

## Cuddle Up™ Ergonomic Hoodie Carrier Owners Manual Instructions



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### **IMPORTANT!** **KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.**

Read all instructions before assembling and using your carrier. Failure to follow each instruction can result in serious injury or death to your baby. Keep instructions and review them before attempting new carrying positions.

12lbs - 40 lbs (5,4 kg 18,1 kg)



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This box contains: 1 - Carrier 1 - Hood

## **⚠ 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 fasteners are secure.
- Take special care when leaning or walking.
- Never bend at waist; bend at knees.
- Only use this carrier for babies between 12 lbs (5.4 kgs) and 40 lbs (18.1 kgs).

## **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.

## **⚠ WARNING**

- Follow instructions for use. When fastening the carrier, keep one hand on baby at all times.
- This carrier is not intended to be used for Baby Facing Out Position.
- Baby must be able to sit up on his/her own before being worn in the Back Carry Position to avoid possible back or neck injury.
- Premature infants, infants with respiratory problems, and infants under 4 months are at greatest risk of suffocation.
- NEVER use a soft carrier when balance or mobility is impaired because of exercise, sporting activities, drowsiness, or medical conditions. It is intended for use by adults while walking or standing only.
- Your balance may be adversely affected by your movement and that of your baby.
- DO NOT use Removable Hood if wearing baby in the Back Carry Position.
- NEVER use a soft carrier while engaging in activities such as cooking and cleaning which involve a heat source or exposure to chemicals.
- NEVER wear a soft carrier while driving or being a passenger in a motor vehicle. DO NOT use this carrier as a child restraint in a motor vehicle. This type of carrier will not properly restrain your baby in the event of a crash.
- NEVER leave baby unattended in this carrier.
- ALWAYS check to ensure that all buckles, snaps, straps, and adjustments are secure before each use. Make sure baby is properly placed in the carrier, including leg placement, before each use.
- This product is subject to wear and tear over time. Check for ripped seams, torn straps or fabric and damaged fasteners before each use.
- NEVER lean against baby.
- DO NOT use this product if deterioration or problems are detected.
- NEVER place more than one child in this carrier.
- DO NOT wear more than one carrier at a time ever.
- DO NOT use in showers, pools or any water environments.
- ALWAYS ensure that the waist belt fits securely against your body at all times without creating a gap

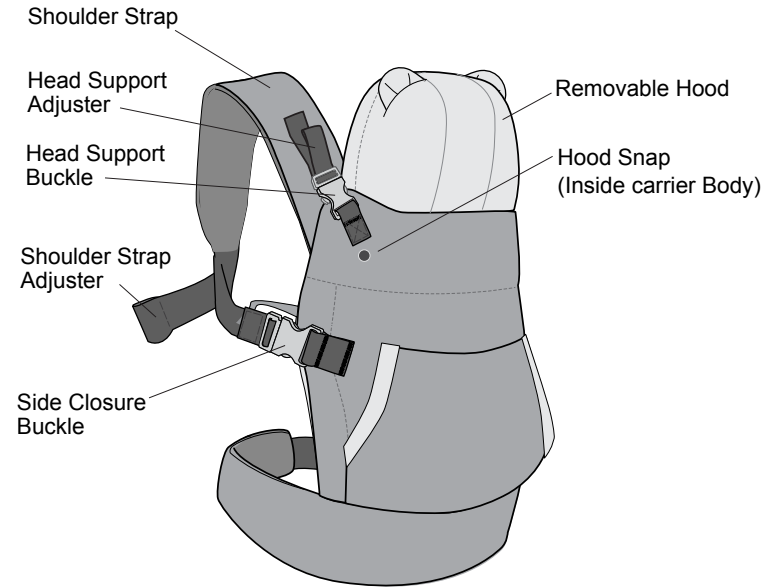
## Helpful Hints:

- The **Cuddle Up™ Ergonomic Hoodie Carrier** is designed for greater comfort for both you and your child. The strap system distributes baby's weight to make carrying more comfortable for you and baby, letting baby ride in a natural seated position.
- **Front Carry Position** - Until your child is able to fully sit upright on their own, this is the correct position. In this position, you can entertain your baby and bond with them while still having your hands free.
- How do you know if your baby is at the right height when worn in the front? - You should be able to tilt forward slightly and kiss the top of your child's head.
- When placing your baby in or taking them out of the carrier, sitting down will make the process easier. Until you are familiar with the placement of baby, it is also recommended to do so over a soft surface.
- It is best to limit the use of your carrier to 10-20 minutes until you and your baby are both completely comfortable in it together.
- Frequently look under the hood and check on baby.
- **Back Carry Position** - When your little one can fully sit up on their own, you also have the option of carrying them on your back. This position allows your baby to have the best of both worlds - to be carried by you, but also be free to check out what is going on around them.
- DO NOT use the Removable Hood when wearing baby in the Back Carry Position.
- Wearing the carrier closer to your body and higher up on your back (or chest when worn in the front position) will minimize stress to your back and shoulders from prolonged use.

