

Earliest Explorers™

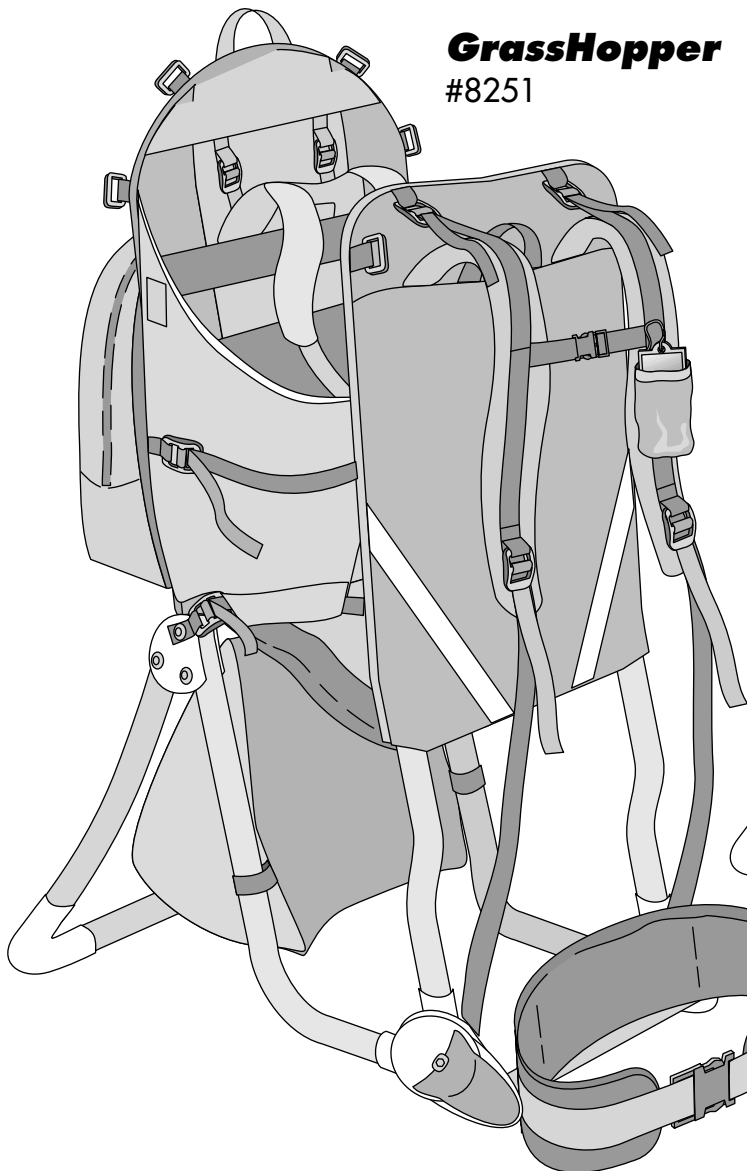
child carrier

OWNER'S MANUAL

Read and understand these directions prior to use!

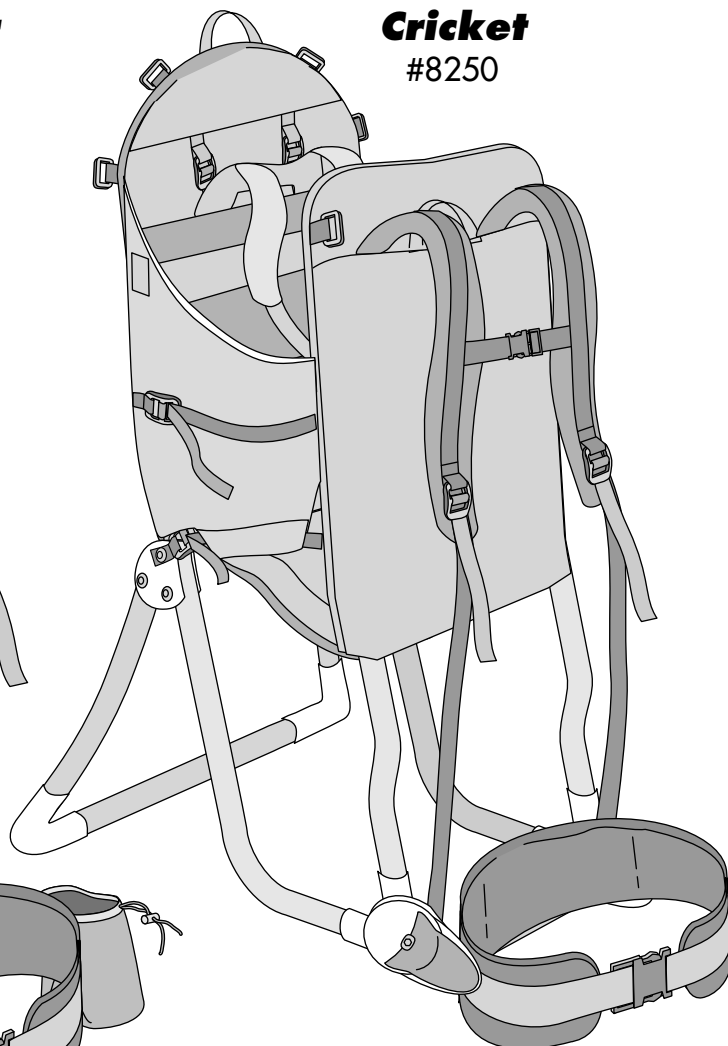
Grasshopper

#8251



Cricket

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Congratulations and Thanks

...for choosing a Yakima Earliest Explorers™ product
to safely transport your child.

