



USER GUIDE

COMFORT VALUE™ Range

Universal Sling

(CVU)

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Serial Number: _____
Users Name: _____

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1. GETTING TO KNOW YOUR SLING

1.1 APPLICATION

The COMFORT VALUE™ Universal sling (CVU) is a general purpose sling designed for ease of fitting and comfort for the user. The sling is suitable for most conditions and can be used in both wet and dry environments.

- General purpose transfers
- Bathing & toileting
- Fixed client positioning
- Can be hammocked for single below-the-knee amputees
(*we recommend a safety support strap in this instance*)

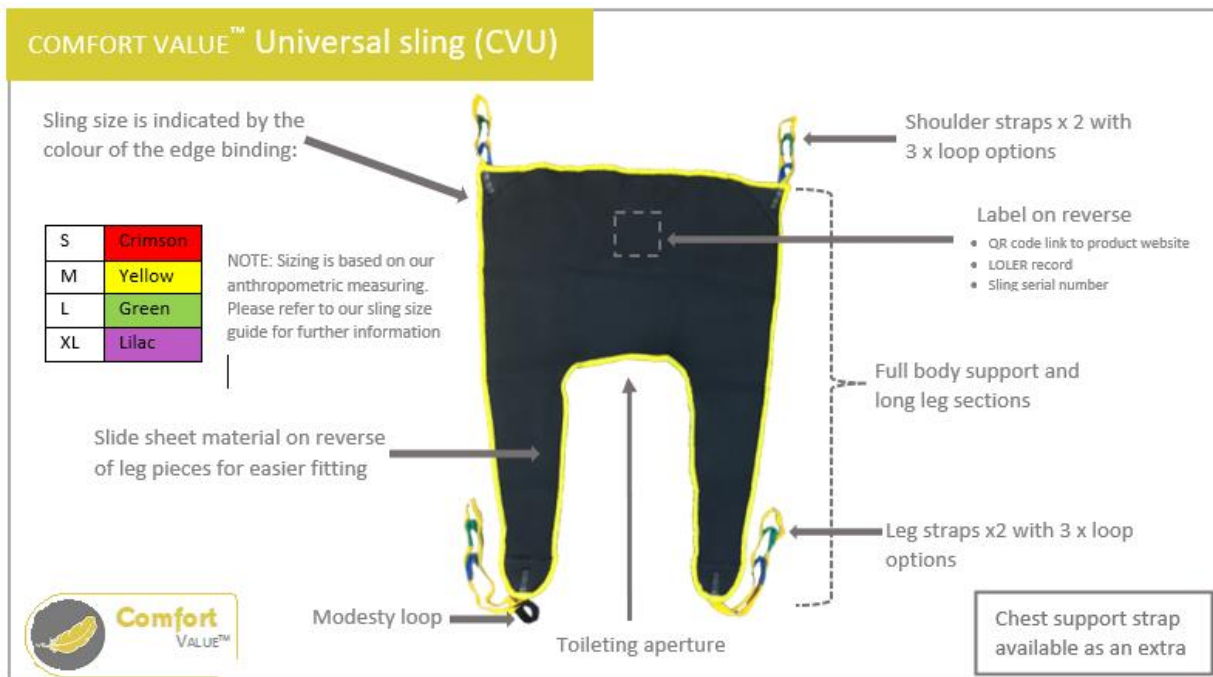
1.2 USER PROFILE

A typical user profile reads as someone with:

- Some core strength
- Some cognitive ability
- Moderate stability

1.3 THE SLING

Attachment type: Loop fixing
Safe Working Load: 200kg



1.4 COMPATIBILITY

1.4.1 Care & Independence slings have been manufactured to work with most of the major hoist manufacturers' equipment. A compatibility statement is available on request.

1.4.2 A risk assessment must be completed before using the sling.

1.5 WARRANTY

A one year warranty is offered on manufacturing and/or material faults only.

2. SLING SAFETY

2.1 GENERAL

- Only people trained and assessed as competent should ever use hoists and slings.
- It is essential that the correct size of sling is used to ensure the safety and comfort of the person being transferred.
- Always follow the individual care plan for the user.
- Follow the wash care instructions carefully and never use bleach (See 4. Caring for Your Sling)
- Further guidance is available about sling safety at www.careandindependence.com.

2.2 SLING INSPECTION

2.2.1 Care & Independence slings are designed and manufactured to meet or exceed BS EN 10535:2006 for the transfer of disabled persons.

2.2.2 Slings should be inspected prior to each use and after every time it is washed.

The sling should be checked for the following:

- No sling should be used to lift more than its confirmed safe working load.
- The sling is the correct size and type for the client and is fit for purpose.
- The sling and hoist are compatible.
- All the labels are legible and show the maximum load and unique identifier and size.
- There are no signs of damage to the fabric such as fraying, tears, permanent shrinkage, mis-shaping or deterioration.
- All stitching is present and intact, with no signs of coming undone, frayed, or broken with special attention to the critical points such as tape attachment and lifting loops.
- Signs of discolouring or bleaching of the material
- All parts of the sling complete

2.3 LOLER (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations)

- Slings must be thoroughly examined for safety by a competent person every six months or more frequently if the competent person deems it to be necessary.
- A space is provided on the sling label to record the date of the LOLER check.

3. FITTING THE SLING

3.1 FITTING IN A CHAIR

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

3.1.1



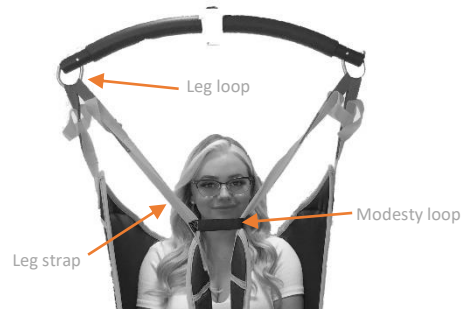
Apply sling down the back of the client to the coccyx level. Ensure the sling label is facing outwards.

