

## Care & Independence

**Sling Model:** .....

**Serial Number:** .....

**User Name:** .....

*The sling model and serial number  
are located on the label on the reverse of the sling.*

Care & Independence Ltd is a UK manufacturer registered with MHRA as a Class 1 Medical Device Manufacturer and this sling is a Class 1 medical device as defined in Article 51, Annex VIII Rule 1 of the Medical Device Regulation 2017/745.

COMFORT VALUE™ slings are designed and manufactured to meet or exceed BS EN 10535:2006 for the transfer of disabled persons. COMFORT VALUE™ slings are designed and manufactured by Care & Independence, a certified ISO9001:2015 organisation.

### Declaration

Care & Independence Ltd, declares under its sole responsibility that the aforementioned products to which this declaration relates, and which bear the CE marking, are in conformity with the applicable requirements of EU regulation 2017/745 as transposed in the laws of the Member States.

### THIS USER GUIDE IS APPLICABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING COMFORT VALUE™ UNIVERSAL SLINGS:

- CVU: COMFORT VALUE™ Universal
- CVUP: COMFORT VALUE™ Universal Poly
- CVUPS: COMFORT VALUE™ Universal Poly Six
- CVU-HB: COMFORT VALUE™ Universal Highback
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- CVU-HB: COMFORT VALUE™ Universal Poly Six Highback

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## 1. GENERAL



- 1.1. WARRANTY:** The COMFORT VALUE™ slings covered in this User Guide have been awarded a THREE YEAR WARRANTY. Any manufacturing defect will be rectified free of charge. Product damage through wear and tear, neglect or accidental damage is not covered by the warranty.
- 1.2. COMPATIBILITY:** Care & Independence slings have been manufactured to work with most of the major hoist manufacturers' equipment. A compatibility statement is available on request.

## 2. SLING SAFETY



- 2.1 GENERAL:**
- 2.1.1 Only competent persons should ever use hoists and slings.
- 2.1.2 A risk assessment must be completed before using the sling, even if the hoist and sling is provided from the same manufacturer.
- 2.1.3 It is essential that the sling is fit for purpose; the correct size and type of sling for an individual is essential to ensure the safety and comfort of the person being transferred.
- 2.1.4 Product care and inspection instructions should be followed at all times.
- 2.1.5 **No sling must ever be used to lift more than its rated load** (see label).
- 2.1.6 The intended sling and hoist combination should be compatible.
- 2.1.7 **If there is any doubt about sling safety, remove the sling from use until checked and authorised for use by a competent person.**

**2.2 SLING INSPECTION:**

- 2.2.1 Care & Independence recommend pre-use sling checks by competent person.
- 2.2.2 Slings are Class One Medical Devices and are subject to Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) Examinations. A LOLER examination may only be conducted by a person trained and qualified to do so. Space is provided on the sling label to record LOLER details.



## 3. DAMAGED OR FAULTY SLINGS



Care & Independence have a strict *Returns & Repair Procedure* to ensure the safety of all involved.

**Please do not send slings and bathing products back without completing the Return/Repair form.**

## 4. PRODUCT CARE



**4.1 GENERAL CARE:**

- 4.1.1 Repeated washing may lead to sling deterioration. **Care & Independence strongly recommend replacing the sling at the first signs of wear or damage, as opposed to after a specified time frame.**
- 4.1.2 Each sling is marked with its maximum wash temperature.
- 4.1.3 Discolouration to some materials or fading labels may occur as a result of laundering. **NOTE: It is a health & safety requirement that the sling label must be legible throughout the sling's working lifetime.**

**4.2 WASHING THE SLING:** Every sling is marked with its maximum wash temperature. Close hook & loop fastenings before laundering to prevent damage to the fabric and webbing.

**4.3 DECONTAMINATION:**

Slings can withstand a strong decontamination routine but regular use may impair the lifespan of the sling.

**A copy of these instructions should be provided to the person(s) laundering the 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.
- 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.
- Do not iron.

