

# valco baby

# ION STROLLER

## PRODUCT REFERENCE GUIDE

Thank you for purchasing a quality VALCO BABY product. Please read and follow the instructions outlined in this guide carefully. Familiarise yourself with the construction and safety features; be sure that you understand all the warnings and safety guidelines before use.

**Important: Please read the following instructions carefully before assembling this product. Retain this guide in a safe place for future reference.**



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## **OPENING**

Remove the stroller from the carton and dispose of all packaging thoughtfully.

FIGURE A

1. Lift your stroller handle upward. You will feel the stroller chassis opening.

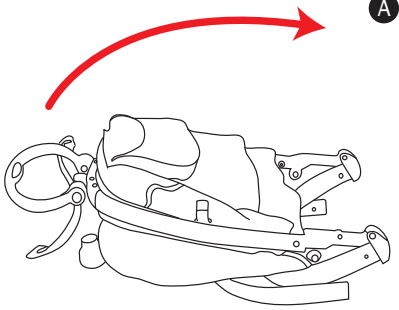
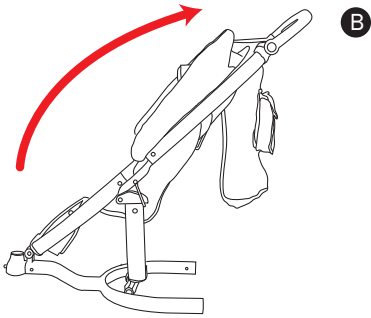


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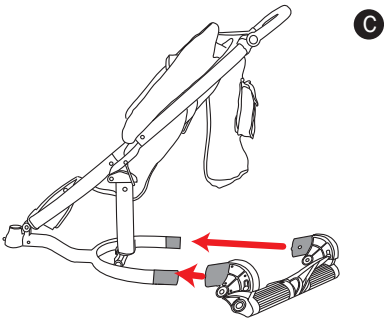
2. Continue unfolding the chassis until you hear the chassis click open in the locked position.



## **INSERTING REAR AXLE**

FIGURE C

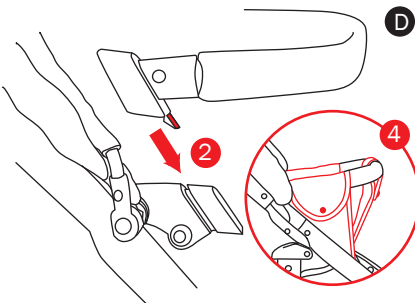
1. Align the plastic housings of the silver brake section with the open tubes of the rear of the stroller chassis.
2. Insert the housings over the open tubes until the brake section locks securely into place. **IMPORTANT:** Test that the brake section is securely engaged onto the stroller frame by pulling on it firmly.



## **INSERTING BUMPER BAR**

FIGURE D

1. Align the plastic housings of the bumper bar with the housing on the sides of the stroller chassis.
2. Slide the bumper bar into the housing along the housing tracks until it locks into place.
3. Repeat procedure for the second bar on the other side of the stroller.
4. Pull the sides of the seat fabric, and the crotch strap over the bumper bar and snap into position.
5. To remove the bumper bar, unsnap the crotch strap and the seat sides from the bumper bar.
6. Lift both bumper bar latches found on the underside of the each side of the bumper bar housing, while simultaneously lifting the bumper bar to slide it free.



## **INSERTING REAR WHEELS**

FIGURE E

1. Simultaneously press on the spring loaded axle button and insert it through the central hub of the rear wheel. Repeat this process for the other rear wheel.

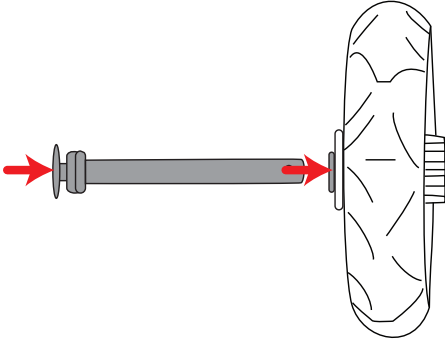
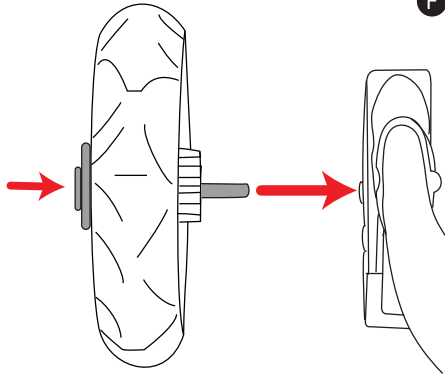


