A Simple 5-Step Test

1) Without a booster seat, does the child sit all the way back against the vehicle seat?  
2) Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the vehicle seat?  
3) Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?  
4) Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?  
5) Can the child stay comfortably seated like this for the whole trip?

How to use this measuring chart:

A) Unfold this chart and place flat against a wall so that the bottom touches the floor.
B) Make a mark on the wall just to the left of the arrow above it should be 29” from the floor.
C) Move the chart up so that the bottom of the paper is even with the mark on the wall. Tack or tape the chart to the wall.

All children under 4'9” or younger than 8 years old, and weighing more than 40 pounds, must ride buckled in a child safety seat or booster seat until the adult safety belt fits properly.

Children weighing less than 40 pounds must be properly secured in a child safety system.

Children must ride in rear-facing safety seats until they are at least 2 years old.

Until you can answer "YES" to all of these questions, your child should stay in a booster seat.

Remember... kids under 13 should always ride properly buckled up and in the back seat. Proper fit means that the lap belt sits low across the thighs and the shoulder belt is over the collarbone and away from the neck.

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