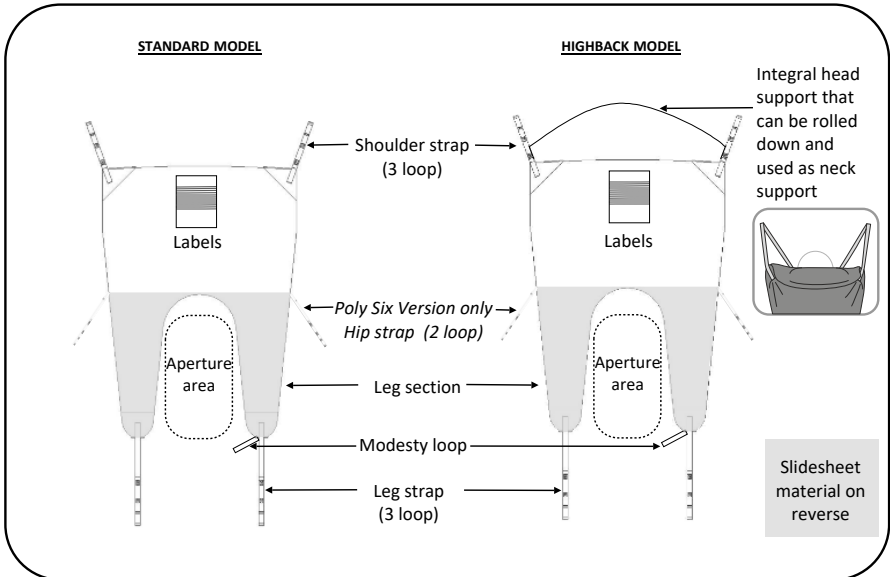
**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Available to download from our website



- Sling Care Instruction Guide (includes decontamination advice).
- Returns & Repair Procedure



## 5. GETTING TO KNOW YOUR SLING

### 5.1 THE UNIVERSAL-STYLE SLING



### 5.2 SLING LABELS EXPLAINED

There are four labels associated with each sling.

Model Size Order code Year of Manufacture	
<b>RECOMMENDED WASHING</b> 	<b>PRE-USE CHECKS</b> _____ _____ _____
<b>DISINFECTION GUIDANCE</b> _____ _____	<b>MULTI-USER DISCLAIMER</b> NAME: _____

#### 5.2.1 SLING INFORMATION

Printed label sewn onto back of sling. Provides useful information such as Sling Model Type, Washing instructions, Pre-Use Checks and a space to write User's name. A QR code is also featured that once scanned leads direct to product webpage where support resources are available.

LOLER Thorough Examination Record		
TO DATE	EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE	NEXT TO DATE DATE

#### 5.2.2 LOLER RECORD

Printed label sewn onto back of sling. Convenient to record the sling's LOLER checks

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SERIAL G000001	
MAX 200kg	

#### 5.2.3 PRODUCT INFORMATION

Woven label sewn onto back of sling. Contains serial number, Health & Safety Regulation Compliance mark, Maximum Load Capacity and QR code.

<b>GUARANTEED QUALITY</b> DESIGNED & MADE IN ENGLAND 100% POLYESTER & 100% COTTON 100% POLYESTER & 100% COTTON 100% POLYESTER & 100% COTTON Quality checked by _____ Final inspection by _____ This object is your property until you have added this object to your collection	
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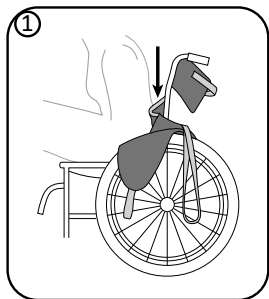
#### 5.2.4 QUALITY TAG (Disposable)

Attached to the side of the sling. Shows factory quality control approvals. Reverse side is Union flag.

## 6. FITTING THE SLING

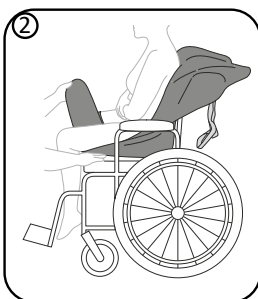
Before you start, check that the sling is in safe and clean condition and is the appropriate size and model for the person to be transferred. There are a variety of ways to use and adjust this sling, so please read carefully.

### 6.1 IN A SEATED POSITION



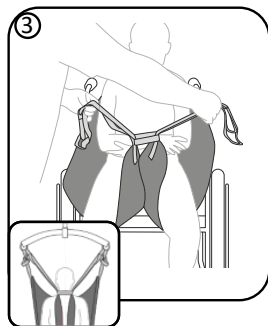
#### 6.1.1

- i. With label facing outwards, slide the sling down to the base of the spine, keeping it



#### 6.1.2

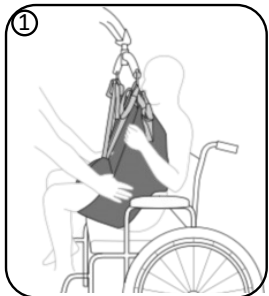
- i. Bring the leg sections around the hips
- ii. Feed them under and up between the thighs.



