

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR REUSABLE SLINGS**

**(UNIVERSAL, HAMMOCK, HARNESS AND HYGIENE)**

**COMPATIBILITY**

* A full risk assessment must be carried out by a suitably qualified individual before any sling is selected to ensure safety for both patient and caregiver.
* Slings fitted with looped webbing attachments are compatible with all 2, 4-point, loop spreader bars.



Compatible with any 2, 4 Spreader Bar.

**FITTING GUIDE**

* **A risk assessment must be done** prior to using the above slings.

1. Fit the sling by placing it down behind the patient with the labels and handles away from the patient.
2. Leave the back of the sling at low level, don’t bring up to the shoulder level at this stage.
3. Bring the leg sections along each side to the front ensuring that they are fitting under the sides of the thigh.
4. Check that both leg sections are at equal length to the front of the patient.
5. Feed each leg section under the leg and between the thighs, keeping the material flat.
6. **(Universal slings with and without head support)** Cross one leg strap through the lower loop of the other strap (unless care plan dictates otherwise).
7. Bring up the back of the sling that was left at lower level without pulling it out from under the coccyx. Arms should be kept on the inside of the sling.

**WARNING:** Each sling is not suitable for all patients. A risk assessment is required.

**CARE INSTRUCTIONS**



**FOR REUSABLE SLINGS *-*** Machine was on gentle cycle.

Can use up to 1% bleach solution (use in excess of 1% may

shorten sling life). Do not exceed 80◦C/176◦F water temperature.

Air or tumble dry on low heat (not to exceed 50◦C/122◦F).



**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS BEFORE EACH USE**

* Insure patient does not exceed max weight rating of sling and lift.
* Ensure sling type and size are appropriate for patient.
* Visually inspect sling including fabric, weaving, straps, seams, stitching and loops or clips.
* Lock castors on bed/chair prior to lifting if recommended.
* Ensure sling is attached properly to spreader bar. Follow all lift guidelines and inspections.
* **DO NOT USE** if there is any fraying, rips, cuts, discoloration, worn spots or other damage or excessive wear

**SAFE WORKING LOAD – SIZING CHART BY BODY -**

**Do not exceed weight capacity of lift or sling These patient measurements should be used as a rough guide to facilitate the sizing of a sling**

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| **Size** | **Approx Weight** | **Safe Working Load** |
| XXS | 0-55 lbs / 0-25 kg | 660 lbs / 300 kg |
| XS | 56-75 lbs / 25-34 kg | 660 lbs / 300 kg |
| S | 75-124 lbs / 34-56 kg | 660 lbs / 300 kg |
| M | 125-174lbs / 57-79 kg | 660 lbs / 300 kg |
| L | 175-249 lbs / 79-113 kg | 660 lbs / 300 kg |
| XL | 250-399 lbs / 113-181 kg | 660 lbs / 300 kg |
| XXL | 400-600 lbs / 181-272 kg | 1100 lbs / 500 kg |
| XXXL | 600-1100 lbs / 272-499 kg | 1100 lbs / 500 kg |  |  |



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