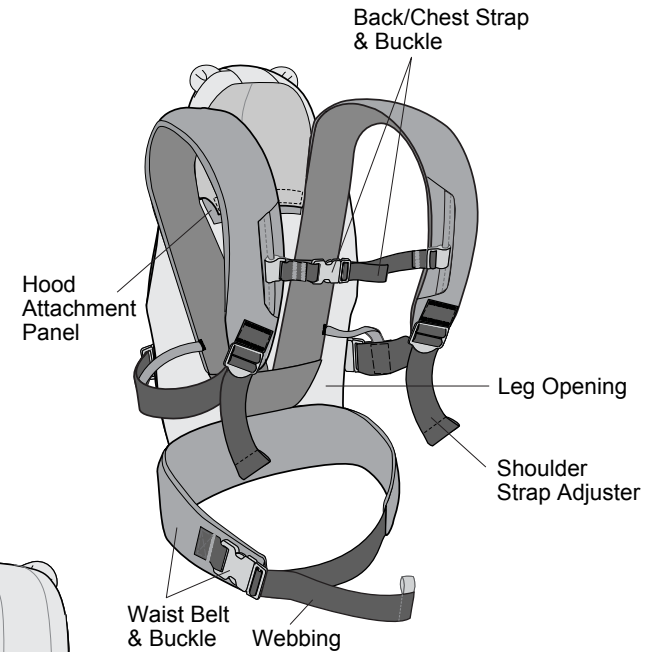
**Care Instructions:** Remove hood and wash separately. Machine wash cold, separately, on gentle cycle with mild detergent. DO NOT bleach. Wipe clean with cloth or sponge between machine washings. Drip dry. DO NOT iron. Do not dry clean.

## Carrier Body Front:

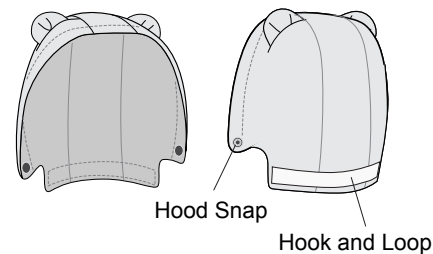
Refer to these parts when reading the instructions.



## Carrier Body Back:



## Removable Hood:



## Instructions:

### 1 Carrier use for: Front Carry Position

- \* Your baby should always be comfortable. If your baby is fussy it could be an indication that he or she is not properly positioned. If this occurs, take your baby out immediately and adjust.
  - \* We recommend having another adult assist you if this is your first time using this type of carrier.
  - \* Baby must be carried in the Front Carry Position until baby is able to sit up on his or her own.
  - \* Support baby securely throughout the process of putting baby in the carrier, until all the buckles and straps are properly fastened and adjusted.
  - \* When using this carrier in the Front Carry Position, you should fit it to the user before placing the baby in the carrier.
- NOTE: The carrier parts in bold can be found on the carrier illustrations.



1. Unfasten the **Back/Chest Buckle** and **Waist Belt Buckle**. Hold the carrier so the interior of the **Shoulder Straps** and **Waist Belt** face you. (The straps should form a "V".)



2. Place your arms through the **Shoulder Straps** making sure the gray interior fabric rests on your shoulders. The carrier should be hanging down in front of you, with the **Side Closure Buckles** and **Head Support Buckles** open.



3. With the **Shoulder Straps** in place, reach behind your back to connect the **Back/Chest Buckle**. If you need assistance, have another person fasten the buckle.

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4. Pull the webbing on the **Back/Chest Strap** to tighten. The **Shoulder Straps** should be wide and the **Back/Chest Strap** should be straight across your back.

\* NOTE: The height of the **Back/Chest Strap** can be adjusted by sliding the **Back/Chest Strap** to the desired height. The strap should lay in a comfortable position on your upper back.



