER TETHER ANCHORAGE STRAP X2

## Placement in car

Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat can only be installed rear-facing. It will fit in most, but not all seating positions. Check the vehicle instruction manual to find suitable seating positions and check the vehicle list on <a href="https://www.axkid.com">www.axkid.com</a>

Front passenger seat (no active airbag)	YES/NO*	
Front passenger seat (active airbag)	NO	
Rear passenger seat with with 3-point seat belt	YES	
Seat with 2-point seat belt	NO	
Side and rear facing seats	NO	



**Important:** If you wish to install your Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat in a location where a frontal airbag is fitted, the airbag must be disconnected according to your vehicle manufacturer instruction. Note that some vehicles require an authorized service centre to disconnect the airbag.

<sup>\*</sup> The General Regulation of Traffic in Spain, in its article 117, establishes the prohibition of driving with children of stature equal to or less than 135 centimetres located in the front seats of the vehicle, without exceptions.

## Lower tether anchorages



If your vehicle has no pre-installed lower tether anchorages, Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX comes with additional lower tether anchorage straps (S) included that can be installed in your vehicle. See this manual for instructions of installation. These straps also comply to ISO13216-4:2020 and when installed correctly, offers the same safety as pre-installed anchorages.

Installing lower tether anchorage straps » (on page 9)

#### **Important information**

Lower tether anchorages (LTA) are used to enhance the protection of children in cars by providing a firm and stable installation for extended rear-facing belt attached car seats. This increases the safety for your child in all types of collisions, including roll-over accidents and rear-end impacts.

Lower tethers are a well-established method that has been extensively used in the Nordic countries for over 40 years. In 2020 a new international standard for LTA, ISO13216-4:2020, was released. This standard describes the requirements for lower tethers for car seats but also for vehicle manufactures and their anchor points. The purpose is to improve the compatibility and ensuring a safe and easy way of installation for the future.

Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX lower tethers complies with ISO13216-4:2020, ensuring a perfect fit and easy installation in vehicles with pre-installed lower tether anchorages that also complies to this standard. If your vehicle has anchorage points that do not comply with the standard, Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX lower tethers are still likely, but not guaranteed, to fit.

Pre-installed lower tether anchorages in vehicles are often found on the seat rails attached to the floor, but other positions are also used.

Check your vehicle's instruction manual for more information on usable anchor points.

Some vehicle manufactures also offers the possibility of retrofitting lower tether anchorages. Contact your vehicle manufacturer or dealer for more information. Axkid retrofit lower tether anchorages and extra lower tether anchorage straps can be purchased separately.



**Note:** Never use Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX without the lower tethers. They are an important safety feature and must always be used when installing your car seat.

## Lower tether anchorage straps

#### Installing lower tether anchorage straps

If your vehicle has no suitable pre-installed lower tether anchorages, Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX comes with lower tether anchorage straps that can be installed in your vehicle. Depending on your vehicle and the seat position where you choose to install your car seat, there are various possible anchorage points to use for installing the anchorage straps. See below for alternatives.

To install the lower tether anchorage straps (S), simply route the strap around the chosen anchorage point and thread the metal anchorage through one of the slots on the strap itself. The anchorage strap has several slots to use. Make sure to use the slot as close as possible to the metal anchorage, thus installing the metal anchorage as close to the vehicle floor as possible. Once this is done, pull on the metal anchorage to tighten the strap and repeat the process for the other strap. Always use two anchorage points when installing Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX and choose anchorage points that are separated as this gives a more stable installation.



**Note:** Always make sure that changing the position of any vehicle seat does not interfere or damage the installed lower tether anchorage straps.



Important: Never use sharp objects to assist in routing the straps as it might damage the strap.

#### **Anchorage strap routing options**

## Alt. a

Route the strap around the edge of the pre-installed anchorage (use this method only if the pre-installed anchorages do not fit with the lower tethers directly).



## Alt. **b**

Install the strap around the seat rail in front of the car seat by threading the strap between the seat rail and vehicle floor or through appropriate hole of the seat rail.



#### Alt. C

Install the strap around the hinge of the vehicle seat in front of the car seat by threading the strap in between the vehicle seat back and seat cushion.



## Alt. d

Install the strap around the seat rail below the car seat by threading the strap between the seat rail and vehicle floor or through appropriate hole of the seat rail.