This product will enable you to enjoy the quality standards and
dedication to good times that Yakima has offered outdoor
enthusiasts for over two decades. We take our commitment to
safety seriously and ask that you take the time to read this
important owner's manual.

No one is better equipped to properly care for your child than you
are. The safety guidelines found within this booklet, combined
with your own good judgement as a parent, should put you well
on your way to a safe and rewarding recreational experience.

We wouldn't want it any other way.



WARNING

This Yakima child carrier is not a seat, a highchair or a swing, and is not designed to function as an automotive safety seat. Using the carrier for purposes inconsistent with its design may result in serious injury or death to the child.

First...

BEFORE USING YOUR CHILD CARRIER:

**Read and understand this entire
manual before using this product.**



WARNING

**Failure to read and follow the instructions
contained in these pages may result in
accident and serious injury or death.**

IMPORTANT WARNING!

BEFORE USING THIS YAKIMA PRODUCT, READ THIS MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY SINCE IT CONTAINS INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO OPERATION, ASSEMBLY AND SAFETY. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE INFORMATION, IN THE OWNERS' MANUAL, COULD RESULT IN AN ACCIDENT CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER USE OF THIS YAKIMA PRODUCT. THIS WOULD INCLUDE PROPER ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS THE PROPER USE OF THE SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEM TO SECURE YOUR CHILD. PRIOR TO EACH USE, INSPECTIONS SHOULD BE PERFORMED TO CHECK FOR ANY NEEDED ADJUSTMENTS, WEAR OR DAMAGE. DISCONTINUE USE IMMEDIATELY IF THE UNIT SHOULD BECOME DAMAGED OR MALFUNCTIONS. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THIS YAKIMA PRODUCT, YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN AUTHORIZED YAKIMA DEALER FOR ASSISTANCE.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

***Safety and comfort are essential to your child's well being;
use common sense and pay close attention to your passenger's needs as well as your own.***

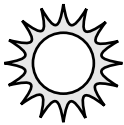
PACKING WITH A CHILD

Know your physical abilities and limitations. Make sure that you are in the proper physical condition for walking while carrying a child in a backpack. Never use the child carrier when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

LOOK FOR SOLID GROUND

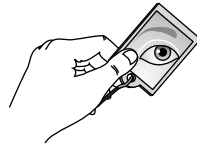
Choose your terrain carefully and avoid areas that may compromise footing or stability. When loading or unloading, keep carrier on solid level ground. (Do not load or unload with the aid of a bed, sofa, table, or bench.)

BE PREPARED FOR EVERYTHING



AVOID TOO MUCH SUN

Protect your child from overexposure to the sun's harmful rays. Use the shade canopy, proper clothing, wide brimmed hats, sunblock and common sense as it pertains to ultraviolet exposure.



MONITOR YOUR CHILD

Make sure the child is safe and comfortable. If your pack has the optional peek-a-boo mirror, use it to check your child as you walk.

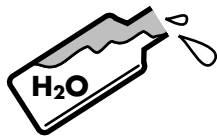


DRESS YOUR CHILD

Use the layer system and bring some extra clothing, a hat, and a blanket just in case. Never leave your child exposed to the elements.

USE CAUTION...

In cold weather, hiking and walking generally can make you feel warmer as you move around. Remember that your child is resting in the pack, and will need warmer clothing than you. Check often to make sure your child is cozy and warm.



GOT WATER?

It is important to keep yourself and your passenger properly hydrated at all times so bring plenty of water and make it easily accessible. There is a convenient water bottle caddy on some models.



WATCH FOR HAZARDS

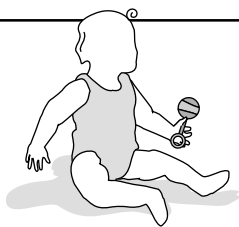
Watch out for all overhead obstacles, remembering the child's increased height in the carrier! Use caution when walking through doorways, under low hanging branches, outcroppings and any other obstacles you may encounter.



BUGS ARE EVERYWHERE

Take the proper precautions to protect against insect bites and check often for possible bites. You should know that ticks and other insects are of particular concern when venturing out of doors and frequent body checks should be performed to prevent infection.

SAFETY RESTRICTIONS



45 lbs (20 kg)

TO QUALIFY AS A PASSENGER:

MINIMUM age 6 mos. and **MAXIMUM** weight 45 lbs.

Your child must be able to sit upright (usually at 6 months of age), and be strong enough to hold up their head.

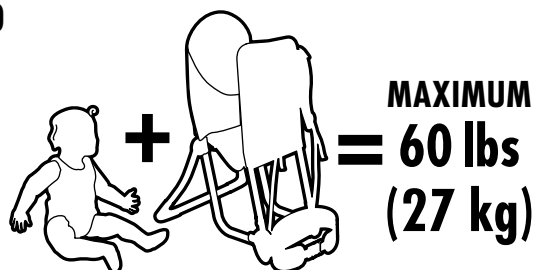
If you are unsure, check with your pediatrician about your child's ability to support their neck and sit alone while riding in a back pack child carrier.

DO NOT OVERLOAD YOUR CARRIER

Entire load is limited to 60 lbs. (27 kg)

Walking with a child in a carrier can affect your coordination and balance.

- Before departure, make sure that you are able to safely manage the loaded carrier.
- Use caution when lifting the weight of the carrier (with child) onto your back.



WARNING

Exceeding this limit is unsafe and may result in accident or serious injury to you or your child.

CARRYING A PACK WITH A CHILD

This carrier was specifically designed to safely carry a child on an adult's back while walking and hiking.

- Do not allow an adolescent or child to use this carrier.
- Do not engage in other recreational sports or activities while carrying a pack with a child.



