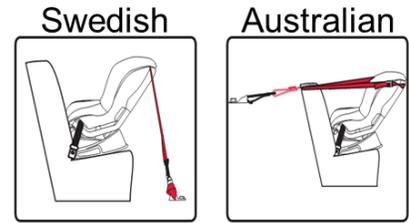




BRITAX Discontinues Rear-Facing Tethering Usage Feature

BRITAX has decided to remove the option to tether its convertible car seats while in the rear-facing mode in future owner’s manuals. This decision was made because rear-face tethering has become less and less compatible with modern vehicles creating a conflict for caregivers when following both car seat instructions and their vehicle owner’s manual.



Of particular concern is that today’s vehicles are more likely to be equipped with electronic components, such as an occupant detection systems located underneath the front vehicle seat, and Swedish-style tethering involves attaching a connector strap to this area of the vehicle. Some vehicle manufacturers have expressed concern that such tether anchor points could inadvertently affect the operation of these detection systems.

In addition to Swedish-style tethering, BRITAX also plans to discontinue the option to tether rear facing using the Australian method (in which the tether is attached to the seating position’s regular tether anchor). The Australian method has not been popular with consumers in the U.S. due to the inconvenience it causes with getting the child into and out of the car seat. Also, the tether strap is often not long enough for this approach in some vehicles without use of an extender strap.

This change regarding rear-face tethering is not retroactive. Changes to instructions will be phased in over the next few months, and caregivers should follow the instructions on the particular unit being used. The user guides for the ClickTight Convertible models (Marathon ClickTight, Boulevard ClickTight, and Advocate ClickTight) were revised at the end of January 2015. G4.1 Convertible models are expected to have rear-face tethering removed from user guides by June 2015.

Convertible Anti-Rebound Bar Accessory

To replace the car seats functionality of a rear tether, BRITAX has designed an anti-rebound bar that can be attached to current convertible models. The advantage of using an anti-rebound bar, rather than a tether, to mitigate rebound is that it is more likely to be compatible with the caregiver’s vehicle. Britax permits the use the anti-rebound bar on older car seat models manufactured after May 2010 (excluding the Classic line). On units that allow rear tethering in the instructions, use of the anti-rebound bar together with rear tether is not permitted.



The anti-rebound bar is available for purchase for \$19.99 by going to <http://www.britaxusa.com/store> or by contacting BRITAX Consumer Services. Consumers wishing to acquire an anti-rebound bar must specify either the one made for ClickTight Convertible models or one made for G4 Convertible car seat models.