FIGURE F

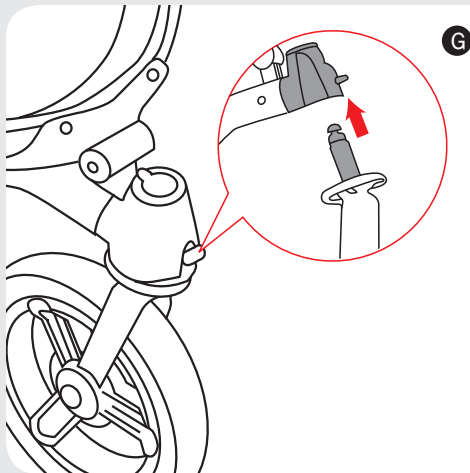
2. Pressing the axle button again, insert the axle end into the side of the brake housing as far as it will go. Release the axle button and pull slightly on the wheel to ensure that it has securely engaged.



## **INSERTING THE FRONT WHEELS**

FIGURE G

1. Grasping the front wheel by the shaft, align the shaft with the hole in the underside of the swivel housing.
2. Insert the shaft into the housing as far as it can go until it engages securely.
3. Repeat the procedure for the other front wheel.

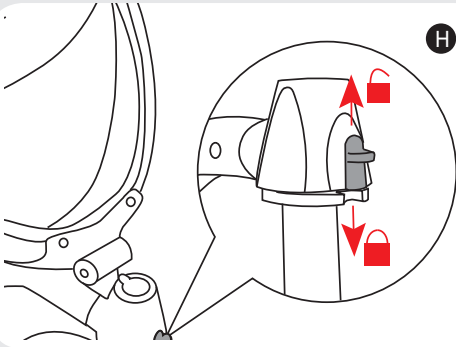


**IMPORTANT:** Pull the wheel downward to test that it has securely engaged in the housing.

## **SECURING THE FRONT WHEELS**

FIGURE H

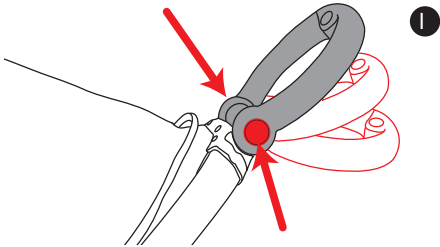
1. Your front wheels can be set to swivel freely (360°) or can be fixed in place for use over rough or sandy surfaces.
2. To fix the front wheel in the non swivel position, turn the wheel so that the two notches on both housings line up. Press down firmly on the swivel lock until it locks into place.
3. To unlock simply lift the locking tab until it locks in the open position.



## **ADJUSTING THE HANDLE**

FIGURE I

1. Your handle has been ergonomically designed to provide a truly comfortable ride for parents and guardians of all heights.
2. To adjust your handle, simultaneously press the two release buttons on either side of the handle, moving it to the desired position.

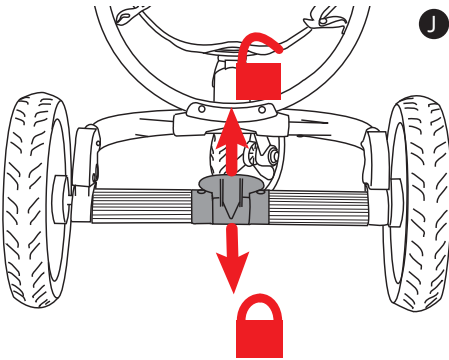


## **USING YOUR BRAKE SYSTEM**

FIGURE J

1. To engage the brake press down on the central red brake pedal, at the tab that is closest to you.
2. To disengage, simply reverse the process

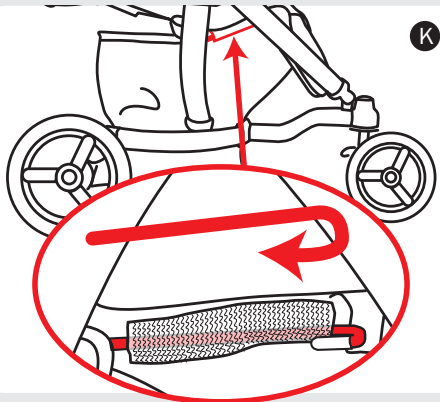
**⚠ IMPORTANT WARNING: Always test that the brakes are fully engaged by pushing the stroller forward and backward.**



## **ATTACHING YOUR BASKET**

FIGURE K

1. Locate the webbing channels found on either side under the seat.
2. Thread each basket wire through the webbing channels.
3. Hook the wire end over the side of the opening at the end of the webbing channel.



