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"This is the car seat I wish we'd had all along." That's the first thing my husband said to me after installing the Britax Frontier ClickTight Harness-2-Booster car seat into our 2005 Ford Escape. The reason? One word (or maybe two): ClickTight. Did you know that around 75% of car seats are incorrectly installed? That's a chilling statistic. Car crashes are the leading cause of injury or death for children under six, and we depend on car seats to keep our children safe in the event of an accident. But if it's installed or used incorrectly, it may not do its job. The easier a seat is to install, the more likely it is to be used correctly and perform its intended job. I'm really impressed with Britax' ClickTight installation system for that very reason. The Frontier comes standard with the Lower Universal Anchorage System (LUAS) tethers of course, but as Tee is now 6 years old and 45 pounds, she is over the maximum weight limit for the lower anchors in our car which means we must use the seat belt to secure the seat. That will be the case for most kids in the Frontier, as the seat accommodates children up to 65 pounds in the harness mode. All I have to do is squeeze the ClickTight release levers accessible through two slits in the car seat cover. The whole seat flips up which makes it easy to see the belt path and so simple to pull the seat belt across, even for big Daddy hands. Fasten the seat belt, pull the slack tight (but no need to yank or overtighten), then close the seat until it clicks shut. Attach the top tether (required for all forward facing seats), and that's it. Installation in a minute! This is truly a game changer for me. No more pulling off the cover and padding to access the belt path underneath. No more threading the belt through frustratingly narrow slots. No more jamming myself into the back seat and kneeling on the car seat trying to get the seat belt tight. No more wrestling with the lock-off arm to secure the belt and then putting the seat back together. Compared to other car seats I've used with my kids, the Frontier ClickTight is hands down the easiest to install when using the seat belt. The ClickTight installation system makes it a breeze to get a solid install every time, with well under the recommended less than one inch of movement at the belt path. I bet this seat would be especially helpful for grandparents or other caregivers who might be unfamiliar with the complicated installation procedures and requirements of other car seats. Harness Mode The harness mode is for use with children who weigh 25-65 pounds, between 30-58 inches tall, and at least 2 years of age. We know that it's safest to keep children rear facing until they outgrow the height or weight limit of their car seat, but since Tee has outgrown the height limit on her rear facing car seat, the Frontier ClickTight Harness-2-Booster combination car seat is the next step for keeping her safe in the car. Children are safest in a five-point harness, and as Tee falls well within the weight limit (65 pounds in Canada), that's where she will stay for a long time. Booster Mode But for the purposes of this review, we went ahead and converted the seat from harness to booster mode to try it out. I wanted to know how it would work once Tee's bigger and ready to transition to a high back booster seat. After reading through the manual, I found it fairly straight forward the first time. You can completely remove the straps when your child outgrows the harness, but I like that there's also the option to simply tuck away the straps for easy conversion between harness and booster mode, and back again. If more than one child is using the seat, that makes a lot of sense! Here's how the Frontier booster adjusts the seat belt so it fits my 6-year-old properly: across the collarbone and chest, low and flat on the lap. Shoulder Height Standing height is only part of the picture though. Kids' torsos differ in length, so it's also important to consider the shoulder height while sitting. The Frontier ClickTight offers one of the tallest shoulder height limits available in harness mode, up to 20.5 inches. The high weight, height, and shoulder height limits mean that, I can keep Tee harnessed for a long time to come. In booster seat mode, the shoulder height adjusts from 15-23 inches. Premium Features Beyond the ClickTight system, the Frontier ClickTight has a lot of other premium features that make this a great car seat in my books. Britax' Quick-Adjust No-Rethread Harness lets me adjust the harness shoulder height (remember, it must be above the shoulder when forward-facing) as Tee grows with one button. I really appreciate that I can adjust the height on the go, without taking the seat out. The EZ-Buckle System holds the harness buckle and belly pad in a forward position so Tee doesn't sit on the buckle when she gets in. It's so nice not to have to search for the buckle underneath her, and it makes it a lot easier for her to do up her own buckle. Comes with cup holders and storage areas on both sides. This is the first car seat that Tee's ever sat in with cup holders, and she loves them! At 25 pounds this is a hefty seat! This wouldn't be my first choice for a seat that will be moved frequently from vehicle to vehicle or for travel, but the integrated steel bars, true side impact protection with EPP foam, and impact-absorbing base make me feel really confident about having this in my car and keeping my child safe. The Frontier ClickTight retails for \$419.99 CAD which is on the upper end of the cost spectrum. However, with a booster mode weight limit of 120 pounds, height limit of 62 inches (that's 5 feet, 2 inches!) and a lifespan of nine years, this is likely to be the last seat your child will need until they're ready for an adult seat belt. I think it's worth it. If you were wondering about the print on this car seat, it's the limited edition Dylan print, available only at Brix independent baby stores. The stylish gray and black color combination is gender neutral and doesn't show dirt, a must with kids! Find a retailer in Canada. About Britax Britax manufactures and markets a full line of premium car seats, strollers, baby carriers and accessories. Since its founding in Britain in 1939, the company