#### Alt. **e**

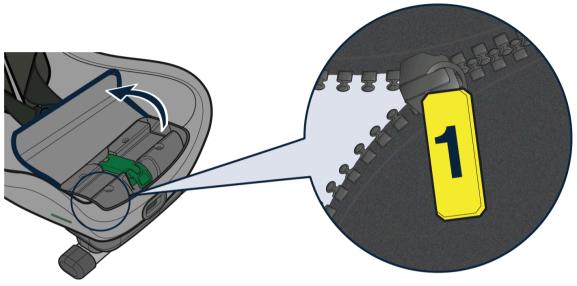
When installing the Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX in a front passenger seat and none of above alternatives is available, it is possible to attach the lower tether anchorage straps to a suitable anchorage point in the back of the vehicle and route the straps underneath the vehicle seat to the front of the vehicle. Make sure that the anchorage straps comes out from the front of the seat and not out from the sides.



# **Installing Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat**

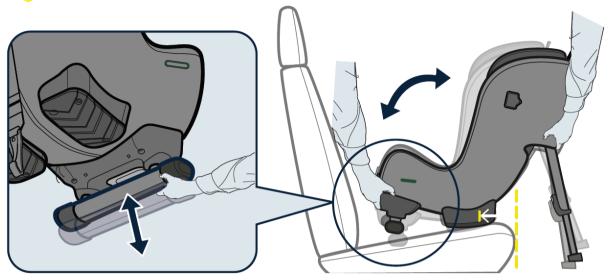
Before installing Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX, make sure you have lower tether anchorages in your vehicle. See section about lower tether anchorages in this manual for more information and installation instructions.





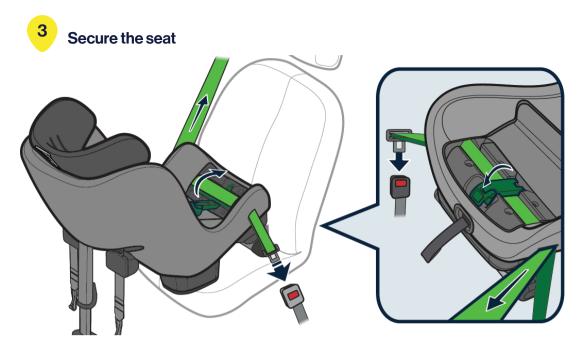
Unzip the zipper and open the belt clamp lid (O).

# Place the car seat in the vehicle

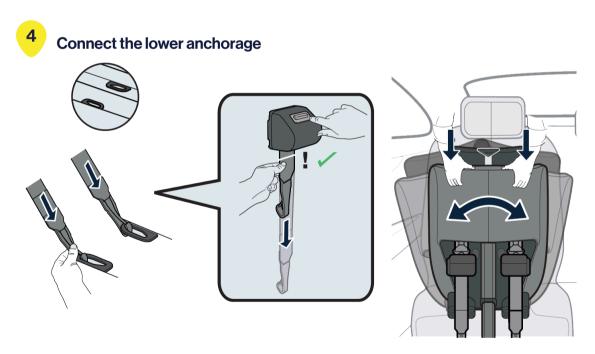


Place the Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX on the vehicle seat with the back of the car seat facing the front of the vehicle. Adjust the legroom for your child by simply moving the car seat back and forth on the vehicle seat. Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX can be installed tight against the vehicle seat back but may never be installed with the heel (J) hanging over the edge of the vehicle seat. Make sure that the vertical line (K) on the heel (J) never crosses the edge of the vehicle seat.

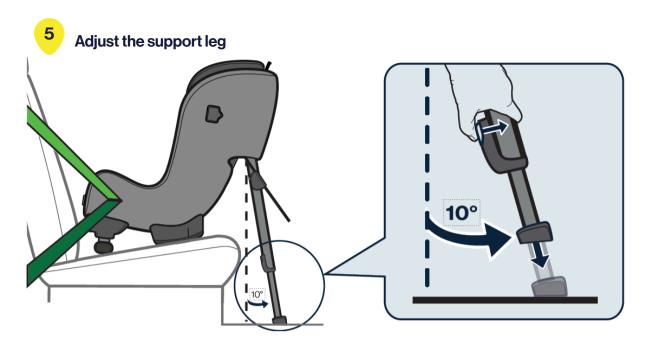
Adjust the angle of the car seat by pressing the recline adjustment lever (G) and select a suitable recline position. For maximum safety, choose a position as upright as possible while also ensuring that your child's head does not fall forward when sleeping. For both comfort and safety reasons, the recline angle should be adjusted to a more upright position as your child grows. Note that when tensioning the lower tethers (M), the car seat will be slightly more reclined as it sinks into the vehicle seat cushion. When installing Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX in a front passenger seat it is possible, but not necessary, for the back of the car seat to have contact with the dashboard.