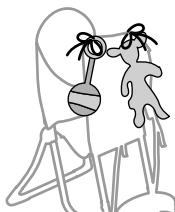
WARNING

Running or jumping with a child in a pack may result in accident and cause serious injury or death to the child.



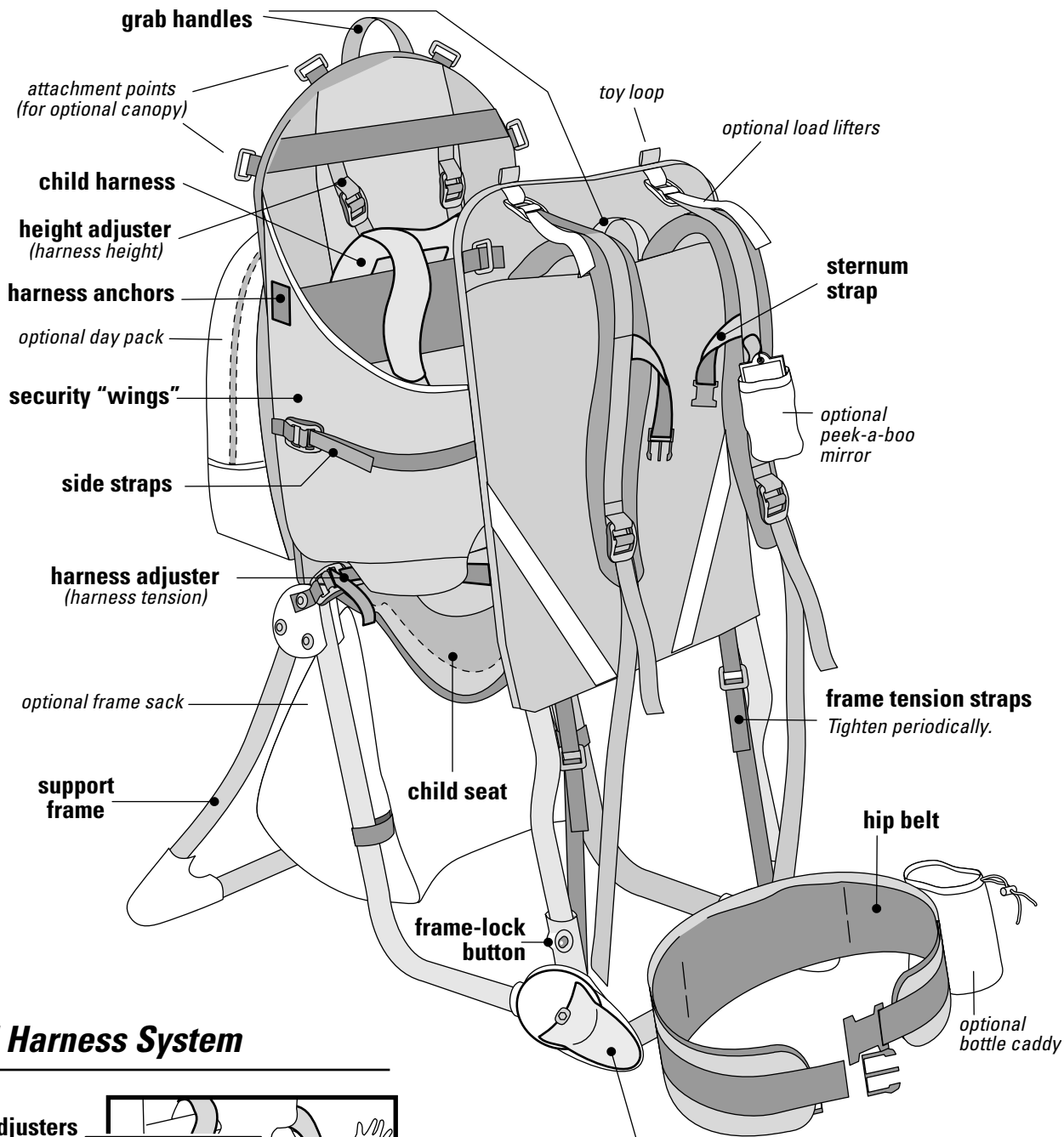
WARNING:

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Do not leave child unbuckled, even for a moment.**



USE CAUTION WHEN ATTACHING TOYS TO CARRIER

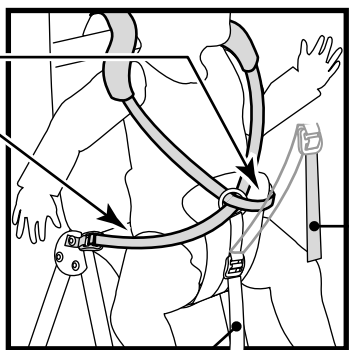
**Do not use long cords that could cause strangulation.
Do not attach small toys that could pose a choking hazard.**



Child Harness System

harness adjusters

Opposing sides adjusts shoulder harness.



secondary seat adjustment strap

Adjusts seat height.

primary seat adjustment strap

Expands and compresses cockpit for optimal fit.

