

CARRIERS

TRAVELING WITH YOUR CHILD

Strollers are a great way to get around with your child but sometimes it is nice to have an alternative mode of transportation. Baby Carriers are normally used from when a baby weighs between 8 to 26 lbs (some go up to 30 lbs.). Carriers work well in areas where it may be difficult to maneuver a stroller, like in large crowds or where strollers may not be permitted, like some areas of the zoo. They are also ideal when you need your hands free, like shopping or at the airport. And remember, Baby Carriers are ideal when traveling since they require little room in your suit case!

An added benefit of using a Carrier is that during the first few months, your baby will be comforted by the close proximity to your heart beat & body warmth. There are several styles of carriers currently on the market, with the most popular being **Chest Carriers** – this style allows the baby to face parent or face out. Other styles include **Hip Carriers** – for babies who can sit up unassisted, these carriers allow a more natural way to carry baby, **Back Pack Frame Carriers** – for children over 6 months and alternative Sling Carriers. Just like strollers, your life style will play a role in which type of Baby Carrier you choose.

Safety First!

When selecting a Baby Carrier, make sure the carrier has a means to reduce the leg opening size for newborns. This is a mandatory feature needed to protect your infant from slipping through the leg openings when they weigh between 8 – 12 lbs. Depending on the model, every Carrier has additional safety features to consider. The Jeep® Carriers have the unique Patent-Pending Secure Fit™ Indicator which turns red to confirm a locked latch. The Secure Fit latch is a benefit to parents and gives them peace of mind in knowing their baby is secure.

Easy as 1, 2, 3...

When choosing a Baby Carrier, Parents should consider how easy it is to put on and whether it can be put on without assistance. Closely examine how many steps it will take to put your baby safely in the Carrier. Also remember when selecting a Carrier, that you need to consider others who will be wearing it.

Get Comfortable

A good-quality Baby Carrier will be designed to distribute the baby's weight while being worn by the Parent. An adjuster on the back straps should be worn in the middle of the shoulder blades to help distribute your baby's weight. Also look for extra wide shoulder straps that help to disburse the weight and check if it includes a neck bolster to prevent chafing. The Jeep® Baby Carriers include all of the above plus padded sports mesh straps, like many back packs, which helps keep parents cool and comfortable. To help keep babies happy, find a Carrier that has a soft, plush interior. Soft fabrics are ideal against their skin and help to avoid irritation during long walks. Also, check whether it has leg bolsters as these will comfort your baby while seated. Some Baby Carriers are designed to help keep baby cool. The Jeep Carrier's Cool-Climate Roll up exposes a mesh opening giving baby better air circulation during the warmer months.

Time to Accessorize

Other nice features to consider are whether the Carrier has pockets to carry necessities, pacifier holders, weather covers, and key holders.