3.1.2



Slide each leg piece underneath the thigh to the back of the knee making sure each leg is equal. The slide sheet material on the back makes this easier.

3.1.3



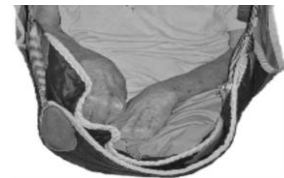
Holding the leg strap with the black modesty loop attached, thread the other leg strap through the modesty loop. Then attach each leg loop to the spreader bar.

Do not cross the straps.

3.1.4

Hammocking the leg supports is ideal for below knee amputees.

Cross the leg suspension straps in front of the user before attaching to the hoist to prevent the risk of falling forwards from the sling.



3.1.5

Attach sling to hoist as normal. As a guide, we suggest starting with a short shoulder/long leg position, however it is recommended the care plan is followed.



Short shoulder/long leg position



Hands should be inside the sling away from the straps



The user should be level in the sling to ensure safety and comfort.

3.2 FITTING IN THE SUPINE POSITION

Before you start, check that the sling is in a safe and clean condition and is the correct 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 2 of this guide.

When a sling has no head support you will need a profiling bed or someone to support the users head whilst transferring into an upright position.

3.2.1



Gently roll the person onto their side.

Position the sling with the aperture lined up with the cocyx, then tuck it under them so that the centre of the sling aligns along their spine.

3.2.2



Gently roll the person onto their other side.

This will enable you to pull the sling through under them keeping the sling aligned along their spine.

3.2.3



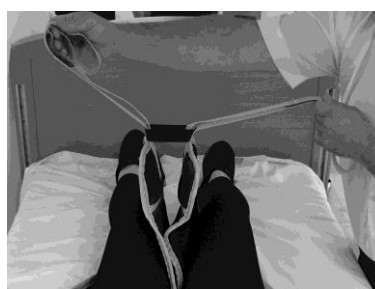
Once you have pulled the sling through, lay it out flat.

3.2.4



Gently roll the person onto their back.

3.2.5



Pull the leg straps through between the knees.

3.2.6

The sling can now be connected to the hoist for lifting.

Holding the leg strap with the black modesty loop attached, thread the other leg strap through the modesty loop. (See 3.1.3)

Attach the leg lift and shoulder lift straps to the hoist.

After checking the straps are straight and nothing is tangled, you can proceed to hoist.

3.3 HEAD / NECK SUPPORT - IMPORTANT

The COMFORT VALUE™ Universal does not have a head support. We would only recommend fitting in a bed if a second person is supporting the users head whilst transferring into an upright position.

The preference would be to use a sling with built in head support such as the COMFORT VALUE™ Universal Highback.

4. CARING FOR YOUR SLING



USE MILD DETERGENT



DO NOT BLEACH

TUMBLE DRY
LOW HEAT

DO NOT IRON

4.1 WASHING YOUR SLING

- 4.1.1 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 and weaken the fabric.
- 4.1.2 Air dry, cabinet dry or tumble dry on a cool cycle (below 60°C). Do not tumble dry on a hot setting; do not place on hot pipes or heaters; keep away from flames.
- 4.1.3 Do not iron your slings.

4.2 DECONTAMINATION AND INFECTION CONTROL

- 4.2.1 For good hygiene, we recommend that slings are not shared. If you need to hoist more than one person, it is strongly recommended that each person is allocated their own sling.
- 4.2.2 DOH guidance HSG95/18 recommends washing at 71°C for not less than 3 minutes plus 8 minutes for mixing to achieve decontamination.
Lower wash temperature will increase the life of the slings.

5. CE DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY



The CVU sling is designed by and manufactured for Care & Independence Ltd. Care & Independence are a UK manufacturer registered with MHRA as a Class 1 Medical Device Manufacturer and meet the essential requirements set out in Annex 1 of the Medical Device Directive 93/42EEC.

6. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- 6.1 E-Training videos for all slings in the COMFORT VALUE™ range are available to view on our website. Scan the QR code on the back of the sling label to go straight to the relevant product page. Care & Independence also offer training. Please contact us for further information.
- 6.2 Additional copies of the User Guides are available to download from our website.
- 6.3 LOLER checks can be carried out by our expert team. Please contact us to find out more.
- 6.4 Should you have any queries or require further assistance with regard to any Care & Independence products please contact us directly so that we can provide you with the appropriate support and information.
- 6.5 Returns
Please do not just send slings and bathing products back to us.
If you wish to return a product please contact us first so that we can advise you of the returns/repair process. This way we can track each item and ensure they are decontaminated and handled appropriately to ensure the safety of yourself, the user and our dedicated team.
- 6.6 Contacting Care & Independence:

Email: sales@careandindependence
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7. 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. COMFORT VALUE™ 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 9001-2015. 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

The COMFORT VALUE™ sling comes with a one-year manufacturer's warranty. 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 is not covered by the warranty. If you have a problem with a COMFORT VALUE™ sling, don't worry, we are here to support you.

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 still be safe to use (provided the label is still legible).

We offer a re-labelling service combined with a LOLER examination to ensure ongoing safety.

To request a quote for this service please contact sales@careandindependence.com.

Unlike clothes, slings are exposed to considerable loading and deterioration can affect safety. This is why it makes sense for a 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.

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