#### 6.1.3

- i. Feed leg straps through modesty strap. Do not cross the straps.
- ii. Attach leg straps to the hoist followed by hip straps (Poly Six sling styles only) then shoulder straps.

### 6.2 POSITIONING A USER BACK INTO A CHAIR



To assist guidance into the chair, a preferred technique is to use your body weight from the front, pushing on the bottom of the leg lift straps, as the user lowers into the chair.



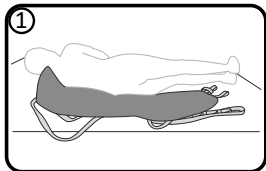
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- Sling Pre-Check Inspection Guide
- Loop Attachment Guide
- Sling Sizing Guide

## 6.3 FROM A SUPINE POSITION

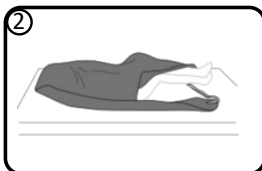
**To prevent falls, always roll a person towards yourself, a wall or a bed rail.**

**NOTE:** The COMFORT VALUE™ Universal *standard* model does not have a head or neck support. For this model type, we only recommend fitting from supine if a second person is supporting the users head whilst transferring into an upright position.



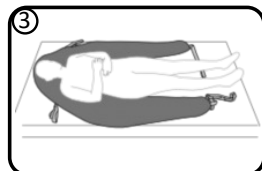
6.3.1

- i. Roll the user onto their side.
- ii. Fold sling in half lengthways with the label on the inside.
- iii. Position the sling with the top of the aperture aligned with the user's coccyx and the centre of the sling in alignment with the user's spine.



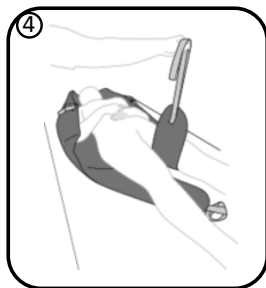
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- i. Fold the uppermost section over the user like a blanket.
- ii. Tuck the remaining sling material under the user, ensuring straps are tucked in.



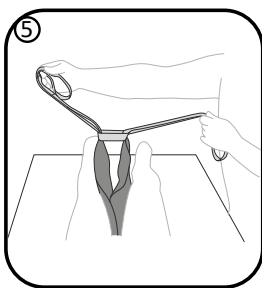
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- i. Roll the user onto their opposite side.
- ii. Unfurl the sling beneath the user.
- iii. Reposition user onto their back with sling now spread out fully underneath them.



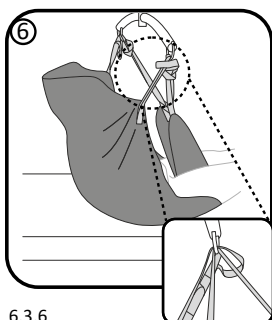
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- i. Feed the leg sections under the thighs and between the user's legs.



6.3.5

- ii. Feed the leg straps through the modesty strap.



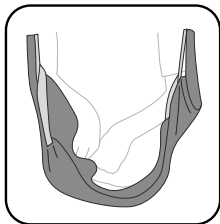
6.3.6

- i. Raise the bed to a seated position.
- ii. Attach leg straps then hip straps (Poly Six sling style only) then shoulder lift straps to the hoist spreader bar.
- iii. After checking nothing is snagged, complete the transfer.

## 6.4 LOOP STRAP - LEG SUPPORT CONFIGURATION

### HAMMOCKED

IDEAL FOR ABOVE-KNEE AMPUTEES - SUBJECT TO RISK ASSESSMENT



- i. Cross the leg sections over each other to create a hammock
- ii. Feed the leg lift straps into the leg link straps.

NOTE: Modesty link is not required for hammocking.

## 7. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE



Free product training is also offered. Please contact us for further information.



- Expert advice
- Full support



- Faded label replacement
- Sling repair
- LOLER examinations



SCAN SLING LABEL QR CODE FOR;

- Product information
- User Guide
- Fitting video
- Sling Care Instruction Guide
- Sling Pre-Check Inspection Guide
- Sling Sizing Guide

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