IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION

THE ERGO BABY CARRIER, INC. Plaintiff, vs. BABYBJÖRN AB, Defendant.	Case No. 6:24-cv-0083

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff The Ergo Baby Carrier, Inc. hereby sets forth its Complaint for patent infringement against Defendant BabyBjörn AB, as follows.

THE PARTIES

1. The Ergo Baby Carrier, Inc. ("Ergobaby") is a Hawaiian corporation with a principal place of business at 2041 East Street, Suite 831, Concord, California 94520.

2. BabyBjörn AB ("BabyBjorn") is a Swedish company with its principal place of business in Sweden.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281–285, and 289, and Ergobaby seeks monetary damages and injunctive relief herein. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. BabyBjorn is subject to this Court's personal jurisdiction under the principles of due process and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(k)(2) because Ergobaby's claims arise under federal law, service was made or will be made on BabyBjorn, and, on information and belief, BabyBjorn is not subject to jurisdiction in any state's courts of general jurisdiction. Exercising

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jurisdiction over BabyBjorn is also consistent with the United States Constitution and laws. BabyBjorn has availed itself of the laws and commercial markets of the United States by importing goods, including the accused products, into the United States and marketing, offering to sell, and selling goods, including the accused products described herein, in the United States. BabyBjorn is also currently availing itself of the laws and forums of the United States by asserting patent infringement claims against Ergobaby in Case No. 2:23-cv-00446 in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. As part of its Complaint in that action, BabyBjorn asserts and alleges that it is an owner of United States patent rights and that "Ergo Baby is a direct competitor of BabyBjörn in the United States . . . ." (**Exhibit 6** , ¶ 15.) BabyBjorn also asserts in that same Complaint that it has "marked" products with certain U.S. patent numbers "both physically and via its website" pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 287(a), which applies to "[p]atentees, and persons making, offering for sale, or selling within the United States any patented article for or under them, or importing any patented article into the United States." (*Id.*, ¶¶ 14, 20.)

5. Alternatively, BabyBjorn purposefully directs its infringing activities at issue to this District and the state of Texas by bringing accused products into and/or marketing, offering for sale, and selling such accused products in this District and the state of Texas. BabyBjorn therefore committed the wrongful acts identified in this Complaint in this District and in the state of Texas, and regularly conducts and solicits business, engages in other persistent courses of conduct, and derives substantial revenue from the sale of products to persons and entities in this District and in the state of Texas. Exercising jurisdiction over BabyBjorn is otherwise reasonable comports with fair-play and justice.

6. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c)(3) because BabyBjorn is not resident in the United States.

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FACTUAL BACKGROUND

7. Ergobaby is a leading maker of innovative, ergonomic baby products that enable and encourage bonding. Approximately two decades ago, Ergobaby's founder was dissatisfied with existing baby carrier products and set out to create something that was beneficial for her baby as well as comfortable and easy for parents to use. The result was the first Ergobaby Baby Carrier, a soft structured carrier that revolutionized baby carrying and became the gold standard of babywearing.

8. Ergobaby has continued to be an innovator and pioneer in the baby carrying space ever since. With carrier styles to suit every family, Ergobaby has become the most recommended baby carrier manufacturer, carrying millions of babies all over the world. These carriers are now available to support families through two babywearing journeys: All-in-One (with products including the Omni Breeze, Omni Dream, or Aerloom) and Ages & Stages (with products including the Embrace, Aura Wrap, 360, and Hip Seat).

9. By way of example, Ergobaby's Omni Breeze (shown below left) and Omni Dream (shown below right) are everyday carriers providing users with easy adjustability and multiple ergonomic carry modes for babies of all ages.

Omni Breeze	Omni Dream

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10. As evidence of its innovation in the space, Ergobaby is the holder of numerous patents in the United States and beyond relating to its baby carriers. This includes U.S. Patent No. 11,786,055.

11. U.S. Patent No. 11,786,055 (the "'055 Patent"), attached as **Exhibit 1**, is directed to an "Adjustable Child Carrier," and represents novel advancements in child carriers. Ergobaby is the lawful assignee of all right, title, and interest in and to the '055 Patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under the patent and the right to any and all remedies for infringement of it. The '055 Patent was legally issued on October 17, 2023, and is valid.

12. Independent Claim 1 of the '055 Patent is representative of the invention:

> An adjustable child carrier for supporting a child by a user, the adjustable child carrier comprising:
> a body configured to support the child, wherein the body forms a bucket seat configured to support legs of the child;
> a neck support comprising a first neck support attachment and a second neck support attachment;
> a first shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a first shoulder of the user;
> a second shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a second shoulder of the user;
> a first attachment disposed on the first shoulder strap and configured to receive the first neck support attachment;
> a second attachment disposed on the second shoulder strap and configured to receive the second neck support attachment,
> wherein the neck support is configured in an upward neck supporting position when the first neck support attachment is coupled to the first attachment and the second neck support attachment is coupled to the second attachment;
> the body forming a first thigh support and a second thigh support;
> a first setting, a second setting, and a third setting defined by the adjustable child carrier; and
> at least one thigh support adjuster coupled to the first thigh support and the second thigh support,
> wherein the at least one thigh support adjuster is configured to be selectively positioned to one of the first setting, the second setting, or the third setting to thereby adjust a length of the body to accommodate various sizes of the child as the child ages,
> wherein the length is defined from a bottom of the bucket seat to a top of the body.

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13. Ergobaby is and has been making and selling baby carrier products that incorporate the invention claimed in the ’055 patent, including at least the Omni Breeze and Omni Dream products, which Ergobaby has marked with the ’055 patent number via its website.

14. BabyBjorn directly competes with Ergobaby in the United States in the baby carrier space.

15. Among other baby carrier products, BabyBjorn currently imports into the United States, and/or manufactures, uses, sells, and offers for sale the BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Mini in the United States (https://www.babybjorn.com/products/baby-carriers/baby-carrier-mini/), depicted below. The Owner’s Manual describing the features and functionality of the BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Mini is attached as **Exhibit 2** (excerpts of which appear in Ergobaby’s claim chart described below).

16. The BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Mini practices every limitation, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, of the claims of Ergobaby’s ‘055 Patent, including at least Claim

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1 set forth above. Attached as **Exhibit 3** is an exemplary claim chart evidencing in detail how the BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Mini practices Claim 1 of the ‘055 Patent.

17. BabyBjorn also currently imports into the United States, and/or manufactures, uses, sells, and offers for sale the BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free in the United States (https://www.babybjorn.com/products/baby-carriers/baby-carrier-free/), depicted below. The Owner’s Manual describing the features and functionality of the BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free is attached as **Exhibit 4** (excerpts of which appear in Ergobaby’s claim chart described below).

18. The BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free practices every limitation, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, of the claims of Ergobaby’s ‘055 Patent, including at least Claim 1 set forth above. Attached as **Exhibit 5** is an exemplary claim chart evidencing in detail how the BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free practices Claim 1 of the ‘055 Patent.

19. Ergobaby has not given BabyBjorn permission, license, or authorization to practice or use Ergobaby’s patented technology embodied in the ‘055 Patent.

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20. BabyBjorn currently markets, offers for sale, and sells the BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Mini and BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free in the United States in direct competition against Ergobaby's products, including but not limited to the Omni Breeze and Omni Dream products. Ergobaby has lost and will continue to lose customers, sales, and goodwill to BabyBjorn as a result of BabyBjorn's infringement of the '055 Patent.

21. BabyBjorn's infringement also irreparably harms Ergobaby by depriving Ergobaby of the use and control of its patented technology and patent rights and by piggybacking on all of the benefits related thereto that should rightfully accrue to Ergobaby. BabyBjorn's infringement through the importation, manufacture, use, sale, and offer to sell the BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Mini and BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free has injured, is injuring, and will continue to cause irreparable injury to Ergobaby if BabyBjorn is not preliminarily and permanently enjoined.

22. BabyBjorn knew or should have known that its actions constitute infringement of the '055 Patent, and yet BabyBjorn has continued in its infringement. Thus, BabyBjorn's infringement is willful and continuing, and this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Infringement of the '055 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271)

23. Ergobaby incorporates by reference all previous allegations as though set forth fully here.

24. BabyBjorn has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '055 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing in or into the United States its Baby Carrier Mini and Baby Carrier Free products.

25. BabyBjorn's infringing acts are without license or authorization from Ergobaby.

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26. As a direct and proximate result of BabyBjorn's infringement of the '055 Patent, Ergobaby has suffered and will continue to suffer injury for which it is entitled to damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 adequate to compensate it for such infringement, in an amount to be proven at trial, as well as enhanced damages. Ergobaby's damages include its lost profits, but are in no event less than a reasonable royalty.

27. As a direct and proximate result of BabyBjorn's infringement of the '055 Patent, Ergobaby has also suffered irreparable injury for which it has no adequate remedy at law. Unless BabyBjorn is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from further infringement of the '055 Patent, Ergobaby will continue to suffer irreparable injury and impairment of the value of its patent rights.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

28. In light of the foregoing, plaintiff Ergobaby respectfully prays for the following relief against BabyBjorn:

A. A judgment that BabyBjorn has infringed one or more of the claims of the '055 Patent directly (either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents);

B. A preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining BabyBjorn, its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, parent companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and all persons acting in active concert or participation therewith, from engaging in any continued infringement of the '055 Patent;

C. An award of all damages to which Ergobaby is entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 284 for all past and continuing infringement, including but not limited to all lost profits and/or reasonable royalties, and an order requiring a full accounting of the same;

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D. A trebling of damages and a finding that this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285, as well as an award of all of the attorneys' fees incurred by Ergobaby in this action;

E. An assessment of interest, both pre- and post-judgment, on the damages awarded;

F. An award of costs incurred by Ergobaby in bringing and prosecuting this action; and

G. Any other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b), Ergobaby hereby demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

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EXHIBIT 1

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(12) **United States Patent**
Telford

(10) **Patent No.: US 11,786,055 B2**
(45) **Date of Patent: *Oct. 17, 2023**

(54) **ADJUSTABLE CHILD CARRIER**

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(*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.

This patent is subject to a terminal disclaimer.

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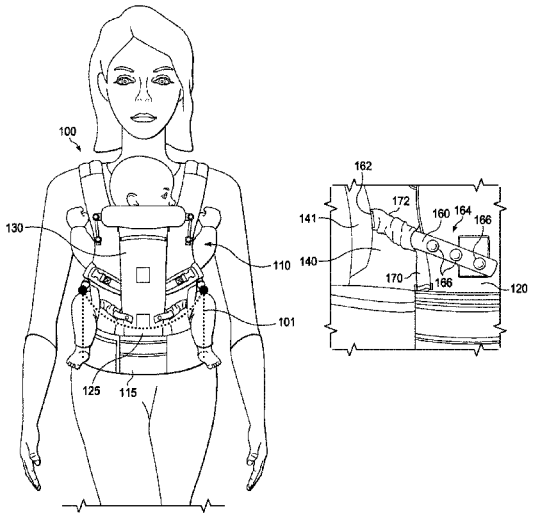
(57) **ABSTRACT**

An adjustable child carrier includes an adjustable bucket seat that can be adjusted to accommodate children of a wide range of sizes. The child carrier includes one or more adjustments that work alone or in cooperation to adjust the depth and width of the bucket seat area provided by the child carrier. The carrier is capable of supporting children of various sizes in an ergonomic position appropriate for the child's size.

30 Claims, 9 Drawing Sheets



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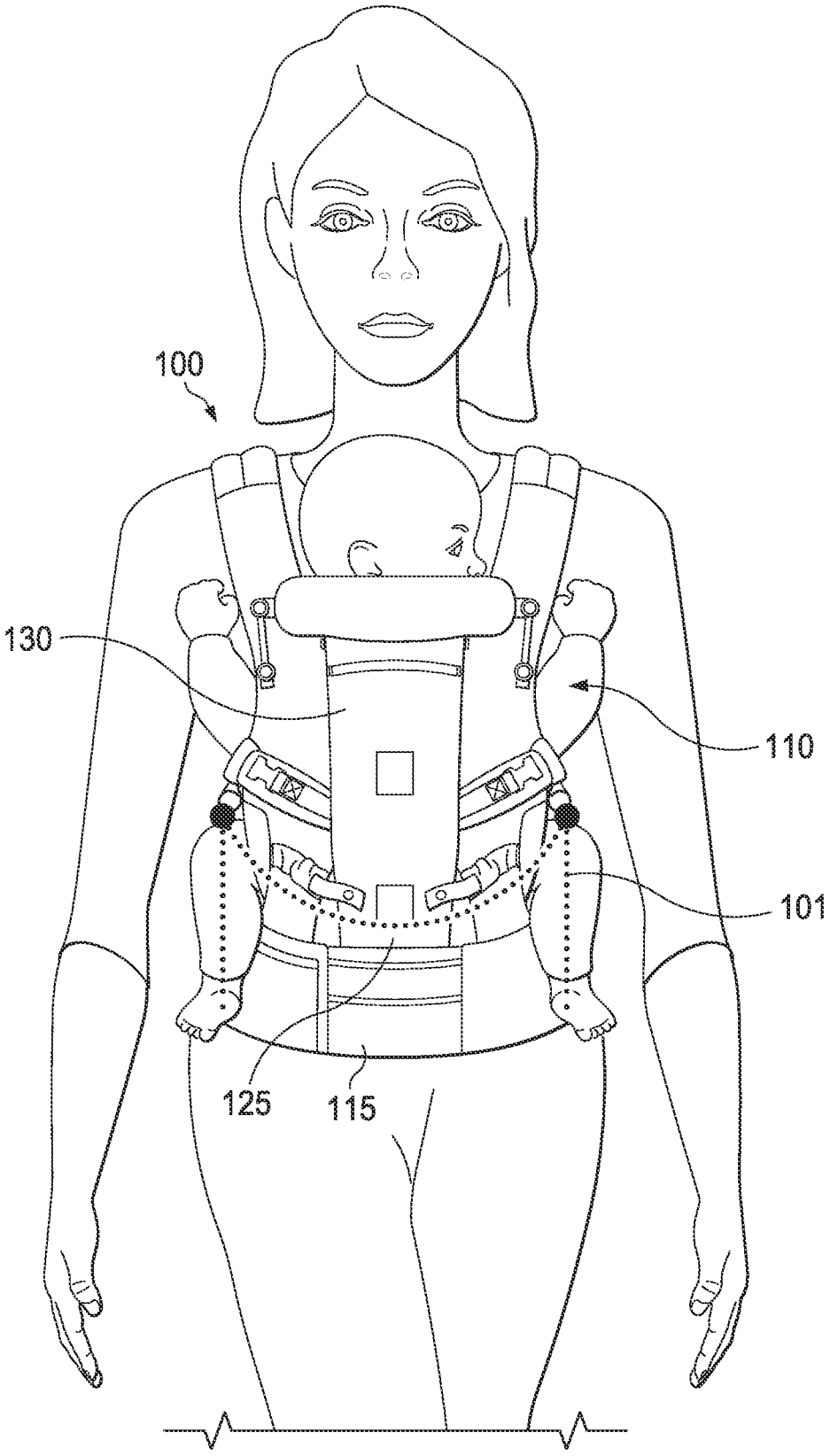

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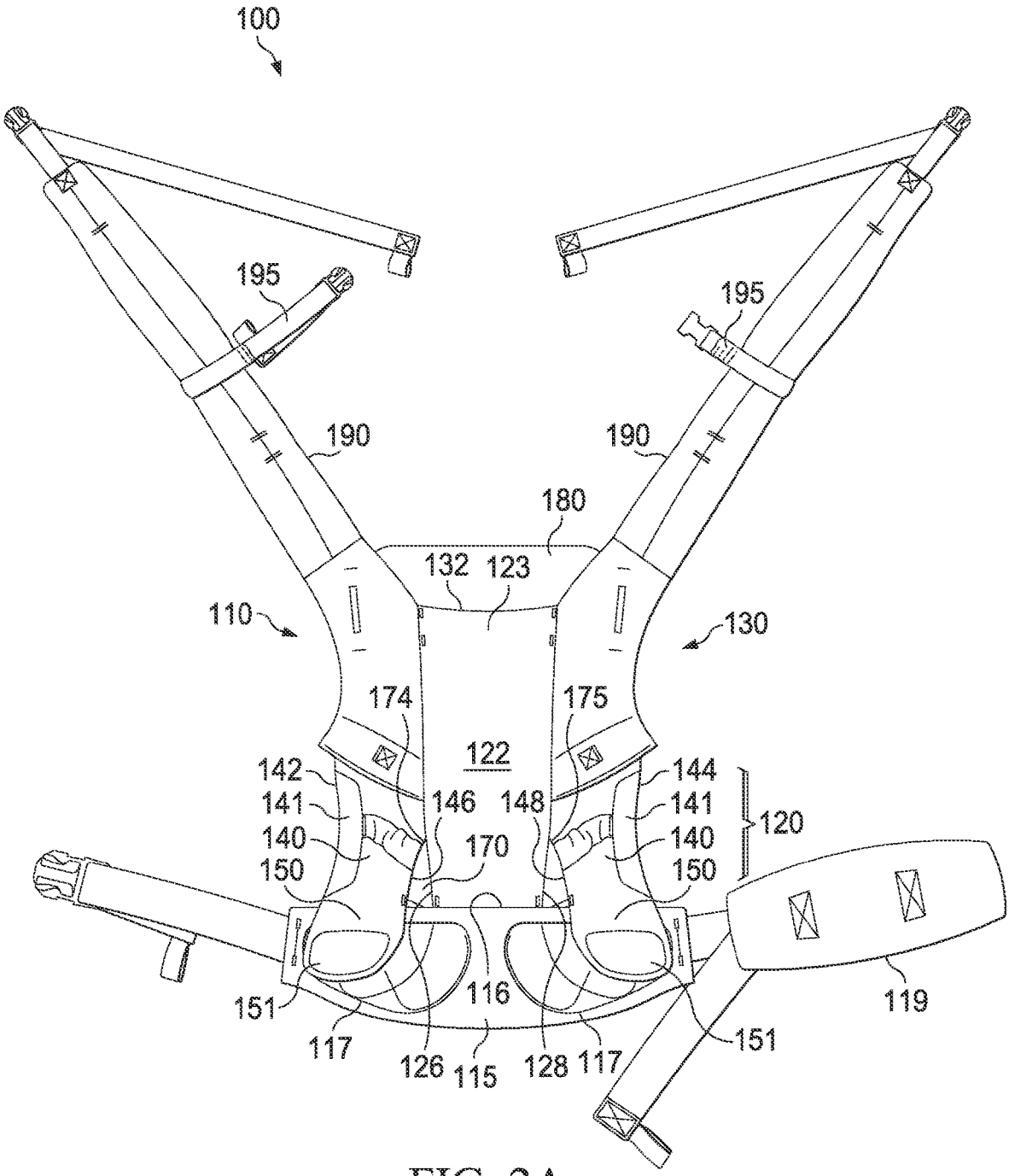
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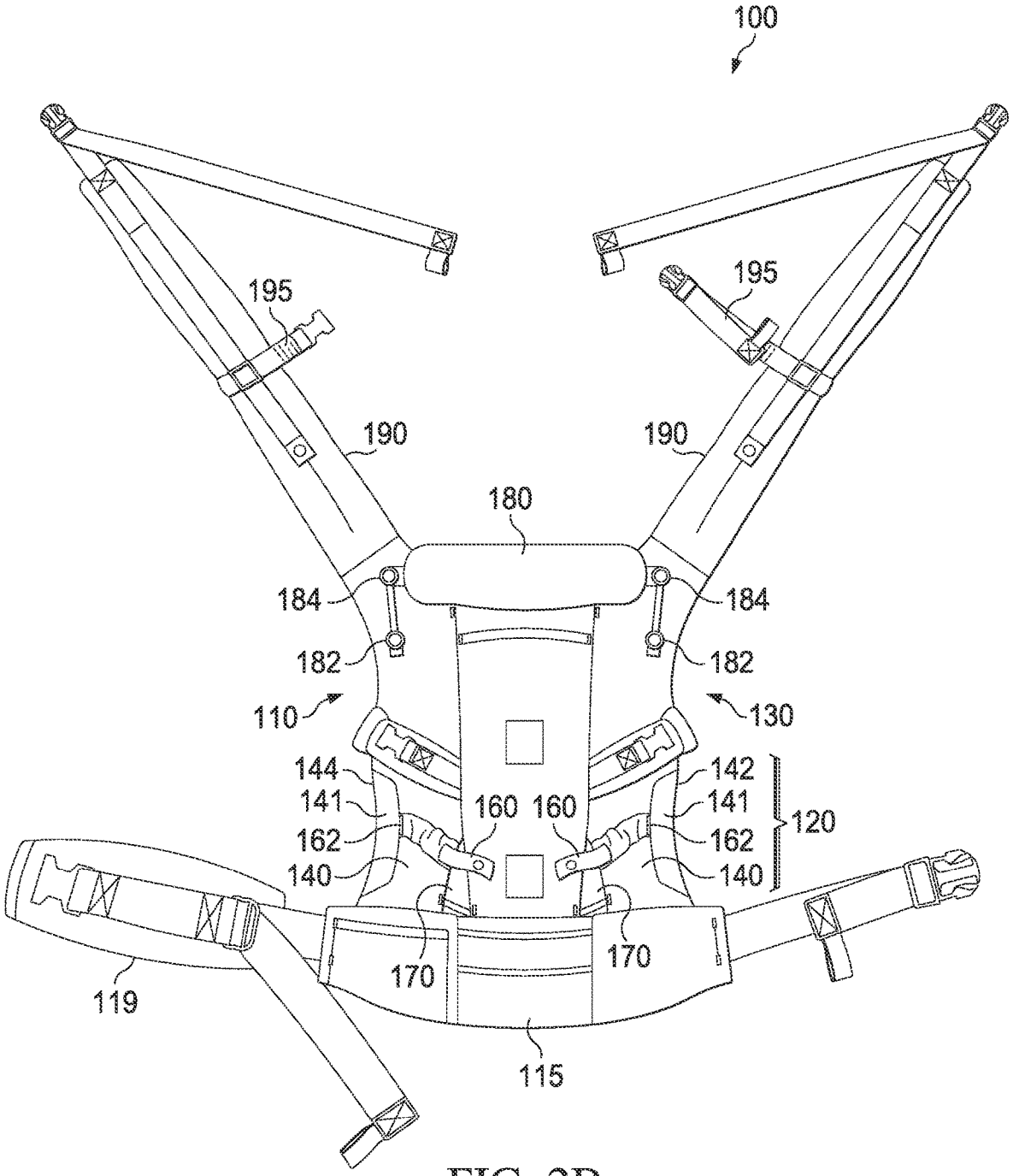
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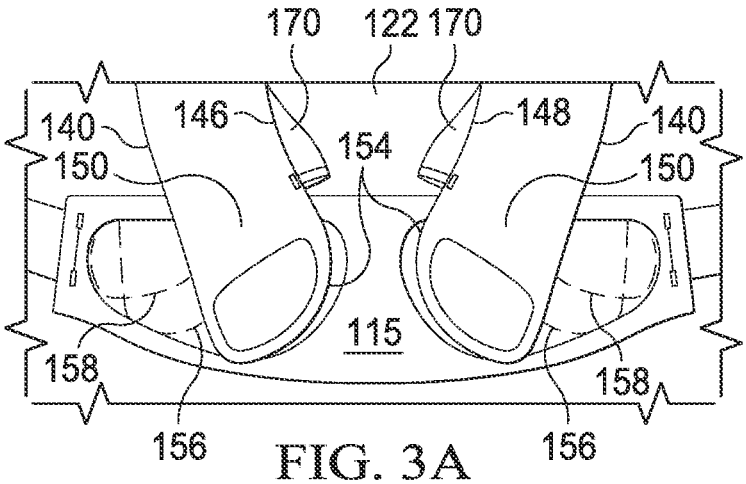

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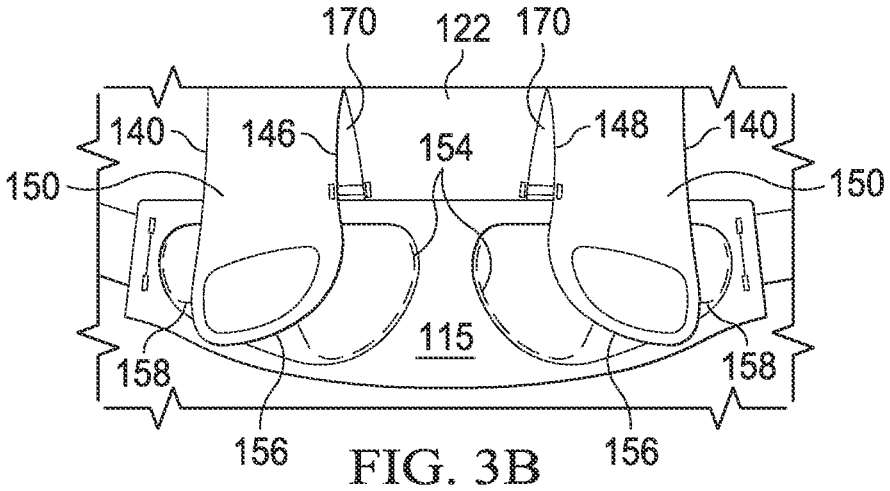

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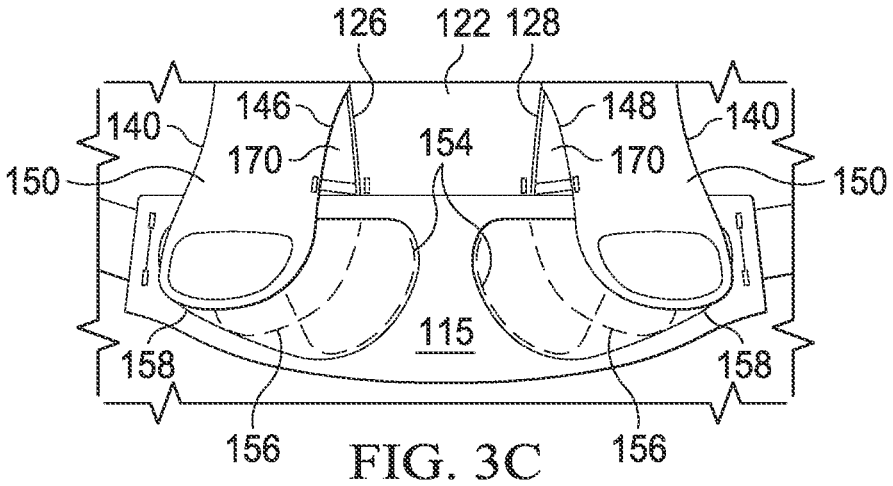

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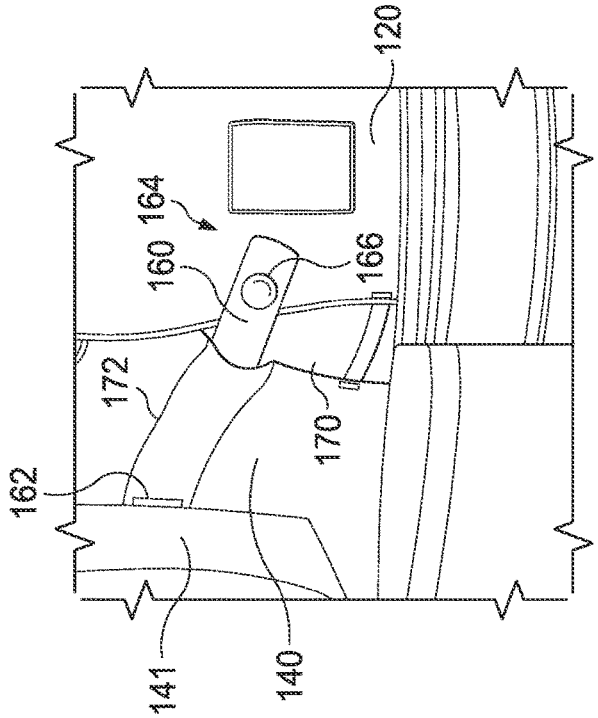

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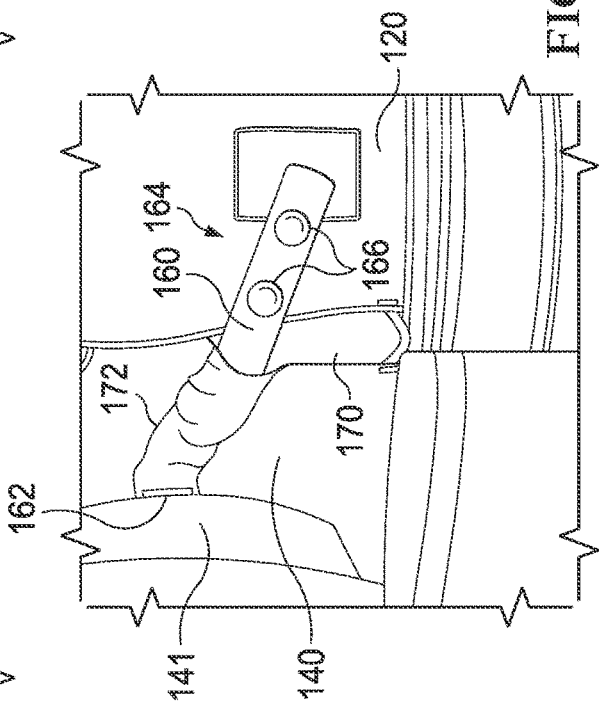

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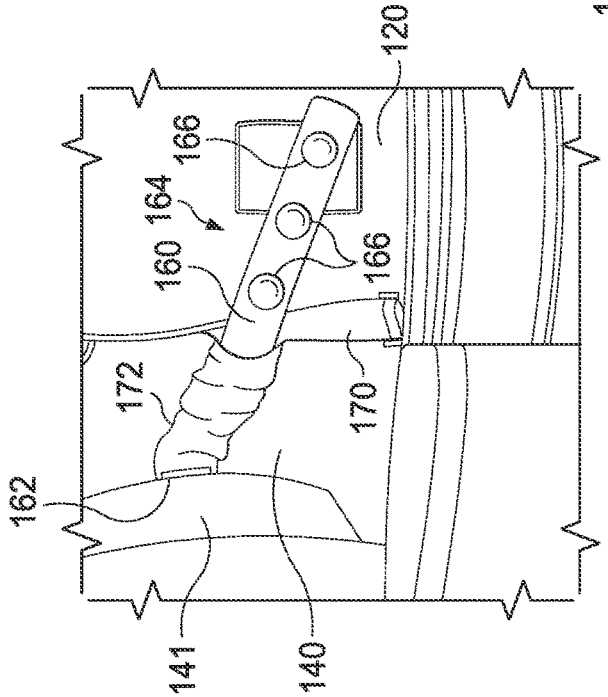

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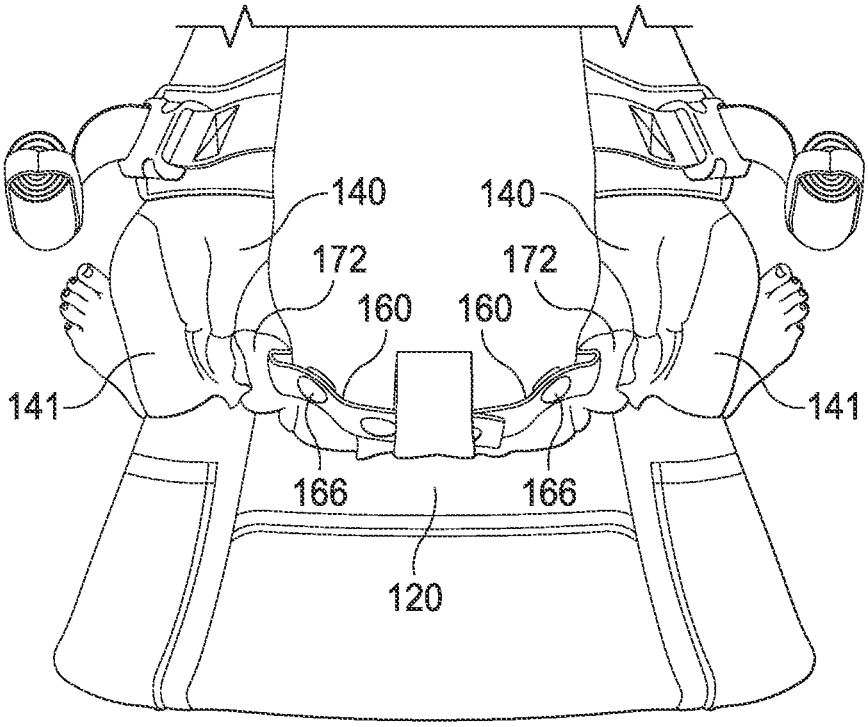
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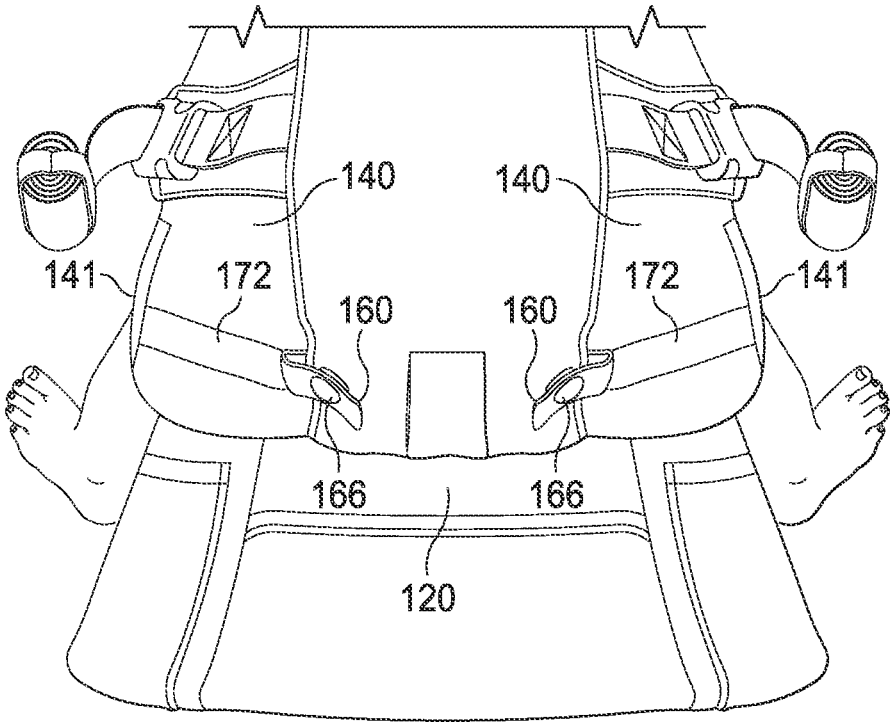
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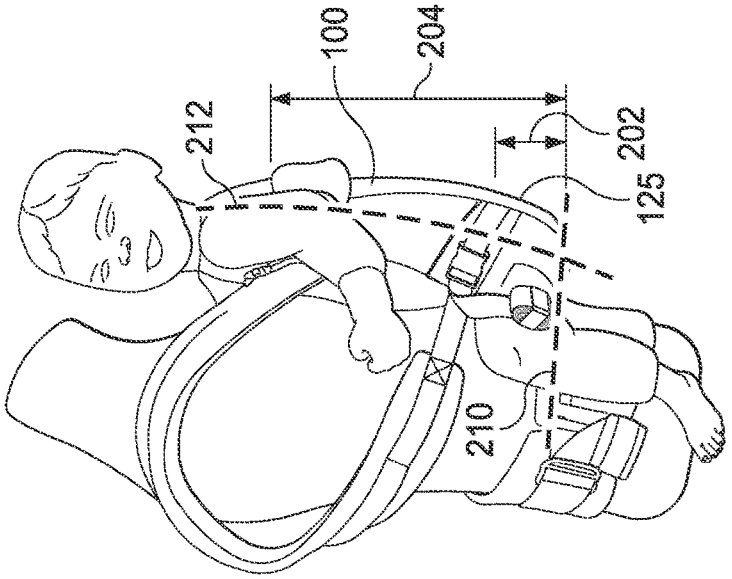

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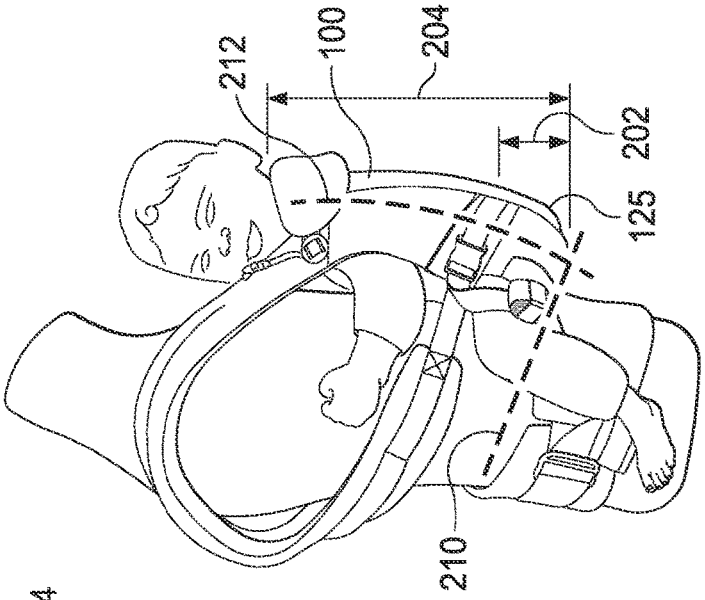

