A car seat LATCH
(LOWER ANCHORS AND TETHERS FOR CHILDREN)
SAFETY SYSTEM.
The Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH) is designed to make child safety seat installation easier—without using seat belts.

**How does LATCH work?**
The vehicle will have at least two sets of small bars (anchors) in the back seat where the cushions meet. Some trucks will have them in the front seat as well.

LATCH-equipped child safety seats have lower attachments that fasten to the anchors. Most forward-facing child safety seats also have a strap that attaches to the top anchor. Together, they make up the LATCH system.

If your vehicle or child safety seat are not LATCH-equipped, use a safety belt to secure the seat.

For more information on the vehicle’s LATCH system, refer to the owner’s manual.

Always read the instructions that come with the child seat.

![Diagram of LATCH system](attachment:image.png)

To learn more or to locate a certified child safety seat technician, visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)