



## Care Independence

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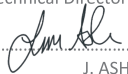
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*The sling model and serial number  
are located on the label on the reverse of the sling.*

THIS USER GUIDE IS APPLICABLE  
FOR THE FOLLOWING  
GLOVE SLING® TYPES ONLY:

GCM: GLOVE Convenience Max™

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Thank you for choosing a Care & Independence GLOVE 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 is a Class 1 medical device as defined in Article 51, Annex VIII Rule 1 of the Medical Device Regulation 2017/745.

These devices are designed and manufactured to meet or exceed BS EN 10535:2021 for the transfer of disabled persons and 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.

#### Intended Purpose

The device is intended to be used with hoisting equipment to allow a care giver, or the individual needing assistance, to reposition a person, to a different standing, or sitting position, to allow numerous activities to be completed.

# Glove Sling®

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## 1. GENERAL



- 1.1 WARRANTY:** The GLOVE SLING® products 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 COMPATIBILITY:** 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 must 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 do not send slings and bathing products back without completing the Return/Repair form.**

## 4. PRODUCT CARE



**4.1 GENERAL CARE:**

- 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. **NOTE: It is a health & safety requirement that the sling label must be legible throughout the sling's working lifetime.**

**4.2 WASHING THE SLING:** 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.

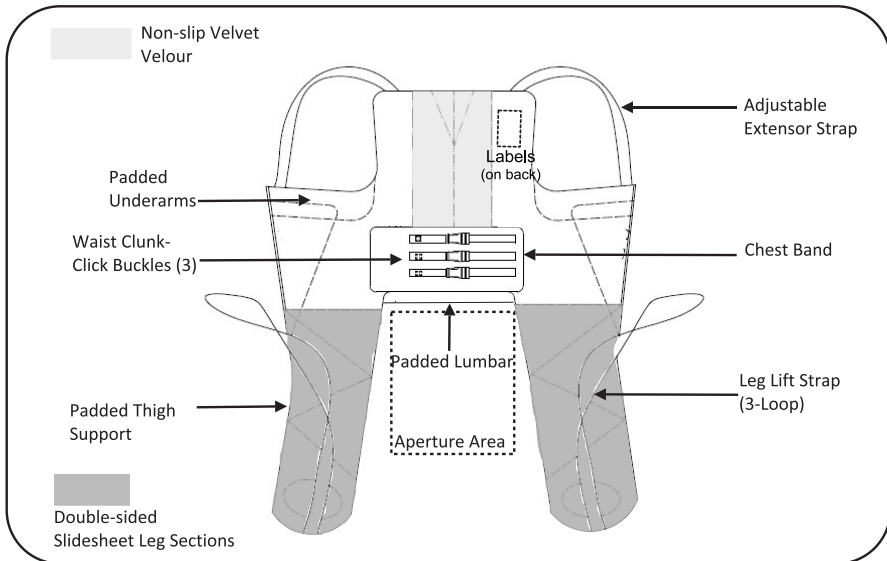
**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Available to download from our website



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

## 5. GETTING TO KNOW YOUR SLING

### 5.1 THE GLOVE CONVENIENCE MAX™ SLING



### 5.2 SLING LABELS EXPLAINED

There are three labels associated with each GLOVE SLING® product.

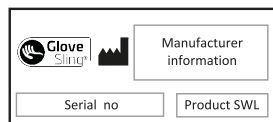
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BAR CODES	
SAFETY INFO	
RECOMMENDED CARE INSTRUCTIONS	SWL IN KG
QUALITY MARKS & INFO	
NAME:	

#### 1 PRINTED LABEL

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. There is also space provided for a LOLER record.

#### 2 WOVEN LABEL

Woven label sewn onto back of sling. Contains serial number, Health & Safety Regulation Compliance mark, Maximum Load Capacity and QR code.



#### 3 QUALITY TAG (Disposable)

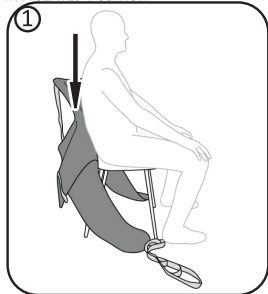
Attached to the side of the sling. Shows factory quality control approvals. Reverse side is Union flag.



## 6. FITTING THE SLING

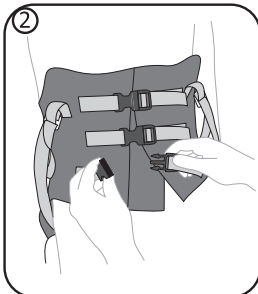
Before you start, check that the sling is in safe and clean condition and is the appropriate size and model for the person to be transferred. There are a variety of ways to use and adjust this sling, so please read carefully.

