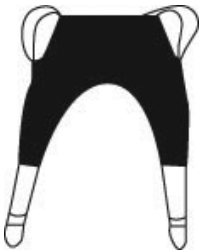


User Instruction Manual

Hoyer® Universal Sling

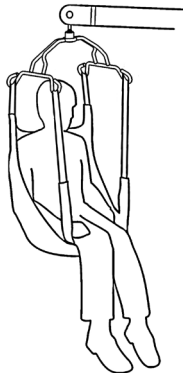
To avoid injury, read user manual prior to use.



Without Head
Support



With Head
Support



Introduction

The Universal sling is an easy fit general purpose sling designed to suit approx 85% of patients. It is available with or without head support for additional comfort. It comes in four sizes, small, medium, large and extra large.

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 authorized Hoyer service provider or Joerns Healthcare directly.

FOR USE WITH PASSIVE LIFTS ONLY.

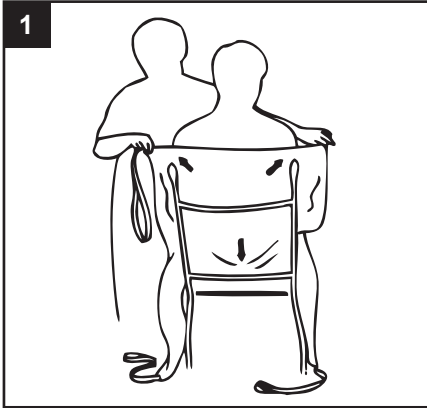
Expected Service Life

The expected service life of a Hoyer 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.

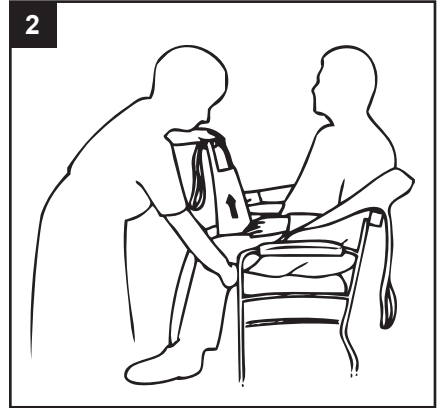
⚠ WARNING

- **HOYER RECOMMENDS THE USE OF GENUINE HOYER SLINGS. Hoyer slings and lifters are not designed to be interchangeable with other manufacturer's products. Using other manufacturer's products on Hoyer products is potentially unsafe and could result in serious injury to patient and/or caregiver.**
- **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.**

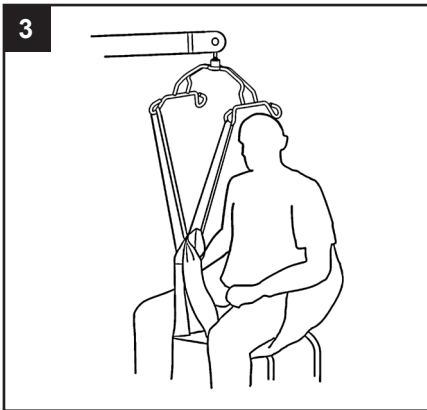
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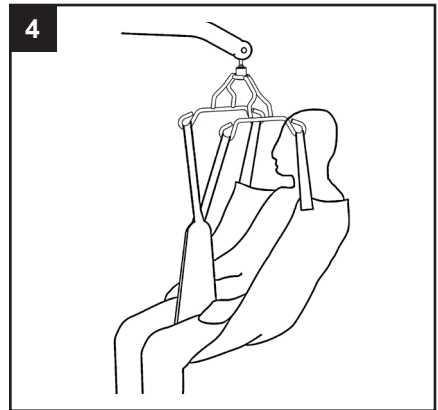
Ensure the hand grips and seams are on the outside and feed the sling down the back of the patient, leaving the top of the commode aperture at the base of the spine. Check the sling is square at the shoulders.



Raise the patient's leg and feed the leg strap under and up between the legs. Ensure that the sling is not twisted or creased under the thigh. Repeat this procedure for the other leg.



