

## **USER GUIDE**

## 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.

### THIS USER GUIDE IS APPLICABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING GLOVE<sup>™</sup> DELUXE-STYLE SLING TYPES ONLY:

GXB:	GLOVE <sup>™</sup> Deluxe Bathing
GXBP:	GLOVE <sup>™</sup> Deluxe Bathing Plus
GX:	GLOVE <sup>™</sup> Deluxe Classic
GDD:	GLOVE <sup>™</sup> Diamond Deluxe
GDDP:	GLOVE <sup>™</sup> Diamond Deluxe Plus
GE:	GLOVE <sup>™</sup> Extensor
GXF:	GLOVE <sup>™</sup> Deluxe Foxy
GXFP:	GLOVE <sup>™</sup> Deluxe Foxy Plus
GXT:	GLOVE <sup>™</sup> Deluxe Tux
GXTP:	GLOVE <sup>™</sup> Deluxe Tux Plus





# Care Independence

Thank you for choosing a Care & Independence GLOVE<sup>™</sup> sling.

We trust both you and the end-user will find the sling easy and comfortable to use throughout it's lifetime.

In the event that you are dissatisfied with the sling performance or have any queries relating to the sling usage that are not addressed in this User Guide, please contact Care & Independence.

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.

GLOVE<sup>™</sup> slings are designed and manufactured to meet or exceed BS EN 10535:2006 for the transfer of disabled persons. GLOVE<sup>™</sup> 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.



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#### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 WARRANTY: The GLOVE<sup>™</sup> slings covered in this User Guide have been awarded a LIFETIME 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. <u>COMPATIBILITY:</u> 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 <u>must</u> 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.
- 2.1.4. 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 <u>do not</u> send slings and bathing products back without completing the Return/Repair form.

#### 4. PRODUCT CARE

4.1 <u>GENERAL CARE:</u>

- 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. <u>NOTE:</u> It is a health & safety requirement that the sling label must be legible throughout the sling's working lifetime.
- 4.2 <u>WASHING THE SLING:</u> 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

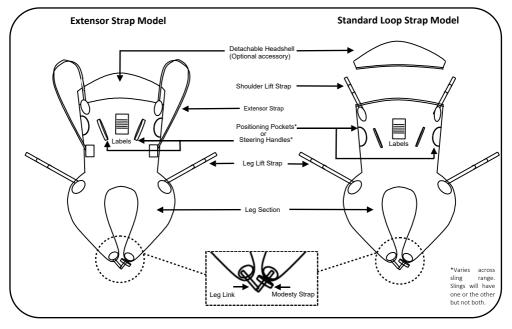


- Sling Care Instruction Guide (includes decontamination advice).
- Returns & Repair Procedure



#### **5. GETTING TO KNOW YOUR SLING**

5.1 THE DELUXE-STYLE SLING



5.2 SLING LABELS EXPLAINED

There are four labels associated with each sling.



#### 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		
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5.2.2 LOLER RECORD

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



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.



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.

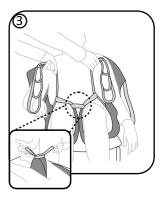
#### 6.1 IN A SEATED POSITION



6.1.1 With label facing outwards, slide the sling down to the base of the spine, keeping it centrally aligned.



6.1.2 Bring the leg sections around the hips and feed them under and up between the thighs.



6.1.3 Feed leg links through modesty strap. Feed leg lift strap on outside of thigh through leg link.

[Clip sling users turn to 6.4]

Attach leg straps to the hoist first then shoulder straps. Check for snagging. Complete the transfer.

#### 6.2 POSITIONING A USER BACK INTO A CHAIR



To assist guidance into the chair, positioning pockets or steering handles are located on the side of the sling. These are <u>not</u> to be used for lifting or dragging.

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.

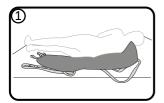


• Sling Sizing Guide



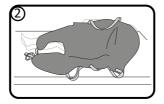
#### 6.3 FROM A SUPINE POSITION

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



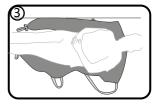
#### 6.3.1

- 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.



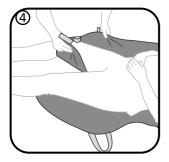
#### 6.3.2

- 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.



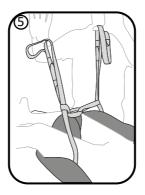
#### 6.3.3

- 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.



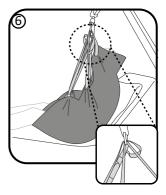
#### 6.3.4

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



#### 6.3.5

Feed the leg links with the modesty strap as appropriate (see 6.1.3). Pass the leg lift straps through the leg links.



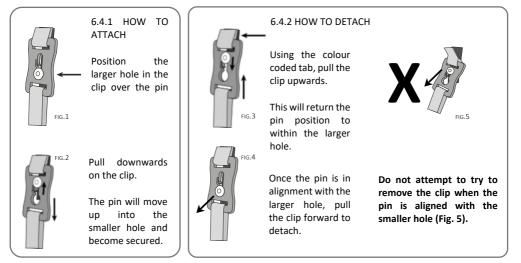
#### 6.3.6

- Attach first leg lifts then shoulder lift straps to the hoist spreader bar.
- ii. After checking nothing is snagged, complete the transfer. PAGE 6

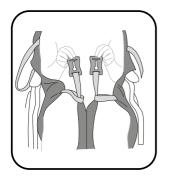


#### 6.4 FITTING A CLIP SLING

Our clips offer enhanced safety, yet are simple to use. The clips on your sling may vary in design and should be used with the spreader bar as follows:



#### 6.4.3 FITTING A CLIP SLING



#### i) <u>SAFETY NOTICE</u>

The leg strap configuration <u>must</u> <u>not</u> be used in any other way than as illustrated in this picture.

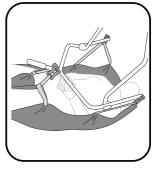
Refer to the hoist / spreader bar instructions for use on how to adjust the angle of recline for the person in the sling.



ii) FROM SEATED POSITION

Follow fitting instructions 'In A Seated Position': 6.1.1 - 6.1.3

Then attach the clips to the hoist as shown above.



iii) FROM SUPINE POSITION

Follow fitting instructions 'From Supine Position': 6.3.1 - 6.3.3

Then attach the clips to the hoist as shown above.



#### 6.5 LOOP STRAP - LEG SUPPORT CONFIGURATION

#### 6.5.1 DIVIDED LEG WITH MODESTY LINK RECOMMENDED



Provides a comfortable and secure sitting position with the legs parallel.

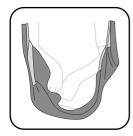
#### 6.5.2 DIVIDED LEG WITHOUT MODESTY LINK OPTIONAL - ONLY TO BE USED FOLLOWING A RISK ASSESSMENT



Not using the modesty link allows the knees to part, giving better hygiene access.

Ideal for people who normally sit with their legs apart.

6.5.3 HAMMOCKED IDEAL FOR ABOVE-KNEE AMPUTEES - SUBJECT TO RISK ASSESSMENT



Cross the leg sections over each other to create a hammock, feeding the leg lift straps into the leg link straps.

NOTE: Modesty link is not required for hammocking.



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SCAN SLING LABEL QR CODE FOR;

Product information

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

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

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



#### • Expert advice

- Free assessments
- Full support



- Faded label replacement
- Sling repair
- LOLER examinations



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