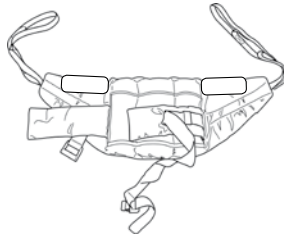


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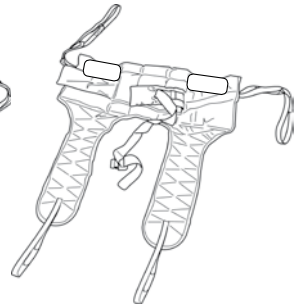
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Steiss™  
Standing / Transport Sling

USER MANUAL



Standing Sling



Transport Sling

## Introduction

The Standing sling is an easy fit sling suitable for standing and supporting. It is not a general purpose sling and clients should be assessed as to their suitability. The Transport sling is an easy fit general purpose sling giving full support to most clients. It will not suit double amputees or lifting from a horizontal position.

## 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 ACTIVE LIFTS ONLY.**

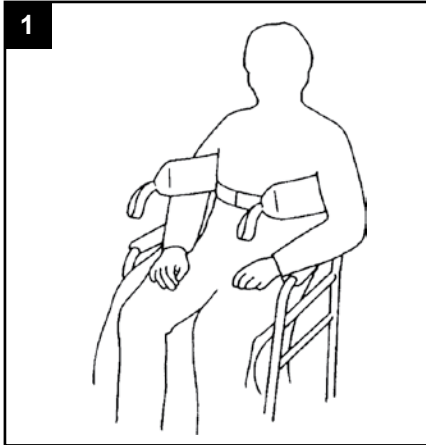
## Expected Service Life

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.

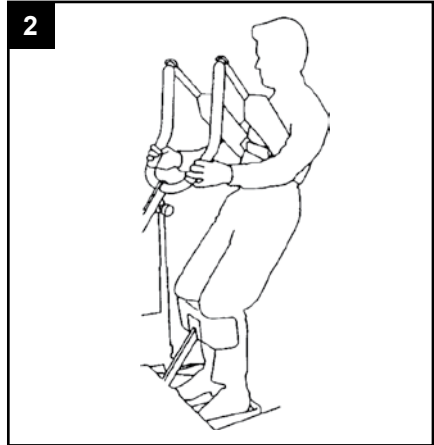
## WARNING

- **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 Standing Sling



Place sling down behind client's back between base of shoulder blades and bottom of rib cage. Attach strap around the front of the client. This strap need not be tight. It is there to hold the sling in position whilst attaching the sling to the Standard. Ensure that the client's arms are outside the sling.



Position Standard so that the client's feet fit in the foot trays and knees rest against the knee pad. Initially attach the longer loops of the sling to the white hooks at the end of the hand grips. The client's hands should be placed on the black hand grips or support handles. (Once the client is used to the lift, the shorter loops may be used to achieve a more upright position). Then push the up button on hand control to raise the client to the standing position.

**NOTE:** THIS SLING IS NOT A GENERAL-PURPOSE SLING AND WILL NOT BE SUITABLE FOR ALL CLIENTS.

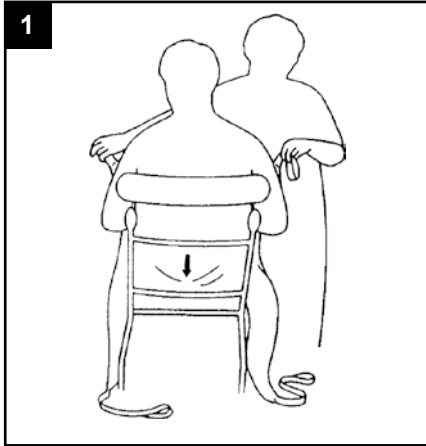
### **TIPS FOR USE:**

CLIENT SHOULD BE ASKED TO LEAN BACK INTO THE SLING FOR THE DURATION OF THE LIFT.

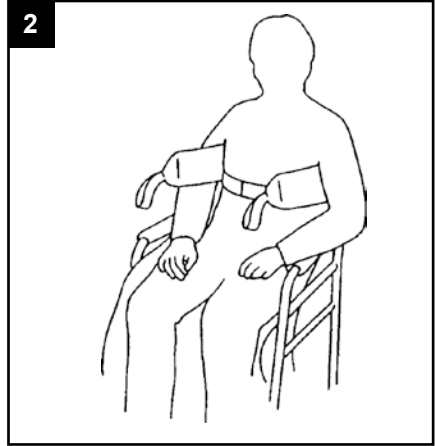
TALLER CLIENTS MAY NEED TO USE SHORTER LOOPS ON THE SLING FROM THE START.