On-the-fly™ height adjuster

Easily adjusts pack height while carrying child (optimal fit for users of varying height)

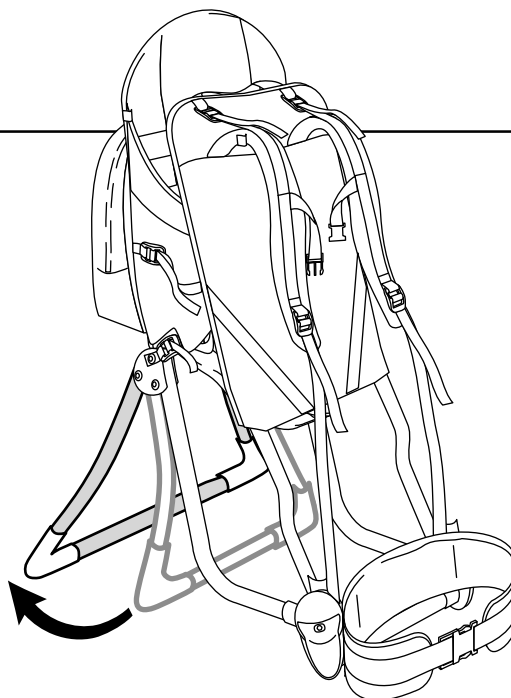
Some features are optional but are included in this figure.

1 READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PREVIOUS PAGES.

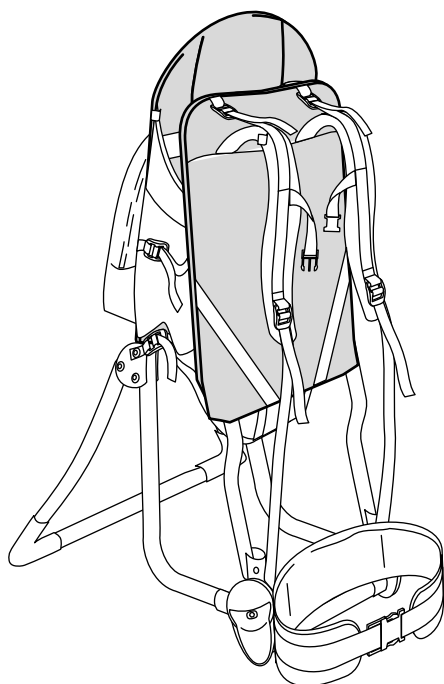
PREPARE YOUR PACK:

2 EXTEND THE SUPPORT FRAME.

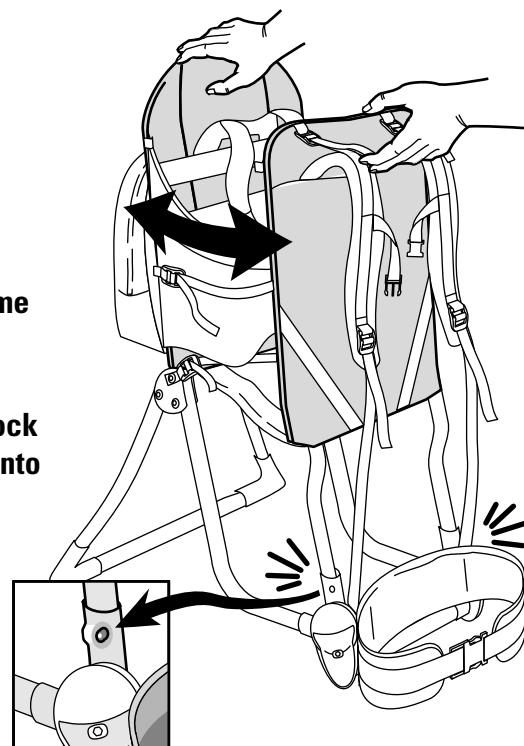
- Set the pack in an upright position on solid flat ground.
- Pull the support frame out as far as it will go.



3 OPEN THE PACK.



- Open the pack frame until you hear an audible click.
- The silver frame-lock buttons must pop into their holes.



WARNING

Do not load or unload the pack with the aid of a table, sofa, bed or chair. The pack may fall and cause serious injury or death to the child.

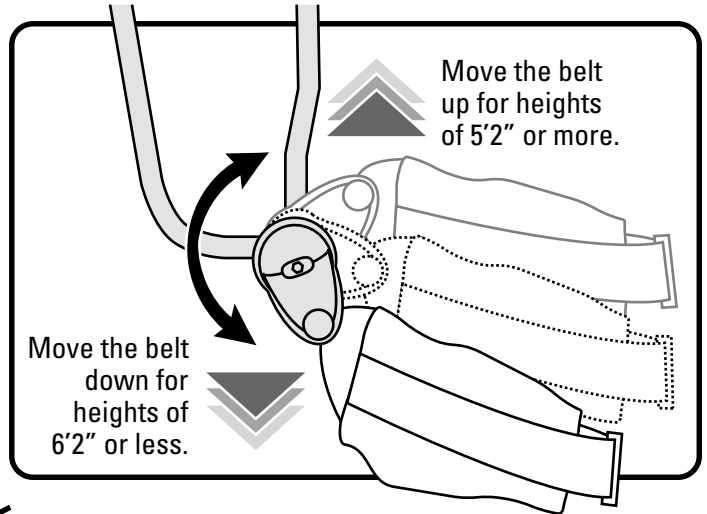
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BEFORE YOU WEAR THE PACK...

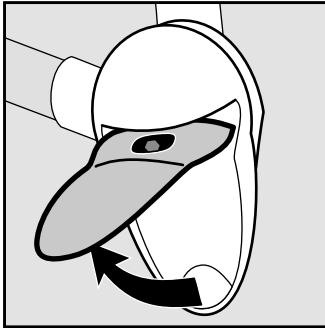
Adjust the belt position to fit your height.

On-the-fly™ Height Adjusters

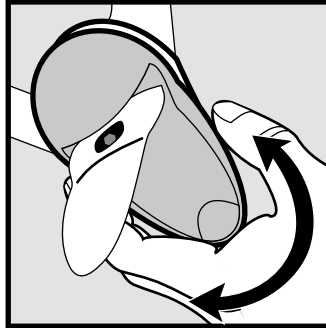
Easily adjust the height of the pack while carrying your child. One adult can transfer the child (in the pack) onto another person, and easily adjust the pack to their height.