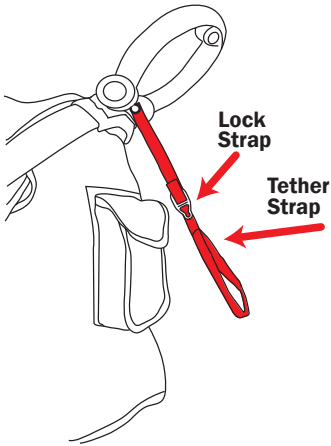
## **TETHER STRAP**

FIGURE L

1. Your stroller has been equipped with a safety tether strap. This strap has been designed to always keep your stroller within constant reach.

NOTE: The tether strap doubles as your locking strap (Figure O).

**⚠ IMPORTANT: ALWAYS SLIP THE LOOP IN THE STRAP SECURELY OVER YOUR WRIST WHENEVER A CHILD IS IN YOUR STROLLER.**



## **FOLDING YOUR STROLLER**

FIGURE M

1. Push hood back against the frame.
2. To fold your stroller, turn the release key clockwise and push the handle forward releasing the stroller frame slightly.

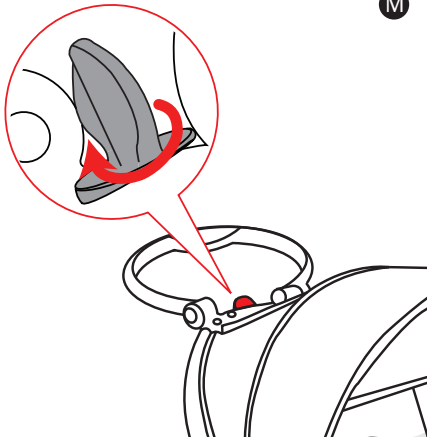
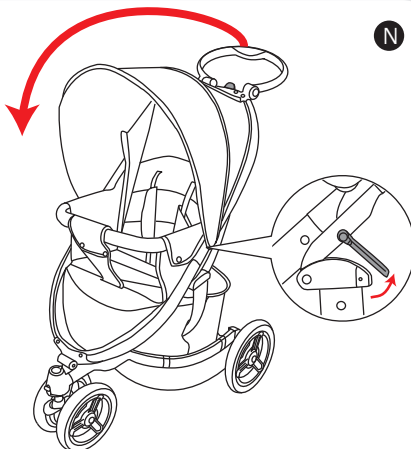
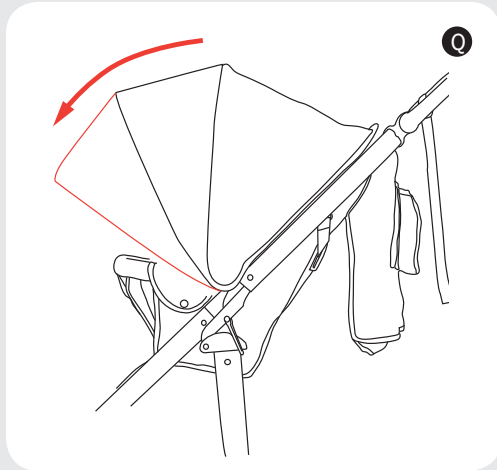
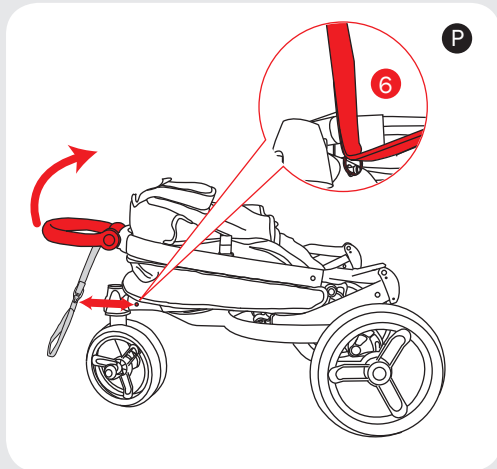


FIGURE N

3. Lift the secondary locking latch clear of the plastic frame catch. This latch is spring loaded and you may need to hold it open as you push the handle forward.
4. Push the handle forward.