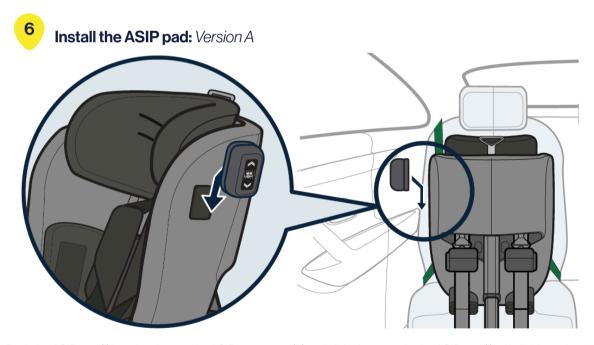
Open the belt clamp (N). Pull out an arm length of the vehicle seat belt and thread it through the seat belt slot (D) closest to you. Route the belt through the belt clamp (N) and thread it through the seat belt slot (D) on the opposite side. Connect the vehicle seat belt with the seat belt buckle and pull hard on the shoulder part of the vehicle seat belt to remove all slack and to fasten the car seat, the harder you pull the firmer the installation. To give an even more firm and stable installation, press down on the car seat while pulling the shoulder belt. When the car seat is firmly fastened, close the belt clamp (N) and lock the vehicle seat belt in position. Make sure that both the shoulder and lap belt is locked together in the belt clamp (N). Close the belt clamp lid (O) and close the zipper.



Pull out the lower tethers (M) from the car seat and connect them to the lower tether anchorages in your vehicle, see section about lower tether anchorages in this manual for more information. Press down on the top of the car seat and wiggle the car seat from side to side and the Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX self-tensioning lower tethers (M) will automatically be tensioned. By tensioning the lower tethers (M) you also set the final recline angle of the car seat. Keep pushing on the car seat until it is firmly fastened, and you have achieved a suitable recline angle.



Pull out the support leg (P) from the car seat. Push the support leg button (Q) and pull the support leg (P) downwards until it is in contact with the vehicle floor. Let go of the support leg button (Q) and lift the car seat upwards to further extend the support leg (P) until you hear a click. The support leg (P) should now be locked and firmly pressed against the vehicle floor. Make sure that the support leg (P) is angled about 10° towards the front of the vehicle. Check the vehicle seat belt again to make sure that it is still firmly tensioned and that no slack has occurred in the hip belt while tensioning the lower tethers and support leg. If the vehicle belt has lost some tension, simply re-tension it by repeating step 2 of this guide without disconnecting the lower tethers.



Push the ASIP pad (I) into the slots on the ASIP connector (L) and slide downwards, the ASIP pad (I) will click into place. If there is a plastic cover on the ASIP connector (L), remove it and place it on the ASIP connector (L) on the opposite side of the seat before fitting the ASIP pad (I). Make sure the ASIP pad (I) is attached on the side of the Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat that is closest to the vehicle door.

## 6 Install the ASIP pad: Version B



Install the ASIP pad (I) on the side of the car seat closest to the vehicle door. Align the ASIP pad attachment with the ASIP connector (L) and attach it by pushing and rotating it into place.

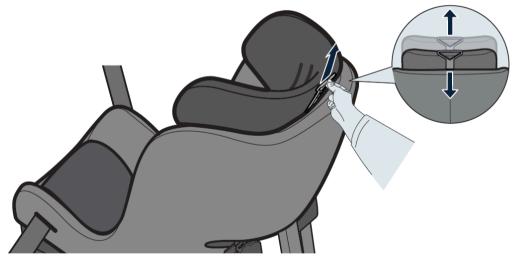
# Restraining your child

Before restraining your child in the Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX car seat, make sure you have the correct inlay installed in the seat. Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX is designed to grow with your child and to ensure a comfortable and safe fit for the children. Axkid recommends using the inlay until it is too tight for your child, but to a minimum length according to table below (note that the age is just an indication):

Age	Height	
Toddler 0-3 years	61–105 cm	
Child 3-7 years	106–125 cm	

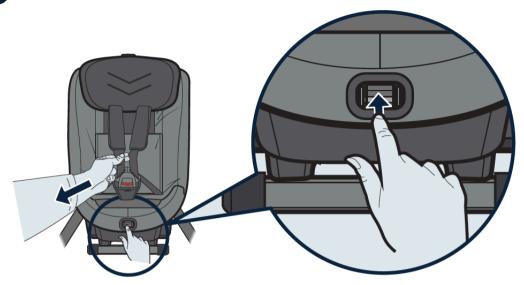
The Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX is equipped with an adjustable headrest (A). See section <u>Headrest adjustments (on page 19)</u> for more information.