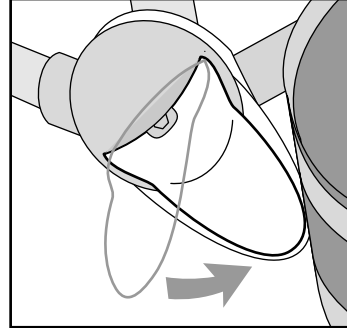
1. OPEN covers.



2. ROTATE adjusters.



3. CLOSE covers.



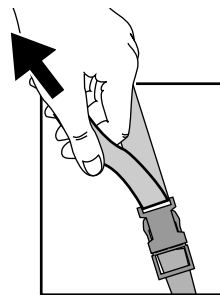
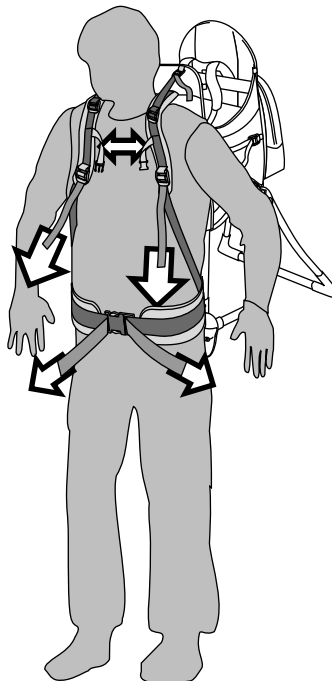
DO NOT USE THE COVERS AS HANDLES TO ROTATE THE ADJUSTERS.

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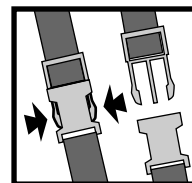
PUT THE PACK ON WITHOUT THE CHILD.

Center the pack on your back.

- Buckle hip belt.
- Buckle the sternum strap.
- Fine tune "On-the-fly" hub.



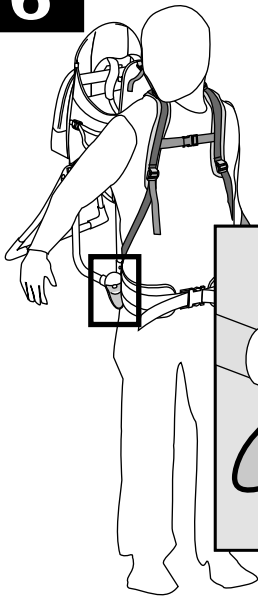
- Tighten all straps by pulling strap ends away from buckle.



- To release the buckle, press the sides together.

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FINE-TUNE THE BELT POSITION.



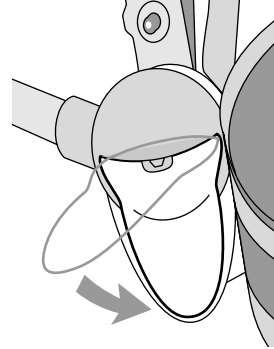
1. **OPEN** both adjuster covers.



2. **ROTATE** adjusters **TOGETHER**.



3. **CLOSE** covers to lock position.



The back of your head should clear the pack frame.

NEVER USE THE COVERS AS HANDLES TO ROTATE THE ADJUSTERS.

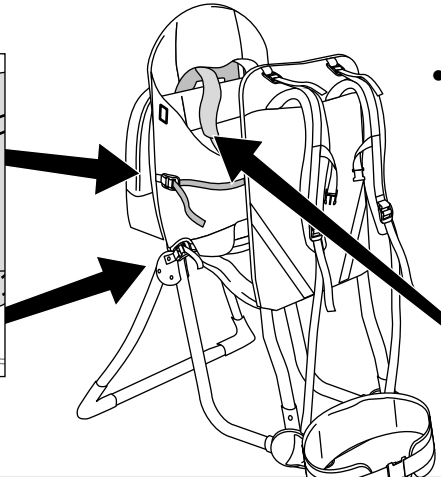
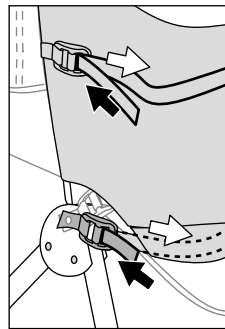
GET READY TO CARRY YOUR CHILD

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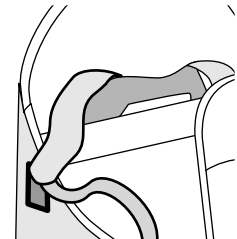
SET THE PACK ON FLAT, LEVEL GROUND.

• Loosen both side straps completely (on the security wings).

• Loosen harness completely (at the seat, both sides).



• Anchor both shoulder harnesses to the harness anchors.

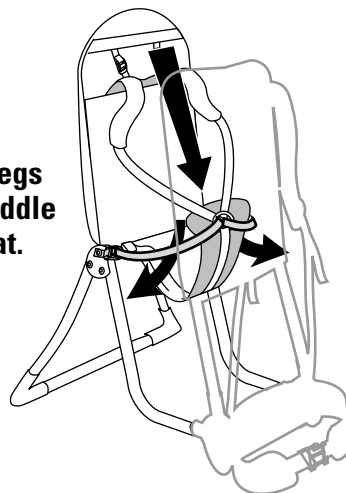


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GENTLY LIFT YOUR CHILD INTO THE PACK.



Child's legs must straddle the seat.



