

Care & Maintenance Instructions

Please read instructions carefully before fitting and follow them for correct use.

If there is any query or problem with the suitability of the product, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Retain these instructions for future reference.

It is most important that the operating & maintenance instructions are kept with each harness. Especially if being transferred to new users.

Additional copies of these instructions are available on request. They can also be found on our website.

IMPORTANT:

Our range of harnesses are not classed as safety harnesses.

The vehicle safety belt **MUST** be worn over the top of our harness unless they are exempt for medical reasons.

The combination of the existing safety belt & the secondary harness offers added security for the passenger.

General maintenance of our belts & harnesses

Before each use check that the belt or harness is in a satisfactory condition and is appropriate for the user.

Ensure that all belts and harnesses are fitted, adjusted and used correctly.

It is also very important that they are maintained & cleaned in accordance with the instructions below:

- We strongly advise that a carer, O.T. or G.P. etc. Who is familiar with the patients requirements is consulted prior to the selection of a harness. The clients condition together with the type of seating/equipment is most important in choosing the most suitable belt/harness. An inappropriate selection may prove uncomfortable or harmful for the occupant.
- Please refer to the appropriate fitting instructions for each model of belt or harness. These are enclosed with every harness. Additional copies are available upon request.
- Regularly inspect the belt or harness for damage, wear or malfunction. If any problems are identified replace it immediately.
- Belts and harnesses should be replaced if they show any sign of fraying or cuts.
- Regular checks are also necessary to assess the harness is still meeting the needs of the user as over time these needs may change.
- If the equipment was used during an accident, it should be replaced immediately.
- Avoid contact with corrosive liquids and keep the webbing away from sharp edges.
- If storing a harness with a PVC/Leatherette chest or back pad, do not fold. This may create creases which could cause discomfort to the passenger.
- Do not attempt to modify the equipment,. Any modifications to our belts or harnesses will void the warranty.
- If there is any query or problem with the suitability of the product, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Washing Instructions

- All webbing and components can be cleaned by hand as necessary.
- HAND WASH ONLY . Do not machine wash or tumble dry.
- Please use warm soapy water (up to 70/80°) and a clean soft cloth.
- Mild detergent, anti bacterial wash, disinfectant or a mild spray disinfectant can be used - but do not use products containing bleach.
- Rinse with clear water, and allow to air dry.
- **IMPORTANT:** when cleaning or disinfecting do not immerse buckles in disinfectant or water.

Transport of Special Needs Passengers

Disabled children and adult passengers travelling in vehicles should always wear a safety belt or special restraint during transport.

Our range of vehicle harnesses are not designed to replace the seat belt but work in conjunction with it to offer both safety plus support and in some cases a certain degree of restraint.

- The existing seat belt fitted in the vehicle may not offer sufficient support to the more severely disabled and it may be necessary to provide an extra restraint to hold the passenger in an upright sitting position, in combination with the seat belt.
- Front seat, disabled passengers in vehicles, frequently fall sideways out of the diagonal section of the seat belt, especially going around corners or sudden braking. two vertical static shoulder straps would offer additional support.
- The law requires all children travelling in cars to use the **correct child car seat** until they are either 135 cm in height or the age of 12 (which ever they reach first). After this they must use an adult seat belt.
if the passenger is under 12 years or 135cm, please refer to our 'Child Seats & Suggested Products' literature to ensure the child is using the correct child seat & to see which of our products can be used.

- Special Needs passengers should never be left unattended whilst using any item in our range. Belts, harnesses or products should only be used whilst under the constant supervision of a parent, carer or guardian.

**IMPORTANT: Our range of harnesses are not classed as safety harnesses.
The vehicle safety belt MUST be worn over the top of our harness
unless they are exempt for medical reasons.**

**The combination of the existing safety belt & the secondary harness offers
added security for the passenger.**