

Buckle Carrier/SSC Comparison Chart – Part 1 – By Carry Me Away



	Beco Gemini	Beco 8	Boba 4G	Ergobaby Adapt	Ergobaby Standard	Ergobaby 360	Lillebaby Complete	Lillebaby Essentials	Pikkolo	Tula Standard
Child Weight Limits	7-35 lbs	7-45 lbs	7-45 lbs	7-45 lbs	7-45 lbs (insert needed for 7-15 lbs)	7-33 lbs (insert needed for 7-15 lbs)	7-45 lbs	7-45 lbs	8-40 lbs	7-45 lbs (insert needed for 7-15 lbs)
Positions	Front Facing In, Front Facing Out, Back Carry, Hip Carry	Front Facing In, Front Facing Out, Back Carry, Hip Carry	Front Facing In, Back Carry	Front Facing In, Hip Carry, Back Carry	Front Facing In, Hip Carry, Back Carry	Front Facing In, Front Facing Out, Back Carry, Hip Carry	Front Facing In, Front Facing Out, Back Carry, Hip Carry	Front Facing In, Back Carry	Front Facing In, Front Facing Out, Back Carry, High Back Carry, Hip Carry	Front Facing In, Back Carry
Newborn Use	★★★★★ Best - adjusts down for infant use, no insert required	★★★★★ Best - adjusts down for infant use, optional booster pillow included, no bulky insert needed	★★★★★ Best - adjusts down for infant use, optional booster pillow included, no bulky insert needed	★★★★★ Best - adjusts down for infant use, no bulky insert needed	★★★★★ Requires infant insert for newborn use which adds bulk and can be awkward.	★★★★★ Requires infant insert for newborn use which adds bulk and can be awkward.	★★★★★ Adjusts for infant use, no insert needed. Adjustments add bulk & harder to switch between infant & non-infant	★★★★★ Requires infant insert for newborn use which adds bulk and can be awkward.	★★★★★ Best - adjusts down for infant use, no bulky insert needed	★★★★★ Requires infant insert for newborn use which adds bulk and can be awkward.
Hot Weather Use/Options	Standard Gemini: Padded body can be hot. Gemini Cool is an all-mesh carrier - better for hot weather weather but less supportive.	All-weather carrier. Polyester fabric dries quickly. Zip down panel reveals 3D mesh for coolness	Lightweight cotton body is fairly cool, but no special coolness features	Lightweight cotton body is fairly cool, but no special coolness features	Standard Ergobaby carriers can be warm. Ergobaby Performance Carrier has mesh and performance fabrics for coolness.	Standard 360 is relatively cool. 360 Cool Air has mesh and performance fabrics for added coolness.	Complete can be warm. All Seasons zips down to a mesh panel. Airflow option has performance fabrics - very cool.	Relatively lightweight. The All Seasons Essentials carrier has a zip-down to reveal mesh for coolness.	Relatively thin body, but no additional coolness features	Standard has relatively thin body, but no additional coolness features. Tula Coast has mesh panel for added coolness.
Good for Short/ Petite Wearers?	★★★★★	TBD	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Good for Tall & Plus Sized Wearers?	★★★★★	TBD	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Pros & Standout Features:	Slim-fitting design is minimalist. Very versatile - lots of positions, including forward. No need for infant insert. Crossable straps when worn on back.	Lots of features, including zip-down mesh panel and lumbar support pad. Ability to face forward and use without an infant insert. Crossable straps.	Long carrier body provides great back support as baby gets older. Innovative footstraps support toddlers feet and legs, allowing carrier to be used longer. Purse holder strap is added bonus. Lower price point.	Extremely adjustable grows with your baby, several widths possible. No insert needed for newborn use. Waistbelt padding all the way around adds lumbar support/ more flattering on tummy. Can cross straps in back.	Easy to use. Large pocket on carrier body can fit a diaper and wipes, plus your wallet and keys. Shorter body nice for older babies who don't want arms restrained. Great price point.	Most ergonomic forward facing carry. Soft velcro waistband is more minimalist and less stiff than padded waistbelts (360 cool air has waistbelt like the Adapt).	Extremely versatile with an abundance of features. Can be adjusted in a myriad of ways to support smaller and bigger babies. Might be the only carrier you need. Lower price point.	Amazing price point for a comfortable SSC buckle carrier. Personal Fit Adjusters offer adjusting at the shoulders as well as at the straps. Can cross straps on back.	Softer, less structured feel. Extremely versatile. Adjustable base has several positions. One of the only buckle carriers that can do a high back carry. Optional support belt can be removed for a minimalist feel. .	Our best-selling carrier. Most often chosen by our in-person customers. Personal Fit Adjusters at shoulders let you can bring baby closer or allow more space. Huge variety of fabrics and colors
Possible Cons & Downsides:	Lower weight limit (35 lbs) and narrower seat means this carrier is best for children under 2 years. Some petite people find the Gemini uncomfortable for back carries. Most people need two hands to unsnap the safety buckles. Padded body can be warm.	Currently only available in one color. Polyester fabric and sporty look/feel don't appeal to to everyone. Higher price point.	Some people like a more structured body. No hip carry or forward facing carry. Straps don't cross.	No facing-forward carry option. Limited color options.	Infant insert required for newborn use adds to cost. Short body isn't as supportive for kids who are "leaners." Disliked by petite wearers and women with narrow shoulders. No forward facing carry. Straps can't cross.	No storage pockets. Velcro waistband can be cumbersome to adjust and loud when opened. Requires insert for newborn use. Lower weight limit makes this carrier most suited for kids under 2 years. Straps can't cross. Higher price point.	Many people find this to be "too much carrier." Numerous adjustments can be confusing. Can feel bulky, and suggested use of a blanket for newborns adds complexity. Switching between narrow and wide seat is time-consuming.	Infant insert required for newborn use, adding to the cost. No forward-facing carry. Less luxurious feel.	Less structured feel is off-putting for those used to more traditional buckle carriers. Variety of options can be intimidating at first. Slightly greater learning curve. No pocket or accessories.	Straps cannot be crossed in back. No forward facing carry. If your child is a "leaner," you may not love how much room this carrier has for child to wiggle around.
Price	\$139	\$180	from \$125	\$140	from \$115	\$160	from \$125	from \$89	\$129	\$149