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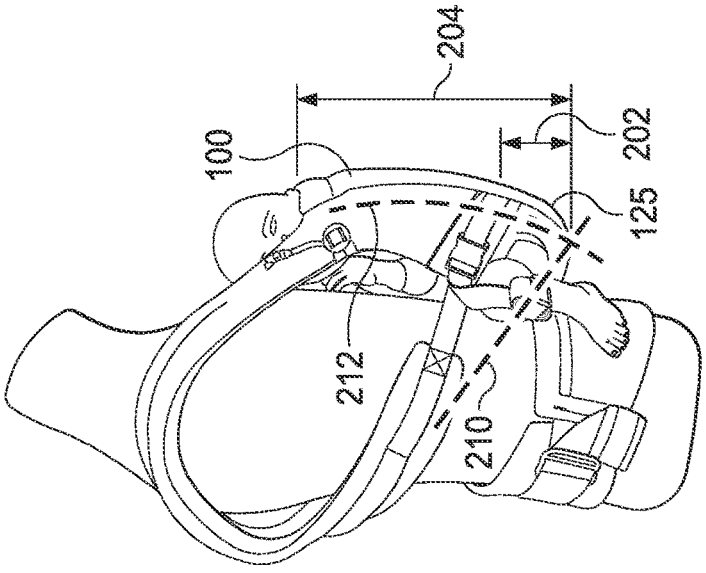

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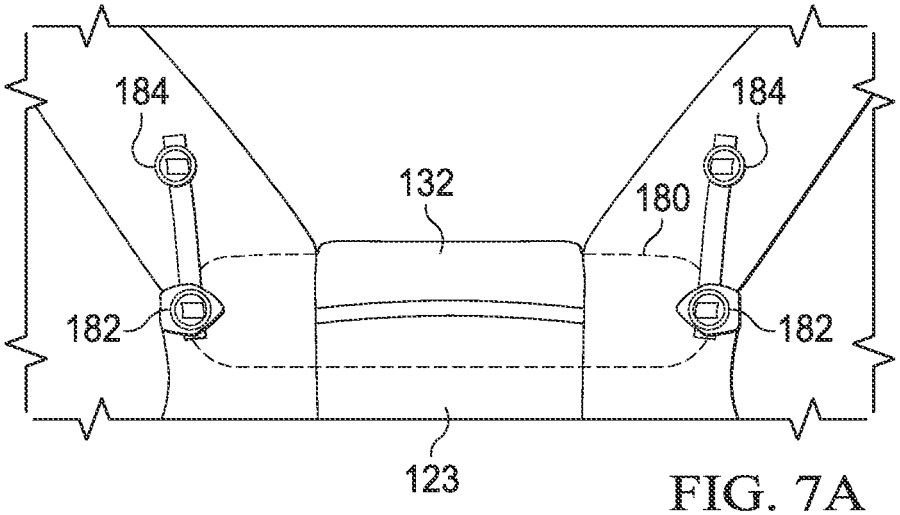

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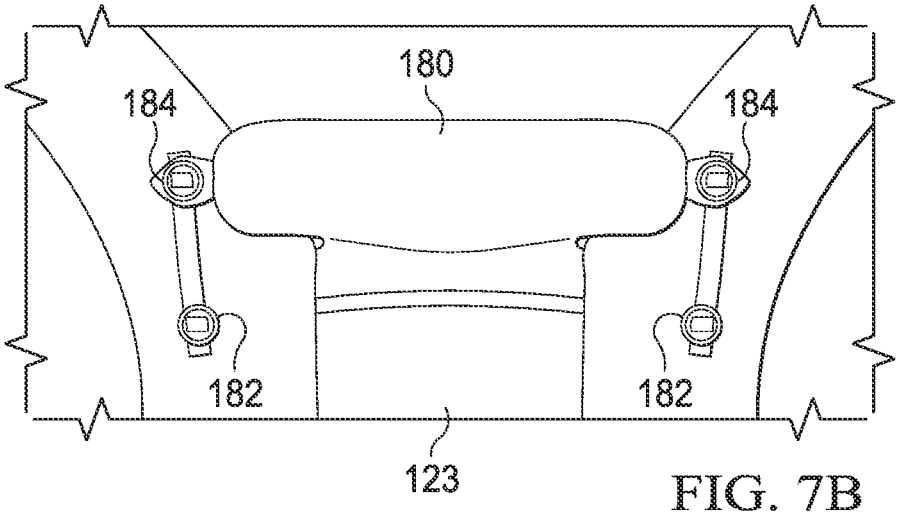

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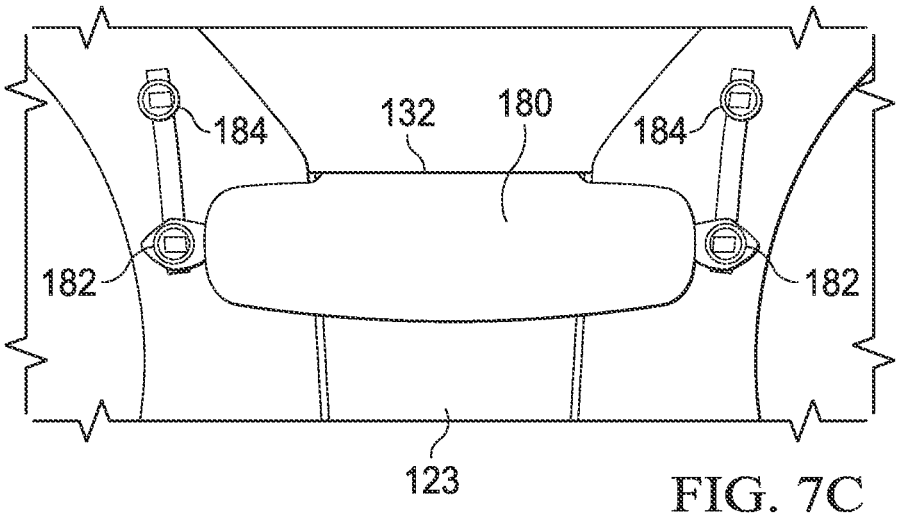

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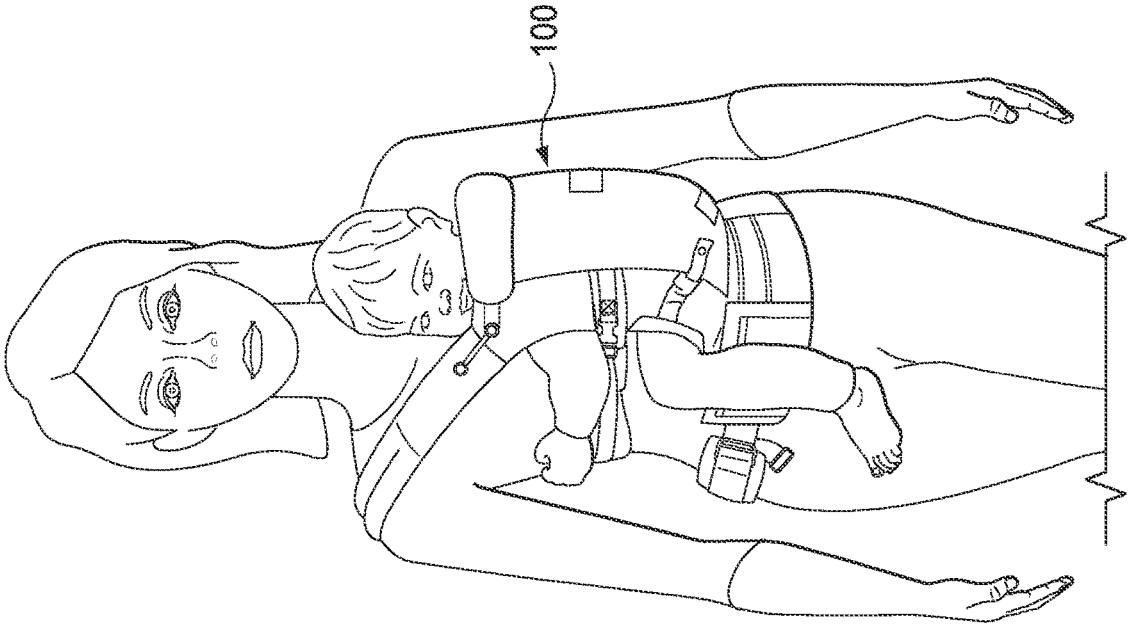

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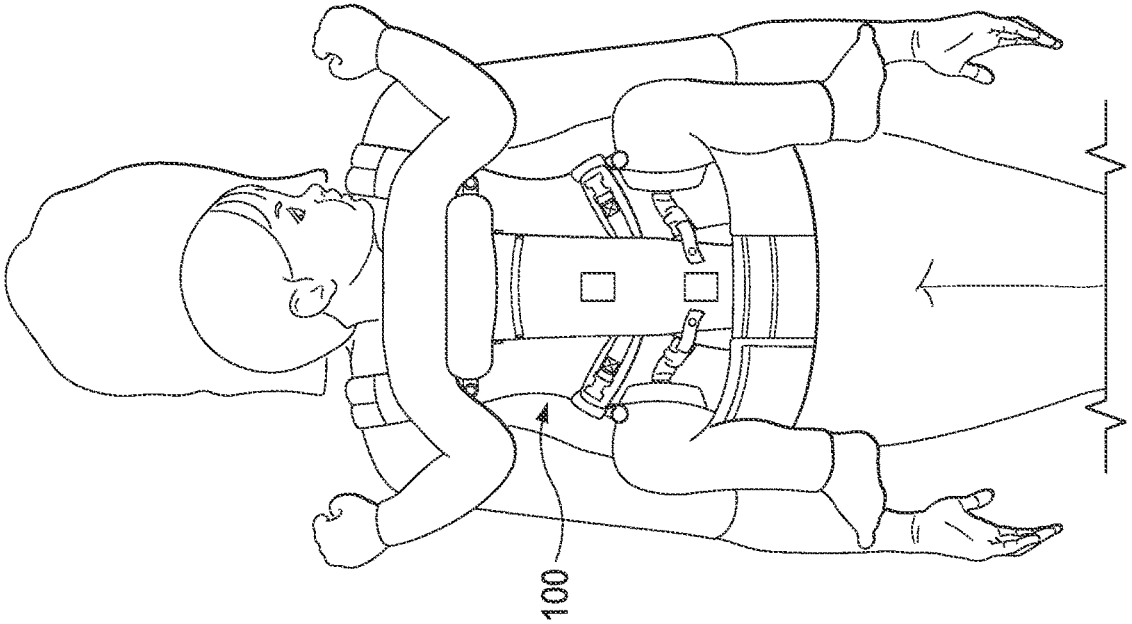

FIG. 8

ADJUSTABLE CHILD CARRIER

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/108,979, filed Feb. 13, 2023; which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/349,821 filed Jun. 16, 2021, now U.S. Pat. No. 11,583,104 issued Feb. 21, 2023; which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 16/551,286 filed Aug. 26, 2019, now U.S. Pat. No. 11,051,634 issued Jul. 6, 2021; which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 15/337,813 filed Oct. 28, 2016, now U.S. Pat. No. 10,426,275 issued Oct. 9, 2019; which claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/248,745 filed Oct. 30, 2015. The disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present disclosure relates to child carriers. Even more particularly, the present disclosure relates to a child carrier that is adaptable to ergonomically carry a child as the child grows.

BACKGROUND

Various child carriers are currently available for transporting a child by a parent or other individual. Child carriers have become popular for carrying infants and toddlers because they afford the wearer freedom of hand and arm movement while carrying a child. In pursuit of child safety, some of these devices have become overly complex involving, among other things, rigid seats and frames which considerably increase the weight of the carrier and cannot accommodate for the growth of the child. These complex carriers are relatively heavy and place an undue strain upon the wearer, particularly in the lumbar region. In addition, because of the size of many of the present day carriers, they can only be worn on the back thus denying the child the comfort and security of a position where a child and its mother may be in a face-to-face relationship.

Soft structured carriers have become increasingly popular because they are lighter, less cumbersome and more comfortable to wear. These carriers incorporate padding, stitching and fabrics, rather than a rigid frame, to provide the structure. However, some soft-structured carriers hold a child in an upright position with the child's legs hanging down and the base of the child's spine supporting the child's bodyweight. This position may not be optimal for infant and other young children. While an adult spine has four curves, a young child's spine only has two curves. A majority of a young child's spine will form a C-shape (so-called total kyphosis). Positioning a young child, particularly an infant, in an upright position may unduly limit curvature of the spine and puts stress on the infant's sacrum. This can cause the infant's pelvis to tilt backward limiting leg and hip movement, which may impede healthy development of the infant's pelvis.

Moreover, conventional soft structured carriers are usually designed for a very limited age, weight and size of child and make compromises regarding the shape of the carrier to accommodate a range of ages. Even if a carrier supports ergonomic positioning of the child at one age/weight/size, positioning a child in an ergonomic position through the range of ages while utilizing the same carrier poses a problem as different children develop at different rates and the anatomy and physiology of children changes dramatically between infancy and toddlerhood.

A carrier designed for infants or younger babies may not accommodate a child as the child grows into toddlerhood because the seat and back support portions of the carrier will become too small. In an attempt to make carriers more adaptable, some carriers provide additional panels that can be unfolded and added to the seat to widen the seat and/or back panels that can expand (e.g., by unfolding additional back panel material or attaching new panels) to accommodate the child's growth. However, simply widening the seat or lengthening the carrier does not adequately address proper ergonomics.

On the other hand, a carrier designed for older children may not properly support an infant. One solution to this problem is the use of a specially designed "infant insert." In general, an infant insert is an accessory that incorporates additional padding and structure and makes it possible to carry a small infant in a carrier that would not otherwise properly support the infant. However, not all carriers support the use of infant inserts. Moreover, depending on design, infant inserts may be cumbersome, non-intuitive, and easily lost. In particular, the use of a separate infant insert may require that parents keep track of two separate devices and may significantly increase the difficulty of configuring the carrier for a wearer, the wearing of the carrier, or the ingress and egress of a child to the carrier.

Due to the foregoing issues, parents often opt for changing carriers as the child ages.

SUMMARY

Embodiments described herein provide a wearable child carrier that can be adapted to a baby's size and provide ergonomic positioning of the child throughout the range of the carrier adjustability.

According to one embodiment, a child carrier includes a waist belt adapted for securing about a wearer's hips and a main body coupled to the waist belt, where the main body is adapted to form a child carrying area in cooperation with a wearer's torso. The main body can include a torso support portion configured for supporting at least the torso of a child; and an adjustable bucket seat configurable in a plurality of bucket seat configurations, each of the plurality of bucket seat configurations having a different bucket seat depth and bucket seat width and adapted to support a child in a corresponding size range in a spread squat position. In one embodiment, the plurality of bucket seat configurations comprises a configuration adapted to support an infant in a spread squat position without an infant insert. The plurality of bucket seat configurations may include a configuration adapted to support a toddler in a spread squat position.

The child carrier can include one or more adjustment areas adapted to adjust the bucket seat depth and the bucket seat width. In one embodiment, the child carrier has a minimum wearable height that is dependent on the bucket seat depth.

In accordance with one aspect, the plurality of bucket seat configurations comprises a first configuration adapted to support a child in a first size range in a first spread squat position; and a second configuration adapted to support a child in a second size range in a second spread squat position. The first configuration may have a first bucket seat width and first bucket seat depth and the second configuration may have a second bucket seat width and a second bucket seat depth, wherein the first bucket seat width is less

than the second bucket seat width and the first bucket seat depth is greater than the second seat bucket depth.

In one embodiment, the main body further comprises a seat center portion coupled to the waist belt and torso support portion and thigh supports disposed on either side of the seat center portion. The thigh supports can be adapted to pass under and support a child's thighs and cooperate with the seat center portion to form the bucket seat. The carrier can further include a base width adjuster coupled to each thigh support. The base width adjusters can be configured for selective coupling to the waist belt in multiple locations to adjust a width of the main body at the waist belt. The base width adjusters can also be configured for selective coupling to the waist belt in multiple locations to adjust the bucket seat depth.

The child carrier may include one or more fabric shaping members adapted to control a bulge of the bucket seat. As one example, the fabric shaping members may comprise darts disposed between the thigh supports and the seat center portion, where the darts are adapted to open or close responsive to adjustment of the base width adjusters. The base width adjusters may be configurable in a first setting corresponding to a maximum bucket seat depth and a second setting corresponding to a minimum bucket seat depth, wherein the darts or other fabric shaping members have a first shape corresponding to the first setting and a second shape corresponding to the second setting.

In accordance with one embodiment, the seat center portion comprises laterally outer edges and the thigh supports comprise laterally inner edges. The fabric shaping members may be disposed between the laterally outer edges and the laterally inner edges. The base width adjusters can be adjustable through rotation to rotate the laterally inner edges relative to the laterally outer edges to open or close the fabric shaping members. Furthermore, adjusting the base width adjusters can increase or decrease the bucket depth/shape.

The carrier may further include thigh width adjusters comprising thigh width adapters coupled to the thigh supports where the thigh width adapters can adjust the width of the bucket seat.

The carrier may also include a neck support configurable in an inside folded down position in which the neck support is positioned in the child carrying area to support a child's neck. The neck support may also be configured in an extended position to provide additional carrier length and support for a larger child, or additional neck support and coverage for a sleeping baby. The neck support may also be configurable in an outside folded down position.

According to one embodiment, a method of configuring a child carrier can comprise: for a child to be carried, adjusting a bucket seat of the child carrier to a child's size and positioning the child in a child carrying area of the child carrier such that the child is supported in an ergonomic spread squat position. Adjusting the bucket seat to the child's size can include configuring a depth of the bucket seat by coupling base width adjusters of the child carrier to a waist belt of the child carrier at positions for a base width setting corresponding to the child's size and adjusting thigh width adapters to adjust a width of the bucket seat. Configuring the depth of the bucket seat may further comprise rotating the base width adjusters to open or close darts. The method may further include configuring an adjustable neck support to fill a portion of the child carrying area and support a child's neck.

Embodiments described herein provide an advantage over prior carriers because the ergonomic bucket seat gradually adjusts to a growing baby from newborn to toddler, to ensure baby is seated in an ergonomic spread-squat, natural "M shape" position at multiple stages.

As an additional advantage, embodiments described herein can provide an adjustable seat shape that does not require adding to or removing structure from the carrier to change the seat shape. For example, some embodiments can accommodate infants and larger children without requiring an infant insert for an infant.

Embodiments described herein can provide another advantage by allowing for easy adjustment of the carrier seat shape without adding or removing panels from the seat.

Embodiments described herein can provide another advantage by providing a carrier with a wearable length that can be adjusted without requiring complicated mechanisms to extend the overall length of the carrier.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For a better understanding of these and other objects of the invention, reference will be made to the following detailed description of the invention which is to be read in association with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIG. **1** is a diagrammatic representation of an adult wearer carrying a child in an adjustable carrier;

FIG. **2**A is a diagrammatic representation of an inside view of one embodiment of an adjustable baby carrier;

FIG. **2**B is a diagrammatic representation of an outside view of one embodiment of adjustable carrier;

FIG. **3**A is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a base width adjuster in a first base width adjuster configuration;

FIG. **3**B is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a base width adjuster in a second base width adjuster configuration;

FIG. **3**C is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a base width adjuster in a third base width adjuster configuration;

FIG. **4**A is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a carrier with thigh width adjusters in a first thigh width adjuster configuration;

FIG. **4**B is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a carrier with thigh width adjusters in a second thigh width adjuster configuration;

FIG. **4**C is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a carrier with thigh width adjusters in a third thigh width adjuster configuration;

FIG. **5**A is a diagrammatic representation of another view one embodiment of a carrier with thigh width adjusters in the first thigh width adjuster configuration;

FIG. **5**B is a diagrammatic representation of another view of one embodiment of a carrier with thigh width adjusters in the third thigh width adjuster configuration;

FIG. **6**A is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a carrier with bucket seat in a first seat configuration;

FIG. **6**B is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a carrier with bucket seat in a second seat configuration;

FIG. **6**C is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a carrier with bucket seat in a third seat configuration;

FIG. **7**A is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a carrier with a neck support in a first neck support configuration;

FIG. **7**B is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a carrier with a neck support in a second neck support configuration;

FIG. **7**C is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a carrier with a neck support in a third neck support configuration;

FIG. **8** is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a wearer wearing a carrier in a back carry position;

FIG. **9** is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of a wearer wearing a carrier in a side carry configuration.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Child carriers and related methods and the various features and advantageous details thereof are explained more fully with reference to the nonlimiting embodiments that are illustrated in the accompanying drawings and detailed in the following description. Descriptions of well-known starting materials, processing techniques, components and equipment are omitted so as not to unnecessarily obscure the invention in detail. It should be understood, however, that the detailed description and the specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only and not by way of limitation. Various substitutions, modifications, additions and/or rearrangements within the spirit and/or scope of the underlying inventive concept will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this disclosure.

The present disclosure relates to child carriers that allow a child, including an infant, to be carried in a manner that supports the child and maintains the child's pelvis and thighs in a preferred ergonomic position through a range of ages. In particular, embodiments described herein provide carriers that support the child's bottom, pelvis and thighs in a desired position. Embodiments described herein also allow a child to be carried on the front or back or to the side of the person carrying the child. The carrier can be worn by a user in front of, in back of or to the side of the wearer with the child's weight carried near the wearer's center of gravity and close to the wearer's front, back or side in a front, back or side position, respectively.

The adjustable child carrier can be configured to accommodate children of a wide range of sizes in a front, rear or side carrying position while supporting the child's hips, pelvis, bottom and both upper thighs when the child is being carried in various orientations. For example, embodiments of a child carrier as disclosed herein may provide an adjustable child carrier usable with a newborn children (infant) (e.g., around 7 pounds) and additionally with children all the way to up to around 45 pounds or more.

In accordance with one aspect of the present disclosure, a carrier includes a bucket seat for a child and one or more adjustment areas that when adjusted serve to adjust a depth of the seat bucket and a height of the child carrier. When adjusted to a newborn setting, the carrier is configured such that the depth of the seat bucket may be at a maximum. Conversely, when adjusted to its maximum, or largest size, setting (e.g., a setting for the largest child the carrier is designed to accommodate) the depth of the seat bucket may be at a minimum. When the depth of the bucket seat is at a maximum the thighs may be supported such that the angle of the thighs of the child relative to the coronal plane may be greatest and when the depth of the bucket seat is at a minimum the thighs may be supported such that the angle of the thighs of the child relative to the coronal plane may be the smallest. Similarly, then, the bucket seat is at a maximum, the carrier may be configured such that the carrier maintains a child carried therein with relatively more curve in their spine than when the bucket seat is at a minimum depth.

A child carrier may include one or more adjustment points that work alone or in cooperation to adjust the shape of the bucket seat area provided by the child carrier. These adjustment points may include base width adjusters adapted to adjust the width of the main panel of the baby carrier at a point where the main panel is coupled to the waistband of the carrier. The adjustment of the width of the base of the main panel may serve to provide maximum shape for the bucket area and thus maximum depth of the bucket seat area when adjusted to the narrowest setting for newborn babies and the minimal depth of the bucket seat area for the largest children when adjusted to the widest setting.

Another adjustment point provided by embodiments may be thigh width adjusters. These thigh width adjusters are configured to adjust the width of the main panel of the baby carrier at a point in the main panel configured to accommodate the thighs of a child. The thigh width of the main panel may be smallest at the tightest or smallest setting of the thigh width adjusters for newborn babies and widest at its largest or loosest setting (which may be fully released or not engaged) for the largest children (e.g., that the carrier is designed to accommodate).

These adjustment points may also work in cooperation to adjust the baby carrier. For example, the thigh width adjusters may also serve as more granular adjustment for the bucket area within the range of gross adjustment provided by the base width adjuster.

The carrier of certain embodiments may also be configured to adjust in height. In certain embodiments, the length of the physical carrier from the top edge of the waist belt at the center to the top edge of carrier at the center remains consistent, however, the wearable height changes depending on the setting of the bucket seat size. With the base width at its smallest/narrowest setting the bucket seat is deeper consuming more of the carrier length measurement, thus leaving less measurement for the wearable height while with the base width at its largest/widest setting the bucket seat is shallow consuming less of the carrier length measurement, thus leaving more measurement for the wearable height.

Embodiments of such carriers may also include an adjustable neck support. Such a neck support or collar that may be positioned according to the direction the child is facing, the size of the child, or other criteria. The adjustable neck support may be rotatable relative to the main panel such that the neck support may be extended increasing the center height of the carrier giving additional back or neck support for a child (depending on the size of the child). The neck support may also be folded back away from the wearer to reduce the height of the carrier (e.g., for non-infant children). The neck support may also be folded down into the carrier toward the wearer such that it may reside inside the child carrying area to give an infant or other child additional head or neck support.

Embodiments as disclosed herein may therefore provide an adjustable child carrier configured to accommodate children of a wide range of sizes in a front, rear or side carrying position. Embodiments may thus be sized appropriately to carry an infant without the use of an additional infant insert. Configured according to such a setting, the carrier may be adapted for placement of a child in a child carrying area of the child carrier with the infant's knees raised. In one embodiment, when adjusted to accommodate an infant the carrier is adapted to support the infant in a position with the

infant's femur at an angle of 90-120 degrees from the coronal plane. Additionally, the carrier can be adapted to support the infant in a position with the infant's knees at 45-60 degrees from the median plane. In particular embodiments, the carrier can be adapted to promote a spread-squat-position.

The carrier can be ergonomic for the wearer as well. A padded waist belt may provide lumbar support and may cooperate with shoulder straps (that may attach to the same or opposite sides of the carrier) that can form a configurable harness that can position the carrier in a front, side or back carry position while distributing the weight evenly to the wearer. The carrier may be adjusted such that the child is positioned close to the wearer's center of gravity which distributes the child's weight evenly. In some embodiments, the harness may be adjusted so that a majority of the child's weight is transferred to the wearer's hips.

FIG. **1** is a diagrammatic representation of an adult wearer carrying a child in an adjustable carrier **100**. Adjustable carrier comprises a main body **110** coupled to a waist belt **115**. Main body **110** includes a torso support portion **130** and a bucket seat **125**. The torso support portion **130** is configured for supporting the upper body of the child while in the carrier **100**. The seat **125** is configured for supporting the legs, hips and posterior of the child in an ergonomic position. As discussed in more detail below, embodiments of adjustable carrier **100** can include various adjustments such that carrier **100** can be adjusted as the child grows to support the child in an ergonomic spread squat position appropriate for the weight or size of the child with the child's pelvis, bottom and thighs all being supported. In an ergonomic spread squat position (also known as the "frog leg", "frog", "squat spread" or "M" position) (indicated by line **101**) the flexion at the hip joint is at least 90° and in some cases is 110° to 120° from the coronal plane, and the spreading angle can average at approximately 45-55° from the median plane. As carrier **100** is adjustable, the angle of the hips and spread can depend on the settings of the carrier **100** and developmental stage of the child.

In one embodiment, the carrier can be adapted to support the child in a position with the child's femur approximately 90° to 120° (or other elevated position) from the coronal plane and to position the child's knees with an amount of spreading. The amount of spreading may depend on the developmental stage of the child and orientation with a newborn having less than 30°, then approximately 30°, then approximately 35°-40° and so on, such that the final spread is approximately 40°-45°, though other amounts of spreading may be achieved including (e.g., for example approximately 55°). In one embodiment, the spreading may be at least 20° degrees from the median plane. The child's weight can be distributed across the child's bottom, thighs and back so that the sacrum does not bear too much weight and the child can rest with a more naturally curved "C" spine in a spread squat position that is believed to be better for pelvic development. It can be noted, however, that the child can be positioned in any comfortable position, preferably emphasizing a supportive posture rather than a posture where the child is primarily sitting on his or her sacrum.

FIG. **2**A is a diagrammatic representation of an inside view of one embodiment of an adjustable baby carrier **100** and FIG. **2**B is a diagrammatic representation of an outside view of one embodiment of adjustable carrier **100** (FIGS. **2**A and **2**B are referred to collectively herein as FIG. **2**). Carrier **100** comprises a main body **110** coupled to a waist belt **115**. Main body **110** includes an upper torso support portion **130**, a seat portion **120** and thigh support areas **140**. Carrier **100** may also include shoulder straps **190** and a chest strap **195**. A child can be supported in a child carrying area created by the main body **110** in cooperation with the wearer's torso. Torso support portion **130** is configured to support upper body of the child while in the carrier while seat portion **120** cooperates with adjustable thigh support areas **140** to form an adjustable bucket seat **125** (FIG. **1**) adapted to ergonomically position the child's legs and hips. Waist belt **115** and shoulder straps **190** provide a harness that distributes the child's weight to the wearer. Chest strap **195** can be used to secure left and right shoulder straps together.

Bucket seat portion **120** and thigh support areas **140** are adapted to pass from the outer side of the child carrying area (the side away from the wearer's torso) to inner side to form supportive and adjustable bucket seat **125**. Inner end portions of thigh support areas **140** can be selectively coupled to waist belt **115** by base width adjusters **150** that are configurable for adjusting the width and depth of the bucket seat **125**. Thigh width adjusters **160** can also be provided to provide additional width adjustment. Thus, the bucket seat **120** can be adjusted to accommodate a range of ages/sizes/weights.

The supportive and adjustable bucket seat **125** can have a generally concave (e.g., "C" shape) inner profile from the inward side to the outward side and from right to left. Seat side edges **142**, **144** (formed by the edges of thigh support areas **140**) can be higher than the center of the seat and can be spaced such that the side edges pass under and around the child's thighs at a distance from the child's hips such that the child's legs (e.g., above the knee) do not dangle down. In some embodiments, thigh support areas **140** may provide additional support. In particular, in certain embodiments the thigh support areas **140** may include gathers, elastic material or another type of biasing material.

Bucket seat portion **120** comprises a seat center portion **122** that is coupled to waist belt **115** or other portion of carrier **100** at one end and to upper torso support portion **130** at the other end. Seat center portion **122** may be formed from a single piece of material, or may be formed from multiple pieces of material, multiple layers of materials, or multiple materials. The junction between upper torso support portion **130** and seat center portion **122** may be a substantially seamless transition. For example, in one embodiment, a center panel **123** may form seat center portion **122** and an upper torso center panel such that seat center portion **122** and the upper torso center panel comprise a unitary construction of one or more layers of material. In other embodiments, the junction may include seams, edges or other features delineating between upper torso support portion **130** and seat center portion **122**.

Thigh support areas **140** are disposed to the left and right of seat center portion **122**. Thigh support areas **140** may be selectively coupled to waist belt **115** by base width adjusters **150** such that thigh support areas **140** pass under and around the child's thighs at a distance from the child's hips where the portion of the thigh support areas **140** that pass under and around the child's thighs is higher than the child's bottom so that the child's knees are lifted. The thigh support areas **140** can have sufficient stiffness such that the child's thighs may be encouraged to spread by the thigh support areas **140** or wearer's torso. In one embodiment, thigh support areas **140** provide areas of thigh padding **141** to support the child's thighs.

Base width adjusters **150** may be coupled to respective thigh support areas **140**. In one embodiment, base width adjusters **150** may comprise flaps or tabs coupled to thigh support areas **140**. In the illustrated embodiment, base width

adjusters **150** are coupled to a respective thigh support areas **140** by virtue of being part of the same thigh support straps. However, other configurations may also be used. In any event, base width adjusters **150** can be selectively coupled to waist belt **115** to couple thigh support areas **140** of main body **110** to waist belt **115**.

Base width adjusters **150** can be used to adjust the width of the base of main body **110** where it connects to waist belt **115**. A fastening mechanism **151** of base width adjusters **150**, such as a hook and loop material, buttons, snaps, zipper, etc., can cooperate with a corresponding fastening mechanism **117** on waist belt **115** to couple thigh support areas **140** to waist belt **115**. The fastening mechanisms **117**, **151** are configured such that the base width adjusters **150** may be coupled to the waist belt **115** in multiple positions or throughout a range of positions.

The width of bucket seat **125** proximate to waist belt **115** can be adjusted by changing the position at which base width adjusters **150** are secured to waist belt **115**. For example, moving the bottom ends of base width adjusters **150** laterally inboard (rotating base width adjusters **150** inward) decreases the width of main body **110** at the point main body **110** meets waist band **115** and may serve to decrease the width of the bucket seat where thigh support areas **140** pass under the child's thighs. Moving the ends of base width adjusters **150** more laterally outboard (rotating base width adjusters **150** laterally outward) increases the width of the main body **110** where it is coupled to the waist belt **115** and may increase the bucket seat width where the thigh support areas **140** pass under the child's thighs.

Base width adjusters **150** can be used to control the depth of the bucket seat **125**. In a minimum (or narrowest) base width setting the base width adjusters **150** may be fastened to the waist belt **115** such that they are maximally proximate one another toward the center axis of the waist belt **115** (given the range or number of positions possible). In this minimum base width setting carrier **100** is configured such that the depth of the seat bucket **125** may be at a maximum. In a maximum (or widest) base width setting, the base width adjusters **150** may be fastened to the waist belt **115** such that they are maximally distal one another away from the center axis of the waist belt **115** (given the range or number of positions possible). In this maximum (or widest) base width setting, carrier **100** is configured such that the depth of the bucket seat **125** may be at a minimum.

Bucket seat portion **120** may include one or more shaping members to facilitate shaping the bucket seat. In one embodiment, bucket seat portion **120** includes gusset portions **170** that span the gap between the respective inner edges **146**, **148** of thigh support areas **140** and the laterally outer edges **126**, **128** of seat center portion **122**. Gusset portions **170** may be fastened to seat center portion **122** at or proximate to laterally outer edges **126**, **128** and to thigh support areas at or proximate to laterally inner edges **146**, **148** to form a first dart having a dart apex **174** generally pointing toward the bottom of the bucket seat **125** and dart legs defined by the connections at or proximate to edges **126**, **146** and a second dart having a dart apex **175** and dart legs defined by the connections at or proximate to edges **128**, **148**. The dart legs can be closed or opened to gather or release the darts. In particular, by adjusting base width adjusters **150** to decrease the angle between seat center portion **122** and thigh support areas **140**, the dart legs can be closed and darts deepened. Consequently, bucket seat **125** can bulge further and take on a deeper curve. Conversely, adjusting base width adjusters **150** to increase the angle between seat center portion **122** and thigh support areas **140** opens the dart legs and makes the darts formed by gusset portions **170** shallower. Consequently, the bucket seat **125** formed by carrier **100** will be shallower. While, in the above embodiment, the shaping members are darts, other shaping mechanisms can be used to control the fullness of bucket seat **125** including, but not limited to pleats, gathers or tucks.

Referring briefly to FIGS. **3**A, **3**B and **3**C (collectively FIG. **3**), FIG. **3** illustrates the operation of one embodiment of base width adjusters **150**. In FIG. **3**, the base width adjusters **150** can be secured to waist belt **115** to either side of the lateral centerline of main body **110** to adjust the width of carrier **100** at thigh support areas **140**. In the embodiment illustrated, hook and loop material is used to secure the base width adjusters **150** to waist belt **115** on the side of waist belt **115** sandwiched between waist belt **115** and the wearer. This can increase the hold of the hook and loop material when in use because of the pressure against the base width adjusters **150**.

In the embodiment of FIG. **3**, each base width adjuster **150** is secured to waist belt **115** in one of three positions **154**, **156**, **158**. These positions may correspond to particular size ranges of children. In FIG. **3**A, base width adjusters **150** are secured at positions **154** corresponding to a minimum (or narrowest) base width setting. In FIG. **3**B, base width adjusters **150** are secured at positions **156** corresponding to a moderate base width setting. In FIG. **3**C, base width adjusters **150** are secured at positions **158** corresponding to a maximum (or widest) base width setting.

It can be noted that base width adjusters **150** as illustrated essentially rotate from a pivot point as they are adjusted. Thus, not only does the lateral position of the attachment position change, the vertical position does as well (e.g., positions **154**, **156** and **158** for a base width adjuster **150** are both laterally and vertically displaced from each other). The use of a rotational motion like this provides a greater change in bucket depth for a given lateral change. Other embodiments, however, could use a more linear motion (e.g., in which the attachment positions are horizontally aligned). Furthermore, positions **154**, **156** and **158** are provided by way of example. In the embodiment illustrated, base width adjusters **150** can be coupled to fastening mechanism **117** in a continuous range of positions. Other embodiments may provide discrete attachment points.