5. Fasten the **Waist Belt** around your waist and pull the **Webbing** to tighten.

\* NOTE: People with longer torsos may find a higher belt position more comfortable (closer to the navel); shorter people may wish to wear the belt more on the hips.



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\* IMPORTANT! ALWAYS ensure that the **Waist Belt** fits securely against your body at all times without creating a gap.



6. Fasten the **Side Closure Buckle** on one side. You will hear a 'click' when the buckle is secure. This step will create a **Leg Opening** on the closed side.



7. With the carrier open on one side and the baby facing you, carefully slide the baby into the carrier by fitting his/her leg through the **Leg Opening** on the closed side of the carrier.

\* IMPORTANT! Make sure one arm is securely supporting baby throughout the buckling process. Baby is not secure until all the buckles and straps are properly fastened and adjusted.  
\* Make sure your baby's leg goes through the **Leg Opening** on the closed side of the carrier.

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8. While supporting the baby with one hand, fasten the other **Side Closure Buckle**. You will hear a 'click' when the buckle is secure.



9. Support the baby's head by attaching the two **Head Support Buckles** above each arm. You will hear a 'click' when the buckle is secure. Adjust the size of the head support by pulling both of the **Head Support Adjusters**.



*\* IMPORTANT! Always make sure there is enough room around your baby's face to provide a clear source of air.*



10. To adjust how high the baby rides on your chest, lift the baby slightly and pull the **Shoulder Strap Adjuster**, first on one strap, then on the other. The **Shoulder Strap Adjusters** should be equal lengths after adjusting. When the baby is properly positioned you should be able to tilt your head forward and kiss the top of your baby's head.



*\* NOTE: Wearing the carrier closer to your body and higher up on your chest will minimize stress to your back and shoulders from prolonged use.*  
*\* IMPORTANT: Always make sure baby's face, nose, and mouth are not obstructed.*  
*Check your baby's position regularly. Your baby should be centered in the carrier in a seated position with arms and legs extended and not constricted by the carrier. It is extremely important to avoid any slouching in baby's position. A slouching position can restrict baby's airways. Baby's head should be upright or resting on your chest with the face, nose, and mouth positioned to the left or right. Baby's chin should never rest on baby's chest. This can result in closing or partially closing baby's airway.*

## Using the Hood

*\* IMPORTANT! Baby's air flow should not be obstructed at any time. ALWAYS make sure there is enough room around your baby's face to provide a clear source of air.*

*\* DO NOT USE the Hood in the Back Carry Position.*

*\* IMPORTANT! Frequently look under the hood and make sure baby is not overheated, and fabric is not in baby's face.*



1. Fasten the **Removable Hood** to the carrier body by aligning the **Hook and Loop** on the hood with the **Hood Attachment Panel** on the inside of the carrier. Press to attach. The hood will hang in front of the carrier until ready for use.
2. To secure the hood over baby's head, fasten the **Hood Snaps** to the corresponding snaps on the inside of the carrier body.



## Removing Baby from the Carrier: Facing-in Position

*NEVER unbuckle the Waist Belt while your baby is in the carrier.*

*\* IMPORTANT! Make sure one arm is securely supporting baby throughout the process of removing baby from the carrier.*

*\* ALWAYS support baby's head in an upright position throughout the process of removing baby from the carrier.*

*\* Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid any potential hazards or obstructions when removing baby from the carrier.*

1. Keeping one hand securely on your baby, release the two **Head Support Buckles**.
2. Still keeping one hand on your baby, release the **Side Closure Buckle** on one side. Put one hand on your baby inside the carrier, holding him/her to your chest.
3. Release the **Side Closure Buckle** on the other side of the carrier. With both hands, lift your baby and place him/her in a safe location.
4. You can now remove the carrier from your body by releasing the **Back/Chest Buckle** and **Waist Belt Buckle**.

## 2 Carrier use for: Back Carry Position

- \* **IMPORTANT!** Baby must be able to fully sit up on his or her own before being worn in the Back Carry Position.
- \* **STOP!** First time users, **DO NOT** attempt to use the carrier in the Back Carry Position without the assistance of a second adult. We highly recommend always using the assistance of a second person.
- \* Either you or your partner should be supporting baby securely throughout the process of putting baby in the carrier, until all the buckles and straps are properly fastened and adjusted.
- \* Your baby should always be comfortable. If your baby is fussy it could be an indication that he or she is not properly positioned. If this occurs, take your baby out immediately and adjust.
- \* When using this carrier in the Back Carry Position, you should fit it to the user before placing the baby in the carrier.
- \* **DO NOT USE** the Hood in the Back Carry Position
- \* **NOTE:** The carrier parts in bold can be found on the carrier illustrations.



