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Item Number:14038075

Chicco C6 Lightweight Stroller

What you'll love: This lightweight stroller is fully loaded with features, but won't break the bank. It has a five-point harness, reclines in two positions, and folds up easily. And at only 11 pounds, you don't have to roll up your sleeves before putting it in the car.

What to watch out for: Tall parents say the handles are a bit short and this causes them to kick the wheels. The under-seat storage is nothing to swoon over.

The bottom line: As long as you can deal with its few downsides, the Chicco Capri has many of the same features as the fancier models for a lot less money.



Item Number:11872528

Baby Trend Single Snap-N-Go

What you'll love: The Snap N Go accommodates most infant car seats and transitions easily – as will your baby – to and from the car while you're running errands and traveling. The undercarriage basket seems bottomless, and the whole thing folds up with one hand and pops into your car trunk.

What to watch out for: Without stroller shock absorbers, babies feel every bump. And while the Snap N Go is compatible with many car seats, not all snap into the frame –they're held in place by a safety strap, which some parents find disconcerting.

The bottom line: This stroller is practical and versatile for everyday use and is a good alternative to a full-size stroller while your baby is young.



Item Number:13300130

BOB Revolution SE

What you'll love: The Revolution SE confirms that you can still be sporty after having a baby. This sturdy three-wheeler might even impress your mountain biker friends with its

coil-shock suspension. The Revolution SE maneuvers easily on both pavement and trails, and runners will appreciate that the front-locking wheel can turn the Revolution into a jogging stroller. What to watch out for: Unless you have a big car, you'll probably have to pop off the front wheel to load it in.

The bottom line: The Revolution SE is not your basic open-and-go stroller, but it works for parents who want a smooth ride they can use to get in a workout.



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The First Years Ignite

What you'll love: Budget-conscious parents like the First Years Ignite because it delivers many of the features they want in an umbrella stroller without the cost. It's lightweight and comfortable, with a five-point harness and a seat that fully reclines. Tall parents applaud its extending handles.

What to watch out for: You can't get have everything: Some parents say the canopy is hard to use and the storage basket isn't as good as some. It's also a little bulky.

The bottom line: If you're looking for an inexpensive stroller with more than just the basics, this is a good one to roll with.



Item Number:14440722

Evenflo Journey 200 Travel System

What you'll love: This travel system is wide enough to be comfy for your kid, but narrow enough for you to negotiate tight spots. And although they've streamlined the sides, it's still got a large undercarriage basket to stow your purchases, diaper bag, baby toys, the works.

What to watch out for: A minimalist suspension means your newborn will probably be jostled awake unless you're steering on flat ground. Another key concern: The Journey 200 only supports babies up to 35 lb., while many of its counterparts can hold children up to 50 lb.

The bottom line: The Journey 200 offers the function, convenience, and reliability of high-quality travel systems at an affordable price.



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Britax B-Agile Stroller

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Item Number: 13773931

Graco Dynamo Lite Ride Travel System in Carolina

What you'll love: Travel system strollers must serve many stages of a young life. Graco Dynamite Lite Ride meets every expectation and offers extra creature comforts like a detachable canopy, a snap-in head stabilizer for the infant car seat, cup holders, and a removable tray for all the stuff toddlers always seem to have on hand. This system also wheels smoothly, has sturdy brakes, and offers plenty of sun shade.

What to watch out for: The infant car seat sticks a bit when removing it from the stroller. And while the buttons to fold the stroller are easy to use, some parents find that they wear out easily.

The bottom line: The grow-with-you approach is assuring, and ultimately easier on your wallet.



Item Number: 14043642

Safety 1st Travel System in Mums

What you'll love: The price tag! The Safety 1st Saunter is less expensive than its already price-conscious peers, but it's also high quality, offering sturdy features like button controls, firm brakes, and removable snack trays. When you're on the go, it's easy to remove the car seat from the stroller, and you can fold up the stroller with one hand.

