INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

GLOVE DELUXE SLINGS

Including models:

GEURM – Manual Lifting Sling

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.

The sling model and serial number can be found on the label on the back of the sling. In case of any query, it may be helpful to you if you write down the details here.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sling Model: GEURM-</th>
<th>Your supplier contact details:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Serial Number:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Users Name:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

ceu 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

Richard Handley

Managing Director

© Copyright is retained on this manual including all text and illustrations. It must not be adapted or copied in part; however, it may be copied in full exclusively for the purpose of instructing on how to use Glove Slings.

www.disabilityequipment.com
A useful 8 minute user guide film can be seen by searching on YouTube for Glove Deluxe User Guide or by typing in the URL http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHkAoy1uPDI
THANK YOU
You have made a wise 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](http://www.disabilityequipment.com).

SIZE & COLOUR CODING
The colour codes are shown on our size table in our brochure and on our web site [www.disabilityequipment.com](http://www.disabilityequipment.com). The size of the sling is stated on the label.

COMPATIBILITY WITH HOISTS
The Manual Lifting Sling is not for use with a hoist. If you have any doubts, please contact your supplier or call Care and Independence Systems on 01869 327999 and request a written Compatibility Statement.

SAFE USE COMPETENCY
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 12.

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 the sling to you for further guidance.

LOLER – BRAND NEW SLINGS
Your brand new sling does not come with a LOLER certificate because all Glove slings carry a certificate of conformity and have been quality checked before leaving our premises, so you can be assured of its safe condition when new.
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 person’s 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 person’s thighs.

4

Take the handles of the sling and before lifting, check to ensure that the sling is not snagged on the bed, chair or anywhere else. Also check that any straps securing the user to the chair or bed have been released.
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.

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

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.

Refer to picture 4 and instructions for lifting the sling
SLING CLEANING AND DECONTAMINATION

A copy of these cleaning and disinfection instructions shall be provided to the person laundering the sling. Failure to follow instructions could result in possible cross infection, reduced sling life or premature failure.

WASHING YOUR GLOVE SLING
For general cleaning where cross-infection is not an issue, and to maximise the life of your sling, wash gently at 40°C.

Use a mild soap solution or a non-biological detergent without bleaching additives. Do not add bleach or stain removers as they will fade the label and weaken the fabric. Do not tumble dry on a hot setting, place on hot pipes, heaters or near a flame. Do not iron your slings. Always close any hook and loop fasteners before washing because the hooks will snag and cause damage to other areas of the sling and any other items being washed with it. Air dry, cabinet dry or tumble dry on a cool cycle (below 60°C).

INCORRECT WASHING IS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DAMAGED SLINGS. JUST LIKE YOUR CLOTHES, YOUR SLING WILL LAST LONGER IF WELL CARED FOR.

DECONTAMINATION AND 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.

If you need to hoist more than one person it is strongly recommended that each person is allocated their own slings of the appropriate type and size. To ensure that the slings are returned to the correct user after laundering make a note of the slings serial number (can be found on the label) against the persons name in their care plan.

The English Department of Health guidance document HSG95/18 recommends washing at 71°C for not less than 3 minutes plus 8 minutes for mixing to achieve decontamination. Please refer to the document for full details.

The Standard Infection Control Precautions 2008 Literature Review published by the NHS department Health Protection Scotland states that in test conditions MRSA is completely removed by laundering at 30°C. Some EU countries recommend that washing at 80°C kills C Diff.

Where cross infection is an issue the sling can be washed up to 95°C, the wash duration time shall conform to your infection control policy. Lower wash temperatures will increase the life of the sling.
TAKING CARE OF GLOVE SLINGS

SLING CONDITION – PRE-USE CHECKS
Slings shall be visually checked at least to the list below prior to use.
Ensure:
- **No sling must ever be used to lift more than its rated load (see label).**
- The sling is the correct size and type for the client and it is fit for purpose.
- The sling and hoist are compatible.
- All labels are legible and show the maximum load and unique identifier and size.
- There are no signs of fraying, tears, permanent shrinkage or deterioration etc.
- All stitching is present and intact.
- The hook and loop fastenings (if applicable) are clean and free of fibres/fluff etc.
- All buckles and clips (if applicable) have no sign of damage etc.
- All straps and loops have no signs of damage, fraying etc.
- The sling has been cleaned and if appropriate, decontaminated.