Referring to FIG. **3**A, base width adjusters **150** are fastened to the waist belt **115** such that they are maximally proximate one another toward the center axis of the waist belt **115** (given the range or number of positions possible). However, because laterally inner edges **146**, **148** of thigh support areas **140** are drawn close to laterally outer edges **126**, **128** (hidden by gusset portion **170**) of seat center support part **122**, gusset portions **170** form deeply curved darts. Put another way, by fastening base width adjusters **150** to waist belt **115** such that they are maximally proximate one another, the laterally outer edges of gusset portions **170** may be drawn toward the laterally inner edges of gusset portions **170**, creating a corresponding greater curve or dart shapes in gusset portions **170**. This serves to shape bucket seat portion **120** to increase the depth of the bucket seat portion.

Referring to FIG. **3**C, the base width adjusters **150** are secured at positions **158** corresponding to a maximum (or widest) base width setting. In this configuration, the laterally inner edges **146**, **148** are rotated away from the respective laterally outer edges **126**, **128** of FIG. **3**C. In other words, the dart legs are opened to release the darts and create less shape (curve) at the end of the gusset portions **170**. By fastening base width adjusters **150** to waist belt **115** such that they are maximally distal one another (again, given the range of

possible setting for coupling base width adjusters **150** to waist belt **115**), tension may be maintained on outer edges of gusset portions **170** such that gusset portions **170** remain relatively flat. As such, bucket seat portion **120** may be maintained in a relatively flat or less shaped configuration, serving to minimize the depth of the bucket seat **125**.

Base width adjusters **150** primarily adjust the width of the seat proximate to waist belt **115**. However, moving away from waist belt **115**, the seat (edges **142**, **144**) may flare out. With reference to FIG. **2**, thigh width adjusters **160** may be provided to adjust the width of the seat away from waist belt **115**. In particular, thigh width adjusters **160** may be adapted to adjust the width of the bucket seat where edges **142**, **144** of thigh supports **140** pass under the child's thighs. Thigh width adjusters **160** can be used to pull in thigh support areas **140** so that thigh support areas **140** do not extend past the child's knee and thus prevent thigh support areas **140** from straightening the child's legs or overspreading the child's legs.

In certain embodiments, thigh width adjusters **160** may be coupled to respective thigh support areas **140** and are configured to adjust the width of the carrier at the level of thigh support areas **140**. In accordance with one embodiment, each thigh width adjuster **160** may be a piece of material(s) (webbing or other material) that is coupled at a first end **162** to the respective thigh support area **140** proximate to support portions **141** and includes a second end that can be selectively coupled to main body **110** (e.g., to seat center portion **122** or elsewhere). The thigh width adjusters **160** can act as a drawstring system, one on each side, to adjust the width of carrier **100** at thigh level by pulling the thigh support areas **140** laterally inward and thereby further adjusting the width of carrier **100** at the child's thighs.

Referring briefly to FIGS. **4**A, **4**B and **4**C (collectively FIG. **4**) and FIGS. **5**A and **5**B (collectively FIG. **5**), the operation of one embodiment of thigh width adjusters **160** is illustrated. Thigh width adjusters **160** can be selectively coupled to bucket seat portion **120** to pull thigh support areas **140** laterally inward a desired amount. FIG. **4**, for example, illustrates the thigh width adjuster **160** secured in three positions corresponding to a narrowest (tightest) setting (FIG. **4**A, FIG. **5**A), a moderate setting (FIG. **4**B) and a widest (loosest) setting (FIG. **4**C, FIG. **5**B).

In the embodiment illustrated, each thigh width adjuster **160** includes a strip of material that is fastened at first end **162** to the outside of a respective thigh support area **140** proximate to the thigh padding **141** (e.g., near the respective outer edge **142**, **144**). The thigh width adjuster **160** runs laterally inboard through a fabric tunnel **172** to a distal portion **164** that includes a plurality of spaced thigh width adjuster fasteners **166** (e.g., snaps, buttons, hook and loop, etc.) that can be selectively fastened to a corresponding fastener on bucket seat portion **120** of main body **110**.

In FIG. **4**A, the thigh width adjuster fastener **166** that is closest to the respective thigh support area **140** is fastened to the corresponding fastener on the bucket seat portion **120**. This position corresponds to a narrowest thigh width adjuster setting and, as illustrated in FIG. **5**A, thigh support area **140** is gathered inward to decrease the width of carrier **100** at the child's thighs. Conversely, fastening the fastener **166** that is farthest from the respective thigh support area **140** to bucket seat portion **120**, as shown in FIG. **4**C, may achieve the widest setting of the thigh width adjusters **160**. When the thigh width adjusters **160** are in the widest setting position of FIG. **4**C, the outer edges of the thigh support areas **140** can spread out as illustrated in FIG. **5**B, thus widening carrier **100** at the child's thighs.

As can be understood from the foregoing, the base width adjusters **150** and the thigh width adjusters **160** may work in cooperation to adjust the carrier **100**. In accordance with one embodiment, base width adjusters **150** can be used for adjustment of seat depth and provide a gross adjustment of seat width, while thigh width adjusters **160** may serve as granular adjustments for width within the range of gross adjustment provided by the base width adjusters **150**. For example, at a particular setting of the base width adjusters **150** of the carrier **100**, the width of the carrier **100** at thigh support areas **140** may be narrowest with the thigh width adjusters **160** at their smallest or narrowest (tightest) setting and largest with the thigh width adjusters **160** at their widest (loosest) setting.

Carrier **100** may also adjust in height based on other settings of carrier **100**. In particular, adjusting base width adjusters **150** adjusts the wearable back height (length from bottom of bucket seat **125** to top edge **132**). This occurs because the length of the physical carrier material from the top edge **116** of the waist belt **115** at center to the top edge **132** of main body **110** at center remains consistent such that the wearable back height changes depending on the setting of the bucket seat size. A deeper bucket consumes more length of material between edges **116** and **132**, thus leaving less measurement for the wearable height On the other hand, a shallower bucket consumes less length of material between edges **116** and **132**, thus leaving more measurement for the wearable height.

Thus, adjusted to a smallest child mode (e.g., an infant mode) (base width at its smallest/narrowest setting) the bucket seat **125** may be deeper consuming more of the carrier length measurement, thus leaving less measurement for the wearable height (length from bottom of bucket seat **125** to top edge of carrier center panel **123** at center is at its shortest height). Adjusted to a largest child mode (e.g., a toddler mode) (base width at its largest/widest setting) the bucket seat **125** is shallow consuming less of the carrier length measurement, thus leaving more measurement for the wearable height (length from bottom of bucket seat **125** to top edge of carrier center panel **123** at center at its longest height). The carrier thus adjusts to the height of the child based on adjustment to the bucket seat.

Carrier **100** may be adjusted to provide ergonomic support for the child regardless of the size of the child through a supported range. In accordance with one embodiment, carrier **100** can be set for an infant with base width adjusters **150** and thigh width adjusters **160** set at their narrowest settings. In this configuration, the bucket seat will be at its deepest with higher walls at the thigh support areas **140** lifting the child's thighs and knees to a greater angle and into a spread squat position appropriate for that size child. Similarly, carrier **100** can be set for the largest child with the base width adjusters **150** and the thigh width adjusters **160** at their widest settings. In this configuration, the bucket seat may be at its shallowest depth with lower walls at the thigh support areas **140** lifting the child's thighs and knees to a lesser angle and into a spread squat position appropriate for a larger sized child.

Thus, the adjustable bucket seat is configurable in a plurality of configurations having different seat bucket depths and seat bucket widths. The different configurations can be adapted to support a child in a corresponding size range in a spread squat position. For example, in one embodiment, bucket seat can have a first configuration adapted to ergonomically carry a child of 20-24 inches

(generally corresponding to an infant of 0-3 months and over 7 pounds) in a spread squat position appropriate for the infant without requiring an infant insert. Furthermore, the carrier can have a second configuration adapted to ergonomically carry a child of 24-28 inches (generally corresponding to an older baby of 3-9 months) in a spread squat position appropriate for that child's size. In addition, the carrier, in this example, can have a third configuration adapted to ergonomically carry a child of 28 inches or greater (generally corresponding to an older baby or toddler of 9-48 months (up to the carrying capacity of the carrier or the wearer)). The first configuration can correspond to the base width being at the narrowest setting (deepest bucket seat) (an infant mode), the second configuration can correspond to the base width being at a moderate setting and the third configuration can correspond to the base width being at a widest setting (shallowest bucket seat) (a toddler mode). It can be noted that the ranges provided above are provided by way of example and not limitation. Furthermore, the seat may have other configurations.

The user can thus adjust the bucket seat **125** to support the child in an ergonomic spread squat position appropriate for the weight or size of the child with the child's pelvis, bottom and thighs all being supported. The child's weight can be supported so that the child is squatting in the seat rather than sitting with the child's weight primarily on the sacrum. The child can be supported with the knees higher than the bottom, in some cases higher than 90 degrees. The bucket seat **125** can be adjusted to form a sling or pouch that is wider than the child's hips in which the child's bottom is supported. The thigh support areas **140** can be adjusted pass under and around the child's thighs at a distance from the child's hips such that the portions of thigh support areas **140** that pass under and around the child's thighs are higher than the child's bottom to lift the child's knees. The thigh support areas **140** can have sufficient stiffness to encourage the child's thighs to spread by the thigh support straps or wearer's torso.

FIGS. **6**A, **6**B and **6**C (collectively FIG. **6**) are diagrammatic representations of one embodiment of carrier **100** adjusted to accommodate various sized children. FIG. **6**A corresponds to the minimum base width setting of FIG. **3**A, FIG. **6**B corresponds to a moderate base width setting of FIG. **3**B and FIG. **6**C corresponds to the maximum base width setting of FIG. **3**C. Through adjustment of base width adjusters **150** and thigh width adjusters **160**, the width of bucket seat **125** and the depth of bucket seat **125** (indicated by depth **202**) can be configured. Furthermore, because the length of material of carrier **100** available to support the back depends on the depth of bucket seat **125**, adjusting base width adjusters **150** also adjusts the minimum wearable height **204** of carrier **100**. As illustrated in FIG. **6**, the wearable height **204** of carrier **100** increases with decreasing bucket depth.

With all settings set for a small baby, the seat center portion **122**, gusset portions **170** and thigh support areas **140** cooperate to form a deep bucket seat **125** as illustrated in FIG. **6**A. The deep bucket seat **125** with higher walls at the thigh (under the knee) tends to lift the child's knees (indicated by line **210**) to the appropriate spread squat position and promotes rounding of the back into a c-shape (indicated by line **212**). Moreover, a deeper bucket seat **125** shortens the wearable height **204**. Thus, the configuration of FIG. **6**A may be suitable for infants. As the child grows, the child's spine should naturally straighten and the child will require less knee support. Base width adjusters **150** and thigh width adjusters can be adjusted to widen bucket seat **125** and provide additional back support length to support the child's lengthening spine. As shown in FIG. **6**B and FIG. **6**C, for example, carrier **100** the bucket seat **125** may be adjusted to provide less knee lift, but enough to maintain an appropriate spread squat position (e.g., for an older baby in FIG. **6**B and for a toddler in FIG. **6**C) and allow the child to rest with a straighter back.

Returning to FIG. **2**, carrier **100** may also include an adjustable neck support **180**. Adjustable neck support **180** may be extended to increase the center height of carrier **100**, giving additional back or neck support for a child (depending on the size of the child). The neck support **180** may also be folded back away from the wearer to reduce the height of the carrier (e.g., for non-infant children). The neck support **180** may also be folded down toward the wearer such that it may reside inside the child carrying area to give an infant or other child additional head or neck support. The size, shape and position of neck support **180** can be selected so that neck support **180** will fit behind and support the average infant's neck when neck support **180** is folded into the carrier.

Complementary extended position securing mechanisms and complementary non-extended position securing mechanisms such as, but not limited to, buttons, snaps, d-rings and clips or hooks, patches of hook and loop material or other securing mechanism, can be provided so that adjustable neck support **180** can be secured in an extended position or folded back and secured in a non-extended position.

FIGS. **7**A, **7**B and **7**C illustrate one embodiment of adjustable neck support **180** in an inside folded down configuration, an extended configuration and an outside folded down configuration respectively. In the inside folded down position of FIG. **7**A, adjustable neck support **180** can be adapted to partially fill the inside of the carrying area of carrier **100** to give infants with insufficient head control more head and neck support (see also FIG. **6**A). Adjustable neck support **180** can also be configured in the outside folded down configuration of FIG. **7**C to provide additional volume in the carrier as the child grows (see also FIGS. **6**B and **6**C). Neck support **180** can be configured in the extended mode (flipped up) as illustrated in FIG. **7**B to increase the center back length, giving additional back support for toddlers or head and neck support for non-infant babies. Neck support **180** may be positioned according to the size of the child, or other criteria.

According to one embodiment, adjustable neck support **180** may be joined to main body **110** proximate to top edge **132**. The coupling may form a generally horizontal hinge that allows adjustable neck support **180** to flip over edge **132** from the inside folded down configuration to the outside folded down configuration. In the embodiment illustrated, adjustable neck support **180** may be secured in the inside folded down configuration and outside folded down configuration using first set of neck support fasteners **182** and may be secured in the extended configuration using a second set of neck support fasteners **184** located above the first set of neck support fasteners **182**. Preferably, but not necessarily, the neck support fasteners are located on the outside of main body **110**.

With reference again to FIG. **2**, shoulder straps **190** can be configured to form a loop and attach on either side of the lateral centerline of carrier **100**. In other embodiments, shoulder straps may be worn in an "x" configuration. Each shoulder strap **190** may connect to upper torso support portion **130** at one or more locations to pull upper torso support portion **130** toward the wearer. A shoulder strap may also couple to main body **110** of carrier **100** above thigh support areas **140** or other portion of carrier **100** on the same

side, or an opposite side, of the centerline where the shoulder strap **190** is coupled to the upper torso support portion **130**. Shoulder straps **190** may be adjustable and, in some cases, can be re-configured to support multiple carrier positions, such as a front carry, side carry position (hip carry) or back carry position.

Waist belt **115** may have a lumbar support portion **119** and be configured to rest on the wearer's hips. Preferably, the harness is configured so that the child's weight is evenly distributed to the wearer's hips and shoulders and even more preferably such that the child's weight is distributed evenly to the wearer's hips and shoulders and in some cases primarily to the wearer's hips rather than shoulders. In some cases, 70 percent or more of the child's weight can be distributed to the wearer's hips through waist belt **115**, thereby promoting wearer comfort and diminishing wearer fatigue.

In accordance with one aspect of the present disclosure, carrier **100** can be a soft structured carrier that incorporates padding, stitching and fabrics to provide structure. Main body **110**, including upper torso support portion **130**, bucket seat portion **120**, thigh supports **140** and thigh width adjusters **150** can be flexible and can be formed primarily of natural or synthetic fibers without a rigid frame. As would be understood by a person of ordinary skill in the art, however, some components, such as buckles, fasteners, etc. of a soft structured carrier may be formed of hard plastics, metals and the like.

Carrier **100** may include one or more panels formed from a single piece of material or multiple pieces of material, multiple layers of materials, or multiple materials. For example, in some embodiments, upper torso support portion **130** may be formed with an inner layer selected for comfort against a child's skin and an outer layer selected for breathability, fashion, stain resistance, etc. Upper torso support portion **130** may have straight edges, tapered edges for an area of increased width or decreased width, or otherwise configured for comfort or security of a child or a user. Similarly, bucket seat portion **120** may include one or more panels formed from a single piece of material, or may be formed from multiple pieces of material, multiple layers of materials, or multiple materials. The junction between upper torso support portion **130** and bucket seat portion **120** may be a substantially seamless transition. In one embodiment, the center of upper torso support portion **130** and center of bucket seat portion **120** may be formed from a unitary center panel **123** (of one or more layers) attached to side panels that form the laterally outer portions of upper torso support portion **130** and thigh support areas **140**. Inner layers may be selected for comfort against a child's skin and outer layers selected for breathability, fashion, stain resistance, etc. In some embodiments, the center portion may be selected for comfort and lateral portions selected for breathability, security, etc.

It can be noted that carrier **100** may support a number of carrying positions. FIG. **1**, for example, is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of an adult wearer carrying a child in an inward facing front carry position. FIG. **8** is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of an adult wearer carrying a child in carrier **100** in an inward facing back wearing configuration. FIG. **9** is a diagrammatic representation of one embodiment of an adult wearer carrying a child in carrier **100** in a side (hip) wearing configuration.

As used herein, the terms "comprises," "comprising," "includes," "including," "has," "having" or any other variation thereof, are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion. For example, a process, article, or apparatus that comprises a list of elements is not necessarily limited to only those elements but may include other elements not expressly listed or inherent to such process, article, or apparatus. Further, unless expressly stated to the contrary, "or" refers to an inclusive or and not to an exclusive or. For example, a condition A or B is satisfied by any one of the following: A is true (or present) and B is false (or not present), A is false (or not present) and B is true (or present), and both A and B are true (or present). As used herein, a term preceded by "a" or "an" (and "the" when antecedent basis is "a" or "an") includes both singular and plural of such term, unless clearly indicated otherwise (i.e., that the reference "a" or "an" clearly indicates only the singular or only the plural). Also, as used in the description herein and throughout the meaning of "in" includes "in" and "on" unless the context clearly dictates otherwise.

Additionally, any examples or illustrations given herein are not to be regarded in any way as restrictions on, limits to, or express definitions of, any term or terms with which they are utilized. Instead, these examples or illustrations are to be regarded as being described with respect to one particular embodiment and as illustrative only. Those of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that any term or terms with which these examples or illustrations are utilized will encompass other embodiments which may or may not be given therewith or elsewhere in the specification and all such embodiments are intended to be included within the scope of that term or terms. Language designating such nonlimiting examples and illustrations include, but is not limited to: "for example," "for instance," "e.g.," "in one embodiment."

Reference throughout this specification to "one embodiment", "an embodiment", or "a specific embodiment" or similar terminology means that a particular feature, structure, or characteristic described in connection with the embodiment is included in at least one embodiment and may not necessarily be present in all embodiments. Thus, respective appearances of the phrases "in one embodiment", "in an embodiment", or "in a specific embodiment" or similar terminology in various places throughout this specification are not necessarily referring to the same embodiment. Furthermore, the particular features, structures, or characteristics of any particular embodiment may be combined in any suitable manner with one or more other embodiments. It is to be understood that other variations and modifications of the embodiments described and illustrated herein are possible in light of the teachings herein and are to be considered as part of the spirit and scope of the invention.

In the description herein, numerous specific details are provided, such as examples of components and/or methods, to provide a thorough understanding of embodiments of the invention. One skilled in the relevant art will recognize, however, that an embodiment may be able to be practiced without one or more of the specific details, or with other apparatus, systems, assemblies, methods, components, materials, parts, and/or the like. In other instances, well-known structures, components, systems, materials, or operations are not specifically shown or described in detail to avoid obscuring aspects of embodiments of the invention. While the invention may be illustrated by using a particular embodiment, this is not and does not limit the invention to any particular embodiment and a person of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that additional embodiments are readily understandable and are a part of this invention.

It will also be appreciated that one or more of the elements depicted in the drawings/figures can also be implemented in a more separated or integrated manner, or even removed or

rendered as inoperable in certain cases, as is useful in accordance with a particular application. Additionally, any signal arrows in the drawings/Figures should be considered only as exemplary, and not limiting, unless otherwise specifically noted.

The representative embodiments, which have been described in detail herein, have been presented by way of example and not by way of limitation. It will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes may be made in the form and details of the described embodiments resulting in equivalent embodiments that remain within the scope of the appended claims.

The invention claiemd is:

1. An adjustable child carrier for supporting a child by a user, the adjustable child carrier comprising:

a body configured to support the child,

wherein the body forms a bucket seat configured to support legs of the child;

a neck support comprising a first neck support attachment and a second neck support attachment;

a first shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a first shoulder of the user;

a second shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a second shoulder of the user;

a first attachment disposed on the first shoulder strap and configured to receive the first neck support attachment;

a second attachment disposed on the second shoulder strap and configured to receive the second neck support attachment,

wherein the neck support is configured in an upward neck supporting position when the first neck support attachment is coupled to the first attachment and the second neck support attachment is coupled to the second attachment;

the body forming a first thigh support and a second thigh support;

a first setting, a second setting, and a third setting defined by the adjustable child carrier; and

at least one thigh support adjuster coupled to the first thigh support and the second thigh support,

wherein the at least one thigh support adjuster is configured to be selectively positioned to one of the first setting, the second setting, or the third setting to thereby adjust a length of the body to accommodate various sizes of the child as the child ages,

wherein the length is defined from a bottom of the bucket seat to a top of the body.

2. The adjustable child carrier of claim **1**,

wherein selectively positioning the at least one thigh support adjuster at the first setting adjusts the length of the body to a first length,

wherein selectively positioning the at least one thigh support adjuster at the second setting adjusts the length of the body to a second length greater than the first length,

wherein selectively positioning the at least one thigh support adjuster at the third setting adjusts the length of the body to a third length greater than the second length.

3. The adjustable child carrier of claim **1**, wherein adjustment of the at least one thigh support adjuster adjusts a depth of the bucket seat for the child.

4. The adjustable child carrier of claim **1**,

wherein the first setting is at least partially vertically displaced from the second setting, the second setting is at least partially vertically displaced from the third setting, and the first setting is at least partially vertically displaced from the first setting,

wherein the adjustable child carrier defines the second setting between the first setting and the third setting.

5. The adjustable child carrier of claim **2**,

wherein adjusting the length of the body to the first length configures the adjustable child carrier in an infant mode,

wherein, in the infant mode, the adjustable child carrier is configured to carry the child when the child has a height within a range of 20-24 inches.

6. An adjustable child carrier for supporting a child by a user, the adjustable child carrier comprising:

a body configured to support the child between the body and a torso of the user, wherein the body forms a bucket seat configured to support legs of the child;

a neck support comprising a first neck support attachment and a second neck support attachment;

a first shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a first shoulder of the user;

a second shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a second shoulder of the user;

a first attachment disposed on the first shoulder strap and configured to receive the first neck support attachment;

a second attachment disposed on the second shoulder strap and configured to receive the second neck support attachment,

wherein the neck support is configured in an upward neck supporting position when the first neck support attachment is coupled to the first attachment and the second neck support attachment is coupled to the second attachment;

the body forming a first thigh support and a second thigh support; at least one thigh support adjuster coupled to the first thigh support and the second thigh support; and

a first position, a second position, and a third position defined by the adjustable child carrier,

wherein the first position corresponds to a first setting, the second position corresponds to a second setting, and the third position corresponds to a third setting,

wherein adjustment of the at least one thigh support adjuster among the first position, the second position, and the third position adjusts a length of the body to configure the adjustable child carrier to one of the first setting, the second setting, or the third setting, the length defined from a bottom of the bucket seat to a top of the body.

7. The adjustable child carrier of claim **6**,

wherein adjustment of the at least one thigh support adjuster from the first position to the second position adjusts the length of the body from a first length to a second length, the second length being greater than the first length,

wherein adjustment of the at least one thigh support adjuster from the second position to the third position adjusts the length of the body from the second length to a third length, the third length being greater than the first length and the second length.

8. The adjustable child carrier of claim **6**, wherein adjustment of the at least one thigh support adjuster adjusts a depth of the bucket seat for the child.

9. The adjustable child carrier of claim **6**,

wherein the first position is at least partially vertically displaced from the second position, the second position is at least partially vertically displaced from the third position, and the first position is at least partially vertically displaced from the first position,

wherein the adjustable child carrier defines the second position between the first position and the third position.

10. The adjustable child carrier of claim **7**,

wherein adjusting the length of the body to the first length configures the adjustable child carrier in an infant mode,

wherein, in the infant mode, the adjustable child carrier is configured to carry the child when the child has a height within a range of 20-24 inches.

11. An adjustable child carrier for supporting a child by a user, the adjustable child carrier comprising:

a body configured to support the

wherein the body forms a bucket seat configured to support legs of the child;

a neck support comprising a first neck support attachment and a second neck support attachment;

a first shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a first shoulder of the user;

a second shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a second shoulder of the user;

a first attachment disposed on the first shoulder strap and configured to receive the first neck support attachment;

a second attachment disposed on the second shoulder strap and configured to receive the second neck support attachment,

wherein the neck support is configured in an upward neck supporting position when the first neck support attachment is coupled to the first attachment and the second neck support attachment is coupled to the second attachment;

wherein folding the neck support down and away from the user configures the neck support in an outside folded down position, the outside folded down position reducing a length of the body in relation to the upward neck supporting position;

the body forming a first thigh support and a second thigh support;

wherein the body, the first thigh support, and the second thigh support in combination form a seat for the child;

a first setting, a second setting, and a third setting defined by the adjustable child carrier; and

at least one thigh support adjuster coupled to the first thigh support and the second thigh support,

wherein selective positioning of the at least one thigh support adjuster at the first setting, the second setting, or the third setting adjusts the length of the body to accommodate various sizes of the child as the child ages, the length defined from a bottom of the bucket seat to a top of the body.

12. The adjustable child carrier of claim **11**, wherein adjustment of the at least one thigh support adjuster adjusts a depth of the bucket seat for the child.

13. The adjustable child carrier of claim **11**,

wherein the first setting is at least partially vertically displaced from the second setting, the second setting is at least partially vertically displaced from the third setting, and the first setting is at least partially vertically displaced from the first setting,

wherein the adjustable child carrier defines the second setting between the first setting and the third setting.

14. The adjustable child carrier of claim **11**,

wherein selectively positioning the at least one thigh support adjuster at the first setting adjusts the length of the body to a first length,

wherein selectively positioning the at least one thigh support adjuster at the second setting adjusts the length of the body to a second length greater than the first length,

wherein selectively positioning the at least one thigh support adjuster at the third setting adjusts the length of the body to a third length greater than the second length.

15. The adjustable child carrier of claim **11**, wherein the seat is configured to support the child in a spread squat position.

16. The adjustable child carrier of claim **1**,

wherein positioning the at least one thigh support adjuster at the second setting at least partially obscures the first setting,

wherein positioning the at least one thigh support adjuster at the third setting at least partially obscures the second setting.

17. The adjustable child carrier of claim **6**,

wherein adjustment of the at least one thigh support adjuster to the second position at least partially obscures the first position and adjustment of the at least one thigh support adjuster to the third position at least partially obscures the second position.

18. The adjustable child carrier of claim **11**,

wherein positioning the at least one thigh support adjuster at the second setting at least partially obscures the first setting and positioning the at least one thigh support adjuster at the third setting at least partially obscures the second setting.

19. The adjustable child carrier of claim **1**, wherein the bucket seat is configured to support the child in a spread squat position.

20. The adjustable child carrier of claim **6**, wherein the bucket seat is configured to support the child in a spread squat position.

21. The adjustable child carrier of claim **5**,

wherein adjusting the length of the body to the third length configures the adjustable child carrier in a toddler mode,

wherein, in the toddler mode, the adjustable child carrier is configured to carry the child when the child has a height of at least 28 inches.

22. The adjustable child carrier of claim **10**,

wherein adjusting the length of the body to the third length configures the adjustable child carrier in a toddler mode,

wherein, in the toddler mode, the adjustable child carrier is configured to carry the child when the child has a height of at least 28 inches.

23. The adjustable child carrier of claim **14**,

wherein adjusting the length of the body to the first length configures the adjustable child carrier in an infant mode,

wherein, in the infant mode, the adjustable child carrier is configured to carry the child when the child has a height within a range of 20-24 inches.

24. The adjustable child carrier of claim **23**,

wherein adjusting the length of the body to the third length configures the adjustable child carrier in a toddler mode,

wherein, in the toddler mode, the adjustable child carrier is configured to carry the child when the child has a height of at least 28 inches.

25. The adjustable child carrier of claim **1**,

wherein each of the first setting, the second setting, and the third setting is a discrete location on the child

carrier at which the user selectively positions the at least one thigh support adjuster.

26. The adjustable child carrier of claim **6**,

wherein each of the first position, second position, and third position is a discrete location on the child carrier at which the user adjusts the at least one thigh support adjuster to the first setting, the second setting, and the third setting.

27. The adjustable child carrier of claim **11**,

wherein each of the first setting, the second setting, and the third setting is a discrete location on the child carrier at which the user selectively positions the at least one thigh support adjuster.

28. The adjustable child carrier of claim **1**,

wherein each of the first setting, the second setting, and the third setting is visible to the user for the selective positioning of the at least one thigh support adjuster.

29. The adjustable child carrier of claim **6**,

wherein each of the first position, the second position, and the third position is visible to the user for the adjustment of the at least one thigh support adjuster.

30. The adjustable child carrier of claim **11**,

wherein each of the first setting, the second setting, and the third setting is visible to the user for the selective positioning of the at least one thigh support adjuster.

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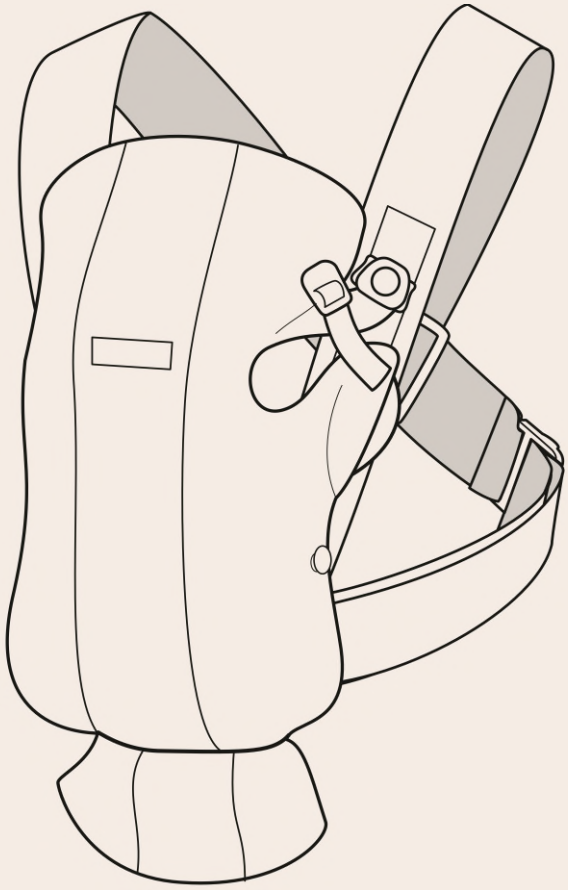
EXHIBIT 2

OWNER'S MANUAL

BABYBJÖRN BABY CARRIER MINI



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IMPORTANT! KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE ASSEMBLING AND USING THE SOFT CARRIER.

IMPORTANT! À CONSERVER POUR RÉFÉRENCE FUTURE! VEUILLEZ LIRE CE MANUEL ATTENTIVEMENT AVANT D'UTILISER LE PORTE-BÉBÉ.

¡IMPORTANTE! CONSERVE ESTE MANUAL PARA QUE PUEDA CONSULTARLO EN EL FUTURO. LEA CON ATENCIÓN ESTE MANUAL ANTES DE ARMAR Y UTILIZAR EL CANGURO PORTABEBÉ.

PLEASE REFER TO THESE PARTS WHEN READING THE INSTRUCTIONS

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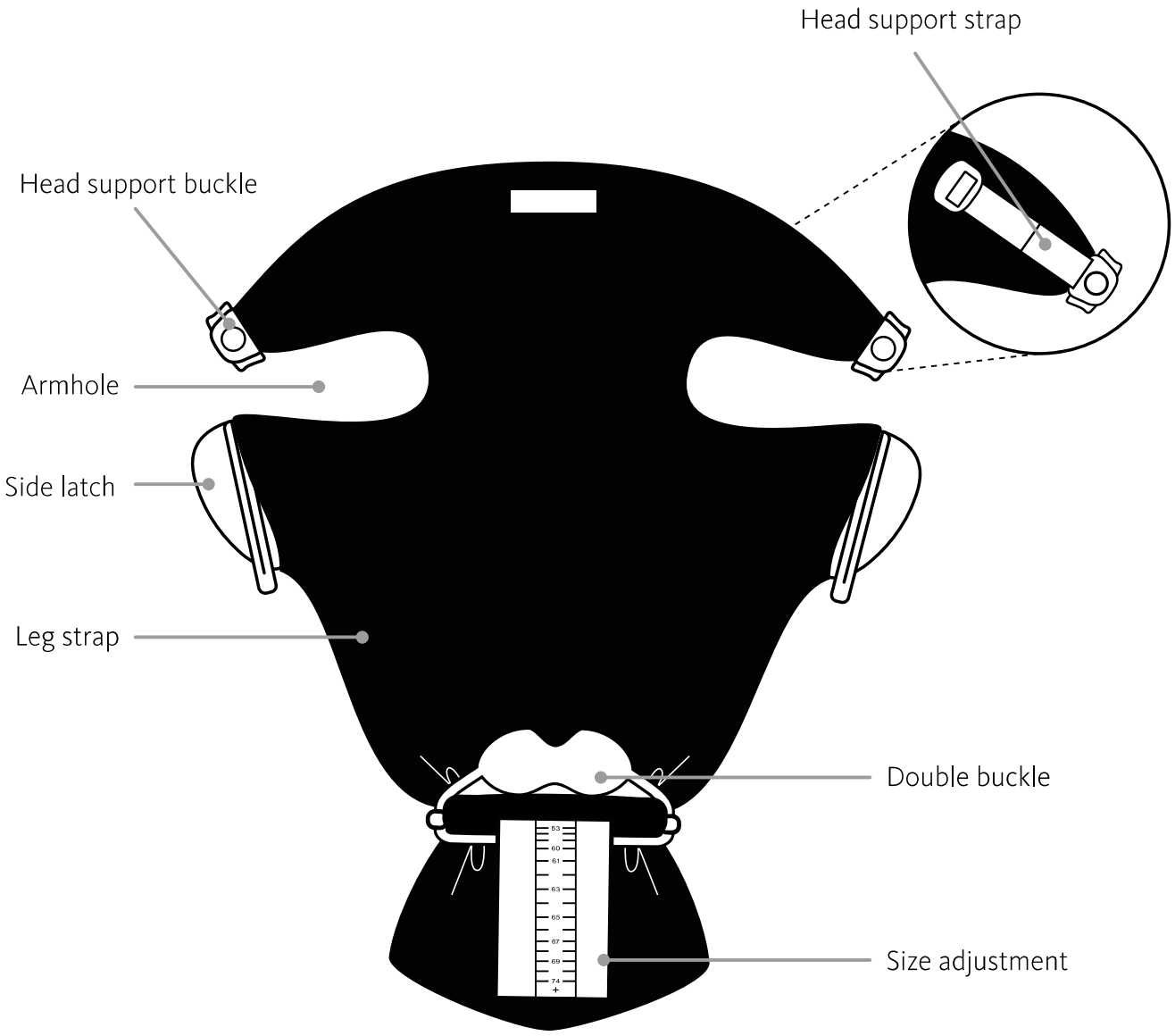

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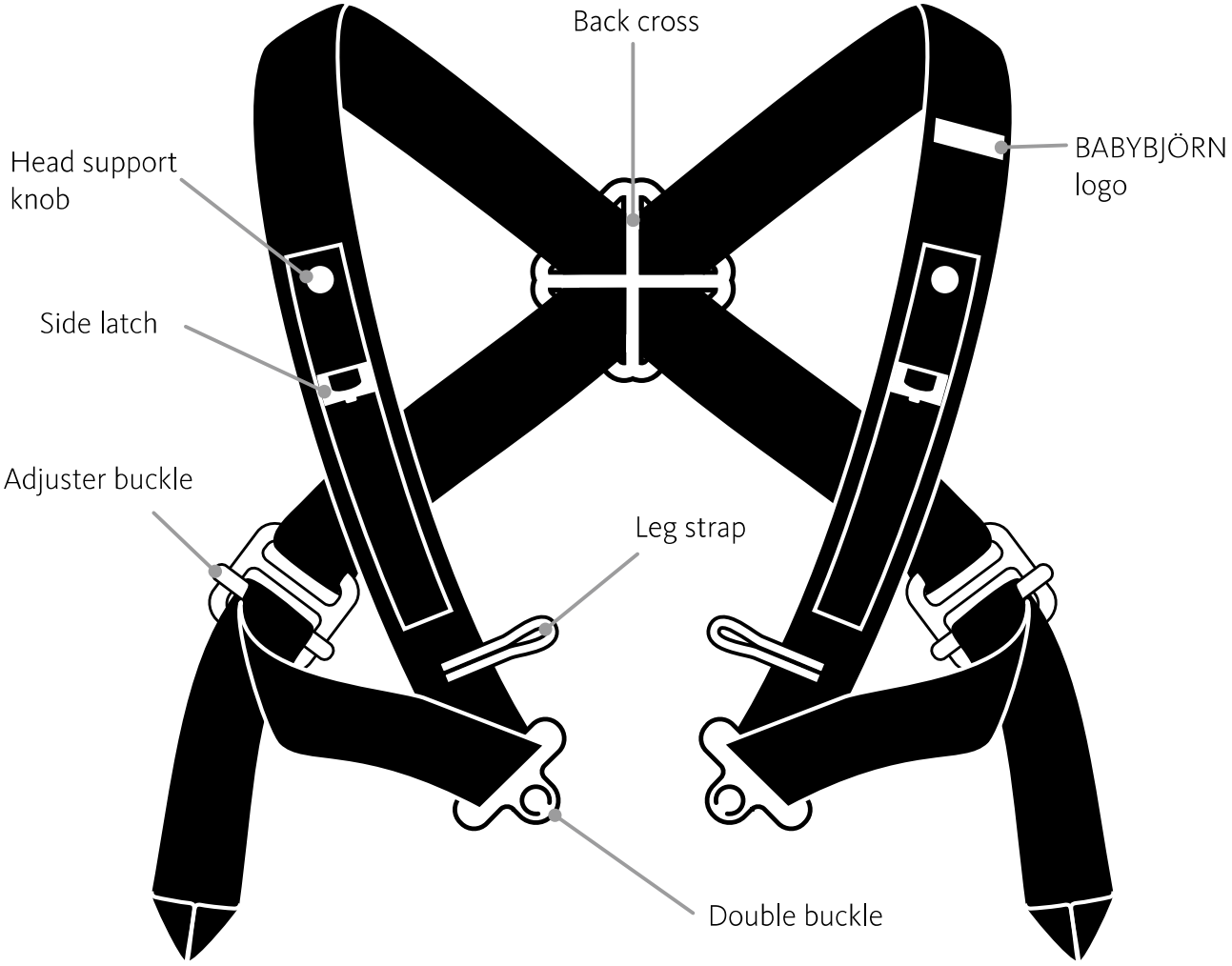

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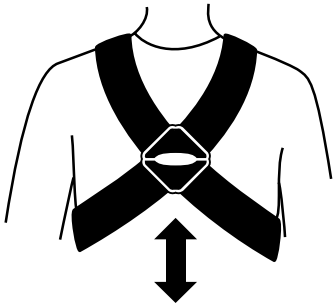
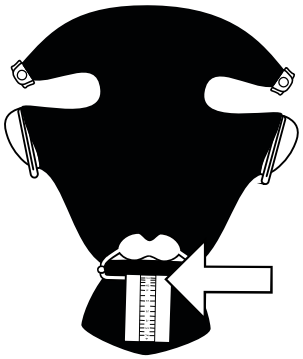
CARRYING YOUR NEWBORN BABY

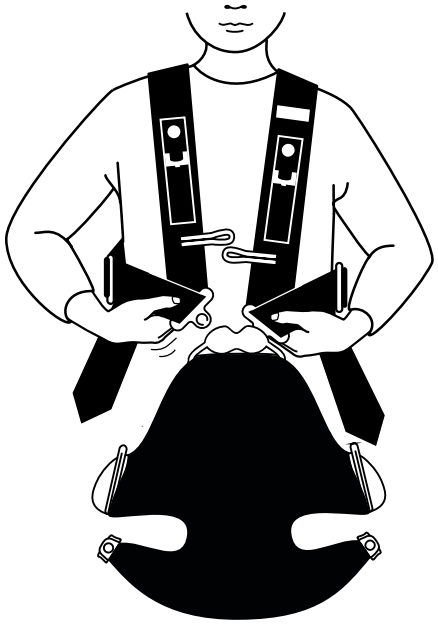
1. Put on the harness. The BABYBJÖRN logo should be on your left side.