# **INSERTING REAR AXLE**

FIGURE O

5. Continue to fold the frame forward.  
Make sure that the lock strap is threaded through handlebars

FIGURE P

6. To lock the frame, the keyhole of the lock strap should be engaged over the locking pin found on the frame chassis behind the front wheel. Click securely into place.

**HINT: ADJUST THE HANDLE 180° BACKWARD TO CREATE THE SMALLEST FOLD**

FIGURE Q

The Expanda hood unzips, increasing the size of your standard hood to give greater coverage and protection from the sun and weather for your child.

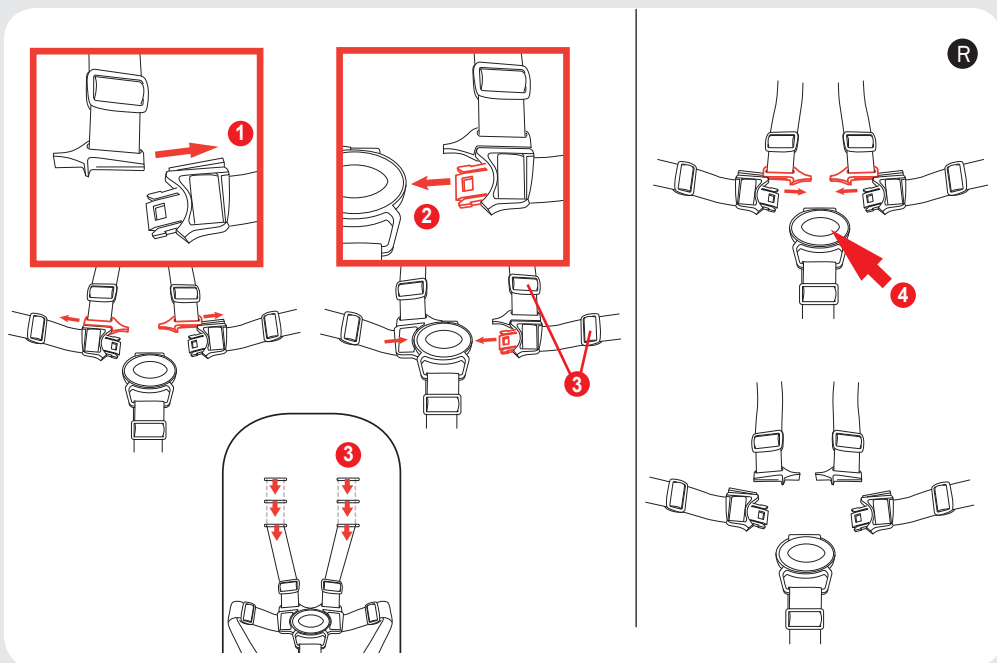
To open the Expanda Hood:

1. Locate the zip in the center of the Expanda Hood and unzip completely. Gently pull the Expanda Hood forward until it reaches its full extension.

To close the Expanda Hood:

2. Gently push the Expanda Hood back, allowing the middle section to fold in on itself. Carefully zip the Expanda Hood closed.

**IMPORTANT: ALWAYS TAKE CARE WHEN CLOSING THE EXPANDA HOOD TO AVOID THE ZIPPER CATCHING ON THE ENCLOSED FABRIC**



## USING YOUR HARNESS

FIGURE R

Your stroller harness is specifically designed with many built in safety features.

This includes the requirement that, when opened, all straps are released so that no dangerous loops can be formed causing a strangulation hazard.

**WARNING: YOUR CHILD MUST ALWAYS BE HARNESSSED WHEN IN THE STROLLER**

**Closing your harness:** Slide each of the shoulder strap bottom guides (1) into the corresponding channel on the top of each side strap prong.

Insert each completed prong into the central buckle housing (2).

Carefully adjust the harness straps to snugly fit your child by adjusting the sliders (3) located on each strap. The harness should be fitted to your child's body, tight enough so that they cannot wriggle free of the straps but, loose enough, so as not to cause any discomfort.

For even more flexibility, the height at which your shoulder straps are fitted to the stroller

can be adjusted at 3 points.

**To change the shoulder strap position:**

From the rear of the seat, thread the top of the strap back through the harness slot (26) by manoeuvring the locking ring so that it fits through the slot.

Rethread the strap back through the desired slot from the front of the seat

**Opening your harness:**

Press the central housing button (4).


