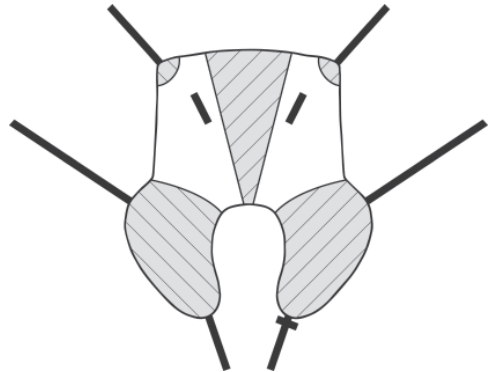


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Steiss™
Unilux Sling

USER MANUAL



Introduction

The Unilux sling is a general-purpose sling, incorporating a popular Silkfit material on the back and leg sections. This low-friction material ensures the sling is easy to apply and reduces the risks associated with tissue viability.

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.

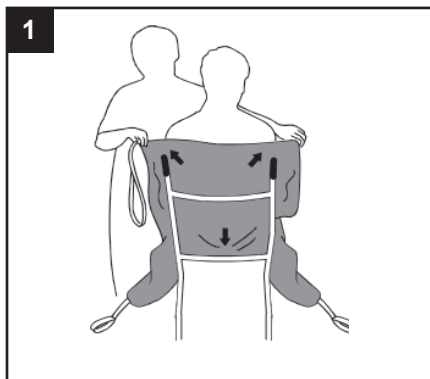
Expected Service Life

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.

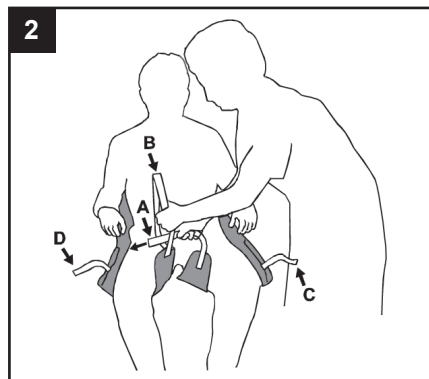
⚠ WARNING

- **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.**

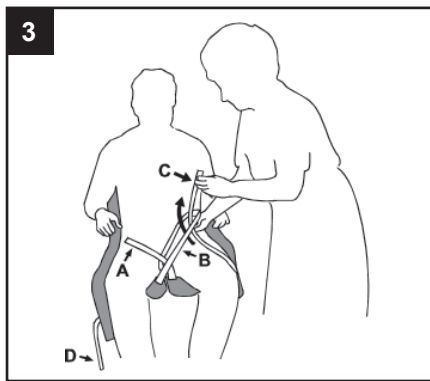
Fitting the Sling from a Seated Position



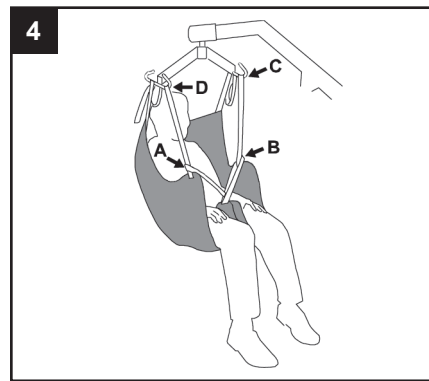
1 Make sure the positioning straps and sling identification label are on the outside of the sling. Feed the sling down the back of the patient, leaving the aperture at the base of the spine. Check the sling is square across the shoulders.



2 Whilst ensuring that the leg section is not twisted, carefully feed it under and up between the patient's legs. Repeat this procedure for the other leg. Cross strap A through strap B or utilise the dignity loop.



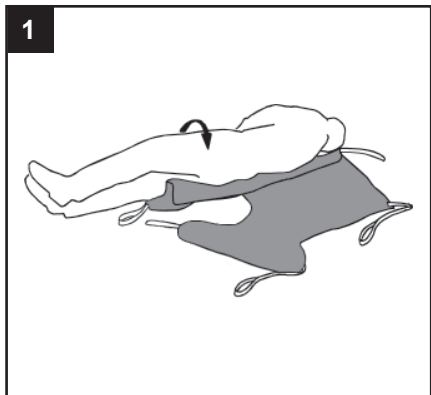
3 Pass strap C up through strap B then repeat for the other leg using strap D through strap A. Check the sling is smooth under the patient and the position is comfortable.