2. Adjust the back cross so it sits just below your shoulder blades for maximum comfort.



3. Check that the size adjustment is set to the smallest size, 21" (53cm), to fit your newborn.



4. Fasten the harness to the front of the baby carrier by locking the double buckle. Each side is locked when you hear a click.

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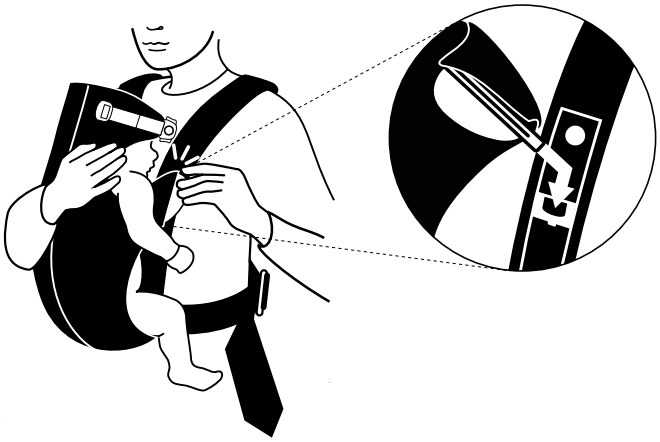
5. Fasten the side latch on one side by inserting the hook into the slot. Check that it is firmly locked. Slightly tighten the shoulder straps.

6. Place the child in the baby carrier facing you. Each leg should be on its respective side of the baby carrier front, and the child's arms should be placed through the armholes.



7. Fasten the side latch on the other side by inserting the hook into the slot.

8. Fasten the head support buckle on both sides. Place your thumb behind the head support knob on the harness. Click into place! You can adjust the head support by carefully pulling on the head support straps. Always make sure there is enough room around your baby's face to provide a clear source of air.

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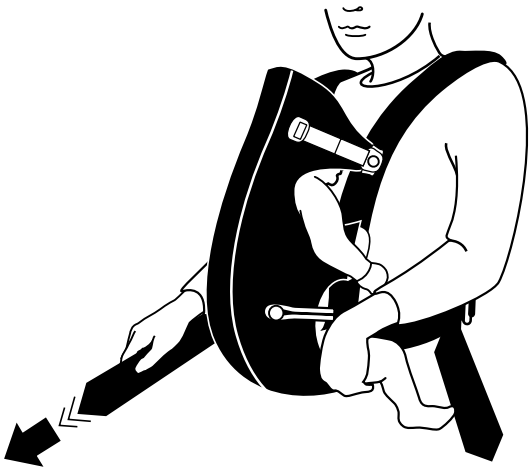
9. Fasten the leg straps on both sides. The leg straps must be used for children between 7 and 10 lbs (3.2 and 4.5 kg) in order to reduce the size of the leg openings.



10. Adjust the shoulder straps one at a time while lifting your child and adjusting the leg position. You should carry your child so close and high up that you can kiss the top of their head. Finally, check that the back cross is centered just below your shoulder blades.

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REMOVING YOUR CHILD/TAKING THE BABY CARRIER OFF

Make sure you hold onto your child throughout the entire movement!

- Start by unfastening the leg straps if they are being used. Then unfasten the head support on both sides. Place your thumb and index finger on either side of the knob. Press and lift off.
- Unfasten the side latch on one side. Place your thumb on the grooved marking on the colored back of the hook. Press and pull upwards. You can now lift the child out. If your child is asleep, open the side latches on both sides to open the front completely.
- Unfasten the double buckle.

CARRYING YOUR OLDER BABY

We recommend carrying your child facing inwards at least up until the age of five months. Around that time, your child's neck, spine and hips will be strong enough for you to use either the facing-inward or the facing-outward position.

I. Adjust the baby carrier to your child's approximate length. Read the length from the bottom of the buckle and adjust it by wiggling the buckle.

II. When carrying your child facing outward, make sure you fold down the head support. Please also keep in mind that a younger baby's arms should be through the armholes, but an older baby's arms can be above the folded-down head support.

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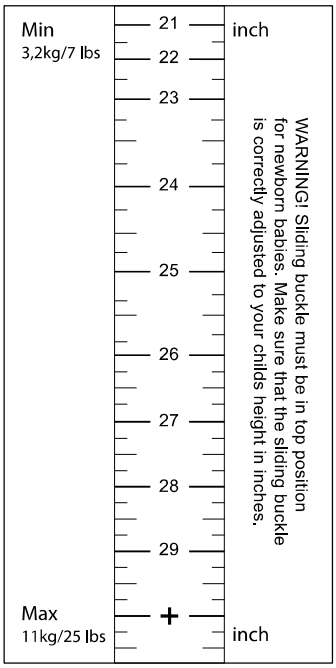

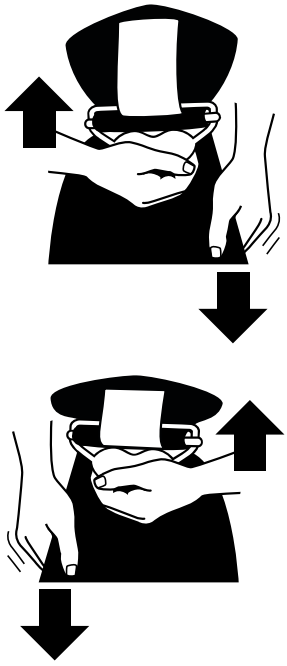

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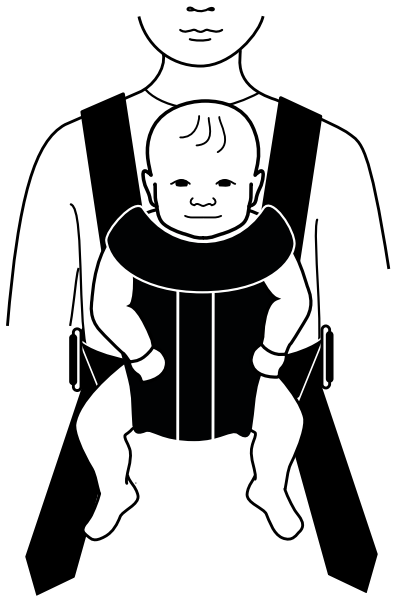

REQUIREMENTS
Minimum requirements: 7 lbs (3.2 kg) and 21 in (53 cm). Maximum weight: 25 lbs (11 kg)

WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

Woven
Machine wash warm separately, mild detergent, gentle cycle, and drip dry (no dryer).
Do not use chlorine bleach or fabric softener.
Iron only at low temperature and never iron trim.

3D Mesh and 3D Jersey
Machine wash warm separately, mild detergent, gentle cycle, and drip dry (no dryer).
Do not use chlorine bleach or fabric softener.
NEVER IRON!

We recommend machine washing this product in a wash bag.

Improper care will void any and all warranties.

FABRIC INFORMATION

This product comes in three collections.

All the materials used in the baby carrier are guaranteed to be free from harmful and allergenic substances. They comply with the requirements of the Oeko-Tex Standard 100, Class 1 for baby products.

SAFETY APPROVAL
BABYBJÖRN Baby Carrier Mini meets the safety requirements for soft infant and toddler carriers (ASTM F2236) and EN 13209-2:2015.

IMPORTANT!

The child must face you until he/she is able to hold his/her head upright.

Premature infants, infants with respiratory problems, and infants under the age of FOUR months are at the greatest risk of suffocation.

Never use a soft carrier when your balance or mobility is impaired because of exercise, drowsiness or medical conditions.

Avoid dressing your child too warmly.

Never wear a soft carrier while driving or riding as a passenger in a motor vehicle.

Never use a soft carrier while engaging in activities that involve a heat source or exposure to chemicals, such as cooking and cleaning.

The baby carrier is NOT suitable for use during sports or other leisure activities.

Check to ensure all buckles, snaps, straps, and adjustments are secure before each use.

Check for ripped seams, torn straps or fabric and damaged fasteners before each use.

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⚠ WARNING! FALL AND SUFFOCATION HAZARD

FALL HAZARD - Infants can fall through a wide leg opening or out of carrier.

- Hold your baby closely at all times until correctly attached.
- Make sure baby's legs are straddling the seat and arms extend through arm holes.
- Adjust leg openings to fit baby's legs snugly.
- The leg straps must be used for children weighing 7–10 lb/3.2–4.5 kg.
- Before each use, make sure all buckles are secure.
- Take special care when leaning or walking.
- Never bend at waist; bend at knees.
- This baby carrier is designed for use by adults while walking only.
- Only use this carrier for children between 7 lb/3.2 kg (21 in/53 cm) and 25 lb/11 kg.
- Ensure proper placement of child in product including leg placement.
- Your balance may be adversely affected by your own or your child's movements.
- Never use a damaged baby carrier.
- This baby carrier must not be used as a back carrier.

SUFFOCATION HAZARD - Infants under 4 months can suffocate in this product if face is pressed tight against your body.

- Do not strap baby too tight against your body.
- Allow room for head movement.
- Keep infant's face free from obstructions at all times.
- Never lie down or sleep with baby in the baby carrier.
- Inspect the baby carrier regularly for any signs of wear and tear.

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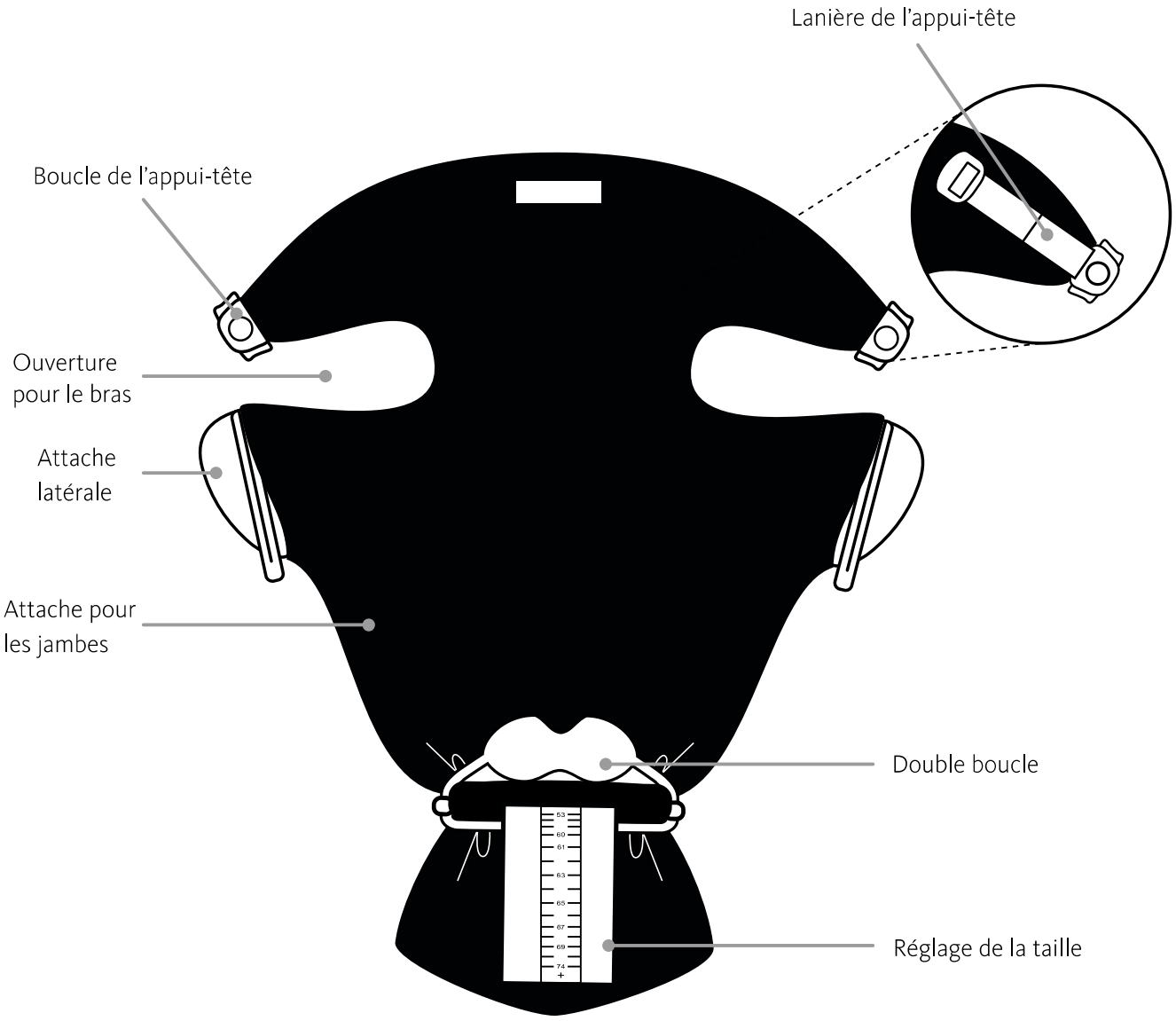

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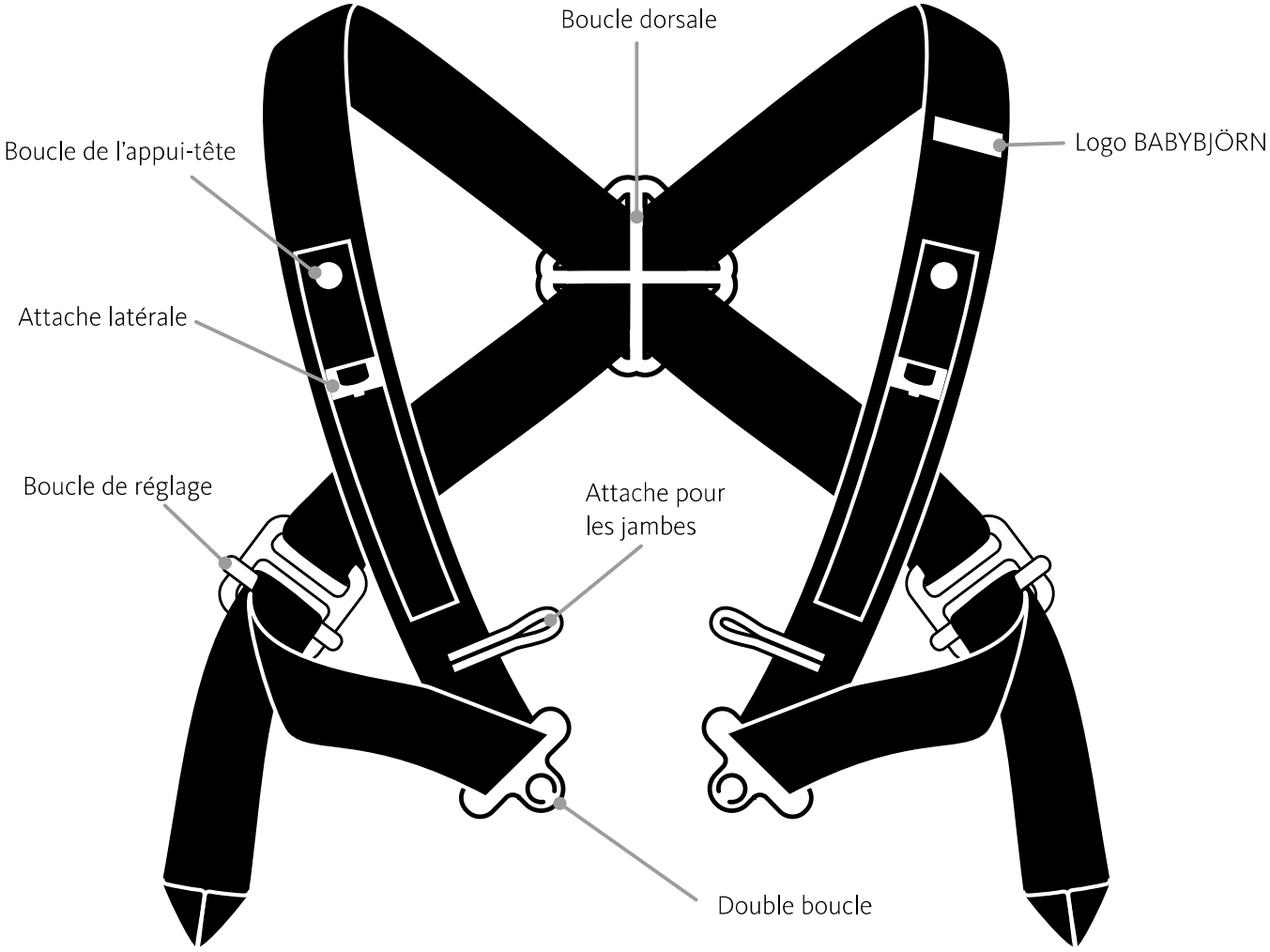

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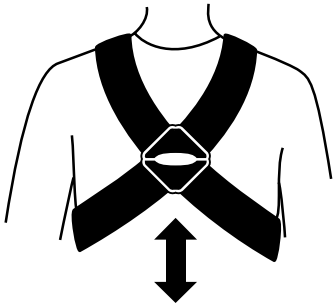
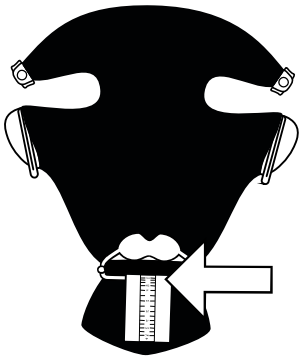
COMMENT PORTER VOTRE NOUVEAU-NÉ

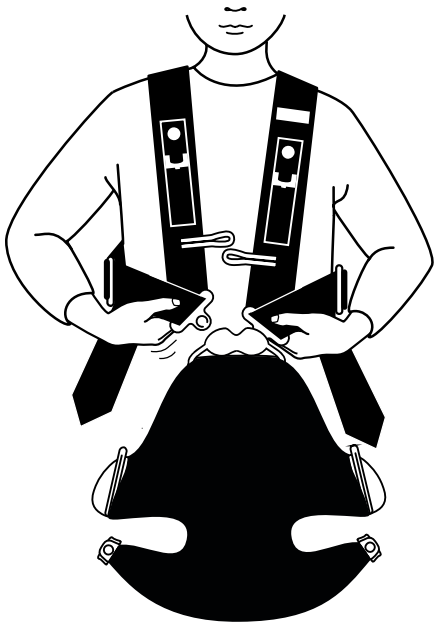
1. Enfilez le harnais. Le logo BABYBJÖRN doit se trouver sur votre côté gauche.



2. Réglez la boucle dorsale juste en-dessous de vos omoplates pour un confort maximum.



3. Vérifiez que le réglage de la taille est ajusté à la plus petite taille 21 po (53 cm) pour adapter le porte-bébé à votre nouveau-né.



4. Attachez le harnais à l'avant du porte-bébé en le fixant sur la double boucle. Il est verrouillé lorsque vous entendez un déclic.

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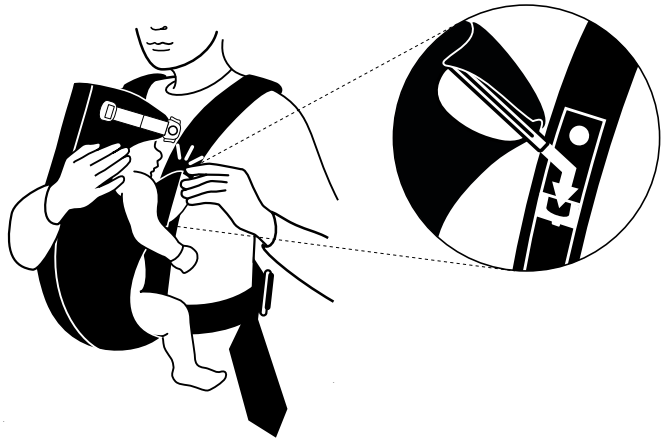
5. Fermez l'attache latérale sur un côté en insérant le crochet dans la fente. Vérifiez qu'il soit bien bloqué. Serrez légèrement les bretelles.

6. Placez l'enfant face à vous dans le porte-bébé. Chaque jambe doit être sur son côté respectif du porte-bébé et les bras passés dans les ouvertures prévues à cet effet.



7. Fermez l'attache latérale sur l'autre côté en insérant le crochet dans la fente.

8. Attachez l'appui-tête des deux côtés. Placez votre pouce derrière le bouton sur le harnais et fixer la boucle dessus. Vous pouvez régler l'appui-tête en tirant doucement sur les lanières. Assurez-vous qu'il y ait suffisamment d'espace pour l'air autour de la tête de votre enfant.

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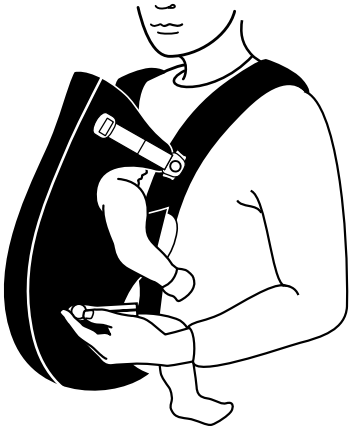
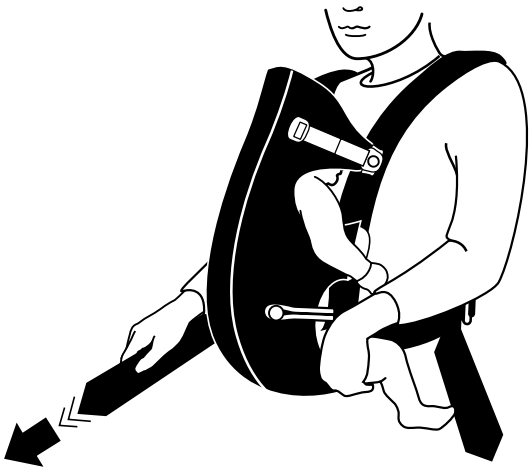


9. Fermez les attaches de jambes des deux côtés avec les enfants pesant entre 7 - 10 lb (3,2 et 4,5 kg) de façon à réduire l'ouverture pour les jambes.



10. Réglez les bretelles l'une après l'autre en soulevant votre enfant et en ajustant la position des jambes. Vous devez porter votre bébé suffisamment haut et proche de vous pour pouvoir l'embrasser sur la tête. Vérifiez enfin que la croix dorsale est centrée juste en dessous de vos omoplates.

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RETIRER VOTRE ENFANT / ENLEVER LE PORTE-BÉBÉ

Tenez bien votre enfant tout le temps!

- Commencez par détacher les attaches de jambes si elles sont utilisées. Puis, détachez l'appui-tête des deux côtés. Placez le pouce et l' index de chaque côté du bouton. Appuyez pour détacher.
- Détachez une attache latérale. Placez votre pouce sur la partie rainurée et colorée au dos du crochet, appuyez et soulevez. Vous pouvez à présent retirer votre enfant du porte-bébé. S'il dort, détachez les deux attaches latérales pour ouvrir complètement l'avant.
- Détachez la double boucle.

COMMENT PORTER VOTRE BÉBÉ PLUS ÂGÉ

Nous vous conseillons de porter votre enfant face à vous au moins jusqu'à l'âge de 5 mois. Vers cet âge, la nuque, la colonne vertébrale et les hanches sont suffisamment forts pour alterner le portage face à vous et tourné vers l'extérieur.

I. Réglez le porte-bébé à la taille approximative de votre enfant. Lisez l'indication de la taille au bas de la boucle et ajustez la taille en remuant la boucle.

II. Lorsque vous portez votre enfant tourné vers l'extérieur, veillez à rabattre l'appui-tête vers le bas et n'oubliez pas que les bras d'un jeune bébé doivent être passés dans les ouvertures prévues à cet effet, tandis qu'un bébé plus âgé peut les avoir par-dessus l'appui-tête replié.

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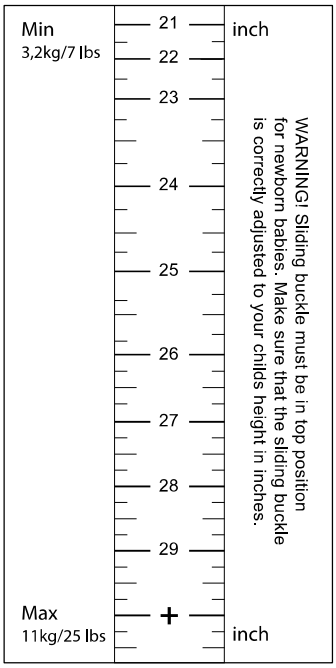

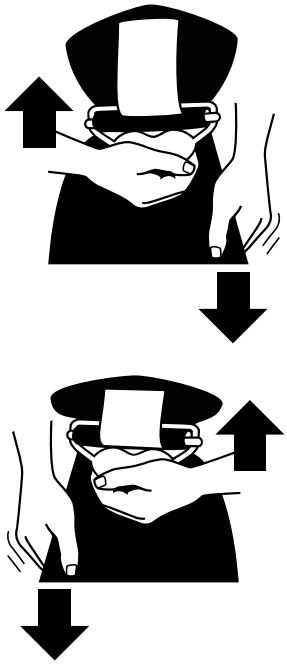

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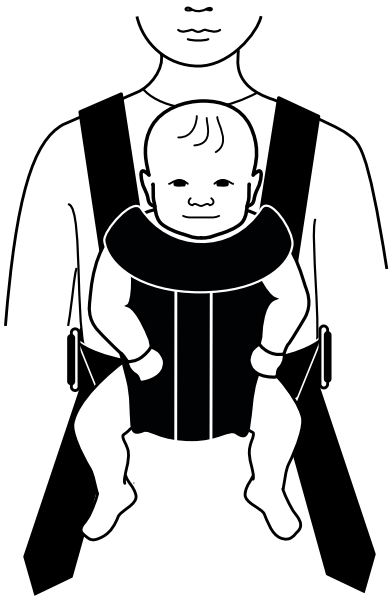

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POIDS MINIMUM ET MAXIMUM
Poids et taille minimum : 7 lb (3,2 kg) et 21 po (53 cm). Poids maximum : 25 lb (11 kg)

CONSEILS D'ENTRETIEN

Tissé
Laver séparément en eau tiède avec détersif doux au cycle délicat et suspendre pour sécher (ne pas sécher à la machine). Ne pas utiliser d'agent de blanchiment ou d'assouplisseur. Ne repasser qu'à température tiède et ne jamais repasser la garniture.

Mesh 3D
Laver séparément en eau tiède avec détersif doux au cycle délicat et suspendre pour sécher (ne pas sécher à la machine). Ne pas utiliser d'agent de blanchiment ou d'assouplisseur.
NE JAMAIS REPASSER!

Utiliser un sac de lavage.

Le non-respect des conditions d'entretien annulera toutes les garanties.

INFORMATIONS CONCERNANT LA MATIÈRE

Ce produit est disponible en trois variantes textiles.
Tous les matériaux utilisés dans le porte-bébé sont garantis sans substances nocives ni allergènes. Ils sont conformes aux exigences de la norme Oeko-Tex Standard 100, classe 1 pour les produits destinés aux bébés.

APPROBATION DE SÉCURITÉ
Le porte-bébé Mini BABYBJÖRN est conforme aux normes de sécurité en matière de porte-bébé pour nouveau-nés et tout-petits (ASTM F2236) et EN 13209-2:2015.

IMPORTANT !

L'enfant doit vous faire face jusqu'à ce qu'il puisse se tenir la tête droite.

Les enfants prématurés, les bébés avec des troubles respiratoires et les poupons de moins de 4 mois sont plus à risque de souffrir de suffocation.

Ne jamais utiliser un porte-bébé souple si l'exercice, la somnolence ou un problème médical peut causer un déséquilibre ou un trouble de mobilité.

Évitez d'habiller votre enfant trop chaudement.

Ne jamais porter de porte-bébé dans un véhicule motorisé, que vous soyez conducteur ou passager.

N'utilisez jamais de porte-bébé souple pendant des activités comme la cuisine et le nettoyage impliquant une source de chaleur ou une exposition à des produits chimiques.

Le porte-bébé ne doit PAS être utilisé pendant la pratique de sports ou autres activités de loisirs.

S'assurer que toutes les boucles, tous les boutons-pression, les bretelles et les ajustements sont bien fixés avant chaque utilisation.

Vérifier qu'il n'y a aucune couture déchirée, aucune bretelle arrachée, ou aucune attache ou pièce de tissu endommagée avant chaque utilisation.

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⚠ ATTENTION! RISQUE DE CHUTE ET DE SUFFOCATION

RISQUE DE CHUTE - Les bébés peuvent tomber en glissant par une grande ouverture de jambe ou du porte-bébé.

- Maintenez votre enfant près de vous en tout temps jusqu'à ce qu'il soit installé fermement.
- Assurez-vous que les jambes du bébé sont écartées dans le siège et que les bras passent dans les trous conçus pour les bras.
- Les enfants de petite taille peuvent tomber en glissant par une ouverture de jambe. Ajustez toujours les ouvertures de jambes afin qu'elles s'adaptent parfaitement aux jambes du bébé.
- Les attaches de jambes doivent être utilisées pour les enfants pesant entre 7 - 10 lb (3,2 et 4,5 kg).
- Avant chaque utilisation, assurez-vous que toutes les boucles sont serrées en toute sécurité.
- Faites très attention lorsque vous vous penchez ou marchez.
- Ne pliez jamais à la taille, pliez les genoux.
- Ce porte-bébé a été conçu pour être utilisé par des adultes durant la marche.
- N'utilisez ce porte-bébé que pour des enfants de 21 po (53 cm) et de 7 - 10 lb (3,2 à 11 kg)
- Assurez le positionnement correct du bébé dans le produit comprenant le positionnement des jambes.
- Votre équilibre peut être affecté par vos propres mouvements ou ceux de votre enfant.
- N'utilisez jamais un porte-bébé endommagé.
- Le porte-bébé ne doit pas être utilisé sur le dos.

DANGER DE SUFFOCATION - Les bébés de moins de 4 mois peuvent suffoquer dans le porte-bébé si leur visage est trop près de votre corps pour respirer.

- Le portage sur le dos ne doit être utilisé que lorsque l'enfant a plus de 12 mois.
- N'attachez pas votre bébé trop serré à votre corps.
- Laissez assez d'espace pour permettre au bébé de bouger sa tête.
- Maintenez le visage du bébé libre de toute obstruction, et ce, en tout temps.
- Ne vous allongez jamais et ne dormez jamais avec un enfant dans le porte-bébé.
- Inspectez le porte-bébé régulièrement pour détecter tout signe d'usure ou de déchirure.