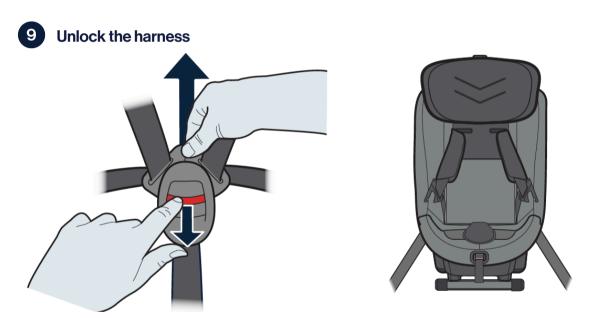


Adjust the headrest (A) to an approximate position for your child.

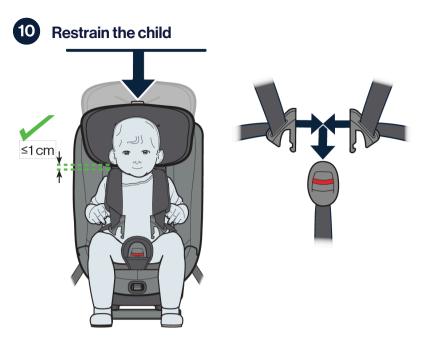
### 8 Loosen the harness



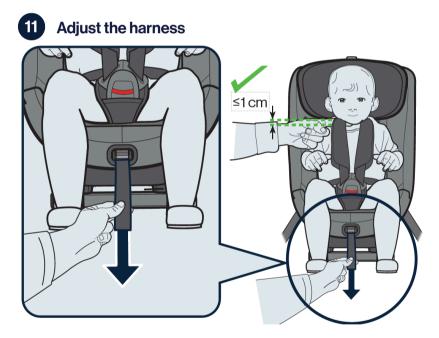
Loosen the harness by pressing the harness release button (E) and pull out both shoulder straps (R) at the same time. Avoid pulling only one strap at the time since it may cause the shoulder straps (R) to become uneven.



Unlock the harness buckle by pressing the buckle release button (C) and place the straps outside of the seat.



Place your child in the seat and place the shoulder straps (R) over your child's shoulders. Pull and hold the headrest brake lever (H) to unlock and keep the headrest unlocked. Push down/pull up the headrest (A) to a position where the shoulder straps are located maximum 1 cm above the child's shoulders. Lock the harness by first positioning the parts of the buckle that is attached to the shoulder straps (R) together, and then push them into the buckle until you hear a click.



Pull on the shoulder straps (R) to tighten the harness over your child's hips. While keeping tension in the shoulder straps (R), pull the harness tension strap (F) straight from the car seat until the harness is tightened enough, you should not be able to fit more than one finger between the shoulder straps (R) and your child's shoulders.

# **Headrest adjustment**

The Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX is equipped with an adjustable headrest (A).

Always ensure that the headrest is positioned in the correct height for your child when using your Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX. Check that the shoulder straps (B) are going through the seat straight from your child's shoulders or maximum 1 cm above. If not, adjust the headrest (A) accordingly.



**Note:** The harness tension needs to be released if the headrest cannot be pulled up to a suitable height. Press the belt harness release button (F) to loosen the harness.

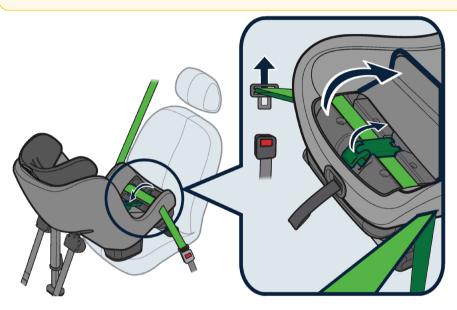
# Removing Axkid MINIKID 4 car seat from the vehicle



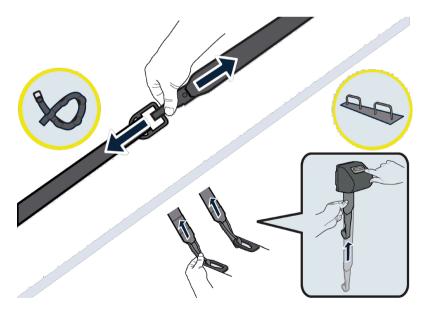
**Tip:** Lock the harness buckle and tension the harness before removing the car seat from the vehicle. You can then use the shoulder straps (R) as a carrying handle, making it easier to lift out the car seat and transporting it outside of the vehicle.



