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## user guide

suitable for 3.5kg-24kg (7.5lb-52lb)

# IMPORTANT! KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

- please read all the instructions before using your Connecta™.

## safety considerations please read before use

At Connecta™ we take safety very seriously. All our carriers have been tested to meet Technical Report CEN/TR 16512:2015, BS EN 13209-2:2005 and ASTM F2236-14. Please keep the following considerations in mind when using our carriers:

Your balance may be adversely affected by your movement and that of your child. Take care when bending or leaning forward. Take care when leaning sideways.

The Connecta™ is not suitable for use during sporting activities.

The Connecta™ is suitable for babies weighing between 3.5kg-24kg (7.5lb-52lbs). Please see usage instructions for recommended positions for different ages.

Check your Connecta™ before every use for any signs of damage or wear and tear. Never use a carrier with any sign of defects or damage.

**Dangerous Activities - Never use your Connecta™ during any risky activities, including but not limited to:-** cycling, skiing, horse-riding, swimming, cooking, running, eating hot food, drinking hot drinks, using knives or other sharp or dangerous tools, near open flames, climbing, in a moving vehicle of any kind, whilst under the influence of alcohol or any drugs etc. Use common sense at all times.

Follow the usage instructions and only use as depicted in this guide. The Connecta™ is only intended for use on the front and on the back. Only use on the back from a minimum of 4 months of age (baby should be able to sit independently) and exercise extreme caution when learning back carries. Use the beginner's back carry and have someone assist you at all times until you are completely confident.

Airway - particularly when using with younger babies - always be sure to keep their face clear of the Connecta™ or the wearer's chest and maintain a clear space for the baby to breathe fresh air at all times. Never allow a young baby's chin to droop onto the chest as this can restrict the airway. Be aware at all times of baby's breathing.

Never leave baby unattended either in or near the Connecta™. The Connecta™ must not be used as a toy. Long straps can pose a strangulation hazard.

Take care in use - Always be aware of baby's position in the Connecta™, particularly for back carries. Door frames, escalators, lifts, revolving doors, tree branches, bushes, stationary cars - particularly wing mirrors, and many other environmental obstacles can all pose a danger. Always take account of the extra space occupied by baby.

Connecta™ recommends that you always follow the T.I.C.K.S. Rule for Safe Babywearing.



T.I.C.K.S used with kind permission of the UK Sling Consortium

The Carer should be aware of the increased risk of your child falling out of the sling as it becomes more active.

## ⚠ WARNING!

Check to assure all buckles, snaps, straps and adjustments are secure before each use.

Premature infants, infants with respiratory problems, and infants under four months are at greatest risk of suffocation.

Constantly monitor your child and ensure the mouth and nose are unobstructed.

For Pre-term, low birthweight babies and children with medical conditions, seek advice from a health professional before using this product.

Ensure your child's chin is not resting on its chest as its breathing may be restricted which could lead to suffocation

The Connecta™ is intended to be used by one child at a time.

To prevent hazards from falling ensure that your child is securely positioned in the sling.

## newborn infant front carry

We advise the use of the accessory strap until baby is 10 weeks, however this is a suggested age and you must check the width of the seat every time you use your Connecta and loosen the accessory strap until it is no longer needed, so your growing baby is supported well.



Fasten the carrier around your waist like an apron with the outside against your legs. The carrier should be high on your body.

Then fasten the accessory strap around the fabric of the carrier near to the warning label. This narrows the fabric 'seat' for your baby. Push the strap up so it is as close to your

body as possible. Slide the buckle around to the outside of the carrier, so that it can be adjusted after your baby is secured, if required.



Make sure your newborn is in a natural deep seated position, with knees higher than bottom, on your chest and slide the Connecta up their back,

providing support all the way up to the back of the neck. Your baby will be supported by the fabric panel, so make sure it is snug across their back.

