

USER GUIDE – GLOVE CONVENIENCE PLUS SLING

This user guide gives basic advice about using the Glove Convenience Plus sling. It is not a substitute for proper training. If in doubt about any aspect of sling use, consult your Occupational Therapist, Moving and Handling advisor or another competent person. Professionals, if in doubt, please contact your supplier.



2 Wrap the padded waist flaps around and clip the straps **across** the front of the user to secure the sling in place.

1 Before use check that the sling is in good condition and appropriate to the users size and support needs.

Lower the sling between the users back and the chair with the lumbar pad positioned at belt height. The sling can be fitted to a supine user with the normal rolling method.

3 Feed the leg supports carefully under the users thighs.

The leg supports can be linked for comfort using the colour coded modesty link as shown (left) or left unlinked for maximum access.



Pass the leg lift straps through the leg link straps as shown left.

4 Attach the leg lift straps to the hoist spreader bar first, thus reducing the risk of it being pulled towards the user. Then attach the shoulder straps to the spreader bar

ADJUSTMENTS

Using the full leg lift strap length will provide the most upright sitting position, using the loops in the leg lift straps will recline the user, a reclined posture is usually more comfortable but may make positioning in a chair more difficult. Moving and handling advisors teach techniques that make this easier.

There is further recline adjustment at the buckles on the shoulder straps at the users waist if a suitable posture cannot be achieved with the leg strap adjustment. Shorten the shoulder straps to help the user sit more upright or lengthen them for more recline.

CHECKS

Operate the hoist to tension the straps then, before lifting, check to ensure that the sling is not snagged on the chair or anywhere else and that all straps securing the user to the chair have been released.



5 Operate the hoist to make the transfer. The steering handles may be used to guide the user but no significant physical effort should be required. The hoist should do the work.

Take care with the hoist/spreader bar, impact with it could cause injury.

Care

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.

To maximise the life of your sling, wash gently at **40C**. The sling can be washed at up to 95C for infection control purposes if necessary. 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 or tumble dry on a cool cycle. Just like a garment, a sling will last longer if well cared for.

The Glove Convenience Plus sling is intended to be “user specific”. If you propose to use this slings with more than one person you are advised to consult an infection control specialist on how to avoid the risk of cross infection.

The condition of the sling should be checked before each use, particularly around strap attachment points.

All slings should be thoroughly examined by a competent person and the details recorded at least every six months in accordance with the requirements of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER)1998

Returns

If you need to return this sling, please contact your supplier for their procedure.

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 slings returned to your supplier cannot be returned to sender and regrettably must be disposed of at senders cost.

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THIS GUIDE MUST BE READ IN FULL BEFORE USING THE SLING

Model Number-Size GCP - ____

Serial Number _____

Maximum Load _____Kg

Purpose and Suitability

Because of the variation of needs between individuals it is recommended that an assessment is conducted by an Occupational Therapist or other competent person to ensure suitability.

The Glove Convenience Plus sling is designed to be used in situations where a traditional access sling is not appropriate such as users with low upper body strength or those with unpredictable movements. If in doubt of its suitability to an individual, you are advised to consult a Clinical Professional with tissue viability knowledge.

The sling incorporates a headshell for additional head support

Hoist Compatibility

These slings are compatible with most types of hoists and spreader bar but not all. If in doubt please contact Care and Independence Systems or your supplier for a list of compatible hoists.

Important Safety precautions

Slings and hoists must only be used by competent persons after appropriate training in accordance with the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (1998)

Check that the sling is in good condition prior to each use.

The sling must be attached to the hoist using the 4 straps as shown overleaf.

The sling must be examined by a competent person at least every 6 months and records retained for inspection in accordance with the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (1998)