What to watch out for: The Saunter stroller can be difficult to maneuver on bumpy surfaces, and moms with small hands have found the buttons a challenge. The lightweight car seat doesn't have a ton of cushion and may be tricky to click into its base.

The bottom line: For parents on a budget, this is a solid, long-term stroller option.



Item Number: 14263319

Chicco Echo Stroller

What you'll love: You can use this stylish and versatile stroller from day one until your tot is 40 pounds. It's both lightweight and sturdy, so you can travel with it easily, as well as push it over all kinds of terrain (the front wheels can be locked or set to swivel). The backrest can adjust – leave it completely flat for the littlest babies or set it to be more upright as your child grows. You'll also appreciate comfy padded straps, foam-cushioned handlebars, and a generous storage basket. Parents rave about how easy it is to fold up and the thick, sturdy wheels. (No flat tires, ever!) Choose from punchy colors including jade, orange, and turquoise! Comes with its own detachable cup holder.

What to watch out for: While some strollers' brakes require just one step, each Echo rear wheel has its own foot brake and both must be engaged for the brakes to be fully deployed, so you need to be mindful to press on each one.

The bottom line: A top-of-the-line stroller in eye-popping colors that will grow with your child.



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Item Number: 14100178

Baby Jogger City Micro Single

What you'll love: This lightweight beauty does everything but push itself. The 16.8-pound Micro is compact, great looking, and suitable for your tot from birth to 50 pounds. Smooth plastic tires won't go flat and offer a cushy ride for your precious passenger. But the best part is how the Micro truly folds up in one easy step (and with one hand!), making it a breeze when you're on the go. Parents praise the easy, smooth maneuverability through streets and crowded stores (no blocking narrow aisles!). What you'll love: It can be stored flat or it will stand up on its own when folded, which many similarly lightweight umbrella strollers can't do.

What to watch out for: Because the wheels are on the smaller side, it's not such a smooth ride on rugged terrain, so this won't be so comfy on trails or grass.

The bottom line: If you want one well-priced stroller to suit nearly all your needs, the City Micro won't disappoint.



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what I wish I'd known about buying a stroller

BABYCENTER MOMS' INSIGHTS

Taken from our article and community comments on the topic.

"When looking for strollers, make sure they lock when folded and that the locking mechanisms look sturdy. A piece of my stroller broke and it won't stay folded. It's really a pain."

"You don't need a fancy travel system (a car seat that fits into a coordinating stroller). You'll spend a lot of money for an oversized stroller you'll rarely use. Instead, buy an inexpensive stroller frame to snap your infant car seat into."

"Don't underestimate the importance of cup holders for parents. Often when you're out with the stroller, you'll have a drink with you, and it's difficult to push the stroller with one hand. Also, make sure you can reach into the stroller basket when the stroller is reclined."

"Just because a stroller claims to do a million different things doesn't mean you'll be able to figure out how to do them all when you're sleep deprived. Sometimes basic is better!"

"The weight of the stroller matters, especially when your baby doesn't want to sit in it and you need to push with one hand and carry your child with the other."

"If you can, fold and lift the stroller you're thinking of buying. If you can't fold it easily without a baby waiting impatiently, you won't fold it quickly when the baby is distracting you. Once you have it folded, practice lifting it up to your waist or whatever height is equal to the height of your trunk or the rear of your car. It's not going to get lighter."

"Have your partner test out strollers, too. If your husband is tall (mine is 6 feet 4 inches), make sure the stroller is a good height for him."

"If you're planning on having more kids, try to get a stroller in a gender-neutral pattern."

"Make sure your stroller fits in your car when folded up before you buy it. I have a tiny car and the stroller we purchased won't fit in our trunk. I wish we had checked before we bought it."

"The one-handed fold option is overrated. Our stroller can be folded with one hand, but then needs two hands to get it into the car."

"If you're going to use the stroller for trips to the store or you've got more than one child and will be walking places with your new baby and your older child,

make sure your stroller has a big basket for all your stuff. Sure, you can hang your diaper bag off the handles, but I wish my first stroller had more storage."



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