

2014

juvenile product
buyer's guide

Carriages and Strollers



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Getting Started

Strollers are one of the highest selling baby products on the market today. Nearly four million are sold annually and strollers are typically one of the first items expectant parents register for. From travel systems that help you maneuver seamlessly while on-the-go, to the lightweight luxury strollers for the city traveler, there is a type of stroller for every family. No matter what kind of stroller you are in the market for, this guide will help you pick the safest and most convenient model for you and your family. Let's get rollin'!

Types of Strollers and Carriages

Strollers

Travel Systems

Best For: Convenience

Travel systems allow you to take the infant car seat out of the car and snap it onto the stroller. They are also typically sold with the car seat base, which is needed to safely travel in the car. Most of the travel system strollers grow with the child, with features for infants to toddlers.

Jogging/All-Terrain Strollers

Best For: Jogging and sports

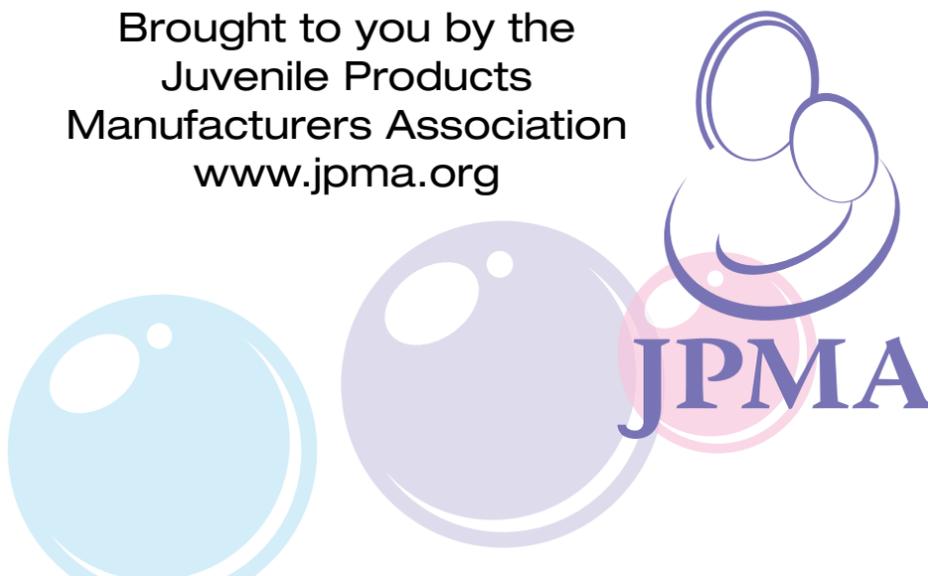
Jogging strollers feature three large bicycle-tire wheels and lightweight frames – exactly what is needed for jogging or walking on rough roads. The front wheel is created to maximize glide. Many come with canopies and padded seats to provide comfort and shade for your child. When you're done running your marathon, the jogging stroller folds easily to fit in the trunk of your car. The harness inside adjusts to grow with your child. If you are in need of a jogging stroller with a front wheel that swivels, look for an All-Terrain Stroller. These strollers have all the great benefits of a Jogging Stroller with a front wheel that moves, making it easy to maneuver.

Lightweight Strollers

Best For: Traveling

One of the best features of this type of stroller is in the name – it's lightweight! Lightweight strollers are very easy to set up and fold down. Many models have features such as high-quality wheels, storage baskets and canopies, great for trips to the mall, zoo and other family activities.

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Carriages

Carriages are also referred to as full-size strollers. Much like a bed on wheels, the seat lies flat and the leg rest pulls up to form a bassinet-like feature. Ideal for newborns when in the flat position, this is also great for older babies as it can be adjusted to sit upright. Most strollers have great features like padded seats, quilted canopies and other additions that help keep the weather out.

Features to Look For

- Safety straps that secure child inside the stroller
- Brakes/wheel locks
- Certification and/or product warranties
- Footrest for your child
- Locking device to prevent accidental folding
- Wide base to prevent tipping

Shopping Tips

Things to Consider

Look for the JPMA Certification seal, which ensures that the product you are buying is sample tested annually to the highest safety standard. Be confident in the products you select for your little one! Trust JPMA Certification.

When you arrive at the store, most strollers will be out of the box and set up for customers to view. If you can, take it for a “test drive.” Determine if it is the right stroller or carriage for you by using it before you buy it.

Depending on your specific needs, there are different strollers and carriages that can be the right fit for your family. Always remember to choose safety over price when it comes to choosing a stroller or carriage.

Things to Remember

- ALWAYS secure the baby by using the restraint straps.
- Check for adjustments on a stroller that reduces the size of seat openings in the front to prevent your baby from falling out when seat back is reclined into the flat position.
- Adhere to the weight limit of the stroller. Most shouldn't be used by children over 35 pounds.
- Choose a carriage or stroller that has a base wide enough to prevent tipping, even when your baby leans over the side.
- If the stroller seat adjusts to a reclining position, make sure the carriage or stroller doesn't tip backwards when the child lies down.
- Don't hang pocketbooks or shopping bags over the handles of the carriage or stroller. If your stroller has a shopping basket for carrying packages, it should be low on the back of the stroller or directly over the rear wheels.
- Use the locking device on any stroller to prevent accidental folding.
- Apply the brakes to limit rotation of the wheels when stroller is stationary.
- When you fold or unfold the stroller, keep your baby away to avoid any accidents.



Click here to view tips for safe selection and use of carriages and strollers!



JPMA Certification

The JPMA Certification Seal signifies the highest level of established product testing and ensures your stroller or carriage adheres to manufacturer standards, federal and state laws, as well as retail requirements. Each product is sample tested at an independent laboratory to guarantee it meets the highest safety standards. All companies featured in this guide manufacture JPMA Certified strollers and/or carriages.

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