

Sling Warranty

QUALITY STATEMENT

We are passionate about quality. Every Glove Sling is made with great care and pride by dedicated and highly skilled people, trained under our Investors in People program. We only use the best materials from monitored suppliers. Glove slings are designed and manufactured to exceed the requirements of BS EN 10535-2006. We are proud that our quality system has been independently accredited to ISO 9001-2008. Every sling carries a quality tag signed by the person responsible for making and inspecting it and also by our quality inspector who thoroughly checks it again before it is packed for dispatch. Every sling is traceable, via a unique serial number, to the person that made it and the material batches used, so in the unlikely event that any imperfection reaches you, we can fully investigate it. We are passionate about quality!

LIFETIME WARRANTY

We proudly guarantee every sling we make to be free of defects in materials and workmanship. Any defects in materials or workmanship are covered for the lifetime of the product. Product damage through wear and tear, neglect or misuse can be repaired at a reasonable charge. If you have a problem with a Glove Sling, don't worry, we are here to support you.

- Any manufacturing defect will be rectified free of charge. You can be confident about our quality.
- Damage to the sling by 'wear and tear' may be repairable. We can examine slings under the LOLER process and provide a quotation for repair at a reasonable cost.

PRODUCT CARE

Just like your clothes, a sling will gradually deteriorate with washing and will need replacing when it shows signs of wear. Laundering varies enormously in temperature, vigour and frequency depends on user requirements and hygiene policies. The life of the sling will vary accordingly. Every sling is marked with its maximum wash temperature. If infection control requirements permit a sling to be washed at a lower temperature on a more gentle cycle it will last longer, just like your clothes. Deterioration due to laundering may be indicated by discolouration to some materials or fading labels, however, a sling may be still safe to use. We offer a re-labelling service combined with a LOLER examination to ensure ongoing safety. Unlike clothes, slings are exposed to considerable loading and deterioration can affect safety. This is why it makes sense for sling to be replaced when it is worn or damaged rather than after a specified time. As with clothes, it is virtually impossible to predict the life expectation of a sling in months or years. This is why our guarantee is against manufacturing defects and is not time limited.

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USER GUIDE

GLOVE DELUXE SLINGS

Including models:

GE-	Extensor Glove Deluxe
GX-	Classic Glove Deluxe
GXF-	Foxy Glove Deluxe
GXFP-	Foxy Plus Glove Deluxe
GXKE-	Kid Glove Deluxe
GXICES-	Contract Glove Deluxe
GXT-	Tux Glove Deluxe
GXTP-	Tux Plus Glove Deluxe

MAX LOAD
200kg 275kg 350kg

Due to continuing product development and our bespoke product service, this guide may be issued with sling models not listed above and with special slings.

Your Sling Model: Serial Number

Your supplier contact details:

Care and Independence Systems is a registered Class 1 Medical Device Manufacturer
Glove Slings exceed the requirements of BS EN ISO 10535
Glove Slings are designed and manufactured under ISO 9001-2008

CE Declaration of conformity: I hereby declare that Glove Slings, manufactured by Care and Independence Systems Ltd, meet the essential requirements set out in Annex 1 of the Medical Device Directive 93/42EEC

From 29th November 2001

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THANK YOU - You have made a good decision in choosing a Glove Sling, the person to be lifted in it will appreciate your choice and so will the people who use it.

INTENDED USE - It is important to use the right type and size of sling for each person and situation. A proper assessment should be conducted by a competent person before equipment is issued/used. Assessment advice is available from your supplier, our brochure or our web site www.disabilityequipment.com

COLOUR CODING – Strap loop inserts, steering handles and for some models, edge binding, are colour coded to give “at a glance” size indication. The colour codes are shown on our size table in our brochure and on our web site www.disabilityequipment.com The size is also stated on the label.

COMPATIBILITY WITH HOISTS - Glove slings have been assessed as being compatible with most makes of hoist. If you have any doubts, please contact your supplier or call Care and Independence Systems 01869 327999.

SAFE USE - Hoists and slings should only be used by people with appropriate training and adequate knowledge of the care plan. Even if you are a frequent sling user, please read this user guide thoroughly. Although it is not a substitute for training this guide contains a lot of valuable information to help with safe, easy sling use, adjustments and sling care.

SLING CONDITION – Slings can be easily damaged and will deteriorate after repeated laundering. It is important to check the sling every time before it is used. Further information about condition and care of the sling is provided on page 7.

CONCERNS? If you are in any doubt about whether this sling is appropriate, its condition or how it should be used, please refer back to your manager, an Occupational Therapist, another competent person or whoever provided it to you, for further guidance.

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CARE PLAN INFORMATION

Once it has been established which combination of strap attachment works best for a person and/or task, you can note it for reference by ticking the boxes below. See pages 3 and 4 for strap selection advice. Note, some sling models have less loops than others. There is also facility below for other care plan notes relating to the use of this sling.

Name of person/task.....

Name of OT or other assessor

<p>Leg</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Longest <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd (colour coded) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Main strap colour <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th (colour coded)	<p>Shoulder</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Extensor <input type="checkbox"/> Longest <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd (colour coded) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Main strap colour
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CARE AND SAFETY ADVICE

No sling must ever be used to lift more than its rated load (see label)

If a sling is worn or damaged its strength will be reduced and it must be replaced.