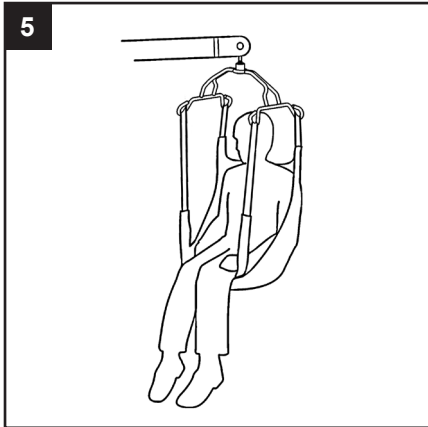
Cross over leg straps and attach to the lift on the front hooks at longest loop. Attach the shoulder straps at the appropriate loop.



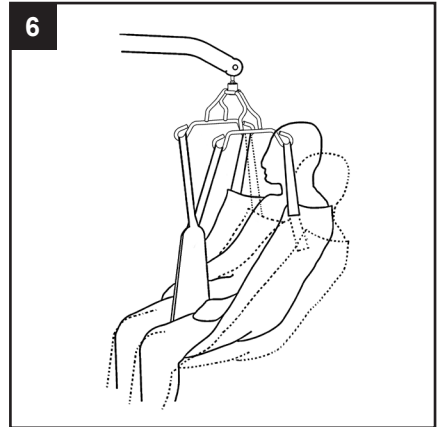
Check the sling is smooth under the patient and the position is comfortable. Attach the short loops at the shoulder to maintain an upright sitting position. The lift may move towards the patient as you lift. When reseating the patient, the hand grips may be used to ensure good posture.

**GOLDEN RULE: LONG IN THE LEG,
SHORT IN THE SHOULDER**

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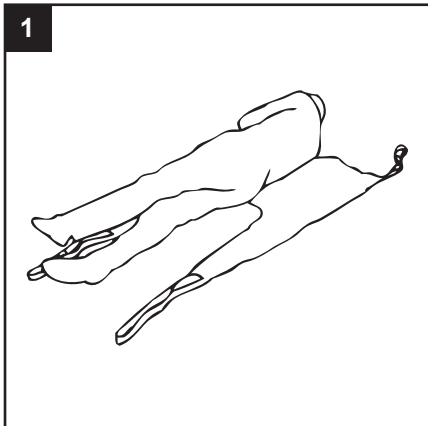


For closed leg positions, straps may be crossed under both legs and attached as shown. This can provide additional comfort and can be used for some amputees.

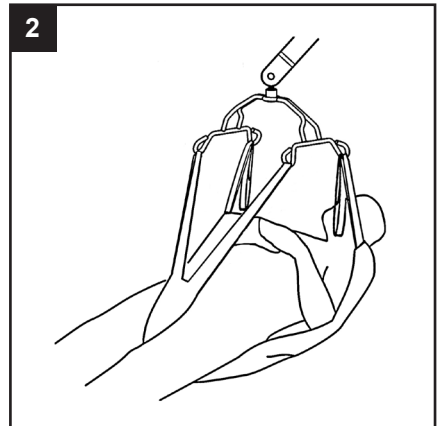


The longer you attach the shoulder straps, the more reclined the patient will be.

How to Use the Universal Sling from a Lying Position



Draw sheet roll the patient onto the sling, ensuring that the top of the commode aperture is at the base of the spine.



Cross leg straps between legs and proceed to attach sling as from the seated position using the shortest shoulder strap possible. The longer you attach the shoulder straps, the more reclined the patient will be.

ENSURE THAT YOUR PATIENT'S HEAD IS SUPPORTED AT ALL TIMES

Technical Specifications

STANDARD	BS EN ISO 10535
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Sizing & Safe Working Load

SIZE	Padded with HS (Poly)	Padded without HS (Poly)	Mesh with HS	Mesh without HS
SMALL	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg
MEDIUM	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg
LARGE	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg
X LARGE	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg	600lbs / 272kg

Washing Instructions



DO NOT EXCEED 185°F water temperature. Machine wash in warm water.



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, authorized Hoyer distributor or Joerns Healthcare prior to purchase or use.

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