The above check list is provided as an example based on guidelines published by the Health and Safety Executive and developed in conjunction with National Back Exchange (Yorkshire branch).

**SLING INSPECTION**
To make visual inspection easier, strap attachment stitching is in a contrasting colour.

**AVOID HOOK & LOOP DAMAGE**
It is important to close hook & loop fastenings before laundering a sling, or damage to the fabric and webbing (similar to pictures shown) will occur.

**AVOID FADED LABELS**
Faded labels will occur when a sling has been washed with bleach, stain removers or is laundered through an Ozone system. Although labels can be replaced, the sling itself should be carefully inspected for fabric degradation.

**NOTE:**
Faded labels are a result of incorrect washing; they are not considered a warranty repair.

**WEEKLY INSPECTION**
Slings shall be visually checked to list above at least once a week and a record kept including the unique identification of the sling (typically a serial number) the name of the person conducting the inspection and the date of the inspection. These records shall be retained until the disposal of the sling or the completion of any incident investigation, whichever is the later. (Based on a recommendation by the HSE).

If you have any doubt about sling safety, remove the sling from use until checked and authorised for use by a competent person.
EXPECTED SLING LIFE

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.

FACTORS THAT REDUCE THE LIFE OF A SLING:
- Washing and drying at high temperature (removes slippery coatings, fades colours and causes shrinkage).
- Use of bleach or stain removers (fades labels and weakens the sling)
- Washing with hook and loop fasteners open (pilling of fabric and damages straps)
- Washing in Ozone systems (fades labels and may weaken sling)
- Thermal disinfection (removes slippery coatings, fades colours, causes shrinkage and may weaken sling)
- Biological detergent (can degrade foam and/or fade label depending on enzymes used)
- Frequency of use and/or method being used
- Weight of person being lifted or significant sudden movements
- Storage in a hot or damp environment
- Exposure to hostile environments, e.g. swimming pool chemicals.

Washing frequency at 40C and 95C

- Every 2 wks
- Every week
- Twice a wk
- Every 2 dys
- Every day

Expected sling life in months
LOLER Examinations

Slings shall be thoroughly examined by a Competent Person at least every 6 months to the requirements of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER:1998). Hoists and Slings are Class One Medical Devices and LOLER Examinations shall only be conducted on them by a person trained and qualified to do so.

LOLER EXAMINATION RECORD

The detailed examination report shall be sent to the commissioner of the LOLER Thorough Examination. This page is a record for users of when the sling (serial number as front cover) was examined. The examination should be conducted every six months or as the Competent Person decides.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>EXAMINERS NAME (BLOCK CAPS)</th>
<th>COMPANY (BLOCK CAPS)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

REPAIRS AND MODIFICATIONS TO SLINGS

Repairs to a sling including re-labelling and any modifications shall only be made by a sling Manufacturer registered with the Medicines and Healthcare product Regulatory Agency.

When repairs or modifications are made to a sling it shall have a LOLER Thorough Examination conducted by a Competent Person before the sling is put back into use.

RETURNING A FAULTY OR DAMAGED SLING

In the unlikely event that you have a problem with a sling and need to return it, 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 or odorous slings that are returned to your supplier cannot be returned to sender and regrettably must be disposed of at senders cost.
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, so in the unlikely event that any imperfection reaches you, we can fully investigate it. We are passionate about quality!

WARRANTY WITH NO TIME LIMIT
We proudly guarantee every sling we make to be free of defects in materials and workmanship. Product damage through wear and tear, neglect or accidental damage 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.