has established itself as a trusted juvenile products brand, known for a commitment to thoughtful, innovative engineering of safe, top-quality and intuitively designed products. Britax USA is located in Fort Mill, SC, and employs more than 200 people. For more information, visit www.britax.com. Connect with Britax on Facebook and Twitter. Disclosure: I was provided with a sample item to facilitate this review. All opinions expressed are completely honest and my own, based on my personal experience. Your experience may differ. Is it time to move your child to a booster seat? Booster seats are for older children who have outgrown their forward-facing child seat. Booster seats are NOT for babies or toddlers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), it is best for children to continue to use a forward-facing car seat with a harness and top tether in the back seat for as long as possible. If your child has outgrown his or her forward-facing seat but is not yet ready to stay seated properly in a booster seat using the lap and shoulder belt, a Harness-2-Booster seat is the perfect transition seat. Today I'm really excited to tell you all about the Britax Frontier ClickTight Combination Harness-2-Booster car seat. (A big thank you to Britax for providing me with a Britax Frontier ClickTight review sample.) Seat Specs Let's talk specs on this seat first. When used in harness mode, this seat has been approved for children who are at least 2 years old and weigh 25-90 pounds and have a height of 30-58. Shoulder height should be between 12.5 - 20.5". I'd like to note that even though you can begin using this seat at 2 years of age (if your child meets the other requirements) it is recommended that you continue to rear face your child for as long as possible. When used in booster mode, this seat has been approved for children who weigh between 40-120 pound and have a height of 45-62". Shoulder height should be between 15 - 23". This seat comes with a 1 year warranty, a 9 year expiration, and weighs just 25 pounds. The specs on this seat mean that we could use it in harness mode for our 3, 5 and 7 year old children. The image below shows all 3 of them in this seat. Both my 5 and 7 year old could also use this seat in booster mode (see image of my 7 year old at the beginning of this blog post) however we prefer to keep all three of them in the 5-point harness at this time. Because my 3 year old is still rather petite, we have chosen to continue to rear-face her in the Britax Boulevard ClickTight Convertible Car Seat a while longer. Car Seat Installation One of the big things that sets this seat apart is the ClickTight capabilities. ClickTight essentially gives you the easiest install possible when you're using a seat belt. I love the ClickTight technology so much that I wrote an entire post about the ease of seat belt install using ClickTight. Make sure you read that article to get all of the details about ClickTight. Spoiler - it's even easier than using the lower anchors with LATCH! If would like to use the lower anchors to secure the car seat to your vehicle, rather than the seat belt, this seat is also equipped with a lower connector strap. Easy-on/off lower anchors lock into place with a click and are easily released with the push of a button. Safety Features Britax integrates some wonderful safety features into Frontier's SafeCell Impact Protection safety system. For instance, the impact-absorbing base compresses to reduce the force of a collision. The impact-stabilizing steel frame offers superior strength where you need it most: at the connection point to the vehicle. The patented V-shaped tether minimizes seat rotation with a unique two-strap design and staged-release stitches that slow and reduce forward movement during a crash. The Frontier also has 2 layers of side protection, formed by a deep energy-absorbing shell. The quick-adjust head protection is designed to absorb energy and shield your child from the most severe type of collision. Secure Fit If you've read any of my articles about car seat safety, then you know already that making sure your child is secured in the seat is just as important as securing the car seat to the vehicle seat. This seat can only be used as a forward facing seat. That means that the straps should always be positioned at or above seated shoulder height. Adjusting the straps to the correct position is SO easy with the Frontier's Quick-Adjust, 9-Position Harness. There is no re-threading required. Simply squeeze the red handle at the top of the seat and move the straps to the desired location. The Easy-Buckle System keeps the buckle out of your way when placing your child in the car seat. Additional Features The Frontier has 2 integrated cup holders, perfect for storing drinks, snacks, even toys. The Frontier has a multiple position recline, which allows you to adjust the seat to the perfect comfort level for your child and get the best fit for your vehicle seat. Removable cover for easy cleaning Hassle-free transition from 5-point harness to booster with seat belt. Simply tuck the buckle and straps safely within the seat. My Review I can't say enough good things about the ClickTight system. It is so easy to install these car seats with the seat belt. Literally 10x quicker than installing other car seats we've had in the past. That ALONE makes me recommend this seat, many times over any others. I'd read that others had trouble adjusting the straps once their child was seated in the seat. That was not a problem for us at all. (For reference, we installed this Britax Fronteir ClickTight seat in my husband's 2016 Ram Rebel truck.) We have been using the seat with the 5-point harness for both our 5 year old and 7 year old. They both find it to be very comfortable and love the integrated cup holders. My only complaint would be that the seat is a little wide so you likely could not fit 3 across in a vehicle. Other than that, I can find no faults with this great seat from Britax. This harness 2 booster seat gets two thumbs up from me! Ready to purchase a Britax Frontier? I've found the best prices are usually on Amazon. Visit the Britax website to see their full line of booster, convertible, and infant car seats plus other Britax baby gear.

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