With one hand supporting baby at all times, reach for a shoulder strap with your free hand and place it on the widest point of your shoulder.



Switch hands and reach back for the end of the shoulder strap, pulling it down and then bringing it across your back.

Supporting baby with your forearm, use both hands to close the shoulder strap buckle on the side of the carrier, you will hear an audible click.

To tighten the strap pull the webbing backwards.



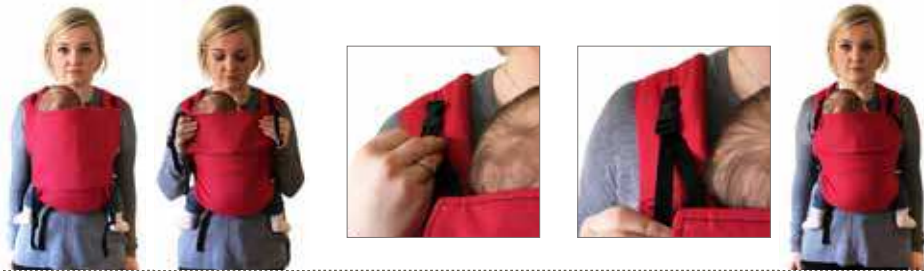
# newborn infant front carry



As before, with one hand supporting baby at all times, reach for the other shoulder strap with your free hand and place it on your shoulder. Switch hands and reach back

for the end of the shoulder strap, bringing it down and across your back. This should now form a cross over your back. Supporting baby with your forearm, use both

hands to close the shoulder strap buckle on the side of the carrier, you will hear an audible click. To tighten the strap pull the webbing backwards.



Always ensure the fit is tight and secure. Your baby should now be positioned nice and high on your chest so that you can kiss their head easily.

When the shoulder straps are fastened and tightened, you can clip up the sleep hood to create additional head support for your baby.

Always ensure that your baby's airways are clear, their chin is not resting on their chest and that you have a clear view of baby's face.



Once your baby is in securely in your Connecta it is important to run your fingers around and between baby's legs and the carrier ensuring there is an even spread of

fabric and no pressure points. With your fingers lift baby's weight bringing their knee's higher than their bottom, tilting their pelvis so their weight is on their

bottom and not their legs. Check the width of the seat every time you use your Connecta.

## MAXIMISE COMFORT

Check the width of the seat every time you use your Connecta and loosen the accessory strap when needed, so your growing baby is supported well.

To get a perfect fit for your baby, the seat of the Connecta should provide support from the back of one knee to the back of the other knee. Their bottom should be at the same height or just below their knees. Check that the fabric is evenly distributed across the width of the seat and not bunched up creating pressure points, especially around the knees.

Wear baby nice and high. Baby should be 'close enough to kiss'. This will ensure their safety and your comfort.

Ensure baby is centred in the Connecta™. By having baby centred in the Connecta™ you improve comfort for both of you.

If you find the fabric around baby's head is not quite snug enough you can remove the slack by feeding it back around from the top of the shoulder straps to the buckle and then tightening.

We recommend that you follow the **T.I.C.K.S.** Rule of Safe Babywearing.

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**I**n view at all times.

**C**lose enough to kiss.

**K**eeep chin off the chest.

**S**upported back.



# older baby front carry



Fasten the carrier around your waist like an apron with the outside against your legs.

Pick up baby and tuck their legs into your waistline. Bring the panel of the carrier up between baby's legs and over their back.

With one hand supporting baby at all times, reach for a shoulder strap with your free hand and place it on your shoulder.



Switch hands and reach back for the end of the shoulder strap, bringing it down and across your back.

Supporting baby with your forearm, use both hands to close the shoulder strap buckle on the side of the carrier, you will hear an audible click.

To tighten the strap pull the webbing backwards.



Switch hands and reach back for the end of the shoulder strap, pulling it down and then bringing it across your back.

Supporting baby with your forearm, use both hands to close the shoulder strap buckle on the side of the carrier, you will hear an audible click.