### 6.1 IN A SEATED POSITION



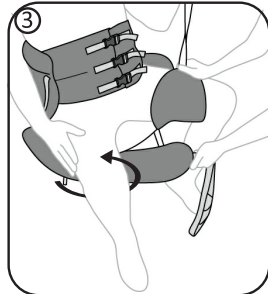
6.1.1

- i. With label facing outwards, keeping the sling centrally aligned with the spine, slide the sling down so that the lumbar pad is positioned at belt height.



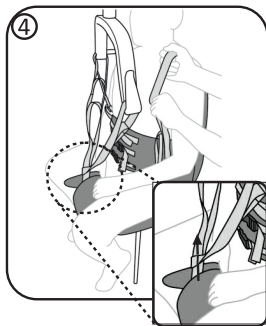
6.1.2

- i. Wrap the chest band across the users waist
- ii. Fasten the three waist clunk-click buckles, tightening with adjustment straps as necessary (an audible click will indicate the buckles are securely fastened).



6.1.3

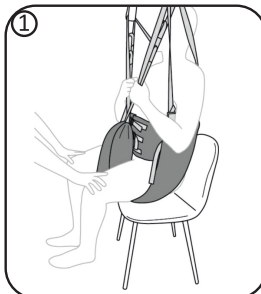
- i. Bring the leg sections around the hips and feed them under and up between the thighs.



6.1.4

- i. Feed one leg lift strap through the other.
- ii. Attach leg straps to the hoist first then the shoulder straps.
- iii. Check and tighten clunk-click belt
- iv. Perform a 'tug test'\*, check for snagging and complete the transfer.

### 6.2 POSITIONING A USER BACK INTO A CHAIR



To assist guidance into a chair, 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.



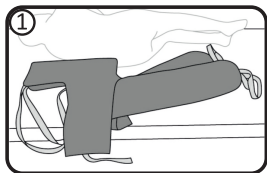
\*A manual 'Tug Test' is recommended to ensure buckles and/or straps are properly secured prior to hoisting.

For buckles, tug straps in opposite directions.

For spreader bar attachment, tug straps in a downward motion.

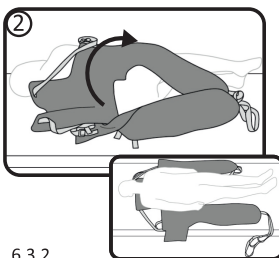
### 6.3 FROM A SUPINE POSITION

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



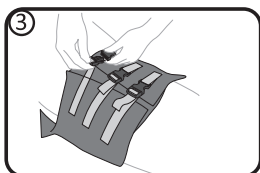
#### 6.3.1

- i. Roll the user onto their side.
- ii. Fold sling in half lengthways with the label on the inside.
- iii. Position the lumbar padding in the lumbar region and the centre of the sling in alignment with the user's spine.



#### 6.3.2

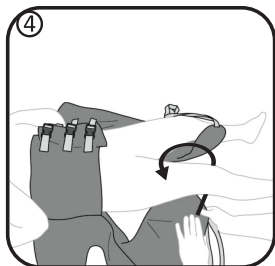
- i. Fold the uppermost section over the user like a blanket.
- ii. Tuck the remaining sling material under the user, ensuring straps are tucked in.
- iii. Roll the user onto their opposite side, unfurling sling material beneath them.
- iv. Reposition user onto their back with sling now spread out fully underneath them.



#### 6.3.3

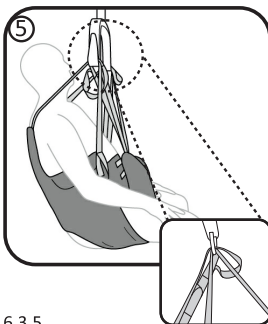
- i. Secure chest band around user and fasten the three waist clunk-click buckles (an audible click will indicate the buckles are securely fastened).

NOTE: Further tightening may be required when lifting begins due to user body thinning out during hoist process.



#### 6.3.4

- i. Feed the leg sections under the thighs and between the user's legs.
- ii. Pass one leg lift strap through the other.



#### 6.3.5

- i. Raise user to seated position.
- ii. Attach first leg lifts then shoulder extensor straps to the hoist spreader bar.
- iii. Perform a 'tug test'\*, then, after checking nothing is snagged, complete the transfer.



\*A manual 'Tug Test' is recommended to ensure buckles and/or straps are properly secured prior to hoisting. For buckles, tug straps in opposite directions. For spreader bar attachment, tug straps in a downward motion.



#### FURTHER INFORMATION

- Pre-Use Inspection Guide
- Loop Attachment Guides
- Sling Sizing Guide
- Instructional Video
- Wash Care Guide

Available to download from our website

## 7. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE



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SCAN SLING LABEL QR CODE FOR;

- Product information
- User Guide
- Fitting video
- Sling Care Instruction Guide
- Sling Pre-Use Inspection Guide
- Sling Sizing Guide
- And much more



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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