Locomotor Sling – (washable)
Instructions for use

Polyester		Mesh	
REF - MPC		REF - MPC	
LOCO-016XS	**Extra Small**	**LOCO-021XS**	**Extra Small**
LOCO-016	**Small**	**LOCO-021**	**Small**
LOCO-017	**Medium**	**LOCO-022**	**Medium**
LOCO-018	**Large**	**LOCO-023**	**Large**
LOCO-019	**Extra Large**	**LOCO-023XL**	**Extra Large**

Illustration: LOCO-017 Medium
(Please refer to sizing guide on page 4)



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Description
The Locomotor Sling is a general purpose washable hoist sling designed to be used with loop fix hoisting systems. It is available in polyester or polyester mesh.

Instructions for use
⚠ Ensure the sling positioning handles and labels are on the outside of the sling.

From a seated position
Safely lean the patient forward and feed the sling in between the back of the chair and the patient so that the base of the body of the sling is positioned at the base of the patient's spine.
Ensure that the sling is centrally positioned.
Take the leg straps round and under each thigh bringing them up and together between the patient's legs. Ensure that there is no creasing or rucking of the sling.
Cross the leg straps by feeding the whole of one set of leg strap loops through the shortest leg strap loop of its opposite.
Attach the leg straps and shoulder straps (and head straps if applicable) to the hoist spreader bar.
⚠ A more upright position for the patient is achieved by connecting the long leg strap loops and the short shoulder loops. The position may be varied by using the different adjustments on the sets of loops. Unless the assessment has specifically identified to the contrary always ensure even and uniform adjustments keeping a symmetry between the left and right sides of the sling.
⚠ Unless the assessment has specifically identified to the contrary, when raising the patient in the hoist ensure that the breaks are off; this reduces any swinging that may occur and allows the hoist to find its own centre of gravity for a safe lift. Also, ensure that the sling is not creased or rucked underneath the patient and that the sling is free from all obstacles.

From a lying position
Roll the patient onto the sling ensuring that the base of the body of the sling is positioned at the base of the patient's spine and that the sling centrally positioned.
Cross the leg straps in the same way as for hoisting a patient from a seated position.

⚠ **For further information and training on moving and handling techniques please contact your Moving and Handling Advisor or similar.**

Care & Use

⚠ **Check sling integrity before each use paying particular attention to stitching – do not use if damaged or soiled. (*See inspection diagram below)***

Laundering

- Washing temperature up to 71°C
- Do not bleach
- Do not dry clean
- May be tumble dried on cool setting
- May be drip dried

Storage

- Store away from sunlight and sources of heat
- Store in dry conditions

Specifications

Safe working load (SWL): 203 kg (32 stones)

Materials: Sling body -100% knitted polyester. Loops and handles – 100% polyester webbing.

Latex free

⚠ **Inspection Diagram**

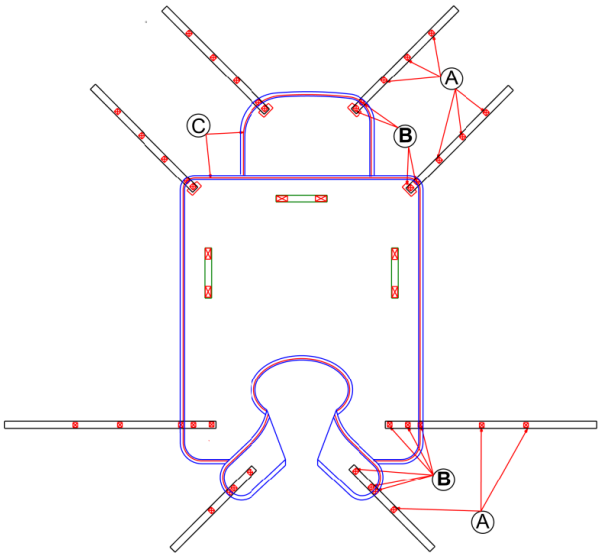
This sling must be inspected before each use for wear and tear paying particular attention to the following:

Check all stitching on straps, strap attachment and the main body of the sling (including box and zigzag stitching) – DO NOT USE if there are any signs of the thread coming loose, missing or frayed. The arrows shown indicate the stitching places to check, these points must be checked on all attachment positions. "A" points are box stitching, "B" points are zig zag stitching and "C" points are general stitching.

Check condition of straps for wear and tear – DO NOT USE if any webbing is frayed, discoloured, distorted or not securely attached.

Check condition of fabric for wear and tear - DO NOT USE if the fabric is showing any signs of wear, cuts, tears or fraying.