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CONSULTE LAS SIGUIENTES PIEZAS CUANDO LEA LAS INSTRUCCIONES

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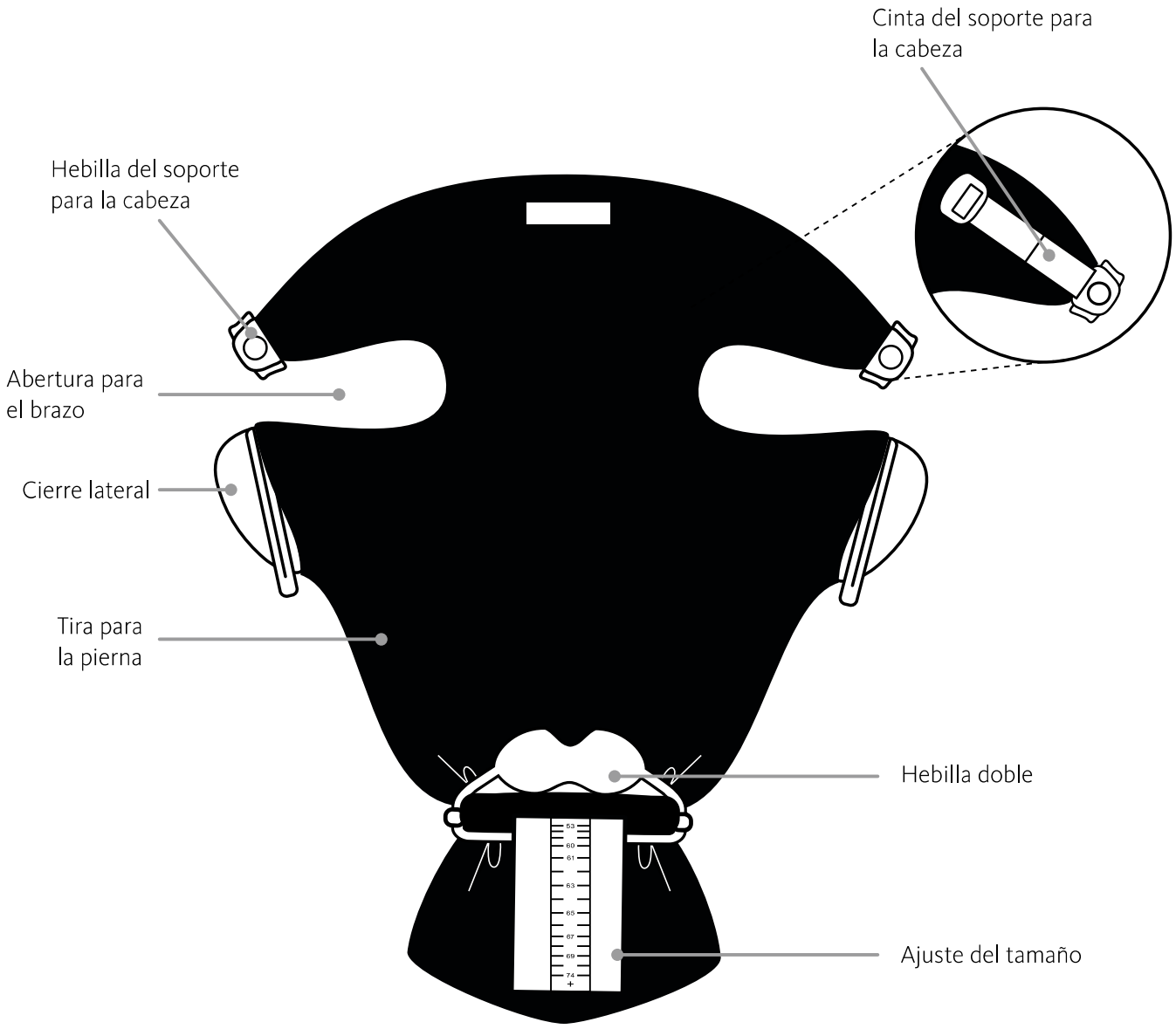

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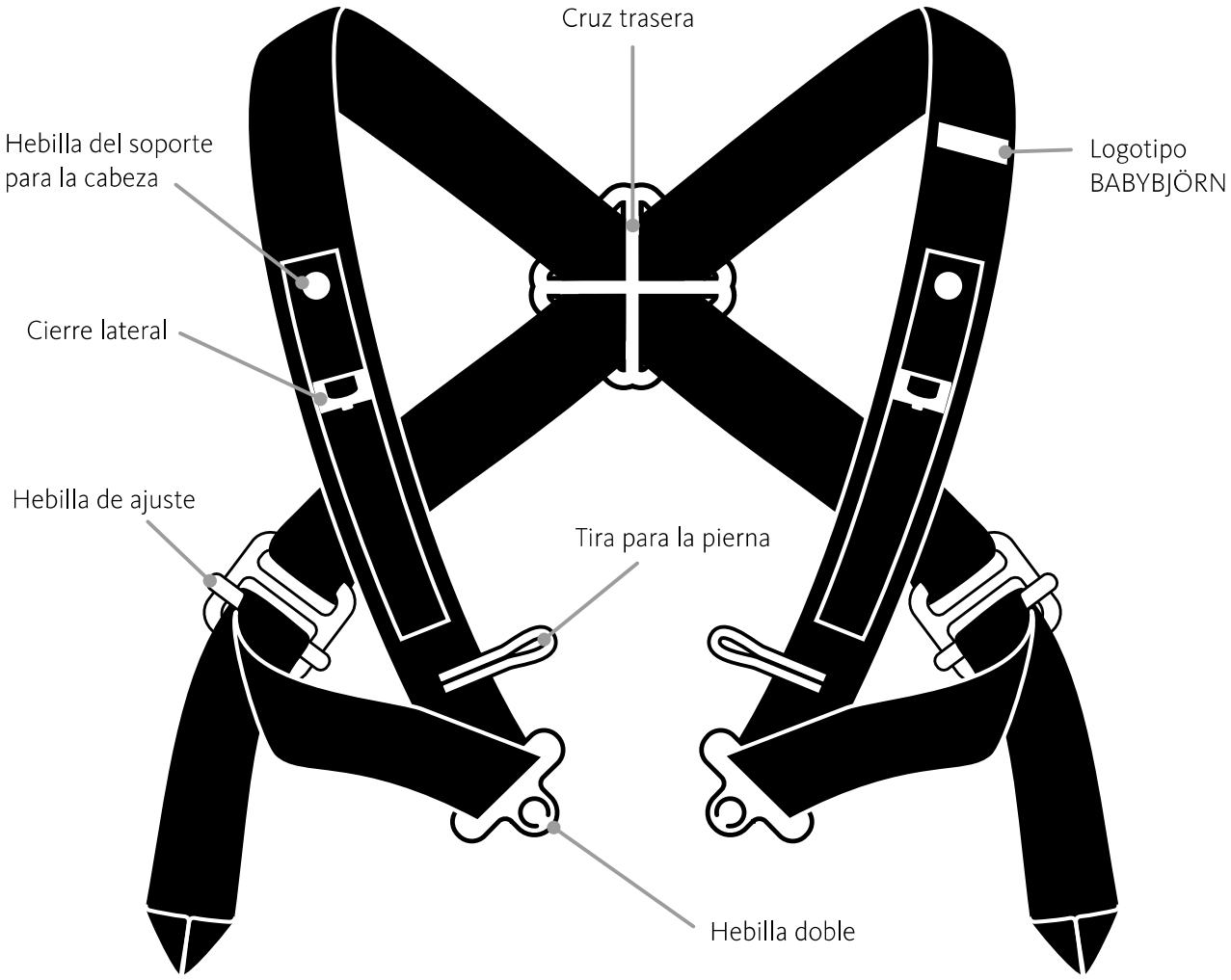

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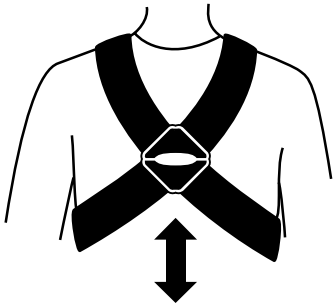
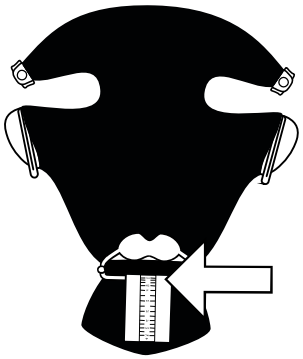
CÓMO LLEVAR A SU BEBÉ RECIÉN NACIDO

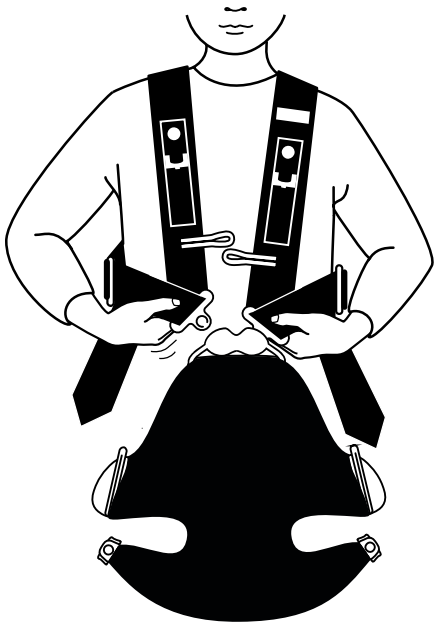
1. Póngase el arnés. El logotipo de BABYBJÖRN debe quedar a su izquierda.



2. Ajuste la cruz trasera de modo que quede justo debajo de sus omóplatos para obtener mayor comodidad.



3. Revise que el ajuste de tamaño esté en su posición mínima de 21" (53 cm) para que sea adecuado a la altura del recién nacido.



4. Ajuste el arnés a la sección frontal del canguro portabebé abrochando la hebilla doble. Sabrá que la hebilla está bloqueada cuando escuche un clic.

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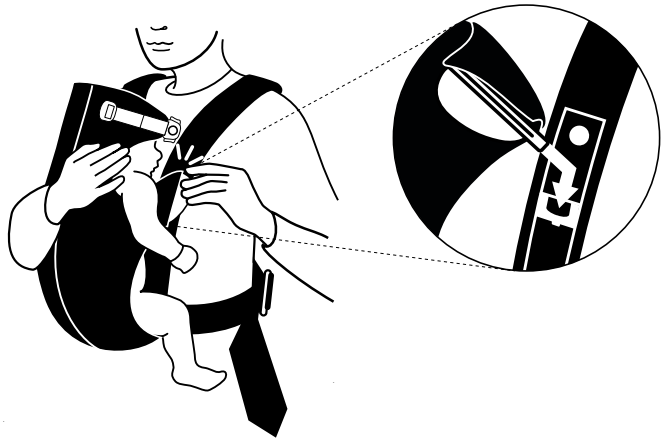
5. Abroche el cierre lateral de un lado introduciendo el gancho en la ranura. Revise que esté bloqueado firmemente. Ajuste ligeramente los tirantes.

6. Coloque al niño en el canguro portabebé mirando de frente a usted. Sus piernas deben quedar una a cada lado del canguro portabebé, y sus brazos deben quedar situados en las aberturas para los brazos.



7. Abroche el cierre lateral del otro lado introduciendo el gancho en la ranura.

8. Abroche la hebilla del soporte para la cabeza en ambos lados. Introduzca el pulgar en el arnés detrás del botón del soporte para la cabeza. Presione y ciérrelo. Para ajustar el soporte para la cabeza, ajuste con cuidado las cintas del soporte para la cabeza. Revise que el pequeño disponga de suficiente aire alrededor de su cabeza.

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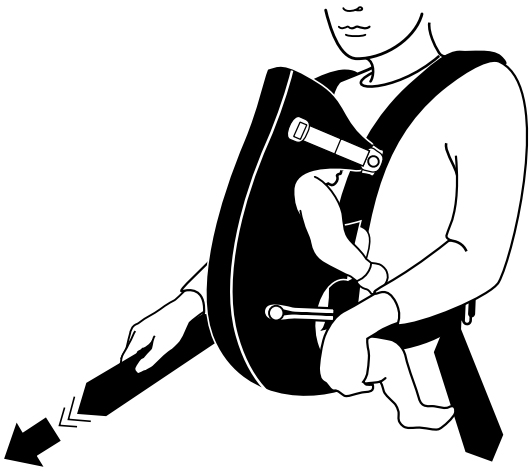
9. Asegure las tiras para las piernas en ambos lados. Deben utilizarse para niños de 7 a 10 lb (3.2 a 4.5 kg) de peso, con el fin de reducir el tamaño de las aberturas para las piernas.



10. Ajuste los tirantes para los hombros, uno a uno, al mismo tiempo que levanta al pequeño por debajo para obtener un correcto posicionamiento de sus piernas. Debe colocar al niño a una distancia y altura que le permitan besar la parte superior de su cabeza. Por último, revise que la cruz trasera del canguro quede centrada justo por debajo de sus omóplatos.

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CÓMO SACAR AL NIÑO Y QUITARSE EL CANGURO PORTABEBÉ

¡Asegúrese de mantener bien sujeto a su bebé en todo momento!

- Primero desabroche las tiras para las piernas si las está utilizando. A continuación desabroche el soporte para la cabeza en ambos lados. Con los dedos pulgar e índice situados a cada lado del botón, presione y tire hacia fuera.
- Desabroche el cierre lateral de un lado. Coloque su dedo pulgar en la marca estriada que se encuentra en la parte posterior con color del gancho, presione y tire hacia arriba. Ahora puede sacar al bebé. Si el bebé está dormido, abra los cierres laterales de ambos lados para abrir completamente la sección frontal.
- Desabroche la hebilla doble.

PARA LLEVAR A UN BEBÉ ALGO MAYOR

Le recomendamos que lleve a su niño mirando hacia dentro hasta que tenga por lo menos 5 meses de edad. Alrededor de esa edad, el cuello, la columna y la cadera de su pequeño se habrán fortalecido lo suficiente como para que pueda llevarlo mirando hacia dentro o hacia delante.

I. Ajuste el canguro portabebé de acuerdo con la altura aproximada de su bebé. La altura se calcula desde la parte inferior de la hebilla y se ajusta tirando de ella.

II. Cuando lleve a su hijo mirando hacia delante, asegúrese de bajar el soporte para la cabeza y tenga en cuenta lo siguiente: si aún es un bebé pequeño, sus brazos deben pasar por las aberturas para brazos. Si es algo mayor, puede llevar los brazos por encima del soporte para la cabeza en posición plegada.

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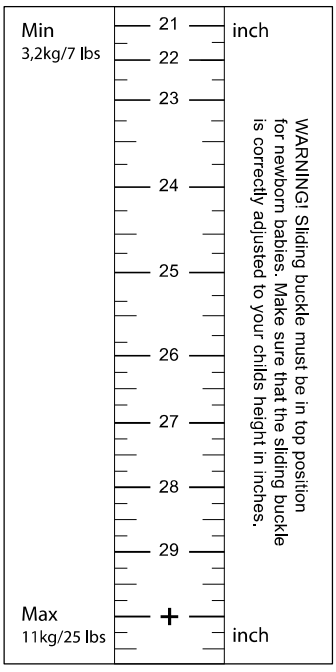

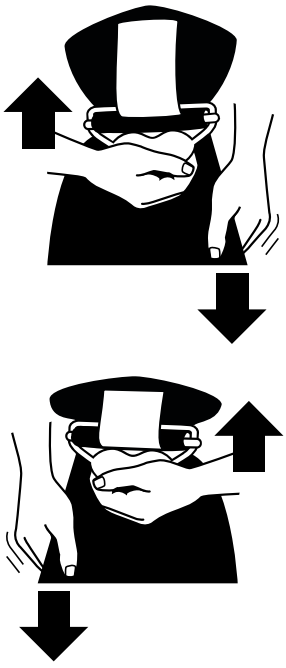

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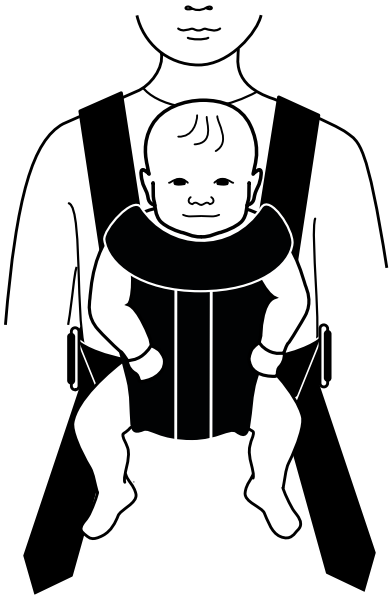

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REQUISITOS
Requisitos mínimos: 7 lb (3.2 kg) y 21 in (53 cm). Peso máximo: 25 lb (11 kg).

INSTRUCCIONES DE LAVADO

Tejido
Lavar a máquina por separado, con agua tibia y detergente suave, en el ciclo para prendas delicadas. Secar al aire (no secar en secadora). No usar blanqueador que contenga cloro, ni suavizante de tejidos. Planchar solamente a temperatura baja y no planchar nunca los adornos.

Malla 3D
Lavar a máquina por separado, con agua tibia y detergente suave, en el ciclo para prendas delicadas. Secar al aire (no secar en secadora). No usar blanqueador que contenga cloro, ni suavizante de tejidos. ¡NO PLANCHAR NUNCA!

Utilice una bolsa especial para lavar ropa en lavadora.

El cuidado incorrecto del producto dejará sin validez cualquier garantía.

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL TEJIDO

Este producto está disponible en tres tejidos diferentes.

Todos los materiales que se utilizan para fabricar este canguro portabebé están libres de sustancias nocivas y alergénicas. Cumplen con los requisitos de la norma Oeko-Tex 100, clase 1, de productos para bebés.

APROBACIÓN DE SEGURIDAD
El Canguro Portabebé Mini BABYBJÖRN cumple con los requisitos de seguridad obligatorios en canguros para bebés y niños pequeños (ASTM F2236) y EN 13209-2:2015.

¡IMPORTANTE!

Siempre debe llevar al niño mirando de frente hacia usted, hasta que pueda mantener por sí mismo la cabeza en posición vertical.

Los bebés prematuros o que padezcan problemas respiratorios, y los bebés menores de 4 meses tienen más riesgo de sufrir asfixia.

No utilice nunca un canguro portabebé si sufre problemas de equilibrio o movilidad provocados por la práctica de ejercicio, la falta de sueño o tratamientos médicos.

No lleve al niño demasiado abrigado.

Nunca utilice un canguro portabebé suave mientras conduce o viaja en automóvil.

No lleve nunca al bebé en el canguro portabebé si va a realizar tareas como cocinar y limpiar que impliquen estar cerca de fuentes de calor o sufrir exposiciones a productos químicos.

El canguro portabebé NO es adecuado para su uso mientras practica deportes u otras actividades de ocio.

Revise que todos los broches, hebillas y correas estén firmemente asegurados y que realizó los ajustes necesarios cada vez que utilice el canguro portabebé.

Antes de cada uso, revise si el producto presenta costuras desgarradas, roturas en las correas o en la tela, o si los elementos de sujeción están dañados.

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⚠ ¡ADVERTENCIA! ¡PELIGRO DE SUFRIR CAÍDAS Y ASFIXIA!

PELIGRO DE SUFRIR CAÍDAS - Los niños pueden deslizarse y caer por una de las aberturas para las piernas o salirse del canguro portabebé.

- Sujete siempre al bebé contra su cuerpo hasta que el canguro portabebé esté correctamente ajustado.
- Asegúrese de que las piernas del bebé salen por ambos lados del asiento y que los brazos lo hacen por las aberturas para los brazos.
- Los bebés más pequeños pueden caer por las aberturas para las piernas. Ajuste las aberturas para las piernas de forma que el canguro portabebé quede ajustado cómodamente a las piernas del bebé.
- Antes de cada uso, revise que todos los broches se aseguraron correctamente.
- Extreme las precauciones si va a apoyarse sobre algo o al caminar.
- Para agacharse, nunca doble la cintura, doble sus rodillas.
- Este canguro portabebé fue diseñado exclusivamente para que lo utilicen personas adultas mientras caminan.
- Utilice el canguro portabebé exclusivamente para niños de entre 21 in/53 cm de altura y 7 lb/3.2 kg de peso y hasta 25 lb/11 kg.
- Revise que todos los broches, hebillas y correas estén firmemente asegurados y que realizó los ajustes necesarios cada vez que utilice el canguro portabebé.
- Revise que coloca al bebé correctamente dentro el producto, incluida la posición de las piernas.
- Utilice siempre la posición "recién nacido" para niños de 0 a aproximadamente 4 meses de edad.
- Las correas para las piernas deben utilizarse para niños que pesan entre 7 y 10 lb/3.2 y 4.5 kg.
- Sus propios movimientos o los del pequeño pueden tener un efecto negativo en su equilibrio.
- Revise frecuentemente que el pequeño esté cómodo y seguro en el canguro portabebé, especialmente si lleva el canguro en la espalda.
- Nunca utilice un canguro portabebé que esté dañado.
- No debe utilizar el canguro portabebé en la espalda.

PELIGRO DE SUFRIR ASFIXIA - Los bebés menores de 4 meses pueden sufrir asfixia dentro de este producto si lleva al bebé presionando con fuerza su cara contra su cuerpo.

- Lleve al bebé en la espalda solo cuando sea mayor de 12 meses.
- No sujete al bebé con demasiada fuerza contra su cuerpo.
- Deje espacio suficiente para que el bebé pueda mover la cabeza.
- Mantenga siempre la cara del bebé libre de toda obstrucción.
- Nunca se recueste ni duerma con el pequeño dentro del canguro portabebé.
- Revise regularmente el canguro portabebé y busque señales de roturas y desgaste.

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LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY ON BABYBJÖRN BABY CARRIER MINI

BABYBJÖRN INC. ("WE" OR "US") EXTENDS THIS LIMITED WARRANTY ONLY TO THE CONSUMER WHO ORIGINALLY PURCHASED THIS PRODUCT ("YOU").

This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state. Legal rights may also vary from province to province.

This limited warranty starts on the date you purchase the product and lasts as long as you own the product and requires a proof of purchase to be effective. It covers defects in original materials, design, and workmanship. Your sole remedies for any product found to be defective consist of the repair and/or replacement of the product. This limited warranty does not cover any defects caused by improper use, failure to follow instructions, modification, unauthorized repair, accident, neglect, abuse, or normal wear and tear.

To obtain warranty service or to report a product defect, please contact us in writing at BabyBjorn Inc., 54 W 21st St., Suite 901, New York, NY 10010, by phone at (866) 424-0200 or by email as support@babybjorn.com.

If we determine that the product is defective, we will, at our sole discretion, either repair or replace the product at our expense. We will pay for shipping fees to return the repaired or replaced product to you. Determination of defects shall be made in accordance with procedures we establish.

THE REMEDIES DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE YOUR SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES. OUR LIABILITY SHALL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEED THE ACTUAL AMOUNT PAID BY YOU FOR THE DEFECTIVE PRODUCT, NOR SHALL WE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES OR LOSSES, WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT.

SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AVAILABLE AND MAY VARY BY STATES OR PROVINCES.

GARANTIE LIMITÉE À VIE SUR LE PORTE-BÉBÉ MINI DE BABYBJÖRN

BABYBJÖRN INC. (« NOUS ») OFFRE LA PRÉSENTE GARANTIE LIMITÉE SEULEMENT AU CONSOMMATEUR QUI A ACHETÉ À L'ORIGINE CE PRODUIT (« VOUS »).

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Pour obtenir un service de garantie ou signaler un défaut du produit, veuillez communiquer avec nous par écrit au BabyBjorn Inc., 54 W 21st St., Suite 901, New York, NY 10010, par téléphone au 866 424-0200 ou par courriel à support@babybjorn.com.

Si nous déterminons que le produit est défectueux, nous réparerons ou remplacerons, à notre discrétion exclusive, le produit à nos propres frais. Nous paierons les frais d'expédition pour vous retourner le produit réparé ou remplacé. La détermination des défauts est effectuée conformément aux procédures que nous établissons.

LES MESURES DÉCRITES CI-DESSUS SONT VOS SEULS RECOURS. NOTRE RESPONSABILITÉ NE DÉPASSE EN AUCUN CAS LE MONTANT QUE VOUS AVEZ RÉELLEMENT PAYÉ POUR LE PRODUIT DÉFECTUEUX, ET EN AUCUNE CIRCONSTANCE NOUS NE SOMMES RESPONSABLES DES DOMMAGES OU DES PERTES CONSÉCUTIFS, ACCESSOIRES, SPÉCIAUX OU PUNITIFS, QU'ILS SOIENT DIRECTS OU INDIRECTS.

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GARANTÍA LIMITADA DE POR VIDA PARA EL CANGURO PORTABEBÉ MINI DE BABYBJÖRN

Esta garantía limitada le concede derechos legales específicos y también puede incluir otros derechos, los cuales varían de estado a estado. Los derechos legales también pueden variar de una provincia a otra

Esta garantía limitada comienza desde la fecha en que la que compró el producto, dura todo el tiempo que usted sea su propietario y requiere que presente una prueba de compra para que sea efectivo. Cubre cualquier defecto en los materiales originales, diseño y mano de obra. Los únicos recursos que se tienen para cualquier producto que salga defectuoso consisten en la reparación y/o el reemplazo del producto. Esta garantía limitada no cubre ningún defecto causado por uso incorrecto, incumplimiento de las instrucciones, modificación o reparación no autorizada, accidentes, negligencia, abuso o desgaste normal.

Para obtener un servicio por garantía o informarnos sobre un defecto en el producto, póngase en contacto con nosotros por escrito a BabyBjorn Inc., 54 W 21st St., Suite 901, New York, NY 10010, por teléfono al número (866) 424-0200 o mediante el correo electrónico support@babybjorn.com.

Si determinamos que el producto está defectuoso, a nuestro exclusivo criterio, repararemos o reemplazaremos el producto a nuestra costa. Pagaremos los costos de envío para devolverle el producto reparado o reemplazado. La determinación de los defectos se realizará de acuerdo con los procedimientos que establezcamos.

LOS RECURSOS QUE SE DESCRIBEN ARRIBA SON SUS RECURSOS ÚNICOS Y EXCLUSIVOS. BAJO NINGUNA CIRCUNSTANCIA NUESTRA RESPONSABILIDAD EXCEDERÁ LA CANTIDAD QUE PAGÓ POR EL PRODUCTO DEFECTUOSO, Y NOSOTROS, BAJO NINGUNA CIRCUNSTANCIA, SEREMOS RESPONSABLES POR NINGÚN DAÑO O PÉRDIDA QUE RESULTE DE MANERA CONSECUENTE, INCIDENTAL, ESPECIAL O PUNITIVA, YA SEA DIRECTA O INDIRECTAMENTE.

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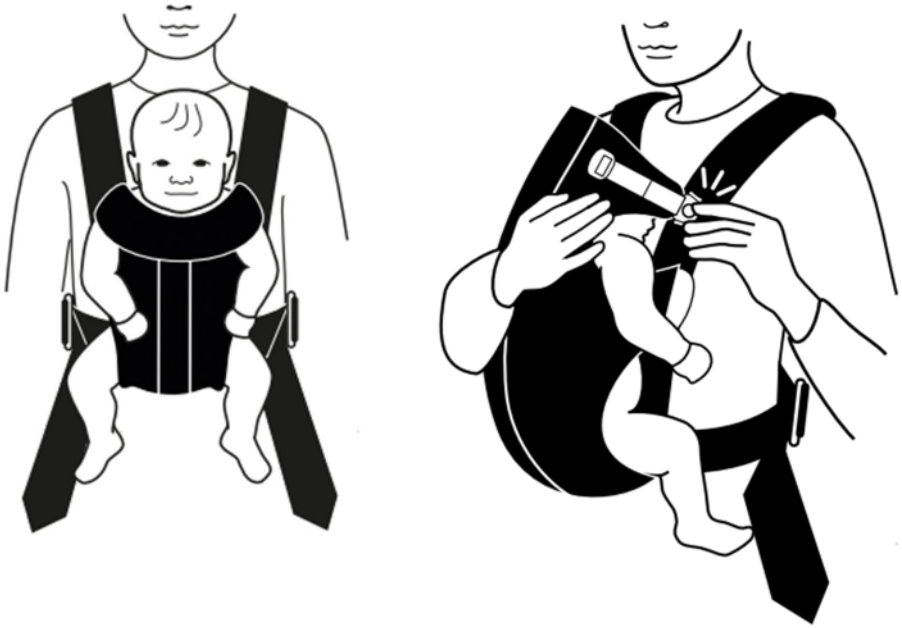
EXHIBIT 3

Claims of U.S. Pat. 11,786,055	Analysis of BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Mini
Claim 1) An adjustable child carrier for supporting a child by a user, the adjustable child carrier comprising:	The Baby Carrier Mini ("Carrier Mini") is an adjustable child carrier for supporting a child. BabyBjorn ("BB") advertises the Carrier Mini on its website ("BB's Website") as a baby carrier that is "easy to use and adjust." https://www.babybjorn.com/products/baby-carriers/baby-carrier-mini/
a body configured to support the child, wherein the body forms a bucket seat configured to support legs of the child;	The Carrier Mini includes a body that forms a bucket seat configured to support legs of a child. BB's Website states that the Carrier Mini supports a child's "back, legs and hips." 

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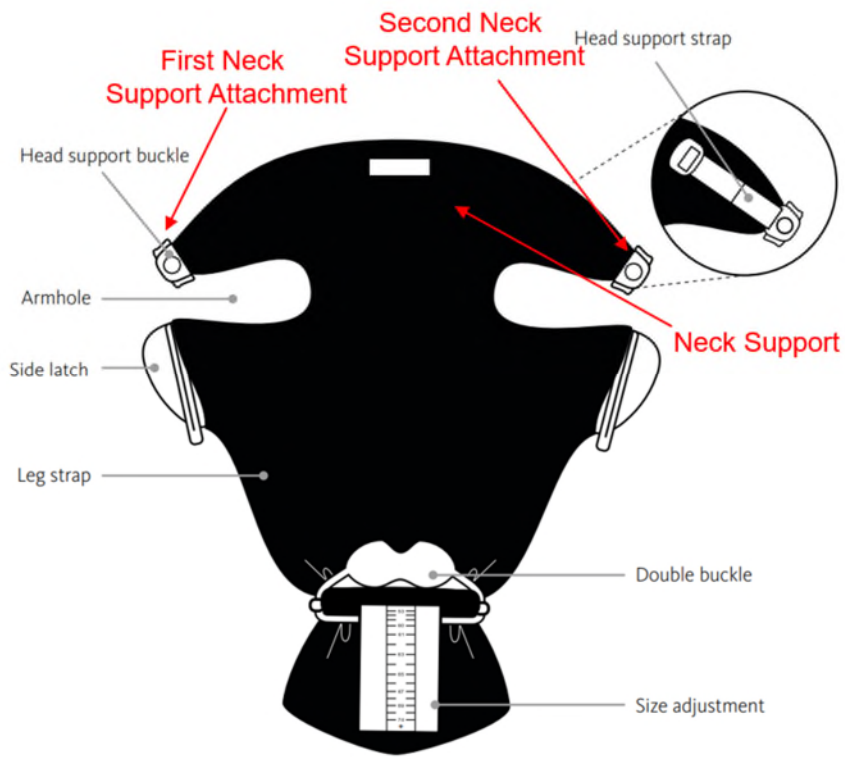
a neck support comprising a first neck support attachment and a second neck support attachment;	As shown below, the Carrier Mini includes a neck support comprising a first neck support attachment and a second neck support attachment. 

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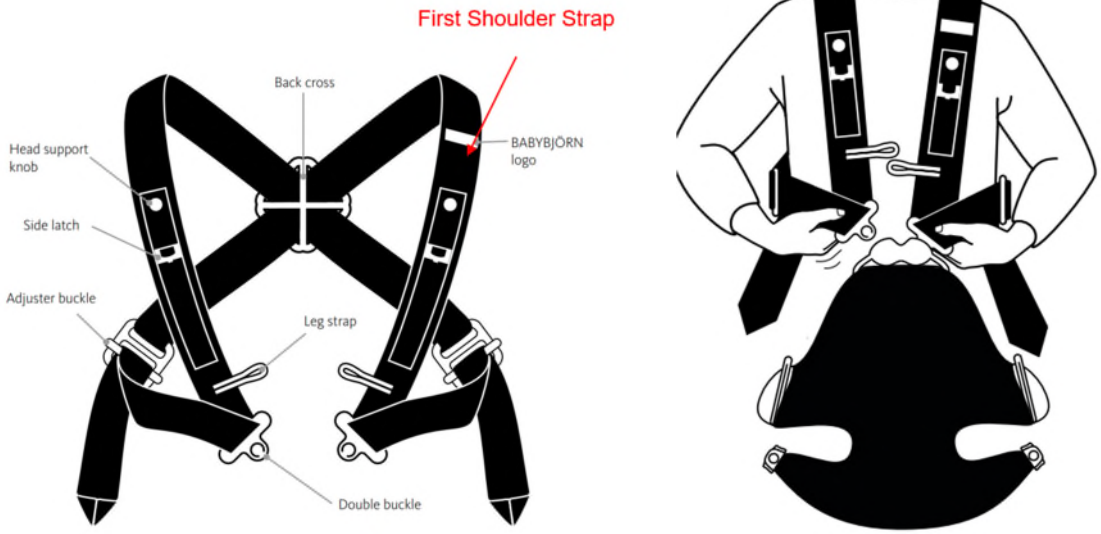
a first shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a first shoulder of the user;	As shown below, the Carrier Mini includes a first shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a first shoulder of the user. 

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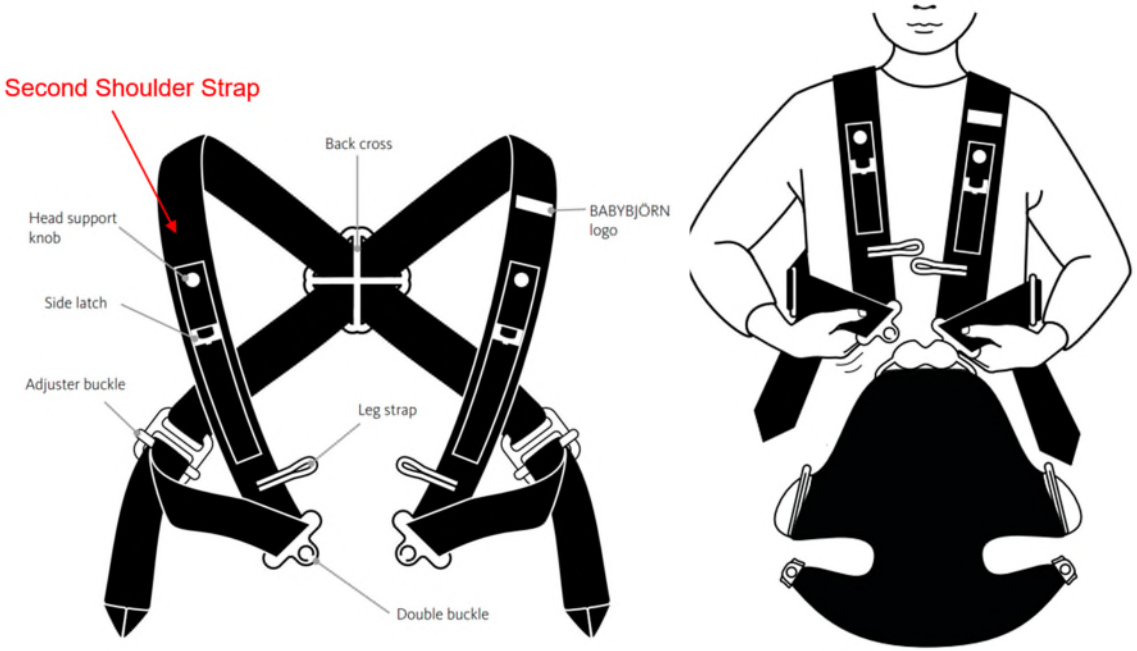
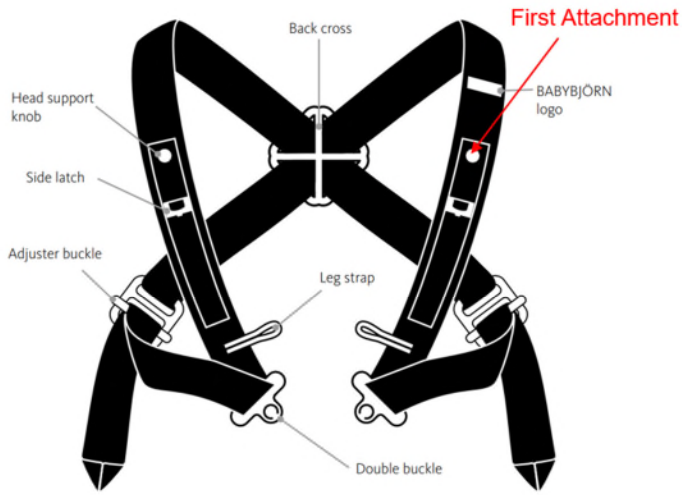
a second shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a second shoulder of the user;	As shown below, the Carrier Mini includes a second shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a second shoulder of the user. 

Claims of U.S. Pat. 11,786,055	Analysis of BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Mini
a first attachment disposed on the first shoulder strap and configured to receive the first neck support attachment;	The Carrier Mini includes a first attachment disposed on the first shoulder strap. As shown below, the first attachment is configured to receive the first neck support attachment.  **8.** Fasten the head support buckle on both sides. Place your thumb behind the head support knob on the harness. Click into place! You can adjust the head support by carefully pulling on the head support straps. Always make sure there is enough room around your baby's face to provide a clear source of air.

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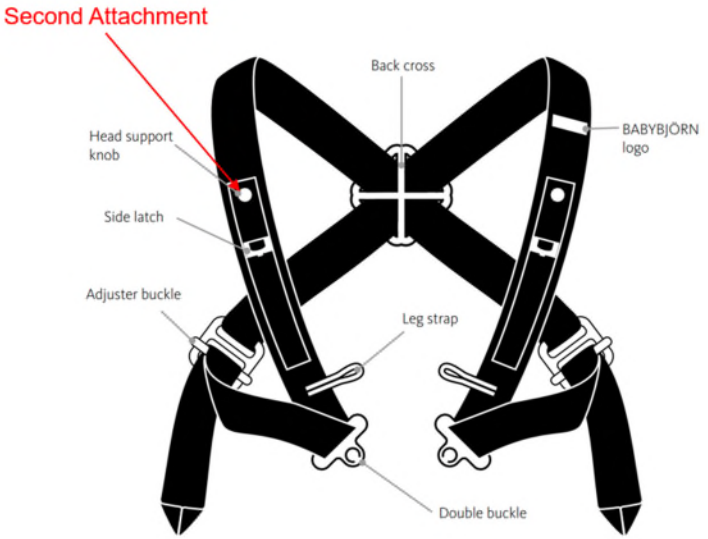
a second attachment disposed on the second shoulder strap and configured to receive the second neck support attachment,	The Carrier Mini includes a second attachment disposed on the second shoulder strap. As shown below, the second attachment is configured to receive the second neck support attachment.  **8.** Fasten the head support buckle on both sides. Place your thumb behind the head support knob on the harness. Click into place! You can adjust the head support by carefully pulling on the head support straps. Always make sure there is enough room around your baby's face to provide a clear source of air.