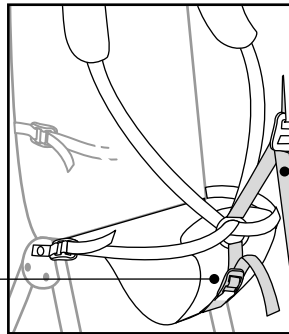
WARNING

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9**ADJUST THE SEAT HEIGHT UNTIL THE CHILD CAN SEE ABOVE THE PACK.**

You may need to take the child out to adjust the seat or straps.

PRIMARY ADJUSTER
Adjust seat height by sliding buckle or pulling strap (located under seat).

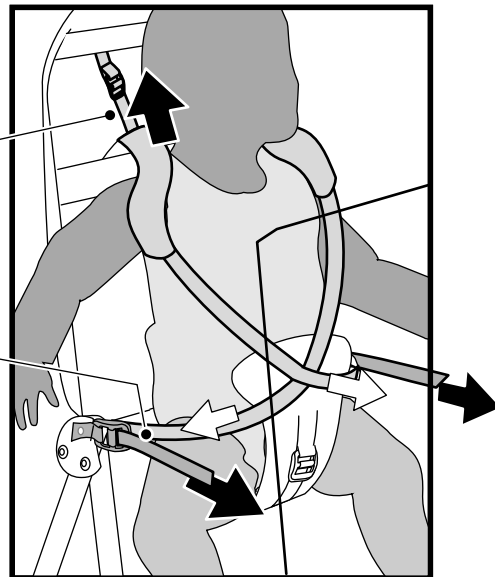
**SECONDARY ADJUSTER**

With child out of the pack, access this buckle by turning the pack over. Buckle is attached to the inside of pack front. Slide strap to compress or expand cockpit space.

10**ADJUST CHILD HARNESS TO CONFORM TO THE CHILD.**

Adjust for height.

Adjust for tension equally on both sides.

**11****SECURE THE SIDES OF THE PACK.**

- Pull the side straps to tighten wings.
- **PERFORM A FINAL INSPECTION:** Child should be unable to stand out of the seat, and straps should be snug against the body.



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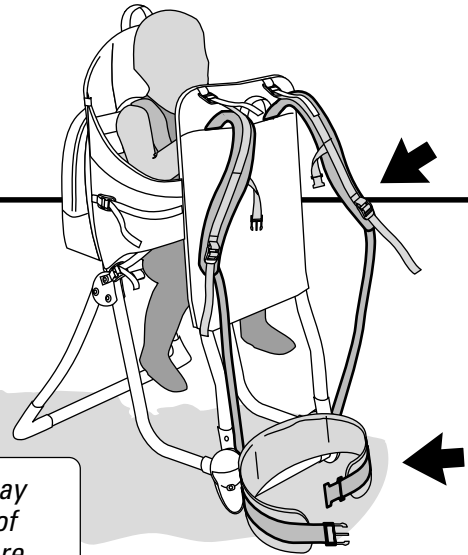
HOW TO CARRY A CHILD IN THE PACK:

- ✓ The pack should be adjusted to your body.
- ✓ The child should be secured into the seat.
- ✓ Always lift the pack by the grab handles only.

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GET READY:

Loosen the shoulder straps, and open the belt on the pack.



NOTE: If this is a new experience for you or your child, you may want to make your first time less challenging. Enlist the help of another person in lifting and positioning your pack until you are comfortable doing it by yourself.

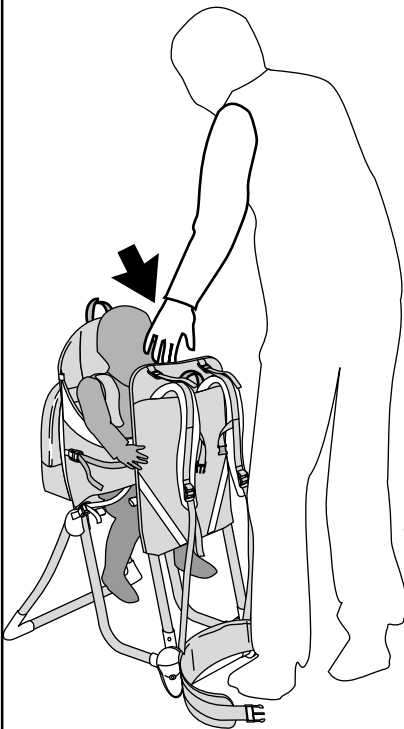
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ALWAYS LIFT THE PACK BY THE HANDLES AND SHOULDER STRAPS.

- Support the pack as you slide it along your legs.
- Move into the pack—DO NOT SWING THE PACK ONTO YOUR BACK!

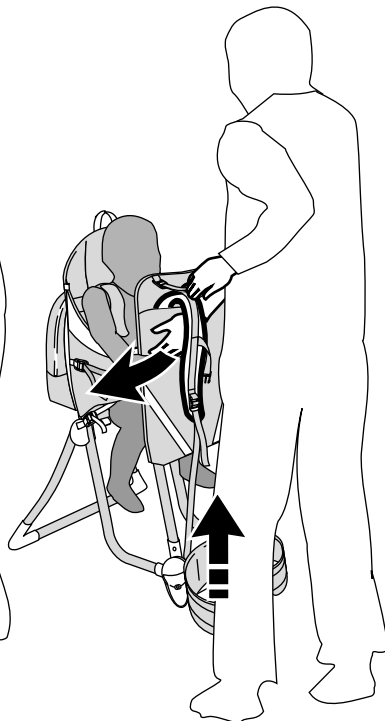
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Lift pack with overhand reach.