Always ensure the fit is tight and secure. Your baby should now be positioned nice and high on your chest so that you can kiss their head easily. You're ready to go!

## MAXIMISE COMFORT

Ensure your straps are tight enough. The straps on the Connecta™ should hold baby tight against you and pull on the fabric of the panel to create a comfortable tight seat.

Wear baby nice and high. Baby should be 'close enough to kiss'. This will ensure their safety and your comfort.

To get a perfect fit for your baby, the seat of the Connecta should provide support from the back of one knee to the back of the other knee. Their bottom should be at the same height or just below their knees. Check that the fabric is evenly distributed across the width of the seat and not bunched up, especially around the knees.

In a front carry the shoulder straps of the Connecta™ should cross in the middle of your back ensuring even weight distribution.

The shoulder straps of the Connecta™ should not touch your neck and should instead sit in the middle of your shoulder. This aids the even spread

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## beginners back carry



Fasten the shoulder straps to the buckle on the SAME side, you will hear an audible click. Lay the carrier out on a bed or chair. Place baby on the carrier and bring the waist straps and lower portion of the carrier OVER the legs.

Sit down in front of baby (facing away) and fasten the waist straps around your waist and pull the webbing to tighten so it is snug.

Reach back and hook your arms through the fastened shoulder straps.

Lean forward slightly. Carefully pull baby's weight up onto your back, holding the strap slack in front of you.

Tightening the straps is made easy by following the direction of the webbing when pulling the straps.

You are then ready to go. To remove baby simply reverse the steps above and lower baby onto a soft surface. If desired, the accessory strap can be fastened around the shoulder straps to help keep them in place.

## secure back carry



Fasten the carrier around your waist like an apron with the outside against your legs. Position the carrier on your hip. Fasten the shoulder straps to the side buckles on the SAME side, you will hear an audible click.

Pick up baby and sit them around your waist on top of the carrier with their legs either side of you.

Bring the panel of the carrier up between baby's legs and over their back.

With one hand supporting baby at all times, reach with your free hand for one of the fastened shoulder straps. Gather the other fastened shoulder strap so that you have BOTH shoulder straps in your free hand.

Baby is now supported in the carrier. Once you are sure baby is secure, hold the gathered shoulder straps with both hands. Slide your right arm through the fastened right hand shoulder strap.

Check baby is still secure. Use your right hand to grasp both shoulder straps and your left to slide the waistband round until baby is on your back.



Baby should now be in the centre of your back.

Lean forward slightly and slide your left arm into the fastened left hand shoulder strap. Grasp both shoulder straps with one hand. With your free hand tighten the webbing on one strap.

Switch hands and repeat this step on the other strap. Ensure the fit is tight and secure.

You are ready to go.

To remove baby simply reverse the steps above and lower baby onto a soft surface.

If desired, the accessory strap can be fastened around the shoulder straps to help keep them in place.



## MAXIMISE COMFORT

It is just as important for baby to be supported in a deep-seated position (knee's higher than bottom) on your back as it is in your front. Ensure baby has a deep seat by starting with the waistband just as high as you would for a front carry.

The Connecta has an integral sleep hood, which provides support for sleeping babe's heads.

The accessory strap can be fastened around the shoulder straps to help keep them in place. The need for this is dependent on body shape so we suggest trying with and without it to see which is most comfortable.



Our nifty clip-on Connecta Eye-Spy acrylic mirror allows you to maintain eye contact with baby whilst carrying them on your back. Available to purchase online - [connectababycarrier.com](http://connectababycarrier.com).



Fasten the carrier around your waist like an apron with the outside against your legs. Fasten the shoulder straps to the side buckles on the SAME side, you will hear an audible click. Slide the waistband around so the carrier is hanging against the back of your legs.

