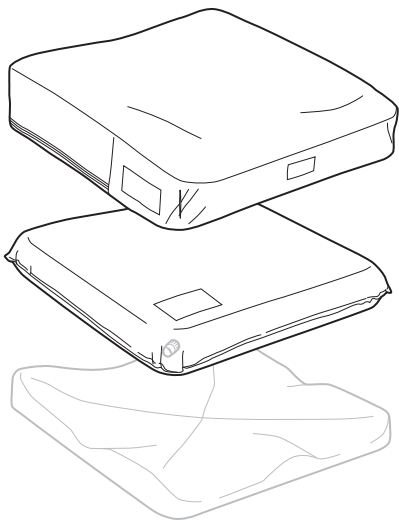




**VARILITE**

## IMPORTANT PRODUCT INFORMATION

# ***Seating System*** Instruction Manual



***Supplier:***

*Please ensure the user of this wheelchair cushion receives and understands this important product information.*

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***Important Note for Suppliers:***

Please provide the User or Caregiver with this manual.

***Important Note for VARILITE Seating System Users and Caregivers:***

Please keep this manual for future reference.

## **WARNING**

When changing seat or back supports, it may be necessary to consult a therapist or seating professional to have minor adjustments made to your wheelchair and secondary supports, as wheelchair systems can vary greatly.

Skin checks should be performed regularly to monitor skin redness, particularly around bony prominences. Contact your health care provider immediately if persistent redness is noted.

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## ***Seat Cushion Maintenance***

*Cushion maintenance is required to ensure optimal performance of your VARILITE adjustable seating system.*

We recommend that you leave the valve open and allow your VARILITE cushion to fully inflate **overnight at least once a week** to maintain optimal cushion performance and foam integrity.

Check your cushion's inflation level daily and when you change altitudes. The cushion will deflate under pressure if punctured or if the valve is left open.

Contact the company that provided you with the cushion, or contact VARILITE customer service immediately if you suspect your cushion has been punctured.

*No maintenance is required for VARILITE non-adjustable seating systems.*

### ***Care and Cleaning***

#### *Care for All VARILITE Seating Systems*

VARILITE cushions and covers should be used in conjunction with one another. The cover is an essential part of the cushion by enhancing pressure distribution and promoting air circulation for healthy tissues. The cover serves to protect the cushion from punctures, burns and being soiled.

Never expose your VARILITE cushion to sharp objects. Never store sharp or heavy objects on top of your seating system.

Never store your seating system in conditions of extreme heat or exposure to direct sunlight for long periods of time.

#### *Cleaning for All VARILITE Seating Systems*

Clean the **cushion** by wiping with a damp cloth.

The cushion **cover** can be removed and machine washed. Refer to the cushion cover's tag for specific instructions. Air dry.

Additional seating **components** such as Wave Bases, Contoured Bases, or Wedges can be cleaned with soap and warm water. Do not saturate. Air dry.

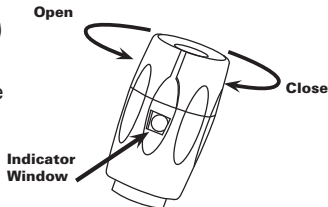
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## Adjusting Air Level

*PSV (Pressure Setting Valve)*

### Inflating the Cushion

1. Open air valve by turning valve counterclockwise.
2. Your cushion needs to be unweighted to inflate. (You should not be sitting on cushion at this time.)
3. When cushion is fully inflated, close air valve by turning valve clockwise.



### Adjusting the Cushion

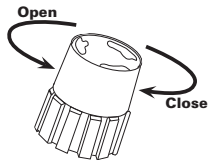
1. Begin with the cushion on the wheelchair, fully inflated with the valve closed.
2. Transfer onto wheelchair. Sit in the proper position.
3. Open the valve by turning it counterclockwise until the pre-determined position number ("1", "2", or "3") appears in the indicator window. **Unless otherwise instructed by your therapist, use position "2"**. Air will escape until the valve automatically shuts off (approximately 10-15 seconds).
4. Once the valve has shut off the release of air, close the valve by turning it clockwise. This will prevent the inadvertent release of additional air due to weight shifting, transferring, manual propelling, and so forth.

### ***Adjusting Air Level***

#### *Standard Air Valve*

##### **Inflating the Cushion**

1. Open air valve by turning valve counter-clockwise.
2. Your cushion needs to be unweighted to inflate. (You should not be sitting on cushion at this time.)
3. When cushion is fully inflated, close air valve by turning valve clockwise.



##### ***Adjusting the Cushion***

1. Begin with the cushion on the wheelchair, fully inflated with the valve closed.
2. Transfer onto wheelchair. Sit in the proper position.
3. Turn the valve counterclockwise to open the valve and release air. You want to sink down about 1 to 2 inches (2.5cm to 5cm).
4. Close the valve when the air level that provides the support you need for comfort and functionality is reached. Generally, this is when there is between 1 and 1/2 in. (2.5 and 1.3cm) of cushion between the user's ischial tuberosity and the seating surface.

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***Thank You for Choosing VARILITE!***

*We know you will be pleased with the quality, performance and design of your VARILITE product. VARILITE systems offer unparalleled pressure relief, stability and positioning support to enhance function and performance.*