If wear and tear as described above is found, the sling must be inspected by a competent person before any further use may be considered.



Warranty

2-years from the date of purchase, covering defects in materials and workmanship under normal intended use.

Service Life & Inspection Requirements

The service life of Washable Patient Hoist Slings is dependent upon:

- Frequency of use
- User weight and load conditions
- Environmental exposure
- Handling and storage conditions

In accordance with LOLER requirements and safe practice guidance:

- Slings must be subject to regular pre-use inspection.

- A thorough examination must be carried out in line with local policy and statutory requirements.
- The sling must be removed from service immediately if it is:
    - Soiled in a manner that cannot be appropriately decontaminated
    - Damaged in any way
    - Showing signs of wear, fraying, stitching failure, fabric degradation, label illegibility, and any distortion to loop or clip (where applicable).

Maximum Permitted Duration of Use

- Irrespective of apparent condition, washable patient hoist slings must be:
    - **Permanently withdrawn from service and discarded after a maximum of five (5) years from first use.**
    - This defined maximum use period forms part of the manufacturer's risk control measures and supersedes visual condition assessment.

End-of-Life Disposal

- Disposal must be carried out in accordance with local infection prevention and clinical waste management procedures.

♻ Recyclable where facilities exist.

Applied regulations and standards

MD Class 1 Medical Device UK MDR 2002 EU MDR 2017/745 BS EN 12182: 2012 Tech Aids for disabled persons BS EN ISO 21856:2022 Assistive products - General requirements and test methods BS EN ISO 10535:2021 Hoists for the transfer of disabled persons. Requirements and test methods.	CE UKCA

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Glossary of symbols and terms used in product and packaging labels that are not expressed above.

Symbol	Meaning	Associated Terms
	Consult instructions	
DI	Device Identifier – (GS1 UK GTIN 13 used)	AI (01) – Application identifier 01
SN	Serial Number	AI (21) – Application identifier 21
LOT	Lot / Batch Number	AI (10) – Application Identifier 10
	Date of manufacture	AI (11) – Application Identifier 11
UDI	Unique Device Identifier - collective term for DI, SN, LOT & date of manufacture (all contained within machine readable GS1 DataMatrix)	GS1 DataMatrix = 2D Matrix symbols that can carry all GS1 keys and attributes

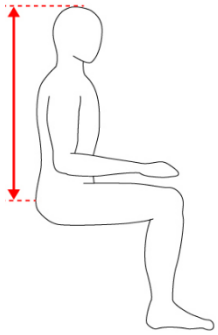
Sizing Guide for Select Health Care (UK) Ltd Hoist Slings

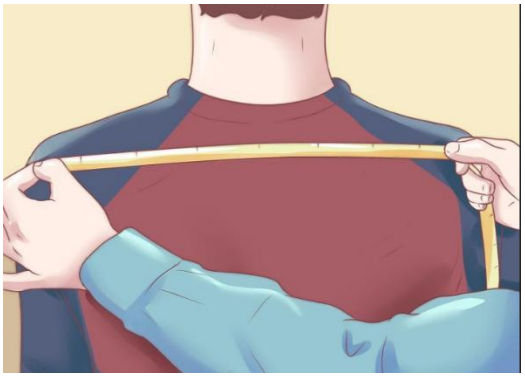
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⚠ The following information is intended as guide only and is an approximation.
Other factors such as physical disabilities, weight distribution and the patient's shape should also be part of the assessment.

Sizing Guide - Use a soft tape measure to record these two measurements:

1. Top of head to sacrum.
2. Distance across the shoulders.





Apply the two recorded measurements to the sizes and measurements shown in the table below.

	Sling Size				
	Extra Small	**Small**	**Medium**	**Large**	**Extra Large**
Colour code					
Weight Range	16-45 kg	34-68 kg	57-91 kg	80 – 136 kg	125-200kg
Measurement:					
Top of head to sacrum	68 – 87cm	74 – 92cm	80 – 104cm	91 - 110cm	96 – 116cm
Shoulder width	31 – 39cm	34 – 43cm	40 – 51cm	47 – 60 cm	55 – 65cm

⚠ Weights shown here are for sizing purposes only and are not the safe working load (SWL) of the sling.
The SWL of a given sling is shown in Specifications section of the IFU and also printed on each sling.

⚠ As part of the assessment we recommend that once a sling size and type has been selected, to then try it with the patient using at least one extra member of staff to monitor and assist. Raise the patient no more than a few centimetres to ascertain safety, comfort and suitability before proceeding.

⚠ For amputees; with regard to the weight range of a given sling, the weight of the patient would need to be extrapolated according to the nature of the amputation.