

Compare the Top Dog Seat Belt Brands

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Decide which of the 14 features are most important to you, and then use the table to compare the various dog car harness brands.
 * Scroll down for more information on how each feature is gauged.

	ClickIt Utility	ClickIt Sport	AllSafe	Ruff Rider	Bergan	Kurgo Tru-Fit	Kurgo Go-Tech	Pet Buckle	G.G./C.C.
1. Safety/Testing	#1	#1	#2	#2	#3	#4	#4	minimal	minimal
2. Quality	Above average	Above average	Best	Above average	Average	Average	Average	Above Average	Below average
3. Price	\$90 - \$100	\$70 - \$80	\$110 - \$160	\$75 - \$85	\$25 - \$35	\$20 - \$30	\$22 - \$32	\$24	\$13 - \$20
4. How to put on	Slip on, force feet through	Step in, buckle	Slip on, force feet through	Slip on, force feet through	Step in, buckle	Slip/step/buckle	Slip/step/buckle	Slip/step/buckle	Slip/step/buckle
5. Connect in Car	Seat belt through back plus side straps	Seat belt through back	Seat belt through back or connect strap	Through loop	Connect strap	Through loop or buy connect strap	Through loop or buy connect strap	Through loop or buy connect strap	Connect strap
6. Ease of Use	Hardest	Average	Average	Average	Easiest	Average	Average	Average	Average
7. Sizes	no x-small sizes	No x-small or x-large sizes	No x-small size	All sizes	No x-small	All sizes	All sizes, neck doesn't adjust	Small only	Limited styles and sizes
8. Restriction	Very restrictive	Very restrictive	Restrictive with option for longer tether	Least restrictive	Least restrictive	Somewhat restrictive	Somewhat restrictive	Restrictive with option for longer tether	Least restrictive
9. Color options	3	4	1	1	2	1	2	1	Varies
10. Padded?	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Some
11. Walking harness?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
12. Use in cargo area?	No	No	No	Maybe	Maybe	No	No	No	No
13. V-neck?	No, but sits low	No, but sits low	Yes	Yes	No, but sits low	No, but can be made loose	No, but should be loose	Yes	No
14. Sit, stand, lie down?	Sit and lie only	Sit and lie only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sit and lie only	Yes

1. Safety – This is based on an independent crash test study conducted by the nonprofit organization, The Center for Pet Safety (CPS). According to CPS, both ClickIts rated #1 and passed all tests. The AllSafe and Ruff Rider did not fail, but did not restrict side-to-side motion and forward launch motion as well as the ClickIts. Keep in mind that the AllSafe, which has only recently been introduced into the US, has had a perfect safety track record in Europe for over 10 years. The European safety standard has been established for years, whereas the CPS standard is fairly new. Also consider that the AllSafe and Ruff Rider brands give your dog more room to move around. The ClickIts greatly restrict your dog’s movement, even during regular riding (See #8 Restriction below). According to CPS, the Bergan harness tore at the 75lb dog dummy level. The Kurgo Tru-Fit harness tore at the 25lb and 75lb level but stayed intact at the 45lb level. The Kurgo Go-Tech was not tested in this study, but has the same integrity as the Tru-Fit. The Pet Buckle failed as did the Guardian Gear (G.G.) and Cruising Companion (C.C.) brands. These failed brands should only be used to keep your dog from being a distraction. They probably do not provide safety in a car accident.
2. Quality – This is subjective. It is based partially on safety and partially on observed features such as materials and stitching.
3. Price – Based on our prices, which are average compared to the market. The prices on this chart do not include added shipping. Some harnesses charge shipping while others have free shipping.
4. How to put on
 - a. Step in, buckle – Lay the harness flat. Have your dog step with his front paws over the leg openings. Pull up and buckle. This method tends to be the easiest, but it depends on how well your dog cooperates.
 - b. Slip, step, buckle – Put your dog’s head through the front opening. Put his leg through the closed leg opening. Wrap the chest strap around and buckle. This method can be difficult at first, but gets easier the more often you do it.
 - c. Slip on, force feet through – Put your dog’s head through the chest and front opening. Force your dog’s legs through each leg openings. The harness may need to be loosened to put it on, then tightened after it is on. This is the simplest method to figure out, but can be the hardest to implement, especially if your dog won’t cooperate.

5. Connect in Car

- a. Connect strap – The strap either buckles directly into the seat belt receptacle or connects to it in some way.
 - b. Through loop or buy connect strap – Put the seat belt through the looped tether. Dogs that won't sit still tend to get tangled in this kind of tether. You can buy a Bergan tether or Direct Connect tether and use it instead.
 - c. Through loop – The Ruff Rider loop is a little different in that it is smaller than the Kurgo loop. This means less risk of tangling.
 - d. Seat belt through back – The seat belt of the car goes through the back of the harness. This makes the harness very restrictive for your dog. More restriction means more safety but less comfort (See #8 Restriction below).
 - e. Seat belt through back or connect strap – The AllSafe comes with a short tether that you can use instead. Or you can buy the AllSafe longer tether separately. These tethers attach to the seat belt of the car.
 - f. Seat belt through back plus side straps – Put the seat belt through the back of the harness and attach the two side straps. The two side straps for the ClickIt connect to the baby seat latch bars located between the back seat cushions of all vehicles 2001 and later.
6. Ease of Use – This is subjective. It is based on how easy it is to put on, how easy it is to connect in the car, and how easy it is to size and adjust.
 7. Sizes – All dog seat belt harnesses use a different measuring and sizing method. For example, the extra-small ClickIt Utility is more for a smaller medium-sized dog. Be sure to review the specific product information to determine which size your dog needs.
 8. Restriction – The more restrictive a dog car harness is, the safer it tends to be. However, more restriction means your dog may be more uncomfortable. And if he is more uncomfortable, he may try to get out of the harness by wiggling out or by chewing himself out. Training can help alleviate this problem, but if you don't have time to train, consider a harness that is less restrictive. No dog car harness is escape proof.
 9. Color options – This is based on what we have on our site only. Other colors may be available on other sites.
 10. Padded? – If yes, the harness has a triangular chest piece that is slightly padded. This chest piece helps dissipate pressure across your dog's chest and can be considered a safety feature. If a harness is not padded, it may have broad straps, like the AllSafe, which also help to dissipate pressure.
 11. Walking harness? – If yes, there is a ring on the back of the harness that allows for leash walking. The Bergan is a maybe because it does not have a ring, but you may be able to get a leash through the loops on the back or connect the leash to the tether.

12. Use in cargo area? – It is generally not recommended that you use a dog car harness in the cargo area of your vehicle. If you choose to do so, however, make sure you connect the harness to metal connection points, not plastic ones. To use the Ruff Rider in the cargo area, you have to purchase a separate carabiner clip, which can be purchased at any hardware store for just a couple of dollars. The Bergan has a carabiner clip already, but keep in mind that it may be too thick for some cargo rings.
13. V-neck? – A harness that goes all the way to the neck can choke your dog in a sudden stop. So if you purchase a harness that does not have a v-neck, make sure you adjust loosely around the neck. It is more important that the chest strap is snug than it is for the neck strap.
14. Sit, stand, lie down? – All dog car harnesses allow your dog to sit and lie down, but not all allow your dog to stand. If your dog can stand in a harness, keep in mind that it may be more difficult for larger dogs and the harness may pull to the side.



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