

# mackworth



## User Manual

# EASY FIT HAMMOCK SLING BEECH RANGE

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

### Symbols in use



Read all warnings in the Instructions for use



Manufacturers details



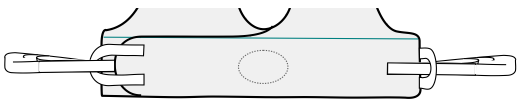
Prior to use: -

### **Ensure you are aware of the hoist manufacturer's fitting instructions**

- Inspect the sling for wear and damage, with particular attention being paid to the body of the sling, webbings and stitch lines.
- If a head support is fitted ensure the 2 head support stays are correctly in place.
- If following inspection, there is any doubt, (points 1-3) the sling should be placed aside and not used.

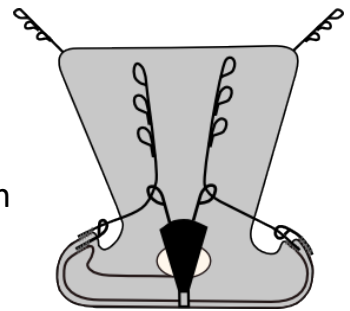
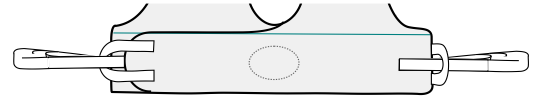
### **User instruction**

#### How to fit from a seated position

1. Place the sling behind the patient ensuring that all handles and labels are on the outside and visible. Feed the sling down behind the patients back. This should be placed so that the top of the sling aperture is touching the seat, and positioned centrally to the patients back. The top of the slings body should now lie square across the patient's shoulders, PLEASE NOTE: if head support is fitted this is the seam that joins the head to the slings body), If you find this is either higher or lower than the shoulder line, the back of the sling may not have been positioned deep enough, or the sling size may need to be considered.
  2. Raise each leg individually and gradually feed the leg straps under each leg, ensuring no fabric twists are evident. Taking the webbings from the outside edges of the sling pass them through the small loop on the end of each leg as shown on the diagram to the right, the front edge of the sling should be 2"- 3" clear of the knee joint. By carrying out these arrangements you are ensuring comfort and safety for the patient during the lifting/hoisting process.
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3. With the sling now in place, attach the desired loops to the hooks on the spreader bar. To replicate the sitting position that the patient is in whilst seated.
  4. Raise the carry bar just enough to tension the straps and ensure that they are still securely attached. The person can now be lifted as required. To remove the sling, carry out the fitting procedure in reverse. Important – always peel the sling away from the person – this avoids skin friction.

## How to fit from a lying position

1. Prior to fitting on the patient pass each leg webbing through the leg end loop
2. Using good manual handling techniques roll the person towards you so that they are positioned on their side. To introduce the sling, ensure that the handles are on the outside of the sling and roll half of the sling up under itself so that when the person is rolled onto their opposite side, the sling can be unrolled until it is flat. Tuck the rolled up side against the back of the patient's body ensure that the bottom of the sling is 2" - 3" above the knee joint and the aperture is central to the body, then carefully roll the patient on to the sling far enough so that the sling can be fully unrolled and the patient laid flat and central on the sling
3. Pass each leg webbing through one of the loops which are located in the central leg funnel and then both shoulder and leg webbings should be attached to the hoists carry bar. Ensuring that the same loop is used on each side of the sling.
4. The four straps should now be attached to the carry bar hooks. Raise the carry bar just enough to tension the straps and ensure that they are still securely attached. The person can now be lifted as required. To remove the sling, carry out the fitting procedure in reverse. Important – always peel the sling away from the person – this avoids skin friction.



## Washing Instructions:

- The sling can be machine or hand washed in a mild soap solution
- Temperatures up to 95°C with a final rinse.
- If tumble drying is necessary – use a low heat setting.
- **DO NOT** use any corrosive cleaning agents on the sling to clean



PLEASE NOTE: To avoid damage in laundering, please ensure any Velcro products are closed prior to washing.

The safe working load and serial numbers are embroidered onto the slings centre tab – **DO NOT** use this tab as a handle or for any lifting assistance.

## Operating environment:

The slings are textile based and contain no electrical / electronic installed systems. The slings are used, and can only be used, within the same working environment as the mobile and ceiling hoists to which they are an accessory for use with.



For the safety of the patient and the carer, before using the 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 before each use, bleached, torn, cut, frayed or broken slings are unsafe and could result in serious injury or death to the patient.

**DESTROY AND DISCARD WORN SLINGS / DO NOT ALTER SLINGS  
NEVER LEAVE A PATIENT UNATTENDED**

**PLEASE ENSURE THE SLING, IF LEFT CONNECTED TO THE HOIST SYSTEM IN USE, IS SECURED TO THE SYSTEM WHEREBY ANY MINOR CANNOT INADVERTENTLY INJURE THEMSELVES.**

**PLEASE STORE THE SLING IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER TO ENSURE IT HAS NO MEANS OF BEING DAMAGED WHILST NOT IN USE OR HAS THE ABILITY TO BECOME A MEANS OF AN INTRODUCTION OF RISK FOR UNINTENDED USERS SUCH AS MINORS PLAYING ON THE SLING AND THE SYSTEM IT IS ATTACHED TO.**

#### Contra-indications

There are no contra indications associated with the use of the ranges of Slings manufactured. The sling is transient in its use and only in contact with uncovered skin for a very short period (5 to 10 minutes' maximum), the sling is not an active device and is non-invasive.

#### Cautions

There are no user medical cautions but as will all devices, the IFU should be read at all times and the limitations of the device understood regarding the usability of the slings.

#### Intended use

This is derived through the information on the previous pages.

#### Standards Applied

The following standards are applied to the product:

- BS EN ISO 10535 – Hoists for the transfer of disabled persons – Requirements and Test Methods
- LOLER - Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations” (LOLER 5 Dec 1998),



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