This will release both side prongs from the central housing. The shoulder and waist straps will release automatically from each other.


If the shoulder and waist straps do not automatically disengage from each other, manually slide the guides of the waist channels. Your harness will separate into 5 sections.

**⚠ IMPORTANT WARNING: WHEN NOT IN USE, BE SURE THE SHOULDER AND WAIST STRAPS ARE ALWAYS DISCONNECTED FROM THE CENTRAL HOUSING AND EACH OTHER.**

# **WARNING: TO AVOID INJURY OR DEATH**


- ALWAYS APPLY THE BRAKES WHENEVER THE PRAM/STROLLER IS STATIONARY
- DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED.
- DO NOT CARRY EXTRA CHILDREN OR BAGS ON THIS PRAM/STROLLER.
- MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE CLEAR OF ANY MOVING PARTS IF YOU ADJUST THE PRAM/STROLLER. OTHERWISE THEY MAY BE INJURED.

 **WARNING! USE THIS HARNESS AT ALL TIMES.**

 **WARNING: WHEN NOT IN USE DISCONNECT SHOULDER STRAPS FROM THE WAIST STRAP AND/OR BUCKLE.**

- FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

**Remember, your child's safety is your responsibility...**

- NEVER USE ON STAIRS OR ESCALATORS.
- ALWAYS USE THE TETHER STRAP WHEN THE STROLLER IS IN USE.
- SECURE THE CHILD IN THE HARNESS AT ALL TIMES.
- THE CORRECT USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THIS VEHICLE ARE ESSENTIAL.
- BE SURE THAT ALL CLAMPS AND BUCKLES ARE SECURELY FIXED AND IN PLACE BEFORE USE
-  ALWAYS USE THE HARNESS, CORRECTLY FITTED AND ADJUSTED, WITH YOUR CHILD IN THIS SEAT.
- THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF THE CHILD FOR WHICH THIS STROLLER WAS INTENDED IS 18KGS (39LBS).
- THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF THE CHILD FOR WHICH THIS STROLLER WAS INTENDED IS 90CM (35INCHES).
- THE STROLLER WILL BECOME UNSTABLE IF THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED LOAD IS EXCEEDED.
- CARE MUST BE TAKEN WHEN FOLDING AND UNFOLDING THE PRODUCT TO PREVENT FINGER ENTRAPMENT.
- CAN BE USED FROM A NEWBORN BABY ONWARDS. A COCOON, SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO BE USED WITH A STROLLER, IS RECOMMENDED WHEN ANY FULLY RECLINING STROLLER IS USED WITH A NEWBORN.
- NEVER RUN WITH A NEWBORN BABY IN ANY PRAM OR STROLLER UNTIL THE CHILD CAN SIT UP UNASSISTED (APPROXIMATELY 6 MONTHS).
- CHECK ALL PARTS BEFORE USE FOR BREAKAGE OR FATIGUE. DISCONTINUE USE IMMEDIATELY IF ANY PART IS FOUND TO BE DAMAGED OR BROKEN.
- MAXIMUM LOAD OF BASKETS: 3.5KGS
- DO NOT CARRY ADDITIONAL CHILDREN.
- THIS STROLLER IS MANUFACTURED FOR USE WITH ONE CHILD ONLY
- ALWAYS BE AWARE OF THE RISKS PROVIDED BY FIRE AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT SOURCES OF HEAT SUCH AS RADIATORS, ETC. WHICH MAY BE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF YOUR STROLLER.
- IT MAY BE UNSAFE TO USE ANY ACCESSORIES OTHER THAN VALCO BABY APPROVED ONES.
- THIS PRODUCT IS INTENDED FOR DOMESTIC USE ONLY. IT IS NOT INTENDED FOR COMMERCIAL USE.

Should the chassis become wet, dry off promptly before storing. If this pram is used near the ocean or salted roads, spray the chassis and seat frame with water and dry. We recommend a rust inhibiting product should be used to prevent rust and fatigue on metal parts.

We recommend that you wipe down axles and lubricate the wheels every 3 months. Sand and dirt can grind down axles, if you live near the beach or in a dusty environment you must wipe down the axles and wheels then lubricate them monthly.

AXLES ARE BEST LUBRICATED WITH GREASE OR PETROLEUM JELLY. MOVING PARTS ARE BEST LUBRICATED WITH SILICONE BASED PRODUCTS. DO NOT USE OIL BASED PRODUCTS.