1. Place your arms through the **Shoulder Straps** like you are putting on a jacket. The carrier should be hanging down behind you, with the **Side Closure Buckles** and **Head Support Buckles** open.

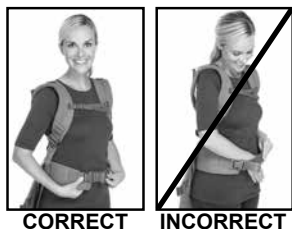


2. Fasten the **Back/Chest Buckle**. You will hear a 'click' when the buckle is secure. Pull the **Back/Chest Strap** to tighten.

**NOTE:** The height of the **Back/Chest Strap** can be adjusted by sliding the **Back/Chest Strap** to the desired height. The strap should lay in a comfortable position on your chest.



3. Fasten the **Waist Belt Buckle** around your waist and pull the **Webbing** to tighten.



\* **IMPORTANT!** ALWAYS ensure that the **Waist Belt** fits securely against your body at all times without creating a gap.



4. Once the **Waist Belt** is properly fitted, lean forward slightly and have your partner lift baby up and place them on your back. Their legs should wrap around your waist.

\* Either you or your partner should be supporting baby securely throughout the process of putting baby in the carrier, until all the buckles and straps are properly fastened and adjusted.



5. With your hands supporting baby, have your partner pull the carrier body up over baby's back.



6. Once the carrier body is up, the second person will secure it closed by attaching first the **Side Closure Buckles** and then the **Head Support Buckles**. You will hear a 'click' when secure.



7. Once all buckles are fastened, stand up straight. While your partner continues to support baby, they can adjust the head support by pulling the **Head Support Straps**.



8. To adjust how high the baby rides on your back, your partner can lift the baby slightly and you pull the **Shoulder Strap Adjuster**, first on one strap, and then the other. The **Shoulder Strap Adjusters** should be equal lengths after adjusting.



9. Once the carrier is securely buckled and adjusted, your partner can remove their support of baby. Have your partner check to ensure the baby is properly positioned.

*\* NOTE: Wearing the carrier closer to your body and higher up on your back will minimize stress to your back and shoulders from prolonged use.*

*\* IMPORTANT: Always make sure baby's face, nose, and mouth are not obstructed. Check your baby's position regularly. Your baby should be centered in the carrier in a seated position with arms and legs extended and not constricted by the carrier. It is extremely important to avoid any slouching in baby's position. A slouching position can restrict baby's airways. Baby's head should be upright or resting on your chest with the face, nose, and mouth positioned to the left or right. Baby's chin should never rest on baby's chest. This can result in closing or partially closing baby's airway.*



## Removing Baby from the Carrier: Back Carry Position - Assisted

*\* NEVER unbuckle the Waist Belt while your baby is in the carrier.*

*\* IMPORTANT! Make sure your partner is securely supporting baby throughout the entire process of removing baby from the carrier.*

*\* IMPORTANT! NEVER lean against the child. ALWAYS make sure there is enough room around your child's face to provide a clear source of air.*

*\* Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid any potential hazards or obstructions when removing baby from the carrier.*

1. Slightly loosen the **Shoulder Straps**.
2. While your partner holds baby securely in place, they should release the **Head Support Buckles** and one **Side Closure Buckle**.
3. Your partner can now lift the child from the carrier.
4. Release the **Back/Chest Strap Buckle** and **Waist Belt Buckle** to remove the carrier.

## Removing Baby from the Carrier: Back Carry Position - Unassisted

*\* IMPORTANT! NEVER lean against the child. ALWAYS make sure there is enough room around your child's face to provide a clear source of air.*

*\* Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid any potential hazards or obstructions when removing baby from the carrier.*

1. To remove baby yourself, sit down slowly and carefully in a secure corner seat such as a sofa.
2. Gently ease baby back and unbuckle the **Back/Chest Strap** and **Waist Belt**. Remove the **Shoulder Straps** and slowly remove baby from your back.
3. Remove baby from the carrier by unfastening both **Head Support Buckles** and **Side Closure Buckles**.

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