

# Sling

Instruction for Use

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# Illustrations

Illustration 1



Illustration 2

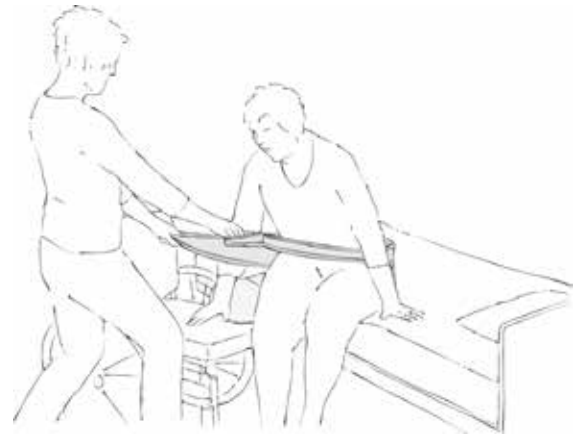
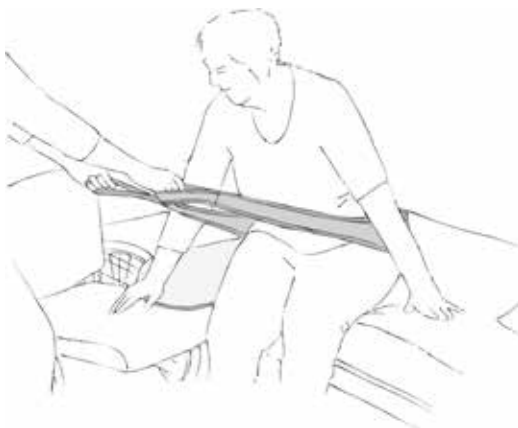


Illustration 3



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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 user or assistant.**

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:**

x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Production year					Running number				

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 Handwash Wipe off Tumbledry Keep out of the sun	Iron Do not dryclean Do not bleach Risk of sliding down	Never leave on the floor Warning Read the User Manual Batch no./Lot no.	User mass limit = maximum rated load The product can be scrapped in accordance with national regulations Manufacturer Class 1 - European Council Directive MDD 93/42/EEC on medical devices
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# Intended use

The Sling is ideal for innumerable kinds of manual handling, e.g. moving the user higher up in the bed, back in a

wheelchair, between two surfaces (seated), moving legs into bed, etc.

# Intended environment

Acute care, Long-term care, Home care

# Practical handling

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## Positioning

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The Sling can best be described as an extra arm or arms for the assistant. The Sling can be positioned where it has greatest effect.

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## Use

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### **Moving the user higher up in the bed**

Position the Sling under the users pelvis so that the non-slip surface is facing the user and the nylon backside is against the underlying surface. The assistants stand at either side of the bed, one foot forward and pull the user slowly higher up using weight transference (Illustration 1).

To reduce friction on the shoulder blades, we recommend using a Multiglide or Multiglide Glove.

### **To glide back in the chair:**

Position the Sling under the users thighs so that the non-slip surface is facing the user and the nylon backside faces the seat.

If the wheelchair is low – the helper stands behind the chair – grasps the Sling's handles with arms outstretched and prompts a "thigh-walk" movement by gently rolling and pulling the user backwards.

If the wheelchair is high – two assistants stand at either side of the wheelchair – the Sling is then crossed behind the users back – this again prompts a "thigh-walk" movement – the assistants take turns to roll and pull the user backwards.

In cases where the user has poor balance when leaning forward, we recommend an extra assistant.

### **Manual handling between two surfaces (seated):**

The Sling can also be used for manual handling in a low seated position. The Sling is positioned under the users pelvis. The assistant grasps the Sling close to the body and the user is raised to the standing position using weight transference.

Alternatively, the assistant can pull the user up from e.g. bed to wheelchair, using a glide board (if necessary) (Illustrations 2 and 3).

### **Legs in/out of bed:**

Position the Sling around the users ankles. The assistant can now lift the users legs up into the bed. Alternatively, the functional handles can be hung onto the lift. When the lift is raised, the legs are lifted with it and can then easily be pushed into position on the bed.

# 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.



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.



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.



Do not use the product as a full body sling.

If in any doubt - please contact Etac.

# Materials

Polyester, nylon, non-slip and PE-foam.

# Cleaning

The product should be checked regularly, preferably each time it is used.

Check that seams and fabric are not damaged.



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

### Washing instructions:

Do not use fabric softener.



# Articles

<b>Article no.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size (mm)</b>
IM428	Sling, 2 x 4 handles	W165 x L1900
IM428K	Sling, 2 x 4 handles	W165 x L1200

# Service Information

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**Warranty:** Two-year warranty on material and manufacturing defects, provided that the product is used correctly. Before taking a product in service always make a risk assesment according to national and/or local legislation.

## 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 – 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.