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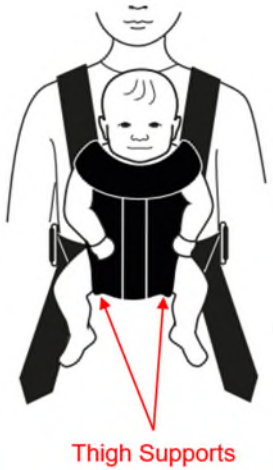
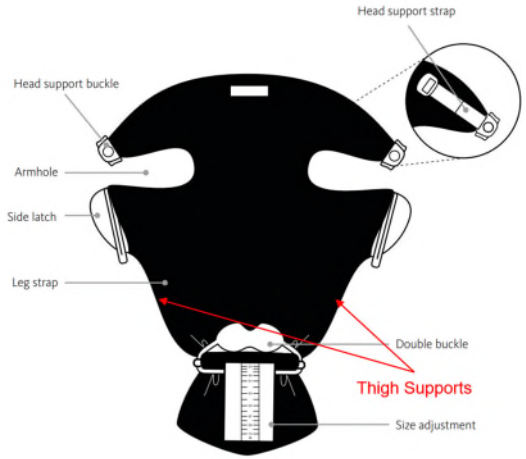
wherein the neck support is configured in an upward neck supporting position when the first neck support attachment is coupled to the first attachment and the second neck support attachment is coupled to the second attachment;	As shown below, the neck support of the Carrier Mini is configured in an upward neck supporting position when the first neck support attachment is coupled to the first attachment and the second neck support attachment is coupled to the second attachment.
the body forming a first thigh support and a second thigh support;	As shown below, the body of the Carrier Mini forms a first thigh support and a second thigh support.  

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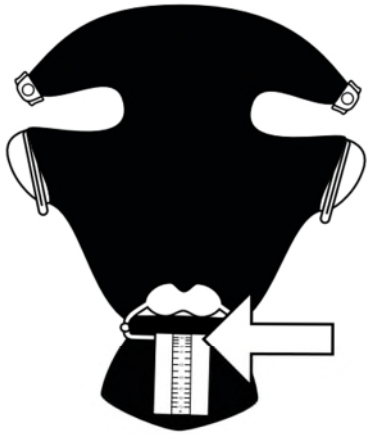
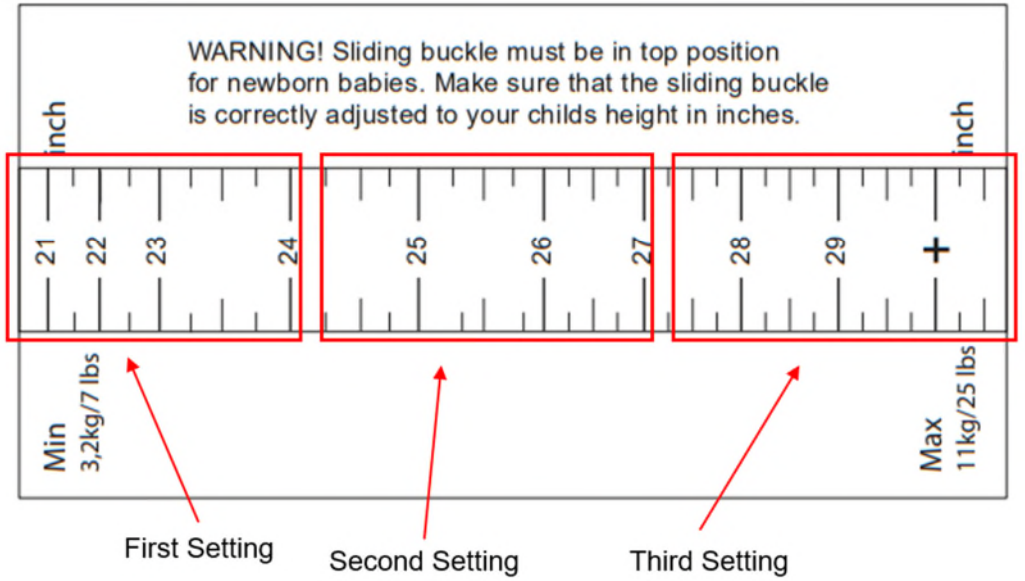
a first setting, a second setting, and a third setting defined by the adjustable child carrier; and	The Carrier Mini includes a first setting, a second setting, and a third setting. BB's website states that the Carrier Mini may adjust to accommodate children between "21–30 in" in length.  

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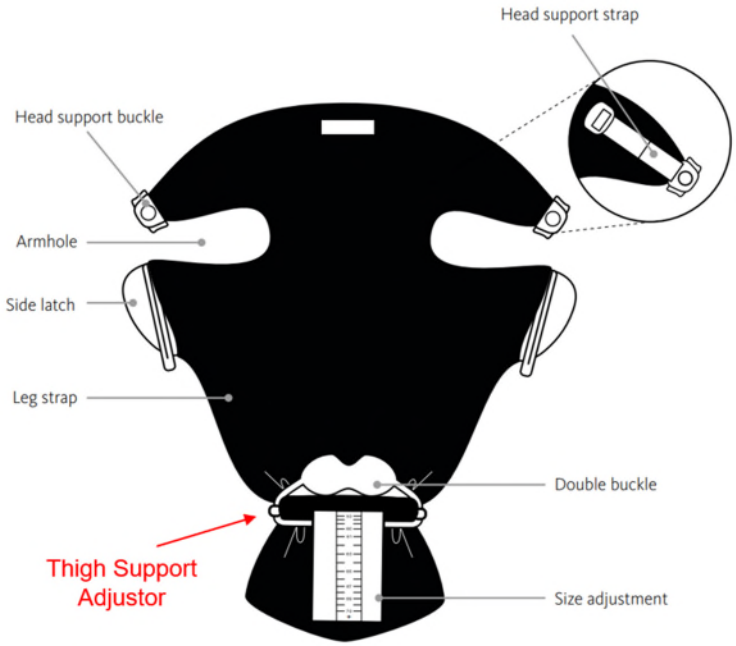
at least one thigh support adjuster coupled to the first thigh support and the second thigh support,	The Carrier Mini includes at least one thigh support adjuster coupled to the first thigh support and the second thigh support. 

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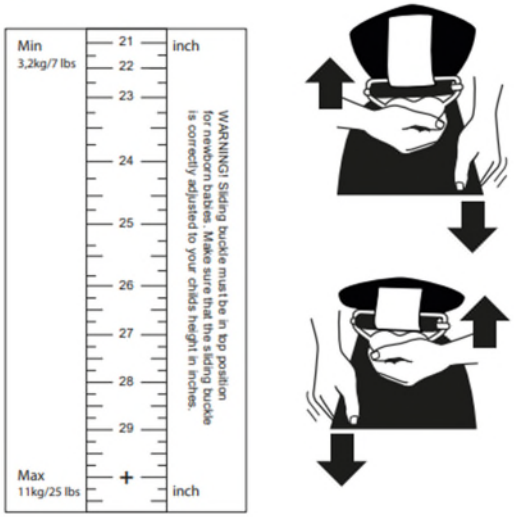
wherein the at least one thigh support adjuster is configured to be selectively positioned to one of the first setting, the second setting, or the third setting to thereby adjust a length of the body to accommodate various sizes of the child as the child ages,	As illustrated in the Owner's Manual, the at least one thigh support adjuster of the Carrier Mini is configured to be selectively positioned to one of the first setting, the second setting, or the third setting to thereby adjust a length of the body to accommodate various sizes of the child as the child ages. I.  II.
wherein the length is defined from a bottom of the bucket seat to a top of the body.	As shown above, the length of the Carrier Mini is defined from a bottom of the bucket seat to a top of the body. Further, as stated in the Owner's Manual, the Carrier Mini is adjustable "to your child's approximate length."

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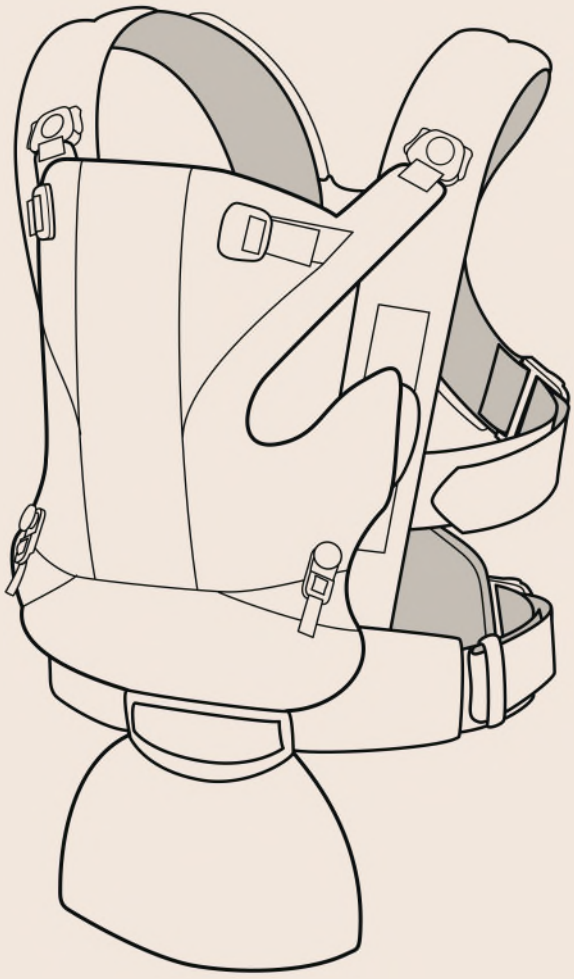
OWNER'S MANUAL

BABYBJÖRN BABY CARRIER FREE



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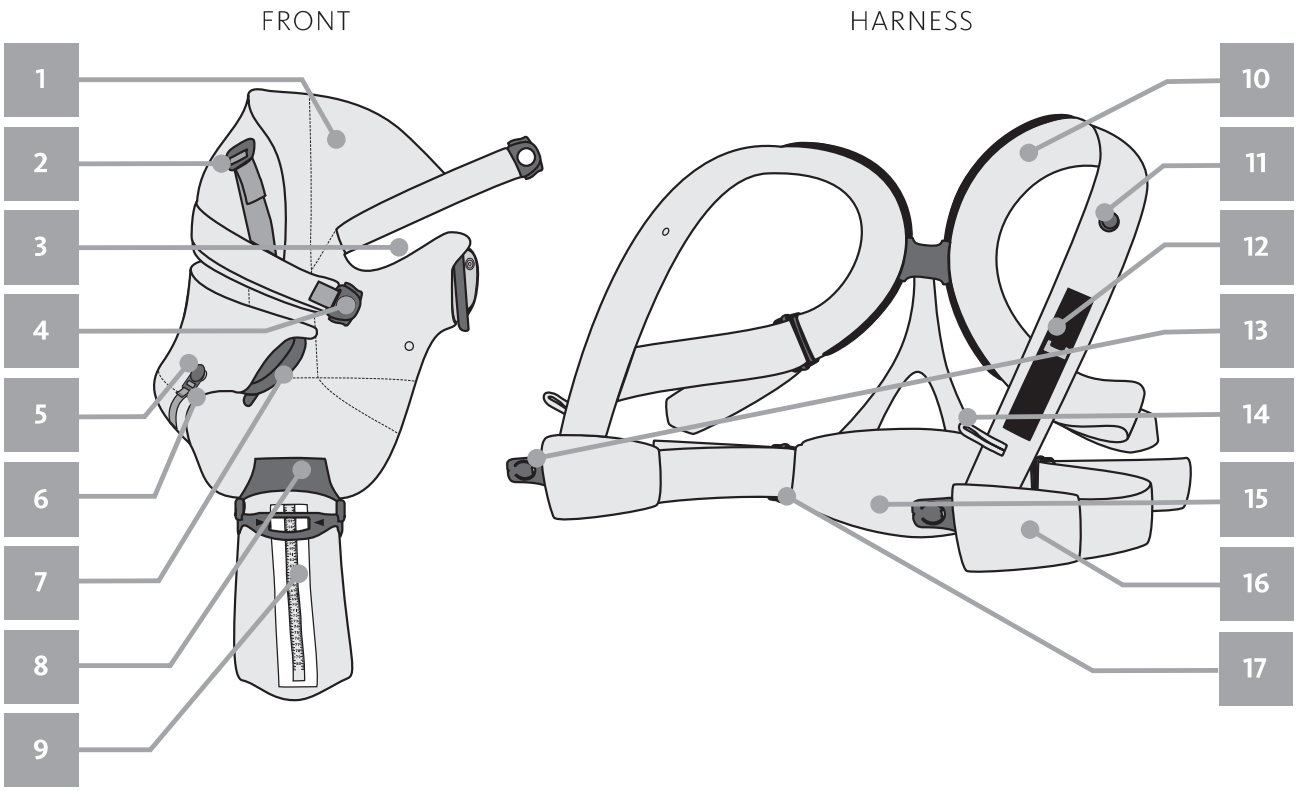
PARTS OF THE BABY CARRIER



1 Head support | **2** Head support strap | **3** Armhole | **4** Head support buckle | **5** Leg strap and button
6 Seat adjustment buckle | **7** Side latch | **8** Double- buckle | **9** Size adjustment | **10** Shoulder strap
11 Head support buckle | **12** Side latch | **13** Double- buckle | **14** Leg strap | **15** Back support
16 Waist belt | **17** Adjuster buckle

USING THE BABYBJÖRN BABY CARRIER FREE

The baby carrier has been developed in close consultation with pediatricians and provides correct support for your growing child´s head, back and hips. From newborn 0 months. From 3,2kg, 53cm (7 lb/21") to 12kg (26.5 lb).

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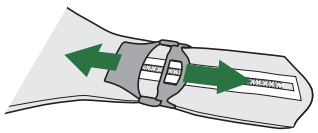

Set the baby carrier to your child´s length. The buckle is stiff for safety reasons. Hold it flat against the baby carrier and it'll move more easily!

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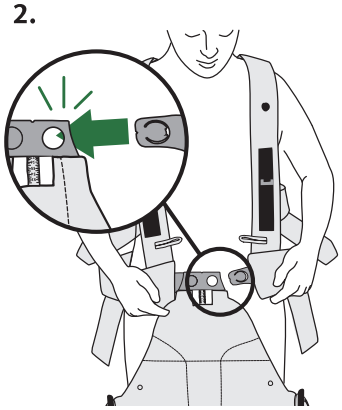

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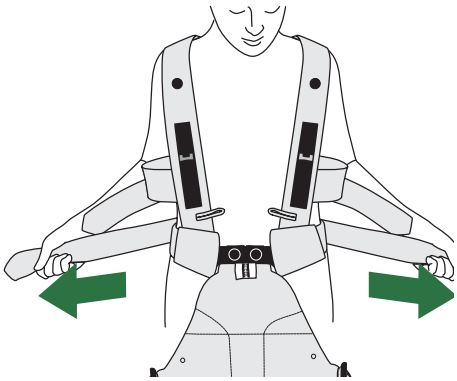

The higher you place the waist belt, the higher you will carry the child.

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FACING- IN POSITION

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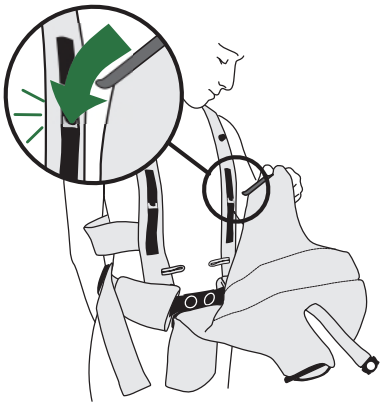

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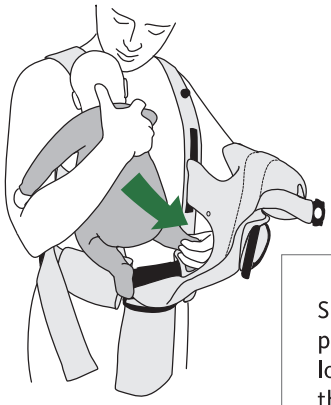

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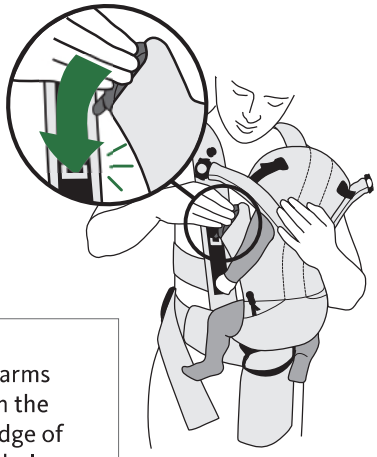

Should arms press on the lower edge of the armholes, adjust the length setting – see point 1.

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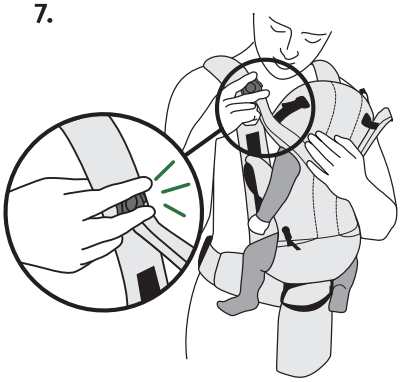

For children between 3.2 and 4.5 kg (7-10lbs), fasten the leg straps on both sides in order to reduce the size of the leg openings. Leg openings shall fit baby's legs snugly.

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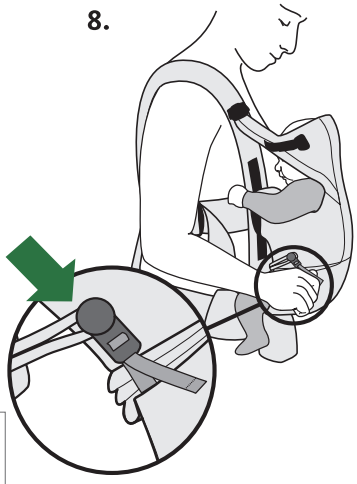

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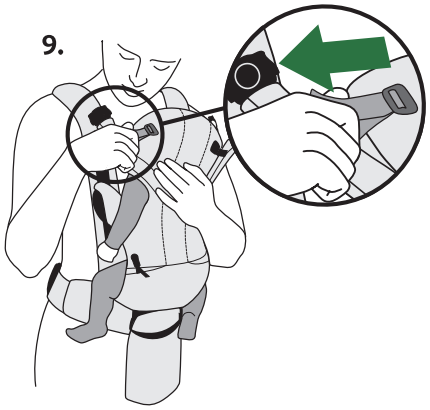

Adjust the head support to give your child's neck sufficient support. Make sure the child's nose and mouth have sufficient space for breathing in the baby carrier.

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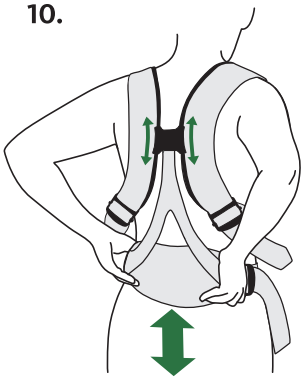

Position the back support lower down to get more support on your lower back.

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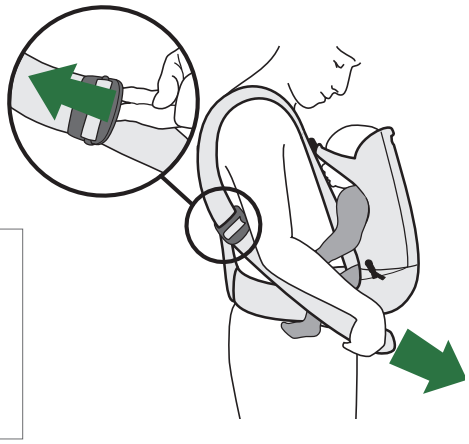

Adjust the shoulder straps. To reduce the load on your shoulders, simply lift the outer edges of the adjuster buckles. You should carry your child so close and so high up that you can kiss the top of your child's head.

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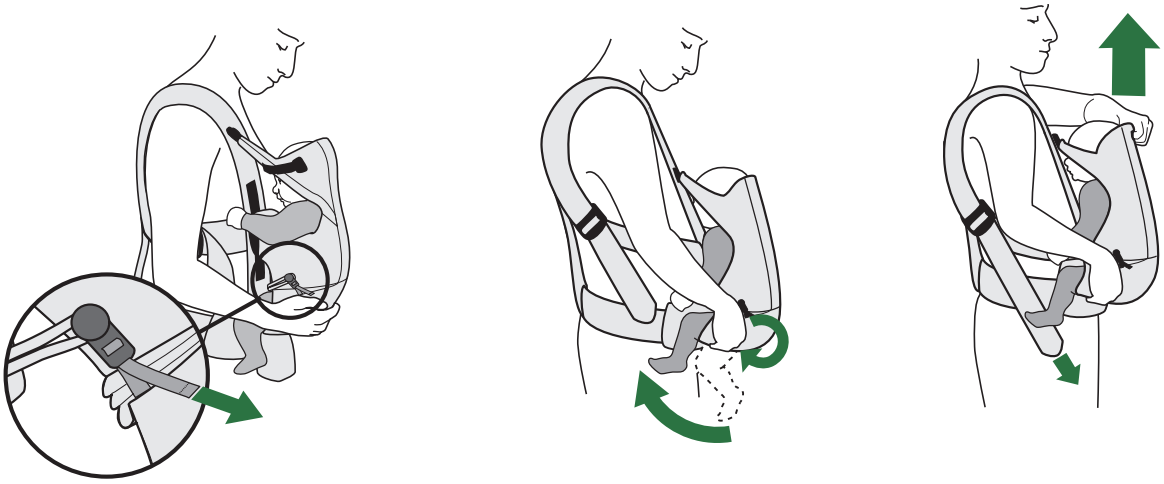
TO GET WIDE SEAT FOR YOUR BABY



Lift baby´s legs, fit seat adjustment buckle and spread fabric until the fabric supports the thighs and covers on the underside. For secure closeness and control of your child, carry your newborn facing you high up on your chest. Once a bit bigger, your child can be carried lower down to relieve pressure on your shoulders.

HOW TO REMOVE YOUR CHILD

Make sure you keep hold of your child. Start by unfastening the leg straps, if they are being used.

If your child is asleep, open the side latches on both sides to open the front completely. You must push the double-buckle together before pressing the button.

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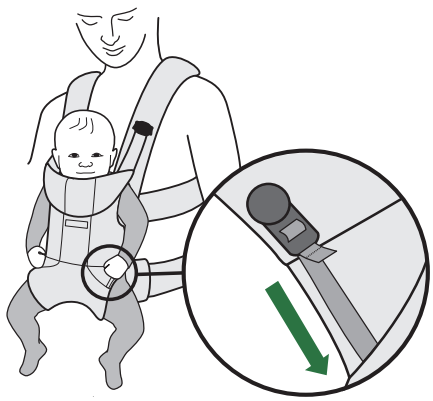
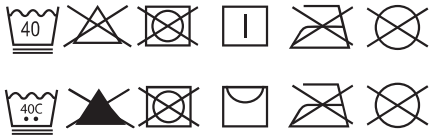
FACING- OUT POSITION



The child must face you (inwards) until he/she can hold his/her head upright (approx. 5 months), around that age your child´s neck, back and hips will be strong enough to face forward. Fold down head support and close head support buckle again. Lift baby´s legs so that the baby´s bottom comes down in the carrier.

WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

Mesh
Machine wash separately warm, mild detergent, gentle cycle and line dry (do not tumble dry). Do not use chlorine bleach or fabric softener. NEVER IRON! We recommend machine wash this product in a wash bag.



FABRIC INFORMATION

Main material:
100% Polyester

All of the materials used in the baby carrier are guaranteed free from harmful and allergenic substances, and comply with the requirements of the Oeko-Tex Standard 100, class 1 for baby products.

SAFETY APPROVAL

BABYBJÖRN Baby Carrier Free meets the safety requirements of EN 13209-2:2015 and ASTM F2236.

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⚠ WARNING!

FALL AND SUFFOCATION HAZARD

FALL HAZARD

Infants can fall through a wide leg opening or out of carrier.

- Adjust leg openings to fit baby's legs snugly.
- Before each use, make sure all buckles are secure.
- Take special care when leaning or walking.
- Never bend at waist; bend at knees.
- Only use this carrier for children weighing between 7lb and 26,5 lb (3.2 kg -12 kg).
- Only use carrier for children 21" (53cm) or taller.

SUFFOCATION HAZARD

Infants under 4 months can suffocate in this product if face is pressed tight against your body.

- Do not strap infant too tight against your body.
- Allow room for head movement.
- Keep infant's face free from obstructions at all times.
- If you nurse your baby in carrier, always reposition after feeding so baby's face is not pressed against your body.

IMPORTANT! READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

WARNING!

Your balance may be adversely affected by your movement and that of your child.

Take care when bending or leaning forward or sideways.

This carrier is not suitable for use during sporting activities.

Read all instructions before assembling and using the soft carrier.

Keep instructions for future use.

When using the soft carrier monitor your child.

For low birthweight babies and children with medical conditions, seek advice from a health professional before using the product.

Stop using the carrier if parts are missing or damaged.

Check for ripped seams, torn straps or fabric and damaged fasteners before each use.

Premature infants, infants with respiratory problems, and infants

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under 4 months are at greatest risk of suffocation.

Make sure the child's nose and mouth have sufficient space for breathing in the baby carrier.

Avoid dressing your child too warmly.

Never lie down or sleep with baby in baby carrier.

Child must face you (inwards) until he/she can hold his/her head upright (approx. 5 months).

Always adjust the baby carrier to your child's size according to instructions.

Check to assure all buckles, snaps, straps and adjustements are secure before each use.

Ensure proper placement of child in product including leg placement.

The leg straps must be used for children weighing between 3.2 and 4.5 kg (7 – 10 lbs).

Small children can fall through a leg opening.

The baby carrier must not be used as a back carrier.

The baby carrier may only be used when you are walking, sitting or standing.

Never use a soft carrier when balance or mobility is impaired because of exercise, drowsiness, or medical conditions.

Never use a soft carrier while engaging in activities such as cooking and cleaning which involve a heat source or exposure to chemicals.

Spilling of hot drinks can cause burns.

Never wear a soft carrier while driving or being a passenger in a motor vehicle.

This baby carrier is intended for use by adults only.

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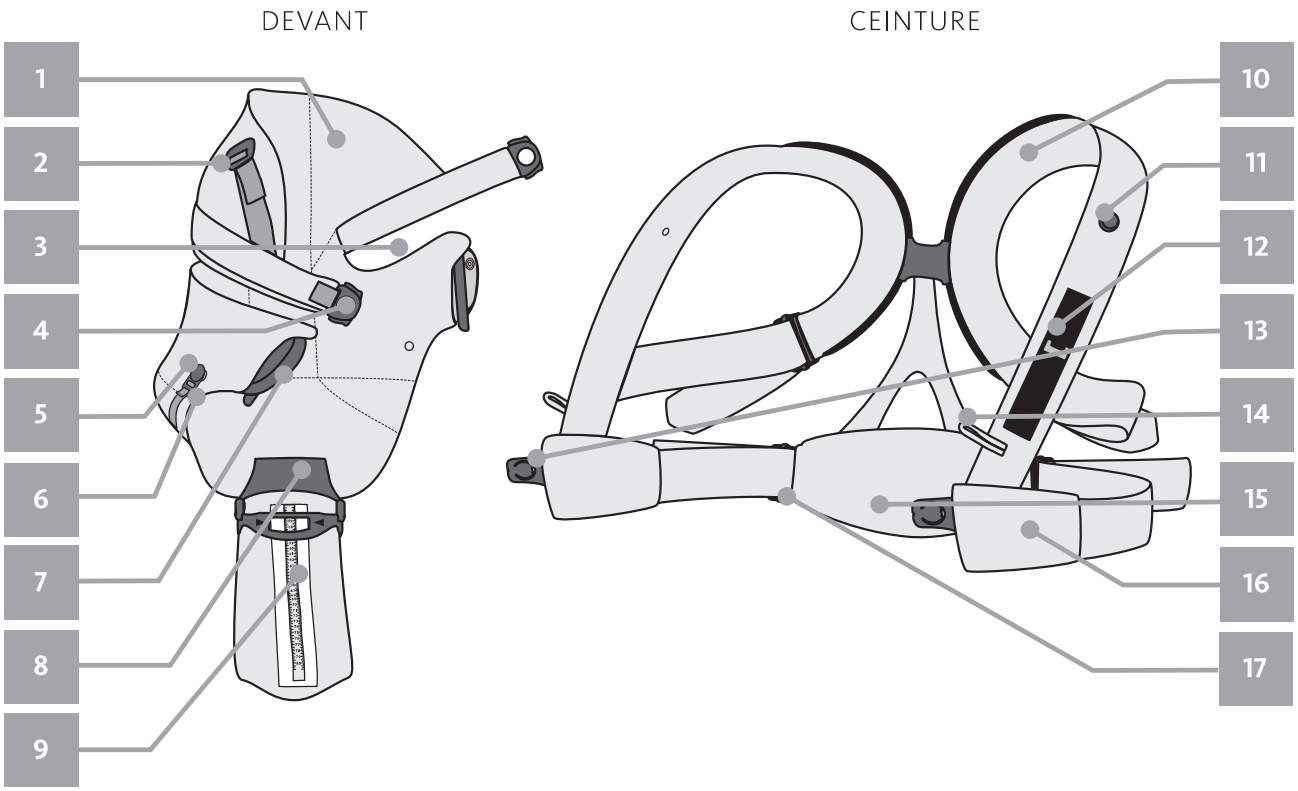
PARTIES COMPOSANT LE PORTE-BÉBÉ



1 Appui-tête | **2** Courroie d'appui-tête | **3** Ouverture pour bras| **4** Boucle de l'appui-tête | **5** Attache et bouton pour les jambes | **6** Boucle d'ajustement du siège | **7** Attache latérale | **8** Boucle double | **9** Réglage de taille **10** Bretelle | **11** Boucle de l'appui-tête | **12** Loquet latéral | **13** Boucle double | **14** Attache pour les jambes **15** Soutien dorsal | **16** Ceinture | **17** Boucle d'ajustement

UTILISATION DU PORTE-BÉBÉ FREE BABYBJÖRN

Ce porte-bébé a été développé en collaboration avec des pédiatres et offre un soutien adéquat à la tête, au dos et aux hanches de votre enfant au fur et à mesure qu'il grandit. Dès la naissance (0 mois). De 3,2 kg, 53 cm (7 lb/21 po) à 12 kg (26,5 lb).

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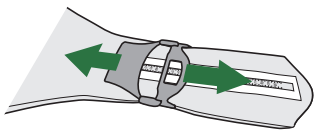

Réglez le porte-bébé à la grandeur de votre bébé. La boucle est rigide pour des raisons de sécurité. Tenez-la à plat contre le porte-bébé, et elle sera plus facile à déplacer!

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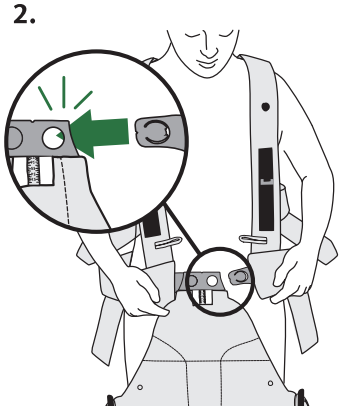

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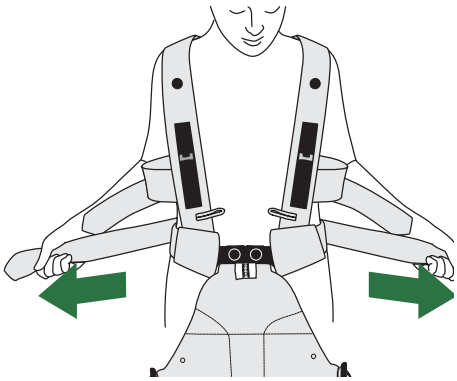

Plus haut vous placerez la ceinture, plus haut vous porterez votre enfant.

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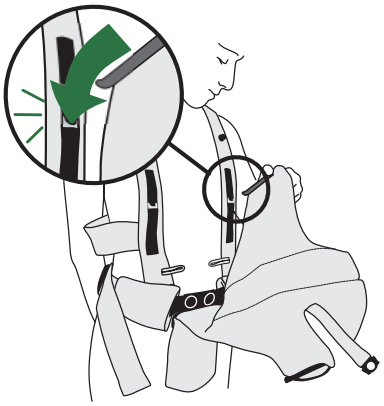

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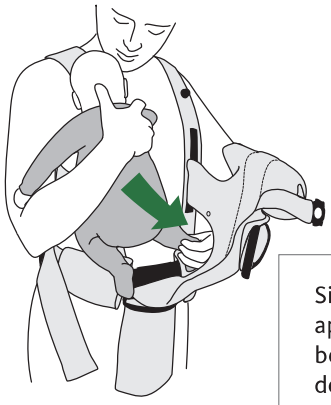

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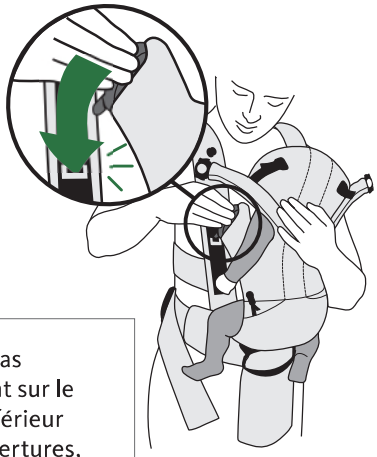

Si les bras appuient sur le bord inférieur des ouvertures, ajustez le réglage de la taille (voir point 1).

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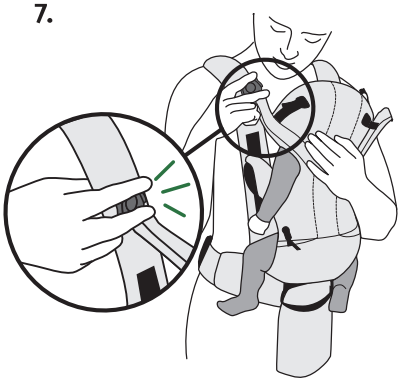

Les attaches de jambes doivent être utilisées pour réduire la taille des ouvertures pour les jambes lorsque l'enfant pèse de 3,2 à 4,5 kg (de 7 à 10 lb). Réglez les ouvertures de jambes afin qu'elles s'adaptent parfaitement aux jambes du bébé.

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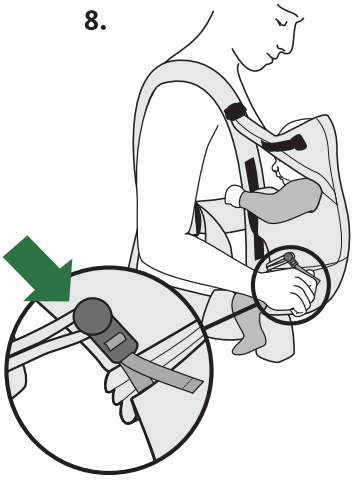

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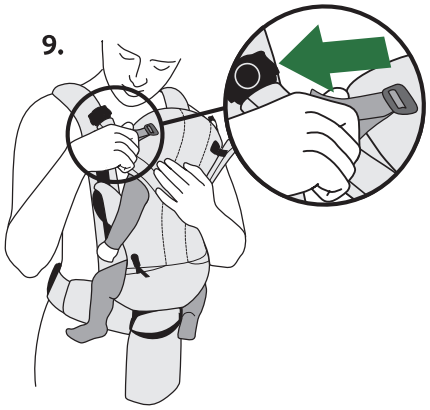

Ajustez l'appui-tête pour que le cou de votre enfant soit suffisamment soutenu. Assurez-vous que le nez et la bouche de l'enfant aient suffisamment d'espace pour qu'il respire librement dans le porte-bébé.

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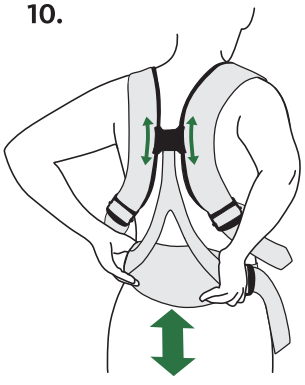

Baissez le support lombaire pour renforcer le soutien au niveau du bas du dos.

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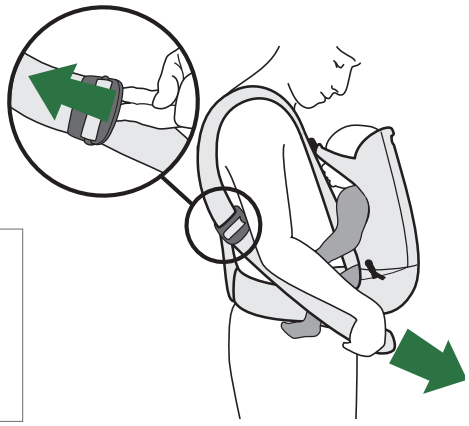

Ajustez les bretelles. Pour réduire la charge sur vos épaules, soulevez simplement le bord extérieur des boucles de réglage. Vous devriez porter votre enfant très près de votre poitrine et très haut de façon à ce que vous puissiez embrasser le dessus de sa tête.

