



General User/ Safety Guide

# **HARVEST ULTRA-THIN CUSHION**

ACTIVE CUSHIONS



# WARNINGS & CAUTIONS



**READ THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL CAREFULLY. PLEASE NOTE IN PARTICULAR THAT THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE OBSERVED.**



## WARNING

Please ensure that this booklet is read prior to first use.

Please refer to the information in this booklet as a guideline only.

Harvest Healthcare Ltd recommend that prior to using this product, a full risk assessment must be completed by a qualified professional, in order to determine that the correct product is suitable for each individual.

Do not use this product for / whilst lifting the patient. This will damage the product and could put the patient at risk.

Ensure that this product is used the correct way up.

Facial contact with the cover may cause suffocation.

Do not allow sharp objects to penetrate the cover material.

Do not expose this product to open flames / no smoking.

## **SYMBOLS USED**



Wash at  
80°C (cover only  
- remove foam)



Tumble dry  
on LOW



Do NOT  
dry clean



Do NOT bleach



No NOT iron



CE mark



DO NOT USE  
phenols



NO  
SMOKING

# OVERVIEW

The Harvest Ultra-Thin Cushion has been specifically developed for use with reclining chairs. It is designed to provide enhanced pressure distribution to existing chair cushions, without compromising the patients posture. The cushion can be easily expanded to include leg, lumbar and arm section.



# GENERAL USE

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Ensure the Risk Level is suitable for the intended user. To help prevent pressure damage it is important for patients to reposition themselves, or are repositioned regularly.

Cushions are delivered in plastic covers for protection; these covers must be removed before use. Avoid using any additional covers/padding between the patient and the support surface, as this may affect its pressure reducing qualities.

## CUSHION INSPECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Cushions should be checked regularly to ensure they remain 'fit for purpose', clinically effective and pose no risk of infection to either the patient or the carer.

Harvest Healthcare Ltd recommend that a thorough inspection of both the interior (foamcore) and exterior (cover) of the cushion is carried out weekly, or each time a new patient is placed on the cushion. Visual checks should be carried out daily to identify any significant signs of damage or infection risk.

If any signs of contamination are identified on the cover, the cushion should be withdrawn from use immediately and the cover replaced. If the foam and/or the cover are showing signs of contamination or excessive wear the cushion should be removed from use immediately and the entire cushion replaced.

## CUSHION CLEANING AND CARE

Cushions are fully encased in a protective waterproof, multi-stretch PU cover to prevent fluid ingress from damaging the foam core. The cushion cover should be cleaned regularly in accordance with your organisation's disinfection protocol.

**For full cleaning procedures for our cushions see page 6.**

## MOVING, HANDLING AND STORAGE

Where possible, cushions should be stacked flat. **Do not drag or pull cushions by the cover.**

# GENERAL USE

## WARRANTY

### FOAM INNER

All Harvest Healthcare Ltd Static Foam Cushions are covered by warranty for 1 year. Damage through incorrect use will invalidate this warranty.

### CUSHION COVER

All Harvest Healthcare Ltd cushion covers are covered by warranty for a period of 12 months. Damage through incorrect use and penetration by sharp instruments will invalidate this warranty.

### GUARANTEE

Harvest Healthcare Ltd guarantees to repair or replace all goods issued to its customers which are found to be defective whilst still under their applicable warranty period. All warranties are subject to our standard terms and conditions of sale which can be found on our website or by request to Harvest Healthcare Ltd.

## INSTALLATION

- 1 Place the seat cushion on top of the existing chair where the patient will be seated with the clear side facing upwards. Place the straps behind the chair and secure using the clips - tighten straps as required.
- 2 If the Seat and Lumbar section is being installed, affix the velcro to the underside of the seat. Affix the straps for the Seat cushion as above, and additionally hang the Lumbar straps down the back of the chair. These should be clipped to the lower seat straps and tightened as required - please see below.



For the Leg section, affix the velcro to the underside of the Seat cushion.

# CLEANING & CARE

## WARNING

Eye protection, gloves and protective clothing should be worn when carrying out cleaning and disinfection procedures.

When disinfecting the system, Harvest Healthcare recommends the following guidelines which have been developed to comply with recognised infection control procedures. These procedures are also to be used to prevent cross infection when transferring the system between patients.

## CUSHION COVER

During general use the cushion can be cleaned by wiping with a mild detergent solution.

Where necessary the cushion cover can be removed for laundering or sterilisation. Where there is staining or body fluids on the cushion, wash thoroughly with soap and water, before wiping with a sodium hypochlorite solution diluted to 1000ppm before laundering.

Cushion covers may be laundered as follows:

- 1** Pre wash Cold 10 minutes
- 2** Main Wash 80°C 10 minutes
- 3** Followed by cold rinses and extraction.



Do not use abrasive cleaners, phenol disinfectants, solvents or alcohol-based cleansers, e.g. Dettol, Phenicol, Hibiscrub, Clearsol, Stericol, Hycoline, as these will damage the cover materials.



Do not iron.



Ensure the cushion is thoroughly dried before use or placing in



**PHENOL-BASED SOLUTIONS SHOULD NOT BE USED AS THESE WILL DAMAGE THE CUSHION COVER.**

# ALSO AVAILABLE

## HH43 - ACTIVE SYSTEM

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This one-piece alternating Cushion has been developed to provide maximum patient comfort whilst achieving optimum pressure relief whilst seated.

Especially beneficial to patients who can no longer sleep in a hospital type bed. The Active Seat System provides relief/pressure reduction during periods out of bed during the day. This inexpensive system provides relief and comfort for those at risk of developing a pressure ulcer as well as assisting in the healing of existing problem areas.

The Harvest cushion system HH20 is available without the lumbar support providing comfort and pressure relief/reduction to the sacrum area only.

There is also a full leg system available which incorporates full calf support.





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