LAUNDERING - To maximise the life of your sling, wash gently at **40C**. For infection control purposes the sling can be washed at up to 95C. Use a mild soap solution or a non biological detergent. Do not use bleach or other cleaning agents that may weaken the fabric. Air dry, cabinet dry or tumble dry on a cool cycle. Do not tumble dry on a hot setting, place on hot pipes, heaters or near a flame. Do not iron your slings. Just like your clothes, a sling will last longer if well cared for.

VELCRO – It is important to close hook and loop fastenings when laundering because the hooks will snag and cause damage to other areas of the sling and other items being laundered with it.

INFECTION CONTROL – For good hygiene we recommend that slings are not shared. If you propose to use your slings with more than one person you are advised to consult an infection control specialist on how to avoid the risk of cross infection.

INSPECTION BEFORE EACH USE - The condition of the sling should be checked before each use, particularly around strap attachment points.

PERIODIC EXAMINATION (LOLER) - All slings must be thoroughly examined by a competent person at least every 6 months and the details recorded and retained for inspection in accordance with the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER 1998) Your supplier will be able to provide this service.

RETURNING A FAULTY OR DAMAGED SLING – In the unlikely event that you have a problem with this sling and need to return it, please contact your supplier for their procedure.

On receipt of a sling it will be examined to LOLER requirements and a report produced for you. If a problem is found due to a fault in the materials or workmanship we will repair it free of charge, regardless of its age. If the sling is not repairable or the costs of the repairs exceed the value of the sling we may at our discretion, choose to replace it. If the sling is damaged, but not due to a manufacturing fault, we will provide you with a quote to repair or replace it.

INFECTION CONTROL - There is a legal requirement to ensure that items sent by mail, or other carrier, are clean and that there is no risk of infection to handlers or recipients. Dirty or odorous slings returned to your supplier cannot be returned to sender and regrettably must be disposed of at senders cost.

HAVE YOU GOT ENOUGH SLINGS? If you only have one sling for a person and it is delayed in the laundry or somehow gets damaged, people are put at risk. Ensure you have enough slings to cope with one or more being unavailable for use.

Fitting the sling to a person on a bed or on the floor...

Before you start check that the sling is in safe and clean condition and is the appropriate size and model for the person to be transferred.

To prevent falls, always roll a person towards yourself, a wall or a bed rail.

If in doubt about the sling or its use please refer to page 1 of this guide.

1



Roll the person onto their side. Position the sling with the top of its aperture aligned with the persons coccyx. Then tuck it under them so that the centre of the sling aligns along their spine.

2



Roll the person onto their other side. Pull the sling through under them keeping the centre of the sling aligned along their spine.

3



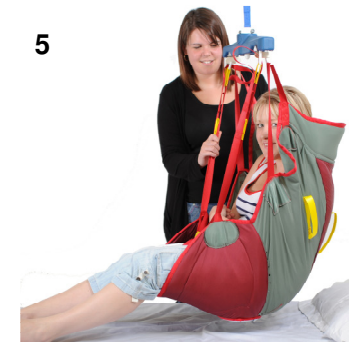
Roll the person onto their back. Feed the leg supports of the sling under and between the persons thighs.

4



Link the leg links with the modesty link as appropriate (see page 4)
Pass the leg lift straps through the leg links.

5



Attach the leg lift and shoulder lift straps to the hoist (see pages 3 & 4) Checking that nothing is snagged, complete the transfer.

Fitting the sling to a person in a chair...

Before you start check that the sling is in safe and clean condition and is the appropriate size and model for the person to be transferred.

There are a variety of ways to use and adjust this sling, please read carefully.

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Slide the sling down to the base of the spine, keeping the centre of the sling aligned with the spine.



Bring the leg supports around the hips, feed them under and up between the thighs



Link the legs as appropriate (9, 10 or 11) Attach the leg straps to the hoist first and then the shoulder straps.



Linking the leg links with the modesty strap (9) is preferred by most. Not using the modesty link (10) gives better hygiene access. Linking the legs in a cradle (11) is ideal for amputees subject to risk assessment.



Checking for snagging, complete the transfer.

Strap Adjustment.

Glove deluxe slings will either have:

Conventional straps, i.e. adjustment loops on all lifting straps, as shown on pictures 12 to 16.

Extensor™ straps, with adjustment loops on the leg lifting straps and self levelling straps on the shoulder, as shown on pictures 17 to 19.

Clips. Clip slings are illustrated in a separate user guide.

Loop Identification

As well as indicating the size of the sling, the colour coded loops help you keep a record of favoured positions. There is a useful chart for this purpose inside the back cover of this guide.



The colour coded mid loop at the shoulders and the longest leg loop works best for many people.



To decrease pressure on the thighs recline the person by using shorter leg loops or longer shoulder loops or both.



Combining the shortest shoulder loops and longest leg loops gives the most upright position. This may increase pressure under the thighs and cause discomfort for some people.



Combining the shortest shoulder loops and the longest leg loops gives extra lifting height, the snugest fit & an enhanced feeling of security.



Combining all the longest loops can give the most open configuration which is usually favoured by bariatric people & those who don't flex easily at the hips.



The colour coded leg loop further away from the sling works best for many people



To decrease pressure on the thighs recline the person by using shorter leg loops. This also increases the lift height.



The longest leg loops give the most upright position. This may increase pressure under the thighs and cause discomfort for some people.

Positioning a person back into their chair.



Steering handles are provided on most models to assist guidance into the chair. These are not for lifting or dragging with.



A better technique is to use your body weight, pushing on the bottom of the leg lift straps, as the person lowers into the chair.