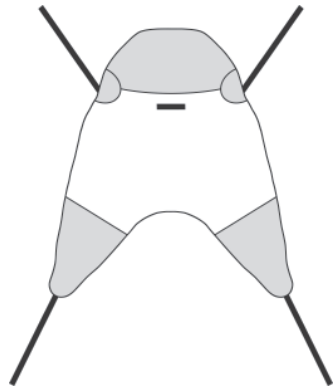


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Steiss™
Pivot with Loops Sling

USER MANUAL



Introduction

The Steiss Pivot with Loops sling is a general-purpose sling with integrated head support and padded legs, offering excellent comfort and support for clients. Quick and easy to apply, this sling has looped attachment points for use on passive hoists with a spreader bar configuration.

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.

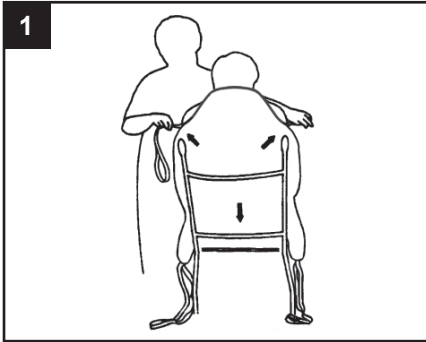
Expected Service Life

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.

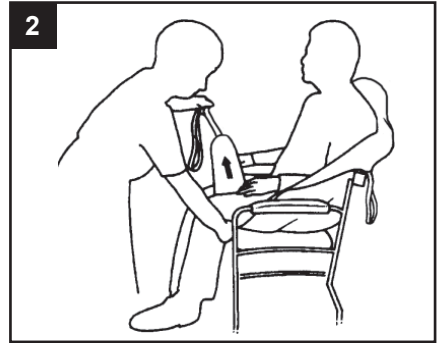
WARNING

- **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.**

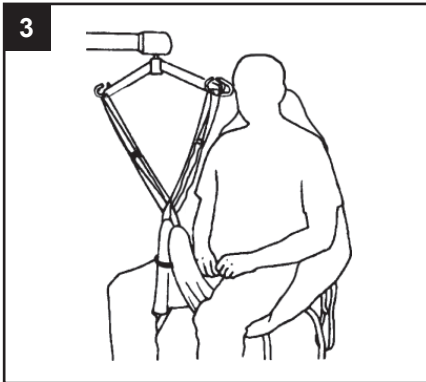
Fitting the Sling from a Seated Position



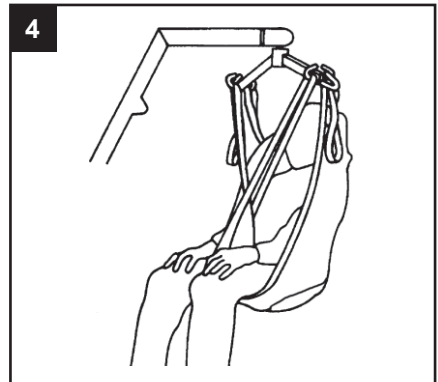
Ensure the label and handle are on the outside and feed the sling down the back of the client, leaving the top of the commode aperture at the base of the spine. Check the sling is square at the shoulders.



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



To maintain patient dignity, feed the right leg support through the modesty loop on the left leg support. Cross over the leg straps by passing one through the other and attach to the front hooks on the spreader bar. Ensure the same loops are used on both straps.

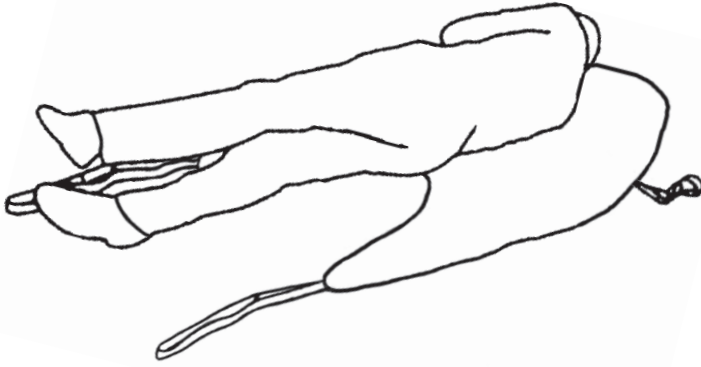


Raise the spreader bar to a convenient height to allow attachment of the shoulder straps as shown. Again, ensure the same loops are selected and securely attached before raising the client. Ensure the client is positioned both safely and comfortably prior to commencing any planned transfer activity.

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

Fitting the Sling from a Lying Position

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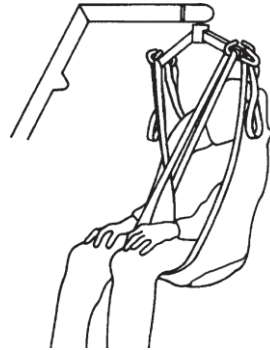


Safely position the client onto the sling, ensuring that the top of the commode aperture is at the base of the spine.

Carefully feed the leg sections under and up between the patient's legs, ensuring that the sling is positioned comfortably and not twisted or creased under the thighs. Configure the leg straps in the same manner as with the seated position (step 3). Next, proceed to attach the sling to the spreader bar in the same manner as with the seated position (steps 3 and 4).

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

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Technical Specifications

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)	600lbs / 284kg

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.

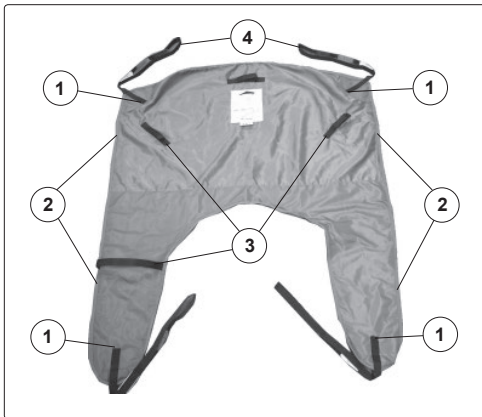
In particular, it is critical to the safety of the patient that the sling is checked each and every time prior to use. Failure to do so may result in patient injury.

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



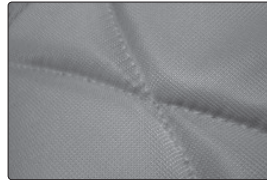
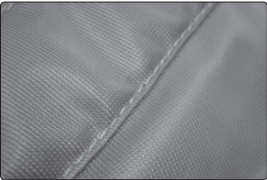
- Stitching on the sling straps on the sling body should be secure.
- Stitching is cross-stitched and not to be frayed.



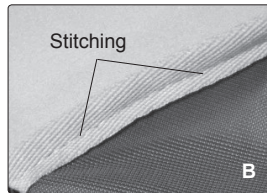
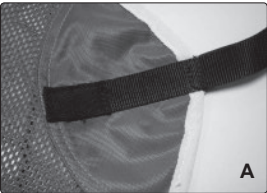
Cross Stitching



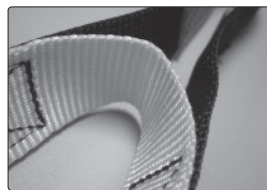
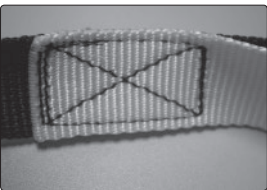
- Typical seam stitching.
- Photograph shows example of correct stitching in place and not frayed.



- 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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