

Baby Essentials

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Prams & strollers

Fashion on wheels

Choosing the best set of wheels for baby can be bewildering for first-time parents, with dozens of brands and styles available, from plush feature-packed pushers to lightweight umbrella-fold strollers and high-tech joggers.

Prices vary enormously too.

You might splash the cash on pushers often snapped ferrying celebrity offspring like the luxe Bugaboo Chameleon stroller, Stokke Xplory stroller (favourite of the Jolie-Pitt clan), classic Silver Cross Balmoral pram (used by the British royal family for generations), or the iCandy Peach stroller, Victoria Beckham's pram of choice for baby Harper.

The iCandy Peach

Released in Australia in August, the iCandy Peach multi-mode system combines sleek curves with simple styling and stunning fabrics.

The Peach features compact one-hand folding, a modern carry cot that can be removed with one hand so as not to disturb baby, and it can be converted into a double mode of transport with the addition of a Peach Blossom converter. Single strollers are RRP \$1,199, carry cot \$329, Peach Blossom, which includes two seats and converter (suitable for newborn and toddler) \$1,399.

For stockists visit www.icandyworld.com or phone 8555 2431.

Baby Jogger City Mini

Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom's baby, Flynn, has been seen out and about in a Baby Jogger City Mini, a lightweight (7.5 kilogram), easy to fold three-wheeler that can be easily controlled and manoeuvred with one hand.

Suitable from birth and beyond (newborns and up to 22.5kg), the City Mini features 21st century safety standards and style, including quick-release wheels for easy storage; great suspension for a comfortable ride; sun canopy with peek-a-boo windows; padded reclining seat; ergonomic handlebar and

ample storage space.

The City Mini can be used with a bassinet (RRP \$299) and is available in single and double sizes. RRP \$449, for stockists phone 1300 661 885, or visit www.babyjoggerstrollers.com.au

Safety standards

What's most important when researching the maze of baby transport options on offer is its safety features, which should reach mandatory Australian safety standards that require all prams and strollers to include features such as a tether strap, a restraint harness, and parking brake (information available at www.accc.gov.au). Look for pushers that include five-point safety harnesses that go around the waist, between the legs and over the shoulders. Other important factors include brakes that are easy to activate; easily swivelling wheels for trouble-free steering; adjustable handle height, a canopy to shield baby from sun or rain, and a sometimes-forgotten priority — does it fit in the car boot?

Weight and compactness are another key detail in the search for the right baby buggy. It's an idea to visit shops in person to try opening, folding and carrying different models in one hand. Because you're bound to do this constantly when baby arrives.

Quicksmart Backpack Stroller

The clever Quicksmart Backpack Stroller ticks all the boxes for safety features, and is lightweight and convenient for travelling. Its compact size when folded means the Quicksmart fits easily into the boot of the smallest cars, and can be stored in its carry bag the overhead luggage compartment of planes, trains and buses.

Suitable for babies from six months, the Quicksmart is RRP \$189. For information on stockists phone Dale Group International on 9553 0024.



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