



User Instruction Manual Oxford[®] Quickfit Spacer Sling

To avoid injury, read user manual prior to use.







Introduction

The Oxford[®] Quickfit Spacer sling is an easy to fit, general purpose straight leg sling, designed to suit the majority of clients. Made from a cushioned and breathable 3D woven 'Spacer' material, with high air permeability offering high levels of comfort.

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 your authorised Oxford service agent or Joerns Healthcare directly.

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 your authorised Oxford Service Provider or Joerns Healthcare.

FOR USE WITH PASSIVE LIFTS ONLY.

Expected Service Life

The expected service life of an Oxford 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. Joerns Healthcare recommend 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 your authorised Oxford Service Provider or Joerns Healthcare.

- OXFORD RECOMMENDS THE USE OF GENUINE OXFORD PARTS. Oxford sling and lift
 products are designed to be compatible with one another. For country specific guidance
 on sling use and compatibility, please refer to the sling label or contact your local market
 distributor or Joerns Healthcare.
- 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



Ensure the sling positioning handles and label are on the outside and feed the sling down the back of the client, leaving the lower edge of the sling body at the base of the spine. Check the sling is square at the shoulders.



Move the hoist into position before crossing over the leg straps and attaching to the hoist on the front hooks of the spreader bar. An integrated modesty loop on the leg section is also available for increased patient dignity.



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



Ensure the sling remains comfortable under the legs and raise the hoist slightly if required before attaching the shoulder straps to maintain an upright seated position. The hoist may move towards the client as you do this. When reseating the client, use the sling positioning handles to help achieve a safe and comfortable position.

NOTE: Sling positioning handles are designed for turning a patient only and must not be used for lifting.



The longer you attach the shoulder straps, the more reclined the client will be.

GOLDEN RULE:

In order to achieve an upright seated position, go long with the leg straps and short with the shoulder straps.

Fitting the Sling from a Lying Position



Draw sheet roll the client onto the sling, ensuring that the lower edge of the sling body is positioned at the base of the spine.

NOTE: For added safety and support, Joerns Healthcare recommend the use of a head support when lifting from the floor.

IMPORTANT: ENSURE THAT YOUR CLIENT'S HEAD IS SUPPORTED AT ALL TIMES



Carefully feed the leg sections under and up between the legs, ensuring that the sling is positioned comfortably and not twisted or creased under the thigh. Cross the leg straps, using the modesty loop if required and proceed to attach the sling to the spreader bar in the same manner as with the seated position.

NOTE: The longer you attach the shoulder straps, the more reclined the client will be.

Technical Specifications

STANDARD	BS EN ISO 10535
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Sizing & Safe Working Load

SIZE	SAFE WORKING LOAD
SMALL (RED)	500lbs / 227kg
MEDIUM (YELLOW)	500lbs / 227kg
LARGE (GREEN)	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.

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DO NOT dry clean.

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, authorised Oxford distributor or Joerns Healthcare prior to purchase or use.



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