4 Move the hoist into position and attach the leg straps to the hooks on the spreader. Next attach the shoulder straps to maintain an upright seated position as shown in the diagram above. The lift may move towards the patient 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.

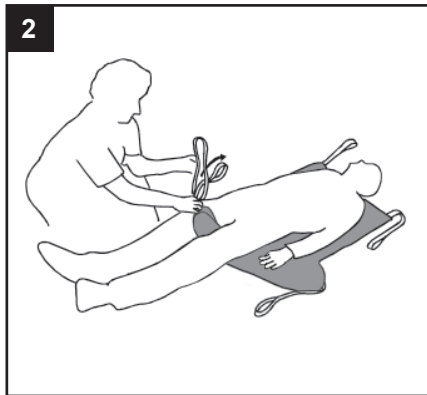
Fitting the Sling from a Lying Position



Roll the client onto the sling, ensuring that the sling aperture is at the base of the spine.

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

IMPORTANT: ENSURE THAT YOUR CLIENT'S HEAD IS SUPPORTED AT ALL TIMES DURING THE TRANSFER.



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 (step 4).

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

NOTE: Blueleaf Ltd recommend slings are checked regularly and before use for fraying or damage.

Technical Specifications

STANDARD	BS EN ISO 10535
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Sizing & Safe Working Load

SIZE	SWL
1	227kg / 500lbs
2	227kg / 500lbs
3	227kg / 500lbs
4	227kg / 500lbs

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5	227kg / 500lbs
6	227kg / 500lbs
7	227kg / 500lbs
8	227kg / 500lbs

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9	227kg / 500lbs
10	227kg / 500lbs
11	284kg / 600lbs
12	284kg / 600lbs

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.

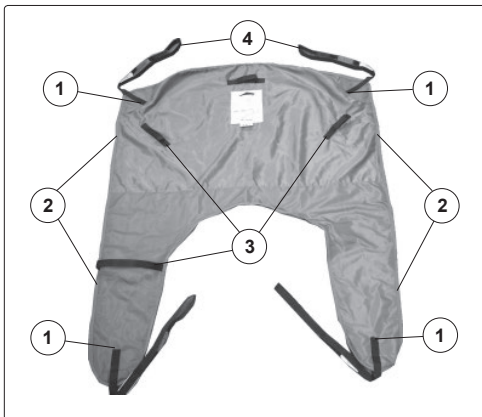
In particular, it is critical to the safety of the patient that the sling is checked each and every time prior to use. Failure to do so may result in patient injury.

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



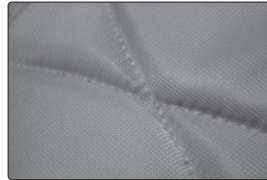
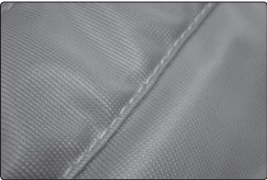
- Stitching on the sling straps on the sling body should be secure.
- Stitching is cross-stitched and not to be frayed.



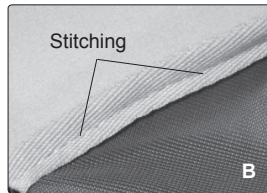
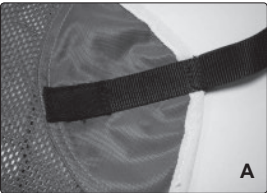
Cross Stitching



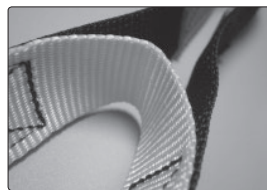
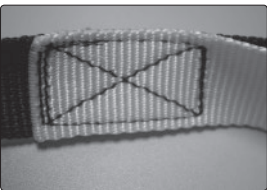
- Typical seam stitching.
- Photograph shows example of correct stitching in place and not frayed.



- 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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