Pick up baby and sit them on your hip. do so over a soft surface such as a bed or sofa. For the first few times another person assisting you may be helpful too. Holding baby with one hand, lean forward and slide baby around your hips towards and onto your back.

Use your free hand to help guide baby around your hip and shift their weight onto your back. With both hands on baby, gently manoeuvre them up to the centre of your back into a piggy back position



Keeping one hand on baby at all times, use the other hand to bring the panel of the carrier up over baby's back.

Keeping one hand on baby at all times, Put each arm through the fastened shoulder straps.

Pull the webbing to tighten the straps until comfortable and check baby is fully seated in the Connecta.



Tightening the straps is made easy by following the direction of the webbing when pulling the straps. Always ensure the fit is tight and secure.

You are ready to go.

To remove baby, reverse the above steps. If desired, the accessory strap can be fastened around the shoulder straps to help keep them in place.



## special features

The Connecta™ has a uniquely shaped and contoured panel. Wide 50mm webbing is used throughout for comfortable front carries as well as back. We use high quality low profile contoured nylon buckles allowing a dual adjustable waist and audible clicks.

The Connecta™'s wide base supports an anatomically correct position for baby and optimum comfort for the wearer. The panel can be rolled at the bottom to shorten if necessary.

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## integrated sleep hood

The Connecta™ features an integrated sleep hood that is a seamless addition to the top of the carrier. The hood has the clever ability to tuck right away inside the carrier (A), creating a handy pocket for soft small items when the hood is not in use. You simply separate the front and back layers of the carrier and tuck the hood away inside!

The hood also provides extra head support for newborn babies (B); either by using the hood buckles or simply by rolling it up. When using the hood always ensure that correct positioning is maintained.



## accessory strap

The included accessory strap can be used to narrow the body of the carrier to use with a younger baby, as a chest strap, and to hold the carrier together when folded.

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## solar

the perfect warm weather carrier



## teething pads

Our cotton teething pads\* are lined with beautifully soft, non-bleached, 100% organic cotton. Designed to be gentle on baby and on your Connecta whilst baby is teething. Available in the same contemporary designs as our carriers - who said teething couldn't be stylish?!

\*teething pads sold separately from the carrier.





## helpful hints & tips for using your connecta

Take your time when trying your Connecta™ for the first time. Choose a time when baby is well fed and rested. When you are ready and baby is safely in the Connecta™, get moving and go for a walk. Babies like movement and it will help them become accustomed to the carrier.

Only use with baby facing the wearer. The Connecta™ is designed to allow for parent facing positions on the front and the back, which allow baby to achieve the optimum ergonomic position, with knees level with or higher than the bottom.

For front carries baby should be positioned high and snug on your chest. If you find baby is too low, take all their weight in one arm and lift up whilst tightening the webbing with the other hand. Repeat on the other side.

Men and some women may prefer to wear the shoulder straps crossed over the chest when back carrying. Always have a second person assisting when fastening in this way.

The top of the Connecta™ is designed to support baby's head. If baby prefers to be able to see out when awake and/or have their arms free, fold over the bottom of the carrier over once or twice before fastening around the wearer's waist. This has the effect of shortening the panel size and allowing baby more freedom. Always make sure the Connecta™ is still tall enough to reach up to baby's armpits.

Make sure the shoulder straps sit in the middle of the wearer's shoulders and not too close to the neck. This helps the straps cross low on the wearer's back distributing baby's weight evenly.

## washing your carrier

Where possible spot clean your Connecta™ with a soft cloth and warm water. When necessary you can machine wash your Connecta™ on a delicate cycle at 30 degrees or less.

Any Connecta™ containing wool should only be spot cleaned or hand washed.

Do not tumble dry, iron or bleach your Connecta™.

Avoid using washing detergent with optical brighteners or fabric softener. Where possible remove the buckles or clip them together.

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We want you and baby to feel 100% content with your Connecta™. If you have any questions about your Connecta™ contact us in the boutique, on Facebook or through our website.

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