



# **User Instruction Manual**

## **Oxford® Handling Belt**

To avoid injury, read user manual prior to use.

## Introduction

Handling belts are suitable for assisting patients who have reduced mobility but who need help to transfer from sitting to standing or to transfer between seats. They may also be used to give stability support to these patients while standing or walking. Before using, carry out a risk assessment to ensure the product is the right one for the action being performed. Do not use if there is a risk of a fall. Assess whether two assistants will be needed.

## 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

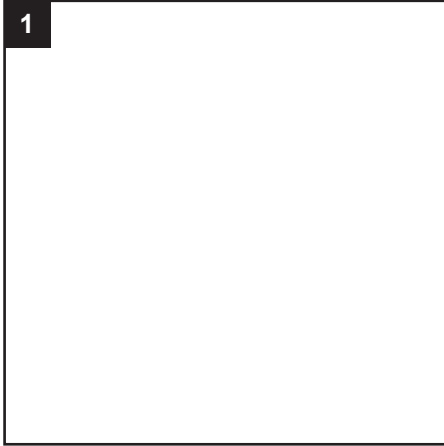
The expected service life of an Oxford sling will vary dependent on use and following the care and washing instructions provided in the user guide. Factors such as wash temperature, detergents, frequency of use and patient weight will impact on the lifetime of your sling. Joerns Healthcare recommend 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.

## **A** WARNING

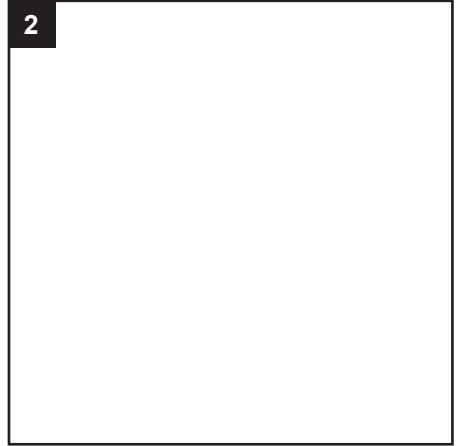
- **OXFORD RECOMMENDS THE USE OF GENUINE OXFORD PARTS.** Oxford sling and lift products are designed to be compatible with one another. For country specific guidance on sling use and compatibility, please refer to the sling label or contact your local market distributor or Joerns Healthcare.
- **For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

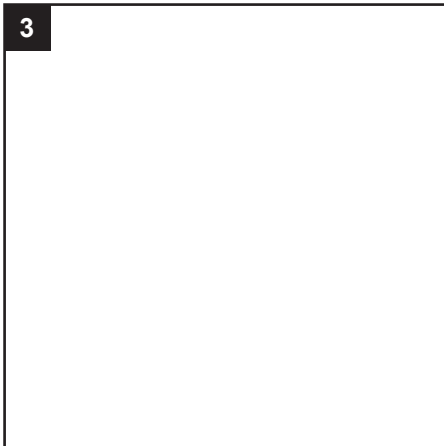
A handling belt consists of a padded belt, with a means of fastening the belt around the patient's torso and a series of handholds for the assistant to use while supporting the patient.



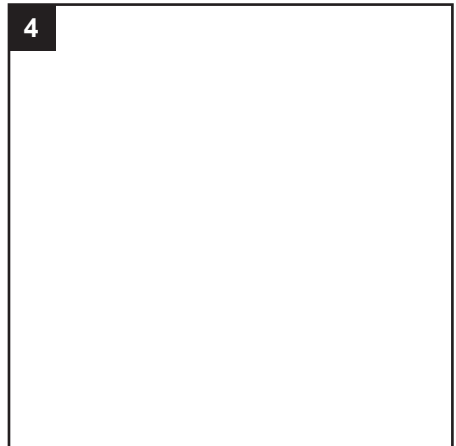
Place the belt around the patient and secure the buckle(s) positively.



Adjust by pulling on the tail straps to firm tension.



Carry out the transfer, using the handholds appropriately.



To remove the belt, simply release the buckle(s).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This product is not a lifting device and should not be used for lifting. Use of this product must conform to current manual handling procedures and regulations.

## Technical Specifications

STANDARD	BS EN ISO 10535
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## Sizing & Safe Working Load

SIZE	SAFE WORKING LOAD
ONE SIZE	500lbs / 227kg

## Washing Instructions



Machine wash at 70°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.

**IMPORTANT:** All Velcro straps must be fastened together for washing.

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

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