

# SupportBelt

Instruction for Use

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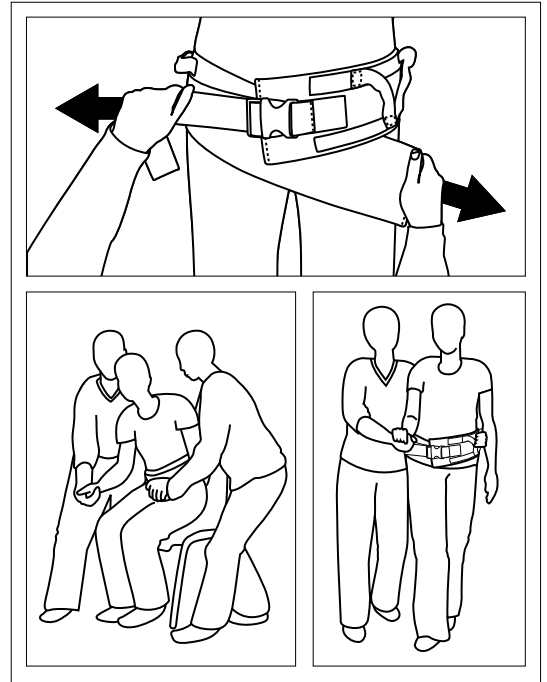


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# General

Thank you for choosing an Etac product.

To avoid accidents and injury when moving and handling the products, read the manual carefully.

The person described as "the user" in this user manual is the person who is lying or sitting on the product. The assistant or assistants are the people who manoeuvre the product.



**This symbol appears alongside the text in the manual. It draws the reader's attention to points at which there may be a risk to the health and safety of the client or carer.**

The products comply with the standards applicable for Class 1 products in the European Council Directive MDD 93/42/EEC on medical devices.

### Lot no/Batch no:

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At Etac we strive to improve our products all the time and therefore we reserve the right to make changes to products without prior warning. All measurements given on illustrations and similar material are for guidance only and Etac cannot be held liable for errors and defects.

The information given in this manual, including recommendations, combinations and sizing, does not apply to special orders and modifications. If the customer makes adjustments, repairs or combinations not predetermined by Etac, the Etac CE certification and Etac warranty will be voided. If in doubt, please contact Etac.

Warranty: Two-year warranty on material and manufacturing defects, provided that the product is used correctly.

The product can be scrapped in accordance with national regulations.

# Symbols



Washing



Iron



Never leave on the floor



User mass limit = maximum rated load



Handwash



Do not dryclean



Warning



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Wipe off



Do not bleach



Read the User Manual



Manufacturer



Tumbledry



Risk of sliding down



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Class 1 - European Council Directive MDD 93/42/EEC on medical devices



Keep out of the sun

# Intended use

The Support Belt can be used in any situation where the carer needs a firm grip in order to assist/support the client. Such situations may include helping a client to move from sitting to standing, and vice versa, and manual handling standing and seated to/from bed, wheelchair, vehicle, commode, toilet, etc.

Finally, the Support Belt can be used to support the client during walking training.

The Support Belt has a broad contact surface and ergonomical handles, which provide a secure grip from all angles.

Easy to use from all sides. Easy to buckle and tighten.

## Intended environment

Acute care, Long-term care, Home care

## Practical handling

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### Positioning

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Fit the Support Belt around the client's waist or hips. Click the buckle closed. To tighten the Support Belt: Grasp the end of the strap closest to the male part of the buckle and the functional handles on the Support Belt itself – pull down on the strap while holding back on the Support Belt.

The Support Belt tightens up around the client. The carer should make sure that the Support Belt is secure but that it does not irritate the client. The Support Belt should be retightened once the client has completed the move from seated to standing position.

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### Use

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The carer now has a firm grip on the client and can assist/support the client's movements (Illustration 1).

# Notice

## Special features

Always check the product before use and after washing.

Never use a defective product. If the product shows signs of wear-and-tear, it must be scrapped.

Read these instructions carefully.  
It is important that assistants receive instruction in manual handling. Etac offers advice and training for assistants. For further information, contact Etac.

Always use the correct manual handling techniques.

Encourage the client to assist where possible.

To ensure that the client feels safe and that every manual handling is smooth, always plan the manual handling in advance.



Always make a risk assessment, and secure that the assistive product can be used at the individual user and in combination with other devices that it is safe for the user and caregivers.



The carer must not wear the Support Belt – if the client loses balance, the carer risks falling with the client and sustaining a work-related injury.



Before using the Support Belt for manual handling to the standing position or for walking training, the carer should make sure that the client is capable of standing.



Do not use the product as a sling.



There is a risk that the user may slide off. Never leave the user alone on the edge of the bed.



Never leave the product on the floor.

If in any doubt - please contact Etac.

# Materials

Outer material: Polyurethane-coated nylon, water-resistant.

The inner surface is non-slip.

Fill: Polyethylene padding.

Handles: Polyester tapes with polypropylene padding.

Buckle: Safety nylon.

# Cleaning

The product should be checked regularly, preferably each time it is used, and especially after wash.

Check that there is no damage to seams or fabric.



**Never try to repair a product yourself.**  
**Never use a defective product.**

## Washing instructions:

Can also be disinfected using LT-CIN (Isopropyl Alcohol 72%). Do not use fabric softener.



# Articles

<b>Article no.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Min - max in mm</b>	<b>Color code</b>	<b>Size (mm)</b>
IM8009009	SupportBelt, 4 handles, XX-small	450-900	XXS - pink	W90 x L900
IM8010509	SupportBelt, 4 handles, X-small	600-1100	XS - Light blue	W90 x L1050
IM8010513	SupportBelt, 5 handles, small	600-1100	S - Red	W130 x L1050
IM8013013	SupportBelt, 6 handles, medium	850-1300	M - Yellow	W130 x L1300
IM8015013	SupportBelt, 8 handles, large	1100-1600	L - Green	W130 x L1500
IM8017015	SupportBelt, 11 handles, X-large	1450-1700	XL - Dark blue	W150 x L1700

# Service Information

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**First inspection:**

- Is the packaging intact?
- Read the label on the packaging and check the article no. and product description
- Check that Short Instruction is enclosed – updated User Manual/Instruction for use can be downloaded from [www.etac.com](http://www.etac.com) or contact your Etac Customer Service or the local distributor.
- Check the label on the product - does it include article no., product description, lot/batch no., cleaning instructions and supplier name?

**Periodic Inspection:**

- Make sure that your Manual transfer system always is in a perfect condition.
- After wash – always check materials, stitching, handles, buckles.
- If the product shows signs of wear and tear, it must be removed from service immediately.
- Lot no/Batch no:

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**Visual inspection/Check the product:**

Ensure that the materials, seams, stitching, handles, buckles are intact/faultless.



**Stability test:**

Try to bend the product verify that it feels firm, stable and solid.



**Mechanical load or stress/Test handles:**

Draw hard in the handles in opposite directions and control the material, seams and stitching.  
Test buckles:  
Lock the buckle and draw in opposite directions, control the buckle and the stitching.



**Test low/high friction:**

Place the product on a firm surface or a bed, place your hands on the material and test the friction by pushing your hands down into the product.  
Low friction – slides effortlessly  
High friction – no sliding/moving

**Check always:**

<p>Manual transfer aids with handles, straps and buckles:</p>	<p>Manual transfer aids for sitting and lying transfer:</p>
<p>Manual transfer aids with high or low friction:</p>	<p>The product can be scrapped in accordance with national regulations</p> <p>Read the User Manual</p>

If in doubt, please contact Etac Customer Service or local distributor for more information and guidance.