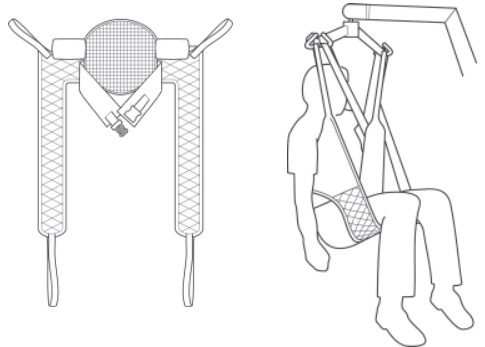


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Steiss™
Dress / Toileting Sling

USER MANUAL



Introduction

The Dress / Toileting sling has been designed specifically to facilitate the toileting process by allowing excellent access to clothing. It is an easy to fit sling, fully padded for additional comfort and provides access to allow the removal of clothing. It is not a general purpose sling and patients should be carefully assessed for suitability prior to use.

Special Sling Orders

On occasions, material, dimensional and other changes outside of the standard specification are requested. Please be advised, that aside of any model specific references, fitting, washing and safety guidelines remain applicable. If you are in any doubt, please contact Blueleaf Ltd.

Statement of Intended Use

A sling is an item of moving and handling equipment that is used with a mechanical lift in order to facilitate the transfer of a patient. It comprises a specially designed and constructed piece of fabric that is placed under and/or around a patient before being attached to the spreader bar/cradle of a lift to raise, transfer and lower the patient. When selected and used correctly, a sling and lift combination will achieve a safer transfer and reduce the risks associated with manual handling.

It is the responsibility of a competent person to conduct a thorough risk assessment prior to using any sling, to ensure that the sling choice, method of positioning in the sling and procedure for transfer has been correctly determined for the patient. For further guidance, please contact Blueleaf Ltd.

FOR USE WITH PASSIVE LIFTS ONLY.

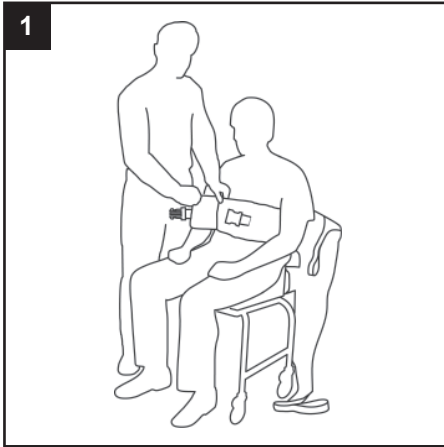
Expected Service Life

The expected service life of a Steiss sling will vary dependent on use and following the care and washing instructions provided in the user guide. Factors such as wash temperature, detergents, frequency of use and patient weight will impact on the lifetime of your sling. Blueleaf Ltd recommends that slings are checked each and every time prior to use to ensure the safety of the patient. Bleached, torn, cut, frayed or broken slings are unsafe and must be discarded and replaced. It is a requirement under LOLER (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998) that slings are thoroughly checked and passed fit for use. For further advice, please contact Blueleaf Ltd.

WARNING

- **For the safety of the patient and carer; before using a sling a full risk assessment must be conducted to ensure that the correct sling choice, method of positioning in the sling and procedure for transfer has been determined for the patient.**
- **CHECK sling and stitching before each use. Using bleached, torn, cut, frayed or broken slings is unsafe and could result in serious injury or death to the patient.**
- **DO NOT** alter slings. Destroy and discard worn slings.
- **NEVER** leave a patient unattended.
- **DO NOT** exceed the rated capacity of the sling or lift.
- **DO NOT** attempt to re-position a patient by pulling on the sling loops.

Fitting the Sling from a Seated Position

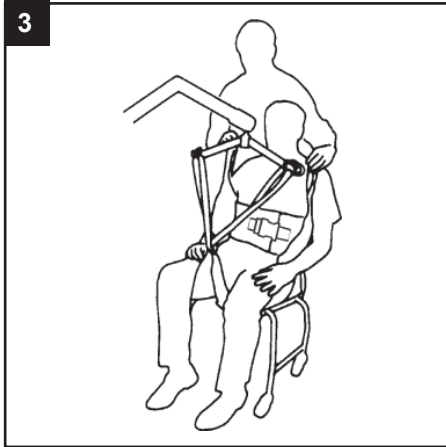


Place the sling down the back of the client and position just beneath the shoulder blades and above the belt line. Attach the buckle strap around the front of the client. There is no need for the buckle strap to be tight. The buckle strap is a positioning mechanism and not a restraint.

NOTE: Padding behind the buckle straps does not need to overlap.



Raise the client's leg and feed the leg strap under and up between the legs. Ensure that the sling fabric is not twisted or creased under the thigh. Repeat this procedure for the other leg.