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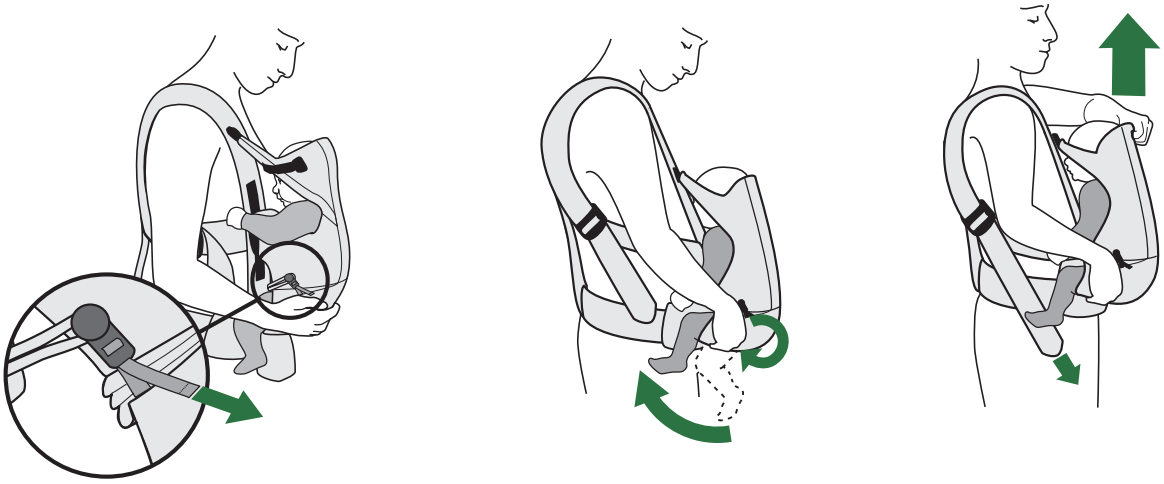
POUR ÉLARGIR LE SIÈGE POUR VOTRE BÉBÉ



Soulevez les jambes de bébé, ajustez la boucle de réglage du siège et étendez le tissu jusqu'à ce qu'il soutienne les cuisses et couvre bien le dessous. Pour bénéficier de sa proximité tout en le surveillant, portez votre nouveau-né face à vous, haut sur votre poitrine. Dès qu'il a grandi un peu, votre enfant peut être porté plus bas pour soulager la pression sur vos épaules.

COMMENT RETIRER VOTRE ENFANT DU PORTE-BÉBÉ

Assurez-vous de bien tenir votre enfant tout le temps! Commencez par détacher les attaches de jambes si elles sont utilisées.

Si votre enfant dort, détachez les deux attaches latérales pour ouvrir complètement l'avant. Il faut rapprocher les deux parties de la double boucle avant d'appuyer sur le bouton.

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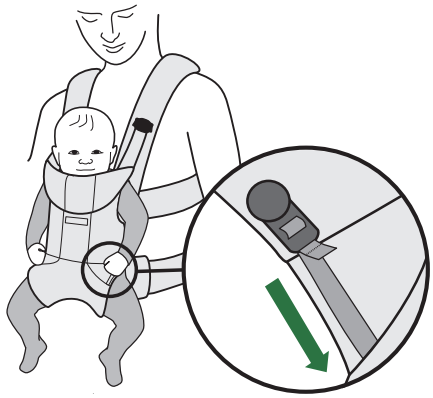
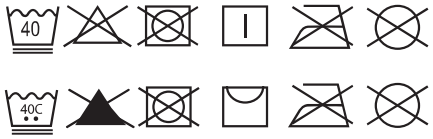


Votre enfant doit être porté face à vous (vers l'intérieur) jusqu'à ce qu'il puisse tenir sa tête droite (env. 5 mois). À cet âge, le cou, le dos et les hanches seront assez forts pour que l'enfant soit tourné vers l'extérieur. Rabattez l'appui-tête et refermez à nouveau la boucle de l'appui-tête. Soulevez les jambes du bébé de sorte que ses fesses descendent dans le porte-bébé.

CONSIGNES D'ENTRETIEN

Maille filet
Lavez séparément en eau tiède, avec un détergent doux au cycle délicat, et suspendez pour sécher (ne séchez pas à la machine). Ne pas utiliser d'agent de blanchiment ou d'assouplisseur. NE REPASSEZ JAMAIS! Nous suggérons de laver ce produit à la machine dans un sac de lavage.



INFORMATIONS SUR LE TISSU

Tissu principal :
100 % polyester

Tous les matériaux utilisés dans le porte-bébé sont garantis sans substances nocives ni allergènes et sont conformes aux exigences de la norme Oeko-Tex Standard 100, classe 1 pour les produits destinés aux bébés.

APPROBATION DE SÉCURITÉ

Le Porte-bébé Free BABYBJÖRN est conforme aux normes de sécurité EN 13209-2:2015 et ASTM F2236.

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⚠AVERTISSEMENT!

RISQUE DE CHUTE ET D'ÉTOUFFEMENT

RISQUE DE CHUTE

Les nourrissons peuvent tomber par une ouverture de jambe ou hors du porte-bébé.

- Réglez les ouvertures de jambes afin qu'elles s'adaptent parfaitement aux jambes du bébé.
- Avant chaque utilisation, assurez-vous que toutes les boucles sont bien attachées/fermées.
- Soyez très prudent lorsque vous vous penchez ou pendant que vous marchez.
- Vous devez plier les genoux et non la taille.
- N'utilisez ce porte-bébé que pour les enfants pesant entre 3,2 kg et 12 kg (7 lb et 26,5 lb).
- N'utilisez le porte-bébé que pour les enfants mesurant plus de 53 cm (21 po).

RISQUE D'ÉTOUFFEMENT

Les nourrissons de moins de 4 mois peuvent suffoquer dans le porte-bébé si le visage est pressé contre votre corps.

- N'attachez pas le bébé trop serré contre votre corps.
- Laissez de l'espace pour que la tête puisse bouger.
- Gardez le visage du nourrisson libre de toute obstruction en tout temps.
- Si vous allaitez votre bébé dans le porte-bébé, repositionnez-le toujours après l'allaitement pour que son visage ne soit pas pressé contre votre corps.

IMPORTANT! VEUILLEZ LIRE ATTENTIVEMENT CE MANUEL ET CONSERVEZ-LE POUR VOUS Y REPORTER ULTÉ-RIEUREMENT.

AVERTISSEMENT!

Votre équilibre peut être affecté par vos propres mouvements ou ceux de votre enfant.

Faites attention lorsque vous vous penchez en avant ou sur le côté.

Le porte-bébé ne doit pas être utilisé pendant la pratique d'activités sportives.

Lisez attentivement toutes les instructions avant d'assembler et d'utiliser le porte-bébé souple.

Conservez le mode d'emploi en vue d'une utilisation ultérieure.

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Surveillez votre enfant lorsque vous utilisez le porte-bébé souple.

Pour les bébés de faible poids à la naissance et les enfants souffrant de problèmes de santé, il est recommandé de consulter un professionnel de la santé avant d'utiliser le produit.

Cessez d'utiliser le porte-bébé si des pièces sont manquantes ou endommagées.

Assurez-vous qu'il n'y a pas de coutures, de bretelles ou de tissu déchirés ni d'attaches endommagées avant chaque utilisation.

Les bébés prématurés, les nourrissons avec des problèmes respiratoires et les nourrissons de moins de quatre mois sont plus à risque d'étouffement.

Assurez-vous que le nez et la bouche de l'enfant aient suffisamment d'espace pour respirer librement dans le porte-bébé.

Évitez d'habiller votre enfant trop chaudement.

Ne vous allongez ou ne dormez jamais avec un bébé dans le porte-bébé.

Votre enfant doit être porté face à vous (vers l'intérieur) jusqu'à ce qu'il puisse tenir sa tête droite (env. 5 mois).

Réglez toujours le porte-bébé à la grandeur de votre bébé et en suivant les instructions.

Assurez-vous que les boucles, les boutons-pression, les bretelles et les réglages sont tous bien fixés avant chaque utilisation.

Veillez à ce que l'enfant soit correctement placé dans le porte-bébé, y compris ses jambes.

Les attaches de jambes doivent être utilisées pour les enfants pesant entre 3,2 et 4,5 kg (7 à 10 lb).

Les enfants de petite taille peuvent tomber en glissant par une ouverture de jambe.

Le porte-bébé ne doit pas être utilisé comme porte-bébé dorsal.

Le porte-bébé doit être utilisé uniquement lorsque vous marchez, que vous êtes assis ou que vous vous tenez debout.

N'utilisez jamais un porte-bébé souple lorsque votre équilibre ou votre mobilité sont fragiles en raison de l'exercice, de la somnolence ou de tout problème de santé.

N'utilisez jamais un porte-bébé souple si vos activités comprennent des sources de chaleur ou une exposition aux produits chimiques, comme la cuisine et le nettoyage.

Le déversement de boissons chaudes peut causer des brûlures.

Ne portez jamais un porte-bébé souple lorsque vous conduisez ou êtes passager dans un véhicule à moteur.

Ce porte-bébé est conçu pour être utilisé uniquement par des adultes.

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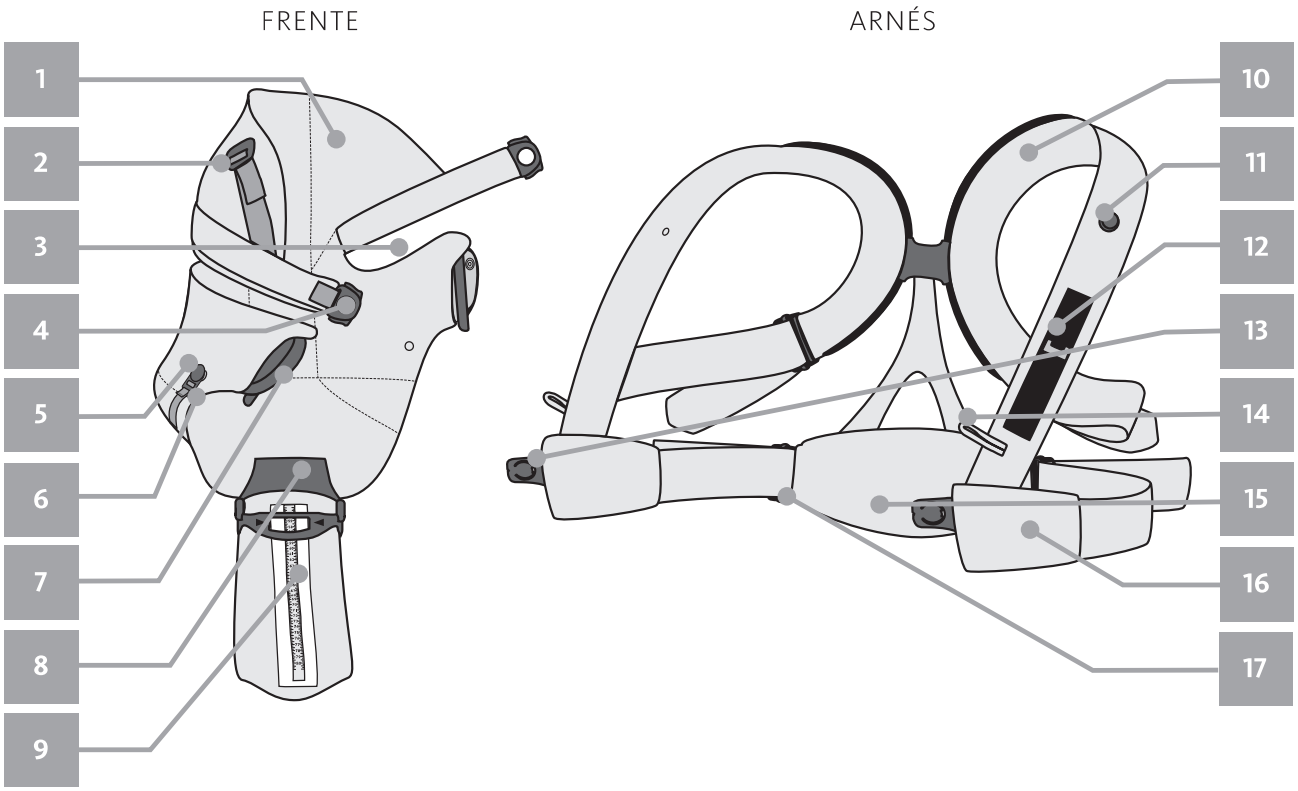
PARTES DEL CANGURO PORTABEBÉ



1 Soporte para la cabeza | **2** Correa del soporte para la cabeza | **3** Abertura para el brazo | **4** Hebilla del soporte para la cabeza | **5** Correa y botón para la pierna | **6** Hebilla de ajuste del asiento | **7** Cierre lateral **8** Doble hebilla **9** Ajuste de tamaño | **10** Correa para el hombro | **11** Hebilla del soporte para la cabeza **12** Cierre lateral | **13** Doble hebilla | **14** Correa para la pierna | **15** Soporte para la espalda | **16** Cinturón **17** Hebilla del ajustador

CÓMO UTILIZAR EL CANGURO PORTABEBÉ BABYBJÖRN FREE

Este canguro portabebé fue creado en estrecha colaboración con pediatras y ofrece el apoyo adecuado a la cabeza, espalda y caderas de su pequeño. Es ideal para recién nacidos desde los 0 meses. Desde 3.2 kg, 53 cm (7 lb/21") hasta 12 kg (26.5 lb).

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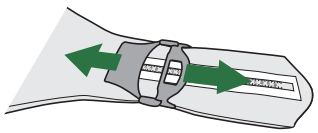

Ajuste el canguro portabebé al tamaño de su bebé. La hebilla es rígida por razones de seguridad. ¡Sujete al bebé contra el canguro portabebé para que pueda moverse más fácilmente!

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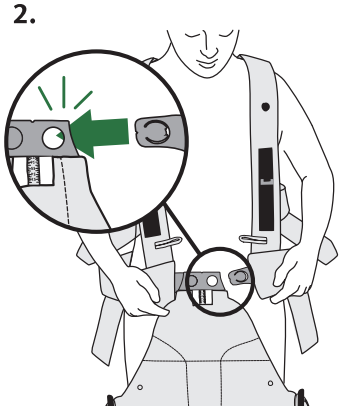

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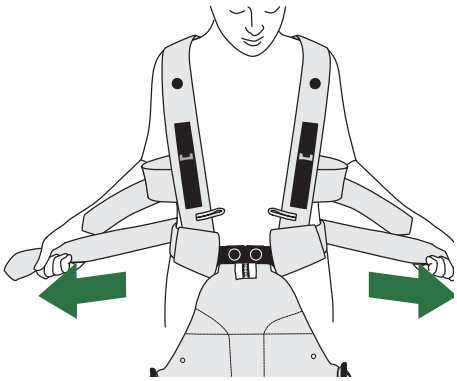

Entre más alto ajuste el cinturón, más alto transportará al niño.

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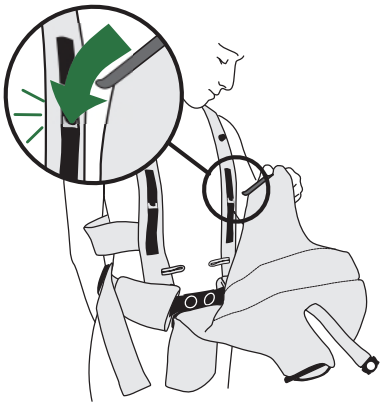

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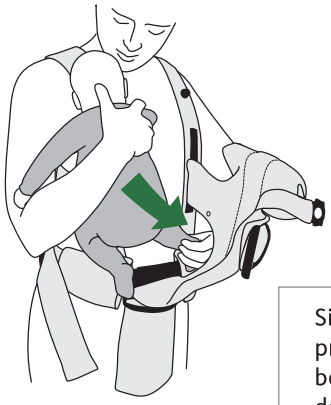

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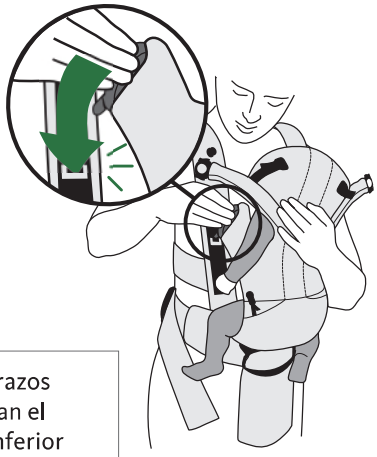

Si sus brazos presionan el borde inferior de las aberturas para los brazos, ajuste la longitud - Vea el punto 1.

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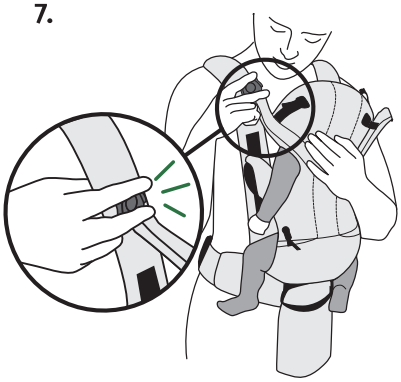

Para niños que pesan entre 3.2 y 4.5 kg (de 7 a 10 lbs), sujete las correas de las piernas a ambos lados para reducir el tamaño de las aberturas para las piernas. Las aberturas para las piernas deben ajustar perfectamente en las piernas del bebé.

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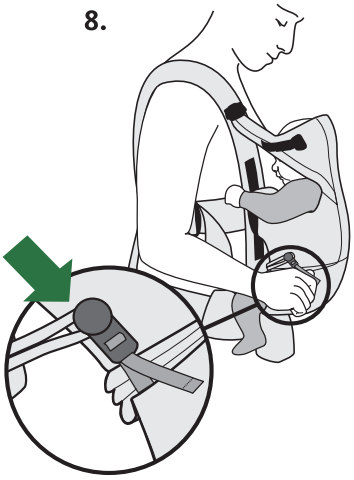

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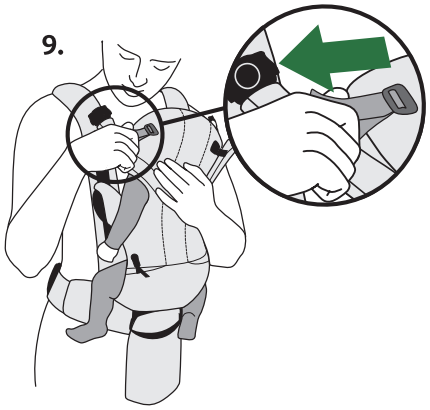

Ajuste el soporte para la cabeza de forma que el cuello de su hijo tenga suficiente apoyo. Revise que el pequeño tenga aire suficiente alrededor de la nariz y la boca.

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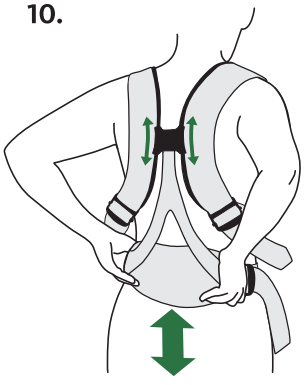

Coloque el soporte de la espalda más abajo para obtener más apoyo en la parte baja de la espalda.

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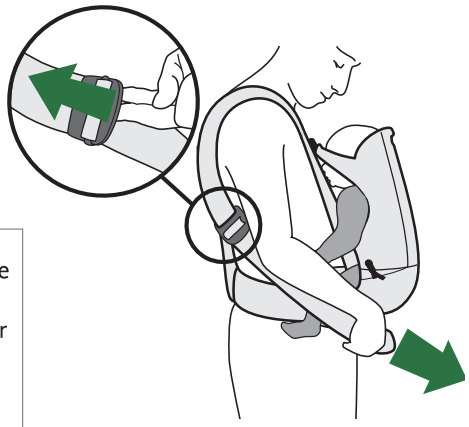

Ajuste los tirantes para los hombros. Para reducir la carga sobre sus hombros, simplemente levante los bordes exteriores de las hebillas del ajustador. Su bebé se encontrará en la posición correcta cuando usted pueda besar su frente al mirar hacia abajo.

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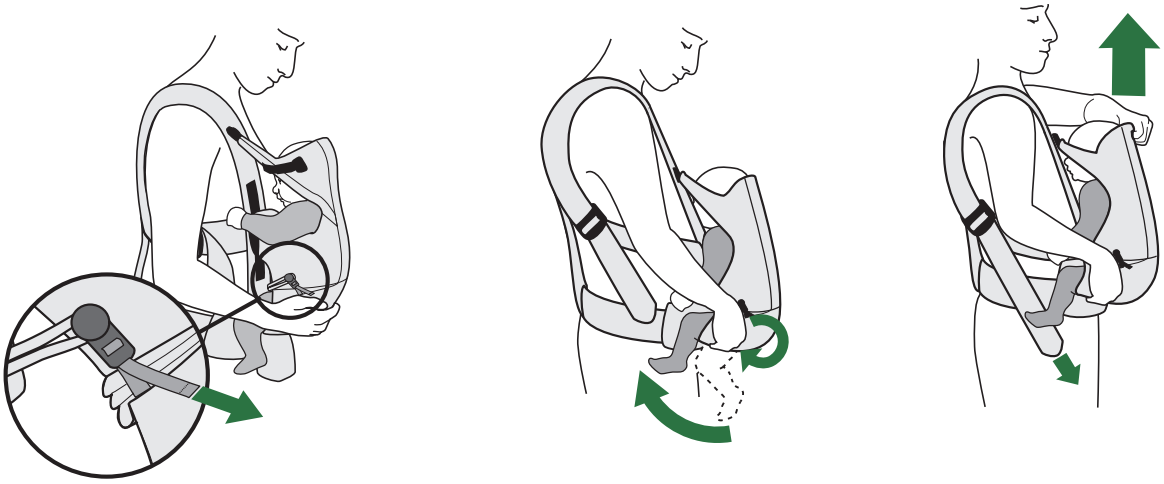
PARA QUE EL ASIENTO DE SU BEBÉ QUEDE AMPLIO



Levante las piernas del bebé, ajuste la hebilla del asiento y extienda la tela hasta que esta proporcione soporte a sus muslos y cubra la parte inferior. Para mantenerse cerca de su hijo y tener más control, lleve a su bebé recién nacido mirando hacia usted en lo alto de su pecho. Cuando su hijo crezca un poco más, puede llevarlo más abajo para aliviar la presión sobre sus hombros.

CÓMO SACAR AL BEBÉ DEL CANGURO

Asegúrese de mantener a su bebé bien sujeto todo el tiempo. Primero desabroche las correas para las piernas si las está utilizando.

Si el bebé está dormido, abra los cierres laterales para abrir completamente la parte delantera. Debe presionar la hebilla doble antes de presionar el botón.

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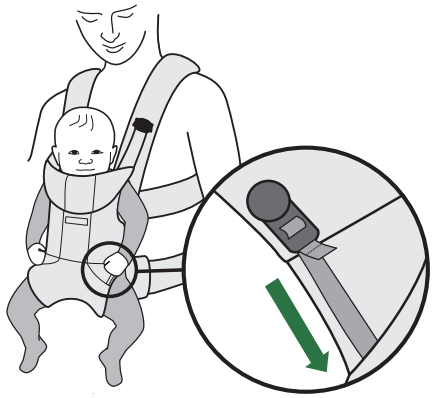
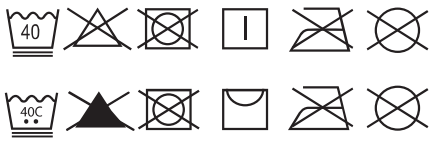


El niño debe permanecer de frente a usted (en la posición hacia adentro) hasta que pueda mantener la cabeza erguida (usualmente a una edad aproximada de 5 meses), a esa edad su cuello, espalda y caderas serán lo suficientemente fuertes para colocarlo en la posición hacia afuera. Baje el soporte para la cabeza y vuelva a cerrar la hebilla del mismo. Eleve las piernas del bebé de modo que la parte inferior del cuerpo del niño baje en el canguro.

INSTRUCCIONES DE LAVADO

Malla
Lave el producto a máquina por separado con agua tibia y detergente suave en el ciclo para prendas delicadas y cuelgue el producto para que se seque (no lo seque en secadora). No utilice cloro ni suavizante para ropa. ¡NUNCA PLANCHE EL PRODUCTO! Recomendamos que utilice una bolsa especial para lavar la ropa en lavadora.



INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LA TELA

Tejido principal:
100 % poliéster

Se garantiza que todos los materiales que se utilizan para fabricar el canguro portabebé están libres de sustancias nocivas y alergénicas, y cumplen con los requisitos de la norma Oeko-Tex 100, clase 1 en productos para bebés.

APROBACIÓN DE SEGURIDAD

Los canguros portabebé BABYBJÖRN Free cumplen con los requisitos de seguridad de las normas EN 13209-2:2015 y ASTM F2236.

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⚠ ADVERTENCIA

PELIGRO DE SUFRIR CAÍDAS Y ASFIXIA

PELIGRO DE SUFRIR CAÍDAS
Los bebés pueden deslizarse o caerse del canguro si la abertura en las piernas es demasiado amplia.

- Las aberturas para las piernas deben ajustar perfectamente las piernas del bebé.
- Antes de cada uso, asegúrese de que todas las hebillas estén bien cerradas.
- Tenga especial cuidado al inclinarse o caminar.
- Nunca se agache ni doble las rodillas.
- Utilice este canguro solamente para niños que pesen entre 3.2 kg y 12 kg (26.5 lbs).
- Utilice el canguro portabebé solamente para niños que midan más de 21" (53 cm).

PELIGRO DE SUFRIR ASFIXIA:
Los bebés menores de 4 meses pueden asfixiarse con este producto si mantiene su cara presionada contra su cuerpo.

- No sujete al bebé demasiado apretado contra su cuerpo.
- Deje suficiente espacio para que el bebé mueva su cabeza.
- Mantenga la cara del bebé libre de obstrucciones en todo momento.
- Si amamanta a su bebé en el canguro portabebé, vuelva a acomodarlo después de alimentarlo para que la cara del bebé no quede presionada contra su cuerpo.

¡IMPORTANTE! LEA CUIDADOSAMENTE ESTE MANUAL Y CONSÉRVELO PARA FUTURAS REFERENCIAS.

ADVERTENCIA

Su equilibrio puede verse afectado negativamente por sus movimientos y los de su hijo.

Tenga cuidado cuando se incline hacia delante o hacia los lados.

Este canguro NO es adecuado para utilizarlo mientras practica deportes u otras actividades de entretenimiento.

Lea con atención este manual antes de armar y utilizar el canguro portabebé.

Guarde las instrucciones para futuras referencias.

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Cuando utilice el transportador suave, supervise a su hijo.

En el caso de los bebés que tuvieron bajo peso al nacer y los niños que padecen afecciones médicas, consulte a un profesional de la salud antes de utilizar el producto.

Deje de utilizar el canguro portabebé si le faltan piezas o si hay alguna pieza dañada.

Antes de cada uso, revise si el producto presenta costuras desgarradas, roturas en las correas o en la tela, o si los elementos de sujeción están dañados.

Los bebés prematuros que sufren problemas respiratorios y los bebés menores de 4 meses tienen más riesgo de sufrir asfixia.

Revise que el pequeño dispone de aire suficiente alrededor de la nariz y la boca.

Evite abrigar demasiado a su pequeño cuando se encuentre en el canguro portabebé.

Nunca se recueste ni duerma con el pequeño mientras utiliza el canguro portabebé.

El niño debe permanecer de frente a usted (en la posición hacia adentro) hasta que pueda mantener la cabeza erguida (usualmente a edad aproximada de 5 meses).

Ajuste siempre el canguro portabebé a la talla de su hijo, de acuerdo con las instrucciones.

Revise que todos los broches, hebillas, correas y ajustes estén correctamente asegurados antes de cada uso.

Asegúrese de que el niño esté bien colocado dentro del producto, incluida la colocación de las piernas.

Las correas para las piernas deben utilizarse para niños que pesan entre 3.2 y 4.5 kg.

Los niños pequeños pueden caerse por las aberturas para las piernas.

El canguro portabebé no debe utilizarse como canguro en la espalda.

Solo debe utilizar el canguro portabebé mientras camina o si permanece sentado o de pie de forma normal.

No utilice nunca un canguro portabebé si sufre problemas de equilibrio o movilidad provocados por la práctica de ejercicio, la falta de sueño o tratamientos médicos.

No lleve nunca al bebé en el canguro portabebé si va a realizar tareas que impliquen estar cerca de fuentes de calor o sufrir exposiciones a productos químicos, como cocinar y limpiar.

El derramamiento de bebidas calientes puede causar quemaduras.

Nunca utilice un canguro portabebé suave mientras conduce o viaja en automóvil.

Este canguro portabebé se diseñó exclusivamente para ser utilizado por adultos.

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LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY ON BABYBJÖRN BABY CARRIER FREE

BABYBJÖRN INC. ("WE" OR "US") EXTENDS THIS LIMITED WARRANTY ONLY TO THE CONSUMER WHO ORIGINALLY PURCHASED THIS PRODUCT ("YOU").

This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state. Legal rights may also vary from province to province.

This limited warranty starts on the date you purchase the product and lasts as long as you own the product and requires a proof of purchase to be effective. It covers defects in original materials, design, and workmanship. Your sole remedies for any product found to be defective consist of the repair and/or replacement of the product. This limited warranty does not cover any defects caused by improper use, failure to follow instructions, modification, unauthorized repair, accident, neglect, abuse, or normal wear and tear.

To obtain warranty service or to report a product defect, please contact us in writing at 1270 Broadway Suite 508, New York, NY 10001, by phone at (866) 424-0200 or by email as support@babybjorn.com.

If we determine that the product is defective, we will, at our sole discretion, either repair or replace the product at our expense. We will pay for shipping fees to return the repaired or replaced product to you. Determination of defects shall be made in accordance with procedures we establish.

THE REMEDIES DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE YOUR SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES. OUR LIABILITY SHALL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEED THE ACTUAL AMOUNT PAID BY YOU FOR THE DEFECTIVE PRODUCT, NOR SHALL WE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES OR LOSSES, WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT.

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GARANTIE LIMITÉE À VIE SUR LE PORTE-BÉBÉ FREE DE BABYBJÖRN

BABYBJÖRN INC. (« NOUS ») OFFRE LA PRÉSENTE GARANTIE LIMITÉE SEULEMENT AU CONSOMMATEUR QUI A ACHETÉ À L'ORIGINE CE PRODUIT (« VOUS »).

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Esta garantía limitada le concede derechos legales específicos y también puede incluir otros derechos, los cuales varían de estado a estado. Los derechos legales también pueden variar de una provincia a otra.

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Si determinamos que el producto está defectuoso, a nuestro exclusivo criterio, repararemos o reemplazaremos el producto a nuestra costa. Pagaremos los costos de envío para devolverle el producto reparado o reemplazado. La determinación de los defectos se realizará de acuerdo con los procedimientos que establezcamos.

LOS RECURSOS QUE SE DESCRIBEN ARRIBA SON SUS RECURSOS ÚNICOS Y EXCLUSIVOS. BAJO NINGUNA CIRCUNSTANCIA NUESTRA RESPONSABILIDAD EXCEDERÁ LA CANTIDAD QUE PAGÓ POR EL PRODUCTO DEFECTUOSO, Y NOSOTROS, BAJO NINGUNA CIRCUNSTANCIA, SEREMOS RESPONSABLES POR NINGÚN DAÑO O PÉRDIDA QUE RESULTE DE MANERA CONSECUENTE, INCIDENTAL, ESPECIAL O PUNITIVA, YA SEA DIRECTA O INDIRECTAMENTE.

ALGUNOS ESTADOS NO PERMITEN LA EXCLUSIÓN O LIMITACIÓN DE DAÑOS INCIDENTALES O CONSECUENTES, POR LO TANTO, LA LIMITACIÓN O EXCLUSIÓN QUE SE MENCIONÓ ANTERIORMENTE PUEDE NO APLICARSE A USTED. PUEDEN ESTAR DISPONIBLES OTROS DERECHOS LEGALES Y PUEDEN VARIAR POR ESTADOS O PROVINCIAS.

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EXHIBIT 5

Claims of U.S. Pat. 11,786,055	Analysis of BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free
Claim 1) An adjustable child carrier for supporting a child by a user, the adjustable child carrier comprising:	The Baby Carrier Free ("Carrier Free") is an adjustable child carrier for supporting a child. BabyBjorn ("BB") advertises the Carrier Free on its website ("BB's Website") as a baby carrier that is "easy to use and adjust." https://www.babybjorn.com/products/baby-carriers/baby-carrier-free/.
a body configured to support the child, wherein the body forms a bucket seat configured to support legs of the child;	The Carrier Free includes a body that forms a bucket seat configured to support legs of a child. BB's Website states that the Carrier Free supports a child's "back, legs and hips."

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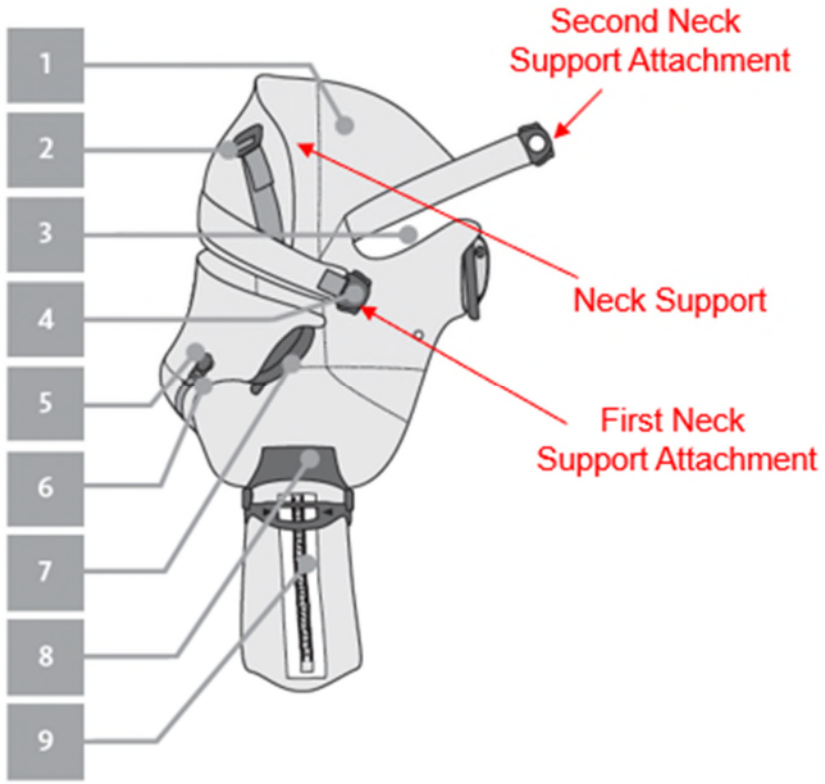
Claims of U.S. Pat. 11,786,055	Analysis of BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free
a neck support comprising a first neck support attachment and a second neck support attachment;	As shown below, the Carrier Free includes a neck support comprising a first neck support attachment and a second neck support attachment. 

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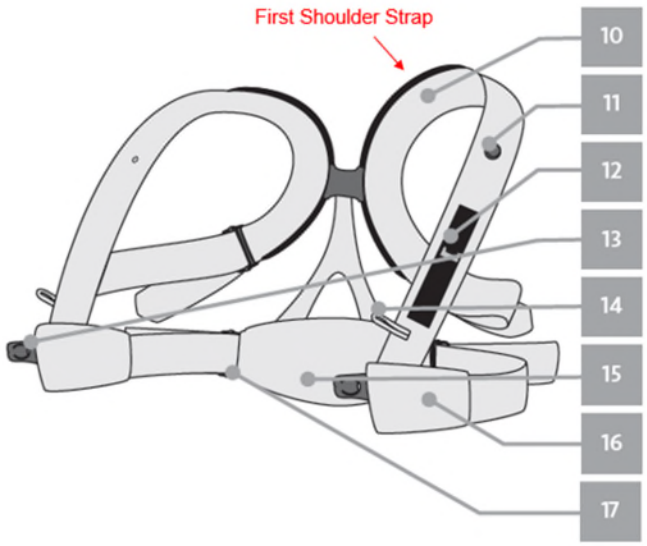
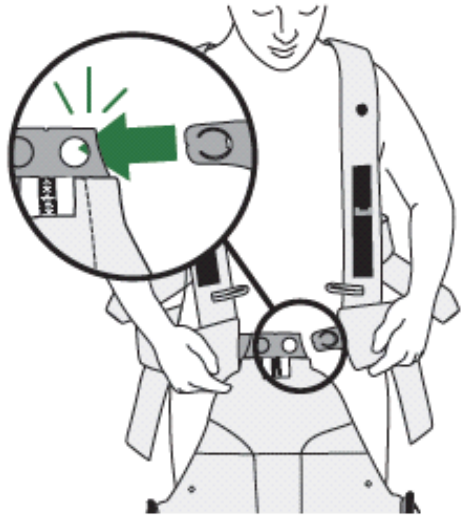
a first shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a first shoulder of the user;	As shown below, the Carrier Free includes a first shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a first shoulder of the user.  

