Glove Sling™ Strap Extensions

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

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PRODUCT CODES & DESCRIPTIONS
All GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions product codes prefixed with:
- GSTRAPEX – GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE
Please read these instructions before use.

DEVICE DESCRIPTION
The GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions are reusable, and are intended to lengthen compatible sling straps by 20cm and provide a loop insert at 10cm.
For further information, support and product training requests visit: www.gbukgroup.com

PATIENT INFORMATION
The following information is provided for use by trained healthcare professionals, and carers, and those with the appropriate training or knowledge, however as the learned intermediary between the company and the patient, the trained healthcare professionals and carers, and those with the appropriate training or knowledge must convey the aspects they consider relevant to the individual patient. The patient must be informed of the potential adverse effects & residual risks contained within this document.

PATIENT TARGET GROUP(S)
The GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions are intended for patients requiring transfer from the floor, an adjustment to sling recline angle, or patients whose sling requires longer straps.

INTENDED USE
Intended for use with a compatible sling and hoist, to increase the strap length by 20cm and provide a loop insert at 10cm.

INTENDED USER(S)
The GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions are intended to be used by trained healthcare professionals and carers, and those with the appropriate training or knowledge.

INDICATION
Indicated for use where additional sling strap length is required.

SAFE WORKING LOAD (SWL)
N/A

COMPATIBILITY
For use with all slings without Extensor Straps.
Please visit www.gbukgroup.com for a list of compatible hoists.

CONTRAINDICATIONS
- Do not use on patients fitted with a sling which has extensor straps.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS
- A risk assessment must be carried out by a suitably qualified individual before selection and use, to ensure safety for the patient and handler. See 'RISK ASSESSMENT' section.
- Always carry out a visual check of the sling accessory prior to every use for any damage, rips, tears, wearing, loose stitching, material degradation, or any other general signs of wear and tear. Dispose of in accordance with the disposal instructions, if any of these are present, and select a new pair of GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions.
- Do not use with incompatible slings.
- Do not use with incompatible hoists.
- Follow local manual handling policy from your organization, National Back Exchange or HSE guidelines.
- All users must be a trained or have the appropriate training or knowledge before using the GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions.
- Inspect the GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions, packaging and labelling prior to use and do not use if damaged.
- Do not bleach, iron or dry clean the GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions. Do not use stain removers.
- Do not exceed maximum washing and drying temperatures.
- Do not wash below minimum washing temperature.
- Do not place the GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions on hot pipes or heaters. Keep away from flames.
- Always use in pairs to avoid adversely affecting the balance of the sling.
- Repeated washing may lead to deterioration and/or discolouration to some materials.
- Where present, ensure any hooks and loops are closed prior to laundering.

EXPECTED LIFETIME
The expected performance and safety lifetime is at least 5 years; however the longevity of the GLOVE SLING™ Strap Extensions may differ dependent on usage frequency and customer care. If any damage, rips, tears, wearing, loose stitching, material degradation, or any other general signs of wear and tear appear, the Glove Strap Extensions should be replaced.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS
- Lengthening of sling straps by 20cm
- Loop insert at 10cm

DIRECTIONS FOR USE
Refer to 'Warnings & Precautions' and 'Risk Assessment' Sections prior to use.
1. Pass the Extension Strap through the loop of the sling suspension strap.
2. Feed the Extension Strap back through on itself as shown in Figure 1.
3. A loop insert provides further adjustment if required.
4. Once the Extension Straps are fitted to the sling suspension straps, attach the sling to the hoist as directed by the relevant sling Instructions for Use.

POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS & RESIDUAL RISKS
As with any procedure involving manual handling and use of manual handling aids, the typical risks associated apply. Failure during use may expose the patient and user to risks such as potential subsequent associated injury, and/or user exposure to sudden mechanical stress and potential associated pain and/or musculoskeletal injuries.

RISK ASSESSMENT
A risk assessment and visual inspection must be performed by competent person(s) before use. This should consider the following factors:
- The physical and medical status of the patient, including skin integrity,
- The status of the sling and/or accessory, including the presence of any damage, rips, tears, soil, loose stitching, or any other general signs of wear and tear,
- The compatibility of the hoist and sling,
- The capability of the users and,
- The situation in which it is being used

WARRANTY
The GLOVE SLING™ Extension Straps are covered by a lifetime warranty. Any manufacturing defect will be rectified free of charge. Product damage through wear and tear, neglect or accidental damage is not covered.

CLEANING
Routinely clean the GLOVE SLING™ Extension Straps, in accordance with these instructions.
- Where present, close hook & loop fastenings before washing to prevent damage to the fabric and webbing
- Wash gently at a minimum of 40°C and a maximum of 95°C. Use a mild soap solution or a non-biological detergent without bleaching additives.
- Do not add bleach or stain removers.
- Air dry, cabinet dry or tumble dry on a cool cycle (below 60°C). Do not tumble dry on a hot setting.

STORAGE CONDITIONS
Standard storage conditions. Keep off the floor. Keep out of direct sunlight. Keep dry.

DISPOSAL
No specific disposal requirements, handle contaminated items as clinical waste. Dispose of in line with local and/or hospital policy.

COMPLAINTS
Any user who has a complaint or experiences dissatisfaction in the product quality, identity, durability, reliability, safety, usability, effectiveness, and/or performance, should notify the manufacturer and distributor immediately.

In the event of a serious incident involving the device, the user should report the event to the manufacturer (GBUK Group Ltd) and the competent authority of the member state in which the user and/or patient is established, immediately, by telephone, email (complaints@gbukgroup.com) or written correspondence.

When filing a complaint, provide the component(s) REF and SN number(s), your name and contact details, and the nature of the complaint.

In the event of a suspected device fault the user should report the event to GBUK Group Ltd with the above information and return the device to GBUK Group Ltd for examination.

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