SHOULD THE CLIENT START TO LOSE TRUNK CONTROL YOU WILL FIND THAT THE SLING WILL SLIP UP BENEATH THE ARMPITS MAKING THE LIFT UNSAFE. IN THIS SITUATION THE TRANSPORT SLING CAN BE USED PROVIDING A RISK ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED.

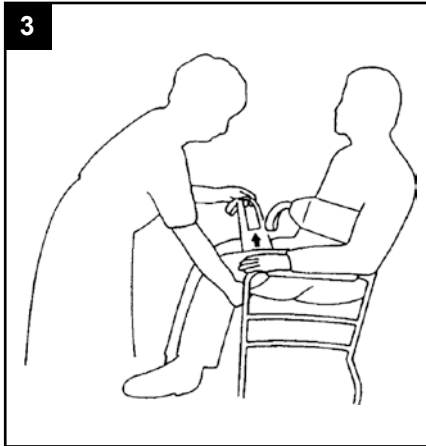
## Fitting the Transport Sling



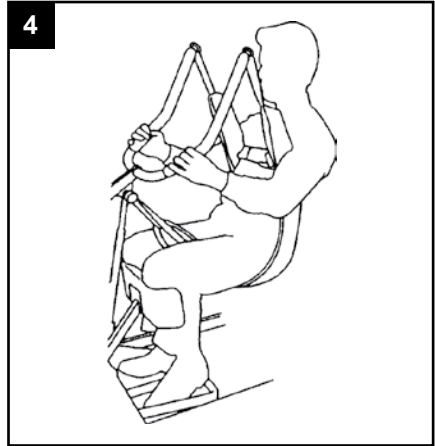
Feed the sling down the back of the client leaving the top of the commode aperture at the base of the spine. Check the sling is square across the client's base.



Attach the strap around the chest of the client. This strap need not be tight, it is there to hold the sling in position whilst attaching the sling to the Standaid. Ensure client's arms are on the outside of the sling.



Raise the client's leg and feed the leg strap under, and then up between the legs. Ensure that the sling is not twisted or creased under the thigh. Repeat this procedure for the other leg. Attach the loops on the top of the sling to the white hooks at end of hand grips.



Without crossing loops on the leg straps, attach to left and right black knobs on the lifting fork(s). You would normally use the middle of the three loops. You are then ready to raise the client from the seat and transport. Once clear of the seat, the client will be more comfortable if lowered back to sitting position.

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

## 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) | 440lbs / 200kg    |
| SMALL (RED)        | 440lbs / 200kg    |
| MEDIUM (YELLOW)    | 440lbs / 200kg    |
| LARGE (GREEN)      | 440lbs / 200kg    |
| EXTRA LARGE (BLUE) | 440lbs / 200kg    |

*THESE SLINGS ARE SUITABLE FOR USE WITH ACTIVE STAND-AID LIFTS ONLY.*

## 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.

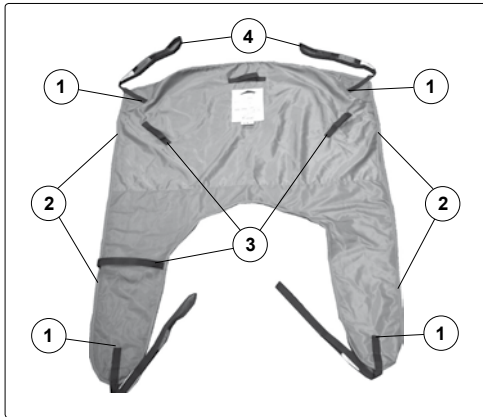
In particular, it is critical to the safety of the patient that the sling is checked each and every time prior to use. Failure to do so may result in patient injury.

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:

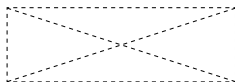


### Key areas for inspection include:

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



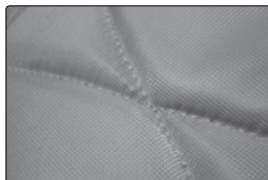
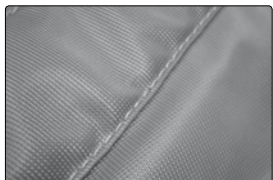
- Stitching on the sling straps on the sling body should be secure.
- Stitching is cross-stitched and not to be frayed.



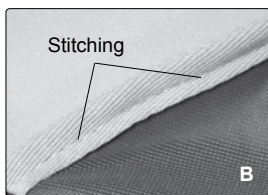
Cross Stitching



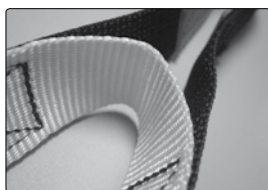
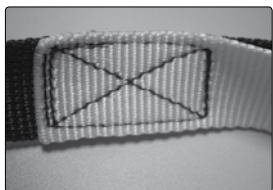
- Typical seam stitching.
- Photograph shows example of correct stitching in place and not frayed.



- 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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