

SAS Para / Bathing Glove Slings – User Guide

THIS GUIDE SHOULD BE READ IN FULL BEFORE USING THE SLING

Model Number-Size _____ Serial Number _____

Purpose and Suitability

SAS Para slings are designed to be used in situations where a sling cannot be fitted while a user is in a moulded chair. Due to the lightweight and high permeability of an SAS Para Sling, it may be left under a user in a moulded chair for longer than a conventional sling could be.

The InChair Glove is intended for use where a person wants to sit on the sling for an extended time.

The Bathing Glove is intended for transfer into a bath or pool. If in doubt of its suitability to an individual, you are advised to consult a Clinical Professional with tissue viability knowledge.

If the user requires head support, a Headshell™ should be attached. For tidiness the SAS Para and InChair Glove have pocket straps, the guidance regarding pocket straps does not apply to the Bathing Glove.

Size Information

SAS Para's are available in sizes 1 to 7; InChair Gloves and Bathing Gloves are available in the full range of sizes. Please contact your supplier for a Sling Size Guide or phone for advice.

Hoist Compatibility

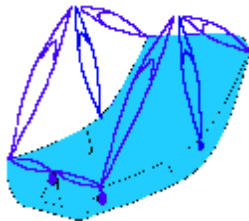
These slings are compatible with most types of hoists and spreader bar but not all. If in doubt please contact Care and Independence Systems for advice.

Application

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.

The sling is applied to a supine user by the following method:

- Check that the sling is in good condition every time prior to use.
- If a Headshell is to be used, it is best to attach this to the sling prior to fitting the sling to the user. Ensure that the correct size Headshell is used and that the Velcro fastening is secure, including folding over the end tabs.
- Take care with the hoist/spreader bar, impact with it could cause injury.



- The user is rolled on their side and the sling placed flat behind their back. The loop (soft) Velcro collar will be at shoulder level and the label will be near the user's shoulder on the outside of the sling (away from the user). The sling pommel will be at thigh level.
 - The user is rolled onto their back, to lie on the sling.
 - The pommel and all the straps are removed from their pockets and the pommel drawn between the user's thighs
 - **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE POMMEL IS ALWAYS USED**
 - The leg straps are passed through the pommel strap loops (see diagram)
- The hoist spreader bar is positioned above the user's chest and the leg, side and shoulder straps attached to it. Never attach the pommel straps to the spreader bar.
 - The suspension straps have loop inserts to adjust the sling for comfort. Shortening the shoulder straps sits the user more upright, shortening the leg straps further reclines the user.
 - As the hoist is operated ensure that the user is secure and well supported in the sling. The sling should be in the shape as illustrated.
 - When the user is safely positioned after transfer, and secured if required, the straps can be detached from the spreader bar and placed back into their pockets.

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.

SAS Para fabric is very delicate and must be washed gently at no more than 30degC.

The InChair sling should also be washed gently at no more than 30degC to maintain the condition of the filling.

The Bath Glove sling can be washed at 95 degrees.

The slings can be tumble dried on a cool cycle.

Never use bleach or cleaning agents that may damage the fabric. Any sling will last longer if well cared for.

SAS Para and InChair slings are intended to be "user specific". If you propose to use these 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 every time before 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 1998

Returns

If you need to return this sling please contact your supplier for their returns 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 sender's cost.



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