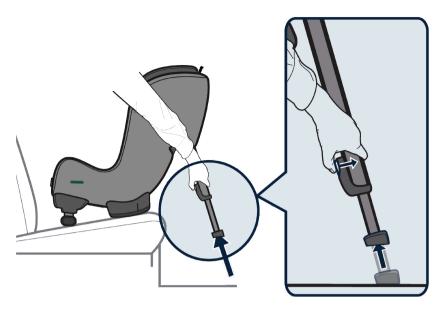
Important: Never carry the car seat by holding in the headrest (A).



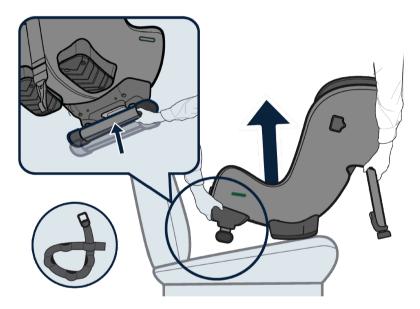
Unzip the zipper and open the belt clamp lid (O). Unlock the vehicle seat belt by pressing the red button on the seat belt buckle. Open the belt clamp (N) and pull the vehicle seat belt and guide it through the seat belt slots (D) to remove it from the car seat.



Unlock the lower tethers (M) by holding on to the connectors with your hand and pressing on the grey button with your thumb. While keeping the connector in your hand, slowly feed it back to the car seat. Be careful not to let go of the lower tether connector, as it will retract back automatically with high speed.



Push the support leg button (Q) and collapse the support leg (P) to its shortest position.



Press the recline adjustment lever (G) and push in the recline angle adjuster (T) to its shortest position. Lift the Axkid MINIKID 4 MAX out of the vehicle.

# Recycling

Axkid strongly recommends recycling of old car seats. Before leaving the car seat at the local recycling station, cut off any harness straps from the seat, remove the textile cover, remove as many Styrofoam parts as possible, separate metal and plastic parts if possible. The main part of the car seat should be marked unsafe or expired (use a marker) to deter anyone from using it again. Please follow the local municipal guidelines for recycling instructions for the different materials.

## Care and maintenance

- The seat textile cover can be machine washed at 30° C on a gentle cycle. Do not put the cover in a dryer as this can damage the cover and the padding may separate from the fabric. Visit <a href="https://www.axkid.com">www.axkid.com</a> to find videos explaining how to remove and attach the cover.
- If the textile seat cover needs replacing, ensure only original products from Axkid are used. If other products are used, the Axkid car seat's safety system may be compromised and could lead to severe injury in case of an accident.
- Any plastic parts of the Axkid car seat can be cleaned with mild detergent and water. Do not use aggressive chemicals
  containing solvents or similar, as this can cause damage to the plastic and compromise the safety of the car seat.
- Do not make any modifications or alterations to the Axkid car seat other than those described in this instruction manual.
- Any repairs must be carried out by the manufacturer or agent.
- Handle the car seat with care and clean it regularly for maximum durability.

#### Remove the textile cover

- · Remove the ASIP pad (I) if attached.
- Pull the headrest (A) to its topmost position.
- · Loosen the harness by pressing the harness release button (E) and pull out both shoulder straps (R) at the same time.
- Unzip the two zippers on the underside of the headrest (A) and carefully pull the cover off from the headrest (A).
- Lower the headrest (A) to the lowest position.
- Unlock the harness buckle by pressing the buckle release button (C) and remove the buckle cover.
- Unzip the zipper and open the belt clamp lid (O) and remove the plastic lid from the textile cover.
- Unzip the zipper underneath the car seat and open the 4 buttons on the textile cover on the backside of the car seat.
- Unzip the two zippers at the backrest on the inside of the car seat and gently remove the textile cover from the car seat. Be careful around the ASIP pad and other plastic covers to avoid damaging the textile. Don't pull too hard.
- Open the shoulder pads and gently remove them from the shoulder straps (R).

#### Reinstall the textile cover

• Reverse the steps from the instruction above to install the textile cover on the car seat again.



**Note:** The shoulder pads can be installed at different positions. Install them in a position suitable for your child, the shoulder pads should be positioned on top of the shoulder and on the chest of your child. Also make sure that the rubber side of the shoulder pad is facing your child's chest.

## Warranty



CAUTION: Handle the car seat with care. Never carry the seat by holding in the headrest!

The Axkid car seat is covered by a 24 month warranty from the date of purchase. Bring the receipt to the place of purchase in case of warranty claims.

#### The warranty does not cover

- Normal wear and tear.
- Damage due to incorrect use, neglect, or accident.
- If repairs have been carried out by a third party.
- All materials used have a very high UV resistance rating. However, UV light is very aggressive and will eventually cause the seat cover to fade, which is considered normal wear and tear.