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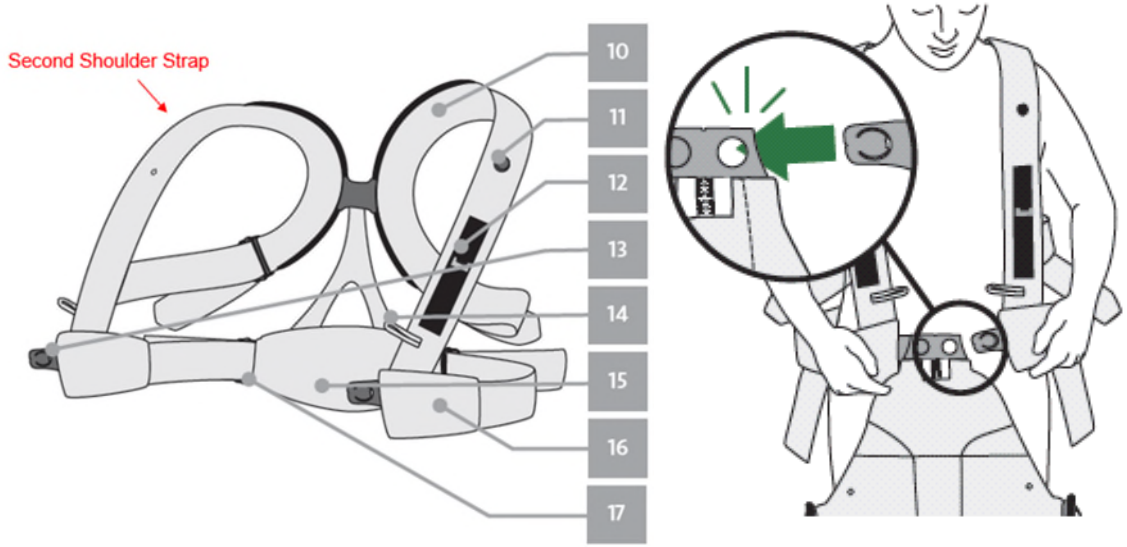
a second shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a second shoulder of the user;	As shown below, the Carrier Free includes a second shoulder strap coupled to the body and configured to extend over a second shoulder of the user. 

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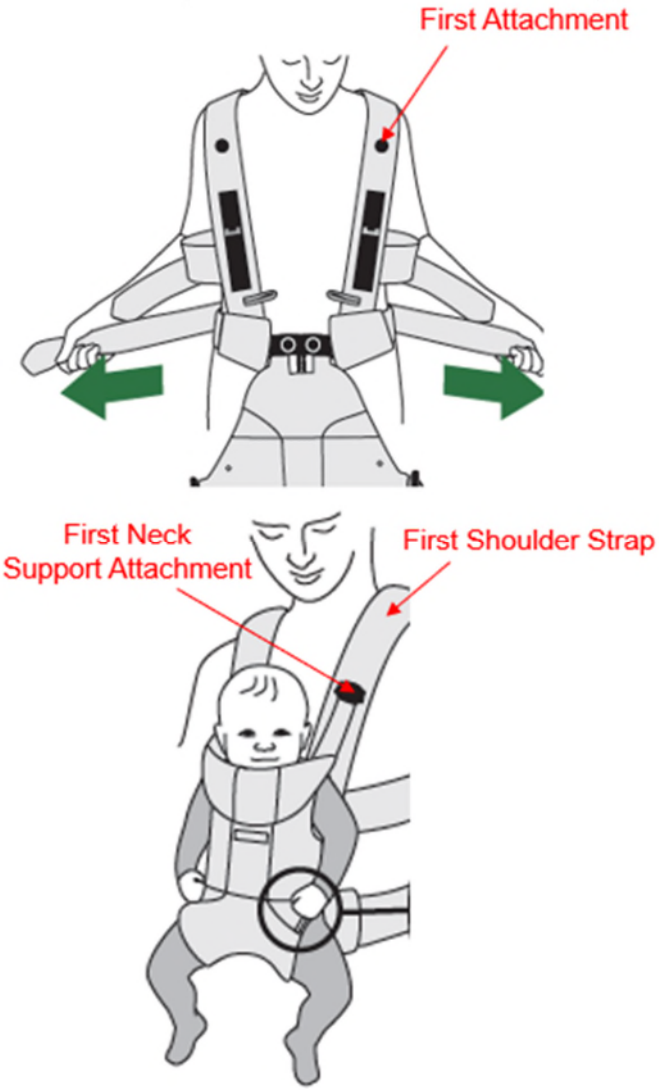
Claims of U.S. Pat. 11,786,055	Analysis of BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free
a first attachment disposed on the first shoulder strap and configured to receive the first neck support attachment;	The Carrier Free includes a first attachment disposed on the first shoulder strap. As shown below, the first attachment is configured to receive the first neck support attachment. 

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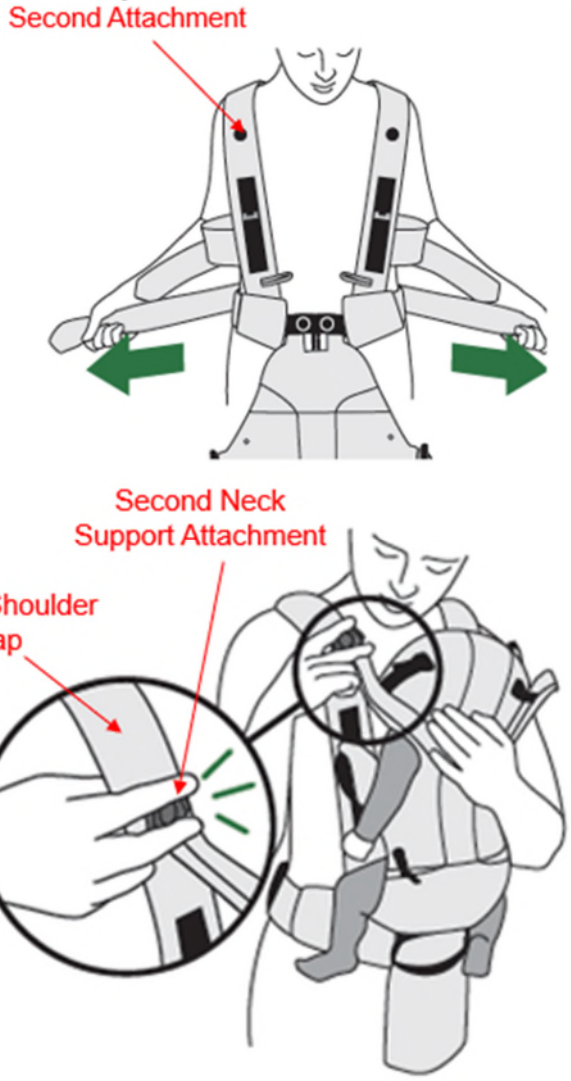
a second attachment disposed on the second shoulder strap and configured to receive the second neck support attachment,	The Carrier Free includes a second attachment disposed on the second shoulder strap. As shown, the second attachment is configured to receive the second neck support attachment. 

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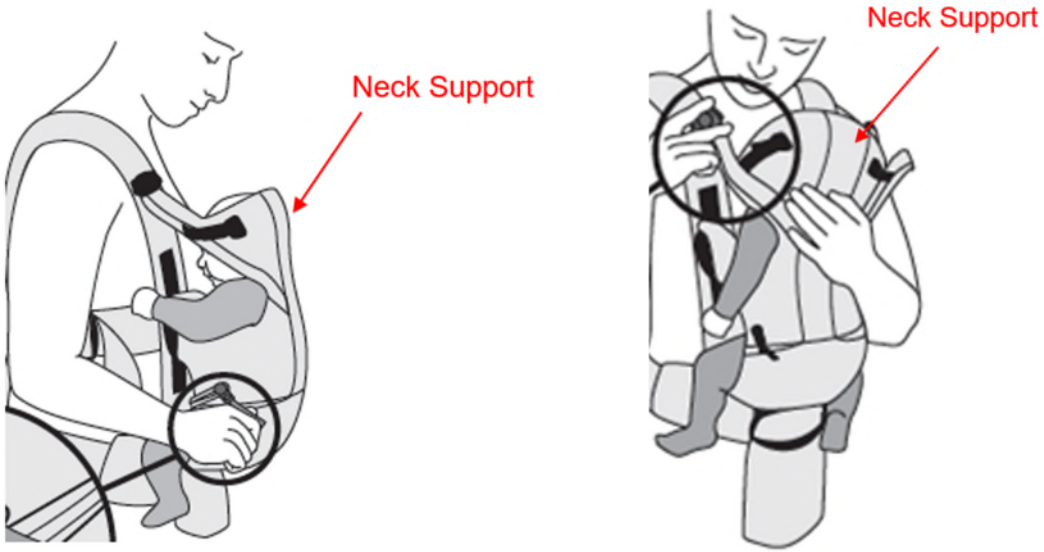
wherein the neck support is configured in an upward neck supporting position when the first neck support attachment is coupled to the first attachment and the second neck support attachment is coupled to the second attachment;	As shown below, the neck support of the Carrier Free is configured in an upward neck supporting position when the first neck support attachment is coupled to the first attachment and the second neck support attachment is coupled to the second attachment. 

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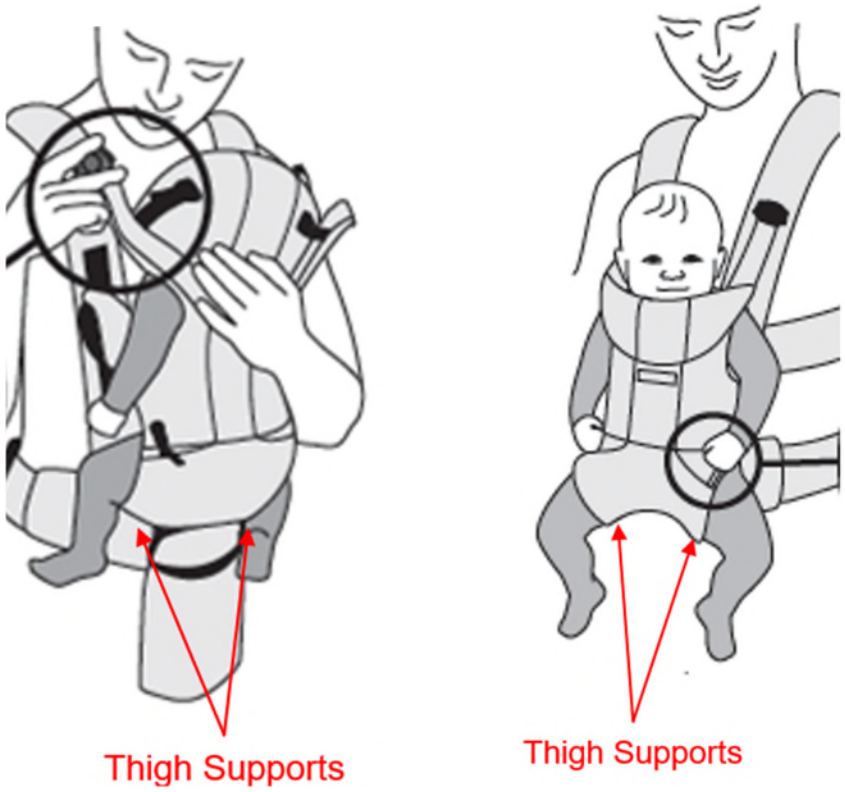
Claims of U.S. Pat. 11,786,055	Analysis of BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free
the body forming a first thigh support and a second thigh support;	As shown below, the body of the Carrier Free forms a first thigh support and a second thigh support. Further, as stated in the Owner's Manual, the Carrier Free "supports the thighs." 

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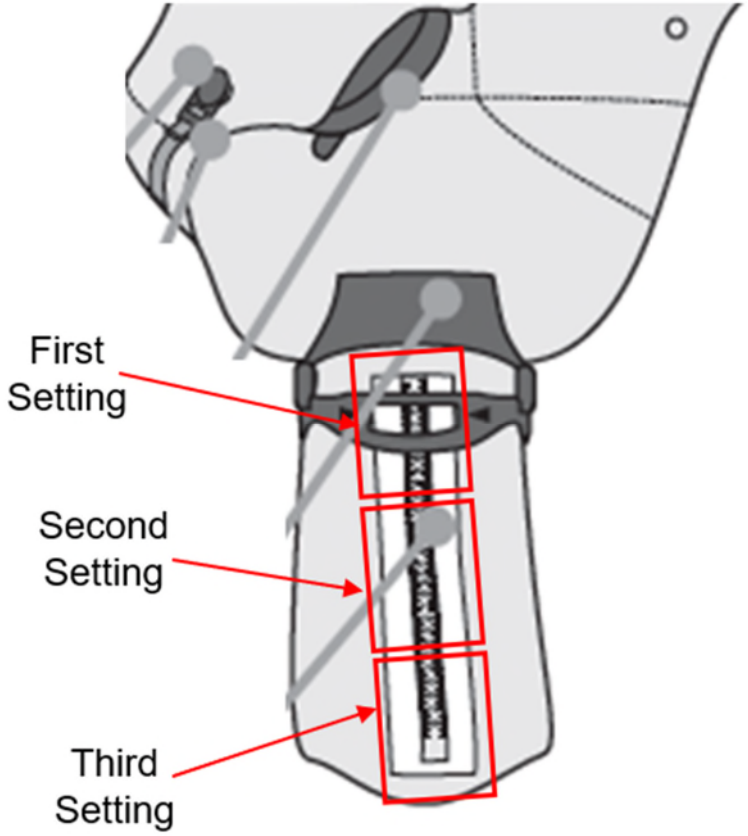
a first setting, a second setting, and a third setting defined by the adjustable child carrier; and	The Carrier Free includes a first setting, a second setting, and a third setting. BB's website states that the Carrier Free may adjust to accommodate children between "21–33 in" in length. 

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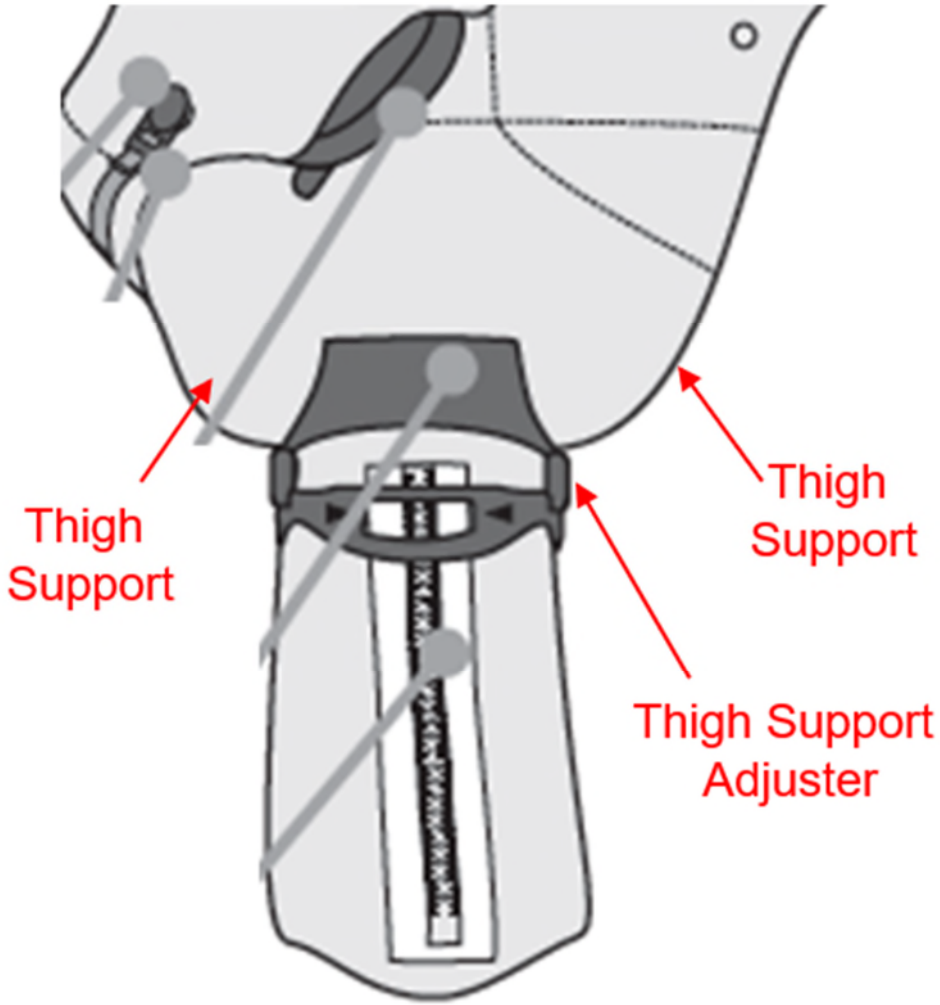
Claims of U.S. Pat. 11,786,055	Analysis of BabyBjorn Baby Carrier Free
at least one thigh support adjuster coupled to the first thigh support and the second thigh support,	The Carrier Free includes at least one thigh support adjuster coupled to the first thigh support and the second thigh support. 

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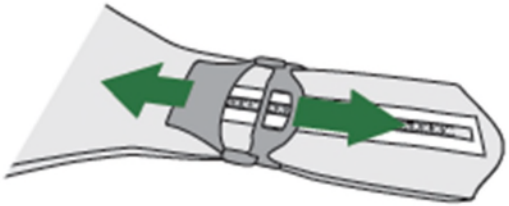
wherein the at least one thigh support adjuster is configured to be selectively positioned to one of the first setting, the second setting, or the third setting to thereby adjust a length of the body to accommodate various sizes of the child as the child ages,	As illustrated in the Owner's Manual, the at least one thigh support adjuster of the Carrier Free is configured to be selectively positioned to one of the first setting, the second setting, or the third setting to thereby adjust a length of the body to accommodate various sizes of the child as the child ages. 1.  Set the baby carrier to your child´s length. The buckle is stiff for safety reasons. Hold it flat against the baby carrier and it'll move more easily!
wherein the length is defined from a bottom of the bucket seat to a top of the body.	As shown above, the length of the Carrier Free is defined from a bottom of the bucket seat to a top of the body. Further, as stated in the Owner's Manual, the Carrier Free is adjustable "to your child's length."

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BabyBjörn AB,

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v.

The Ergo Baby Carrier, Inc.,

Defendant.

CASE NO: 2:23-cv-00446

COMPLAINT FOR:

(1) UTILITY PATENT INFRINGEMENT

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Plaintiff BabyBjörn AB ("BabyBjörn" or "Plaintiff") hereby brings the present action against Defendant The Ergo Baby Carrier, Inc. ("Defendant" or "Ergo Baby") and alleges as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION AND SUMMARY OF RELIEF SOUGHT

1. This action has been filed by Plaintiff to address Ergo Baby's importation, manufacture, use, sale, and/or offer of sale of Ergo Baby's Evolve 3-in-1 Bouncer ("Evolve Bouncer"), which practices multiple claims of BabyBjörn's patent rights without license or permission, as described herein. Plaintiff has been and continues to be irreparably damaged through Ergo Baby's unlawful use of BabyBjörn's patented technology, and BabyBjörn seeks injunctive and monetary relief to address this unlawful use.

PARTIES

2. BabyBjörn is a Swedish company with its principal place of business in Sweden.

3. The Ergo Baby Carrier, Inc. is a Hawaiian corporation with a principal place of business at 680 Knox Street, Suite 125 Torrance, CA 90502.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the claims in this action pursuant to the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. § 1, et seq., 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) and (b), and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Ergo Baby because it is headquartered in this Judicial District and, on information and belief, has committed acts of infringement within this Judicial District.

6. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

BabyBjörn's Innovation and Products

7. The name BabyBjörn is synonymous with high quality and safe children's products. BabyBjörn's founders, Björn and Lillemor Jakobson, are industry pioneers

who began developing innovative child care products to enhance the quality of life of young children and their parents in the 1960's. While BabyBjörn is best known for its parent-worn baby carrier products, its very first commercial success was an innovative "baby sitter" bouncing chair[1] that provided parents a safe, ergonomic place to sit their baby when tending to other tasks. Images of the "baby sitter" product are below.

8. This product had a static wireframe design over which a cloth infant seat was installed, and was heralded for its utility, simplicity, and aesthetic qualities.

9. Ever since, innovation and design have been a part of the BabyBjörn company DNA, and BabyBjörn continued to innovate and improve in this product category. In the 1980's, for example, BabyBjörn designed and marketed a baby bouncer with enhanced strength and improved mechanical operation allowing the seat to collapse for transport or storage:

[1] *See, e.g.*, https://www.babybjorn.com/about/our-history.

10. In 2008, BabyBjörn again implemented its meticulous approach to product innovation and design and created the BabyBjörn Babysitter Balance, which today is named BabyBjörn Bouncer Bliss and BabyBjörn Bouncer Balance Soft, pictured below:

11. Like the original "baby sitter" product, the Bouncer Bliss and Bouncer Balance Soft utilizes a frame design allowing the child or parent to bounce the seated area to pacify or entertain the child. Unlike predecessor designs, however, this product introduced a novel design that combines a front support plate and connection with a rear support frame to provide 360-degree stability for the child, as well as an innovative locking mechanism allowing for the parent to easily adjust the inclination of the seat area. BabyBjörn's innovative design decisions resulted in a "Goldilocks" product, in that it perfectly balances a user's needs (both functional and aesthetic), while also making it easier for the consumer to use and store it.

12. In recognition of BabyBjörn's unique advancements in the field of baby bouncer design, BabyBjörn was awarded U.S. Patent No. 7,779,490 (the "'490 patent") for the inventions embodied in the Bouncer Bliss and Bouncer Balance Soft as well as other innovations, attached to this Complaint as **EXHIBIT 1**, as well as other domestic and international patent rights, including in Europe, China, Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, Korea, and Russia.

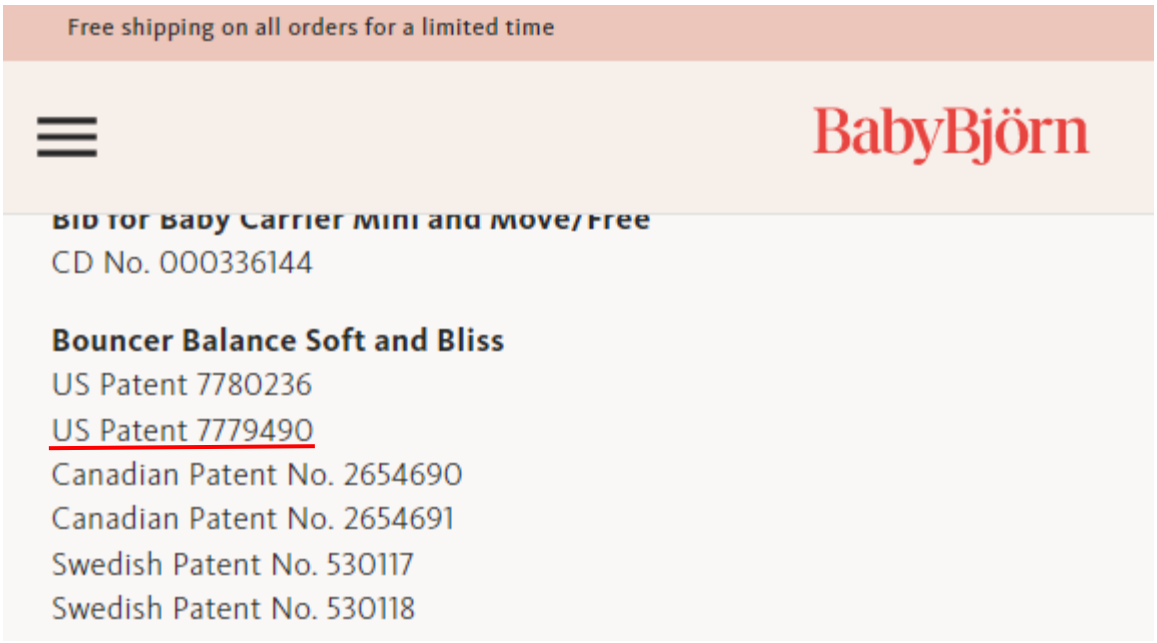
13. BabyBjörn is the lawful assignee of all right, title and interest in and to the '490 patent. The '490 patent was lawfully issued on August 24, 2010, listing Håkan Bergkvist as an inventor. The claims of the '490 patent generally relate to improved

baby bouncer designs. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim of that patent, and recites innovations found in BabyBjörn's Bouncer Bliss and Balance Soft products:

> A bouncing cradle comprising a base frame (10) intended to rest on an underlay, a backrest (20), a pivot mounting (12) arranged for the backrest and carried by the base frame, an arm (22) fixedly connected to the backrest and situated under the backrest (20) as well as at a distance from the pivot mounting, and an adjustment fitting (40) for setting different angles of inclination of the backrest in relation to the base frame, the base frame comprising an essentially plane support yoke (84) having yoke branches with mutually parallel branch ends attached to a support plate (16), characterized in that the support plate (16) consists of an injection-moulded piece of plastic having integrated tubular sleeves (85) that receive the mutually parallel branch ends of the yoke branches, and that the sleeves (85) are situated at a distance above a support surface of the support plate facing the underlay.

14. At all times relevant to this action, BabyBjörn is and has been making and selling baby bouncer products that incorporate the inventions claimed in the '490 patent, including the Bouncer Bliss and Balance Soft products, which BabyBjörn has marked with the '490 patent number both physically and via its website, a screenshot of which is included below.[2]

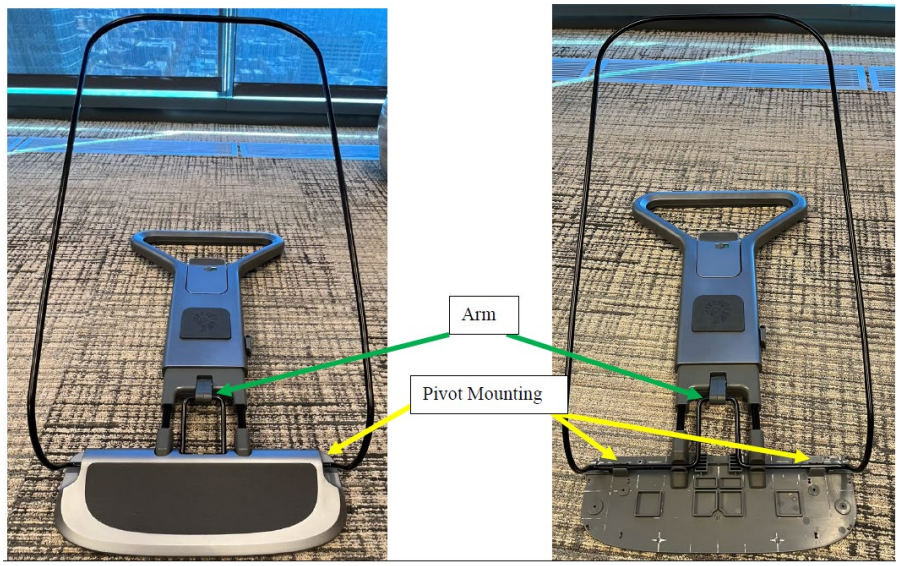
[2] *See, e.g.*, https://www.babybjorn.com/customer-service/patents.



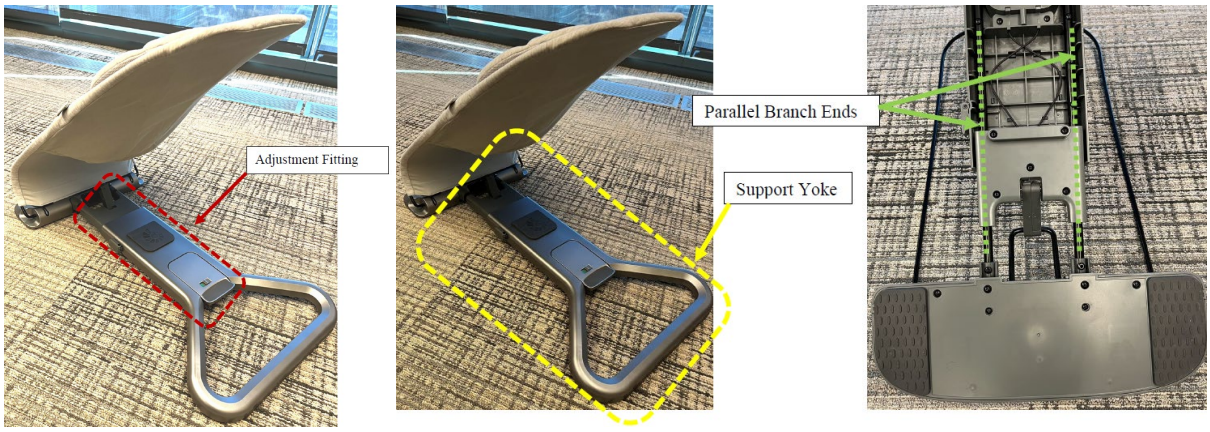
Ergo Baby's Infringing Acts

15. Ergo Baby is a direct competitor of BabyBjörn in the United States, and makes children's products including baby carriers. In September 2022, Ergo Baby launched its first baby bouncer product called the Evolve Bouncer. Ergo Baby imports, manufactures, uses, sells, and offers for sale the Evolve Bouncer product. A picture of the Evolve Bouncer is below:

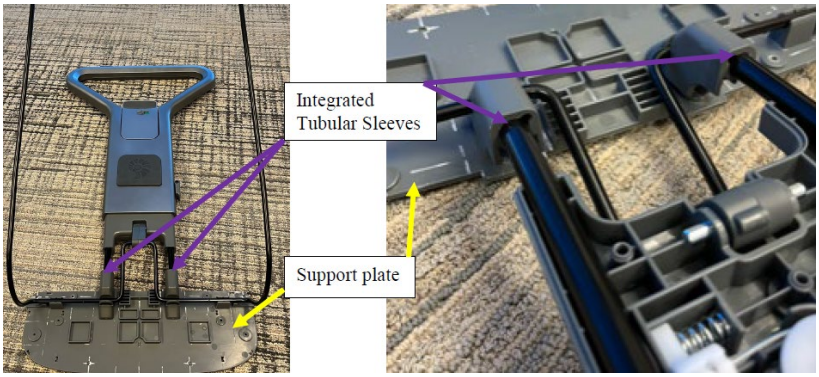
16. The Evolve Bouncer is a bouncing cradle having a base frame, a backrest, an arm (under the backrest and at a distance from the pivot mounting), and a pivot mounting arranged for the backrest and carried by the base frame.



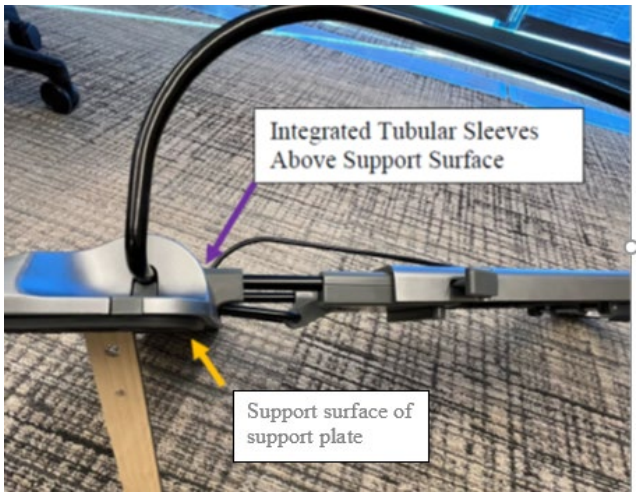
17. The Evolve Bouncer has an adjustment fitting for setting different angles of inclination of the backrest in relation to the base frame, the base frame having a planar support yoke with yoke branches having mutually parallel branch ends attached to a support plate.



18. The support plate consists of an injection-moulded piece of plastic having integrated tubular sleeves that receive the mutually parallel branch ends of the yoke branches.



19. The sleeves are situated at a distance above a support surface of the support plate facing the underlay [e.g. the floor].



20. Since the introduction of the Evolve Bouncer, Ergo Baby has marketed the Evolve Bouncer in direct competition with BabyBjörn's Bouncer Bliss and Bouncer

Balance Soft. In view of BabyBjörn's physical and virtual marking of the Bouncer Bliss and Bouncer Balance Soft products, which were on the market for more than a decade before Ergo Baby introduced the Evolve Bouncer, on information and belief, Ergo Baby had knowledge of the Bouncer Bliss and Bouncer Balance Soft and BabyBjörn's patent rights protecting the Bouncer Bliss and Bouncer Balance Soft design (including the '490 patent rights) before introducing the Evolve Bouncer, but nevertheless decided to bring the Evolve Bouncer product to market, with knowledge and/or a reckless disregard of the fact that the Evolve Bouncer infringes BabyBjörn's patent rights, including its rights in the '490 patent.

21. Counsel for BabyBjörn will concurrently send a cease-and-desist letter (the "Letter") to Ergo Baby, informing Ergo Baby of the manner of Ergo Baby's infringement of the '490 patent.

22. To date, Ergo Baby has refused to cease selling the Evolve Bouncer.

23. At no time has BabyBjörn given Ergo Baby permission, license, or authorization to use BabyBjörn's patented baby bouncer technology, including the inventions claimed in the '490 patent.

24. Ergo Baby's use, sale, offer for sale, importation, and/or manufacture of the Evolve Bouncer since at least receipt of the Letter demonstrates a deliberate and conscious decision to infringe the '490 patent, or at the very least a reckless disregard of BabyBjörn's patent rights and therefore constitute willful infringement.

25. Despite having knowledge of BabyBjörn's patent rights, Ergo Baby is likely to continue to willfully and deliberately infringe the '490 patent unless enjoined by this Court.

26. BabyBjörn has lost and continues to lose customers, market share, and goodwill as a result of Ergo Baby's infringement.

27. Ergo Baby's marketing and sale of the Evolve Bouncer cause BabyBjörn to compete against its own technology, thus irreparably harming BabyBjörn by depriving

BabyBjörn of the exclusive use of its inventions to compete, build its reputation and goodwill as an innovator, and expand its market share.

28. Ergo Baby's continued making, using, importing, selling, offering for sale, and distribution of the Evolve Bouncer has injured, is injuring, and will continue to cause irreparable injury to BabyBjörn and BabyBjörn's valuable patent rights, goodwill, reputation, and market share if not preliminarily and permanently enjoined.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Patent Infringement Under 35 U.S.C. § 271)

29. BabyBjörn re-alleges and incorporates by this reference the preceding allegations of this Complaint.

30. As set forth *supra*, the Evolve Bouncer contains each of the limitations of at least Claim 1 of the '490 patent literally or by substantial equivalence.

31. Ergo Baby's actions as described above, and specifically Ergo Baby's unauthorized manufacture, use, importation, offers to sell, and sales of the Evolve Bouncer constitute infringement of the '490 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271.

32. Ergo Baby's continued actions of making, using, importing, selling, offering for sale, and/or manufacturing the Evolve Bouncer have injured, are injuring, and will cause irreparable injury to BabyBjörn if not permanently enjoined.

33. Ergo Baby's continued actions of using, importing, selling, offering for sale, and/or manufacturing the Evolve Bouncer after having knowledge of the '490 patent and BabyBjörn's allegations of infringement demonstrate a deliberate and conscious decision to infringe the '490 patent or, at the very least, a reckless disregard of BabyBjörn's patent rights.

34. BabyBjörn is entitled to an injunction prohibiting Ergo Baby from further making, importing, using, selling, or offering to sell the Evolve Bouncer without permission or license from BabyBjörn under 35 U.S.C. § 283.

35. BabyBjörn is entitled to recover all damages caused by Ergo Baby's infringement of the '490 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

36. Given the willful nature of Ergo Baby's conduct, BabyBjörn is entitled to treble damages and attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action, along with prejudgment interest under 35 U.S.C. §§ 284, 285.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

A. the Court permanently enjoin Defendant, its officers, directors, principals, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns, and all others aiding, abetting, or acting in concert or active participation therewith, from making, using, importing, selling, and/or offering to sell the Evolve Bouncer and any other products that practice the inventions claimed in the '490 patent;

B. the Court enter judgment against Defendant for infringement of the '490 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271;

C. the Court order that Defendant account to Plaintiff for all sales, revenues, and profits derived from the sale of the Evolve Bouncer, and that Defendant pays to Plaintiff all compensatory damages to which Plaintiff is entitled by law, including without limitation lost profits, reasonable royalties, price erosion damages, and convoyed sales damages;

D. the Court award Plaintiff, against Defendant, trebled damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284;

E. the Court declare this case to be exceptional and award Plaintiff, against Defendant, the costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in this action pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285 and the equity powers of the Court;

F. the Court award Plaintiff prejudgment interest against Defendant on all sums allowed by law;

G. the Court award Plaintiff such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: January 20, 2023

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DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Plaintiff BabyBjörn demands a jury trial pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b) on all claims, defenses and counterclaims so triable.

DATED: January 20, 2023

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