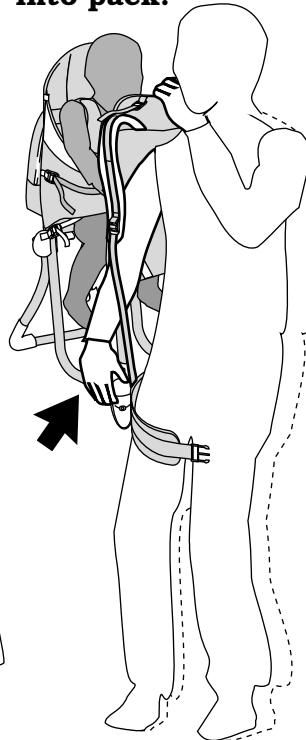
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Move second hand into strap while sliding pack up.



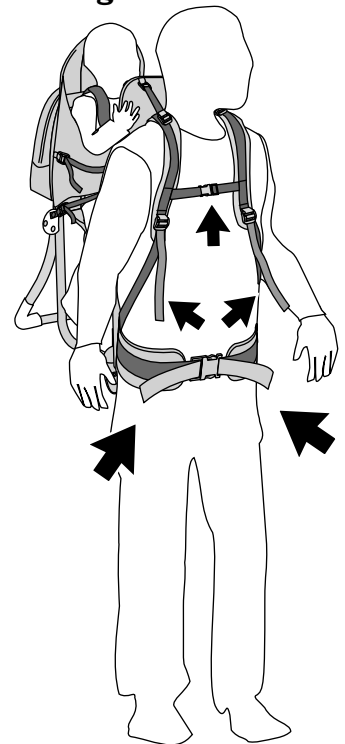
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Support bottom of frame while moving into pack.



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Slip other arm into strap. Buckle and tighten.



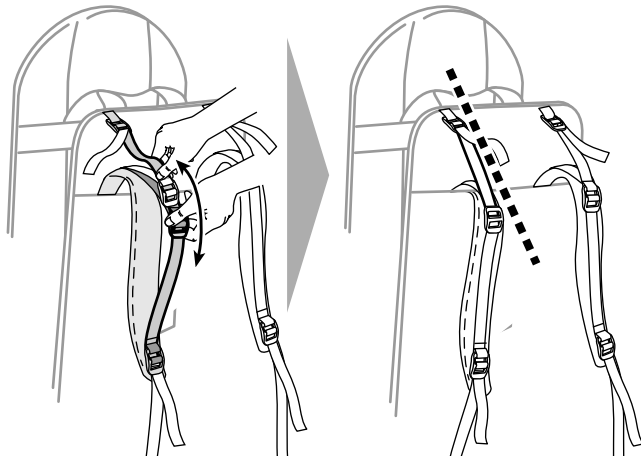
WARNING:

To avoid injury to child and adult, you must be able to smoothly install and remove the carrier with a child in the seat.

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GRASSHOPPER MODELS ONLY:

GrassHopper includes Load Lifter straps.

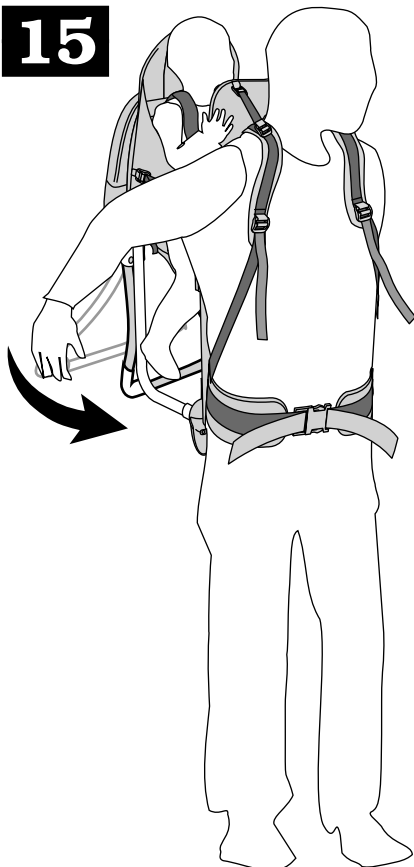


WITH THE CHILD IN THE PACK:

- Slide the load lifter buckles to raise or lower the load.
- Load lifter buckles should end up around the top of your shoulders.
- The pack should not touch the back of your head.
- Look into a mirror if you need to see better.

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Before Traveling with the pack:



- ✓ Check your pack's fit and make any adjustments.
- ✓ Make sure the child is secured snugly in the seat and all straps and buckles are buckled and tight.
- ✓ Ensure that the child is comfortable.
- ✓ Close the pack stand before walking.

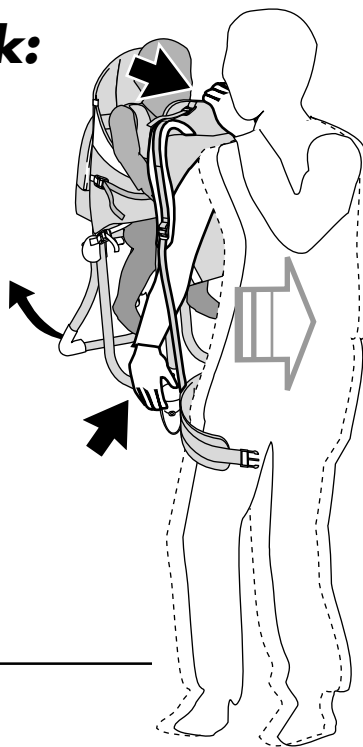


Choose your path carefully, scoping out the terrain to avoid areas that may compromise footing or stability.