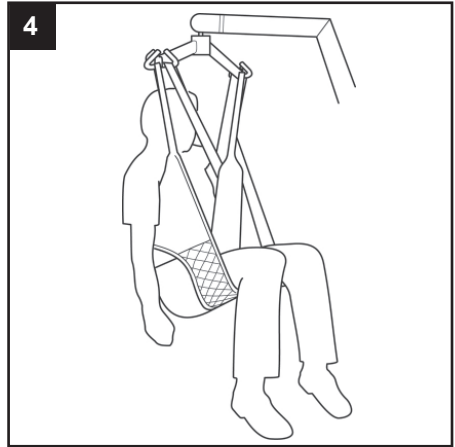


Cross over the leg straps and attach to the spreader bar on the front hooks using the longest loop. Raise the hoist and attach your desired shoulder loop to the rear hooks (a more upright position will be achieved using the shortest loop).

NOTE: The hoist may move towards the client.

NOTE: Some adjustment of the shoulder and/or leg loop attachment points may be needed to better suit the client's height or body shape. Shoulder/leg loop attachment points should be connected at a similar length in order to achieve a balanced lift.

NOTE: This sling is not recommended for use from a lying position.



Raise the hoist to the required height. When reseating the client, apply light pressure on the client's thigh(s) to ensure good posture is maintained.

Technical Specifications

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| STANDARD | BS EN ISO 10535 |
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Sizing & Safe Working Load

| SIZE | SAFE WORKING LOAD |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| PAEDIATRIC (BROWN) | 500lbs / 227kg |
| SMALL (RED) | 500lbs / 227kg |
| MEDIUM (YELLOW) | 500lbs / 227kg |
| LARGE (GREEN) | 500lbs / 227kg |
| EXTRA LARGE (BLUE) | 500lbs / 227kg |

Washing Instructions



Machine wash at 85°C.



DO NOT wash with bleach. Bleach will damage the sling's material and make it unsafe for use.



Cool tumble dry, air dry or dry at very low temperature.



DO NOT dry clean.

⚠ WARNING

Slings can suffer damage during washing and drying and should be checked carefully before each use.

PLEASE NOTE: Additional slings are available to meet individual patient needs. We advise that you always seek the advice of a trained clinician or Blueleaf Ltd prior to purchase or use.

Additional Important Safety Information

Following Medical Device Alerts on other manufacturers' slings, it is important that users of Steiss slings always follow the instructions in the user manuals provided with each sling and also the labels which are stitched into each sling.

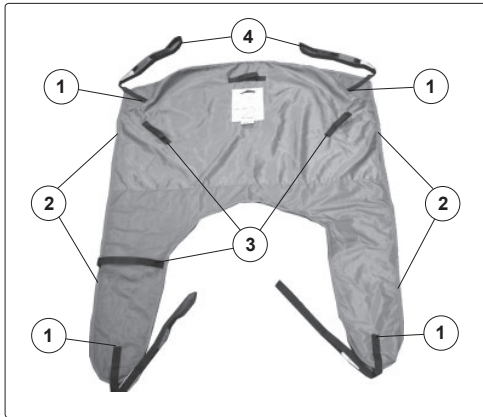
In particular, it is critical to the safety of the patient that the sling is checked each and every time prior to use. Failure to do so may result in patient injury.

If any of the following faults are identified, the sling should not be used and immediately destroyed:

- There are signs of general wear and tear
- There is loose or broken stitching on any part of the sling (including the straps)
- There are worn areas on the attachment points
- There are discoloured areas
- There are areas of frayed or torn material
- There are areas of bleached material
- The label is illegible

Inspection is required on all areas of the sling. The following information provides some guidance on key areas for inspection:

Example of a sling:



Key areas for inspection include:

1. Sling strap attachment point
2. Seams
3. Handle attachment points
4. End loops on sling straps



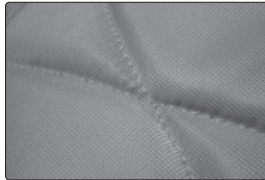
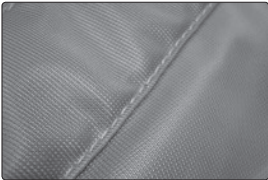
- Stitching on the sling straps on the sling body should be secure.
- Stitching is cross-stitched and not to be frayed.



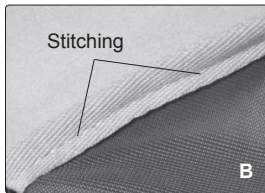
Cross Stitching



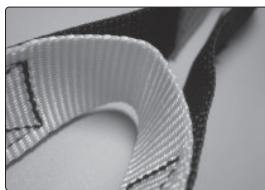
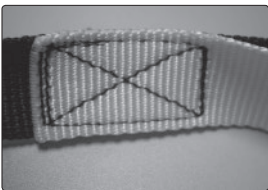
- Typical seam stitching.
- Photograph shows example of correct stitching in place and not frayed.



- Typical stitching on the main body of the sling.
- Photographs show examples of correct stitching in place and not frayed.



- A.** Attachment of the strap to a net style sling.
- B.** Example of correct stitching on the colour binding.



- Typical stitching of the end loops on the sling straps.
- Stitching is cross-stitched and not to be frayed.
- Ensure end loops are not worn or frayed.

Cleaning Instructions are clearly detailed in the user manual and on the label stitched on the back of the sling. Failure to follow these instructions may result in the sling becoming damaged and unsafe for use.

If you have any questions regarding these instructions please contact Blueleaf Ltd.



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