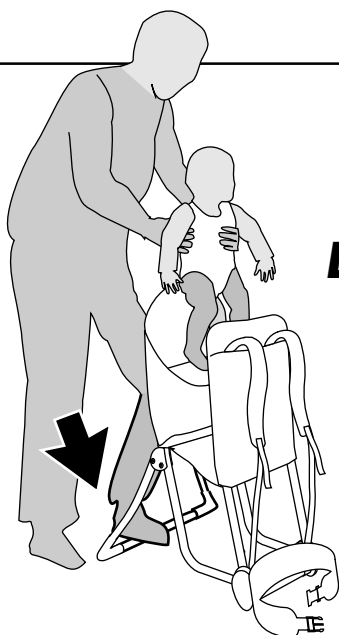
16 Unloading the pack:

- ✓ Find solid flat ground.
- ✓ Open pack stand.
- ✓ Open On-the-fly™ hub COVERS.
- ✓ Grab the pack handle and move out of the shoulder strap while supporting the pack.
- ✓ Lower the pack to the ground.

DO NOT SWING THE CARRIER OFF YOUR BACK.



Do not load or unload with the aid of a bed, sofa, table, or bench.

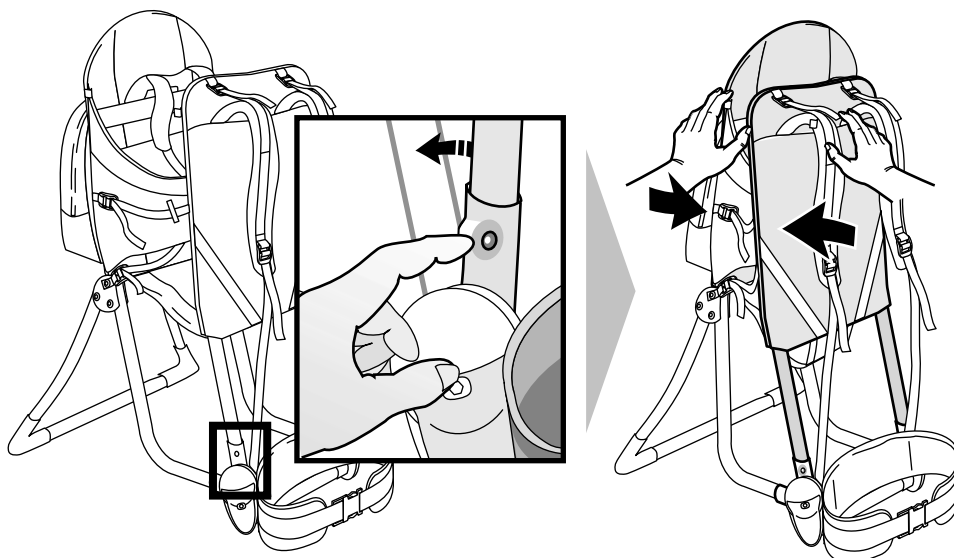


Lifting your child out of the pack:

- ✓ Loosen the harness straps completely.
- ✓ Place your foot on the pack stand, and lift the child.

17 Folding your pack for storage:

- ✓ Press both silver frame lock buttons (one on each side).
- ✓ Push frame together.





MAINTENANCE: **Perform these periodic inspections.**

- Store carrier indoors, out of direct sunlight.
 - Plastic and metal should be cleaned with a moist cloth and wiped dry.
 - Fabric should be cleaned with cool water and mild detergent. Dry completely.
 - Do not use bleach or solvents to clean this product. Do not machine wash.
- ✓ *Check your child carrier regularly for any worn parts, loose screws or torn materials, replacing as needed.*
 - ✓ *Never attempt to repair the unit yourself; consult an authorized Yakima dealer.*



WARNING:

*Do not use child carrier if any of the straps, buckles, seams, frame or hinges are broken or worn.
Never use the child carrier if the frame is damaged or deformed.*

If You Lend this Product — Send this Book Along Too!

If you ever rent, loan, sell or swap your Yakima product, you must supply the designated user with this entire manual. Without exception, the



important information contained in this manual must be read and understood by anyone planning to use a Yakima product.

IF YOU NEED FURTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Please contact your dealer or call us at (888) 925-4621 or (707) 826-8000, Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm Pacific time.

HARDWARE CAN LOOSEN OVER TIME. CHECK AND TIGHTEN IF NECESSARY, BEFORE EACH USE.

LIMITED WARRANTY

Yakima Products (“Yakima”) will repair or replace merchandise which proves defective in materials and/or workmanship. The limited warranty is effective for three years from the date of purchase. The limited warranty is applicable only if the Fit List (if applicable) and instructions are followed and the products are used properly. If a customer believes that a Yakima product is defective, the customer must return it to an authorized Yakima dealer with proof of purchase. Yakima will then issue authorization to the dealer for the return of these products. If an article is found to be defective upon inspection by Yakima, Yakima will repair or replace the defective article at its discretion without charge. The customer will pay freight to Yakima, and Yakima will pay any applicable return freight. Unauthorized returns will not be accepted. Normal wear and tear of Yakima products or damage resulting from misuse, accidents, or alterations are not covered by this Limited Warranty. The purchaser acknowledges that Yakima has no control over the attachment of its products to vehicles or the attachment of items to the Yakima products. Accordingly, Yakima cannot assume responsibility for any damage to any property arising out of the improper use of its products. In addition, this Limited Warranty applies only to Yakima products and not to other products used in conjunction with Yakima products. This Limited Warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied, and does not cover consequential damages of any kind that may arise from the use or misuse of any Yakima product.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!