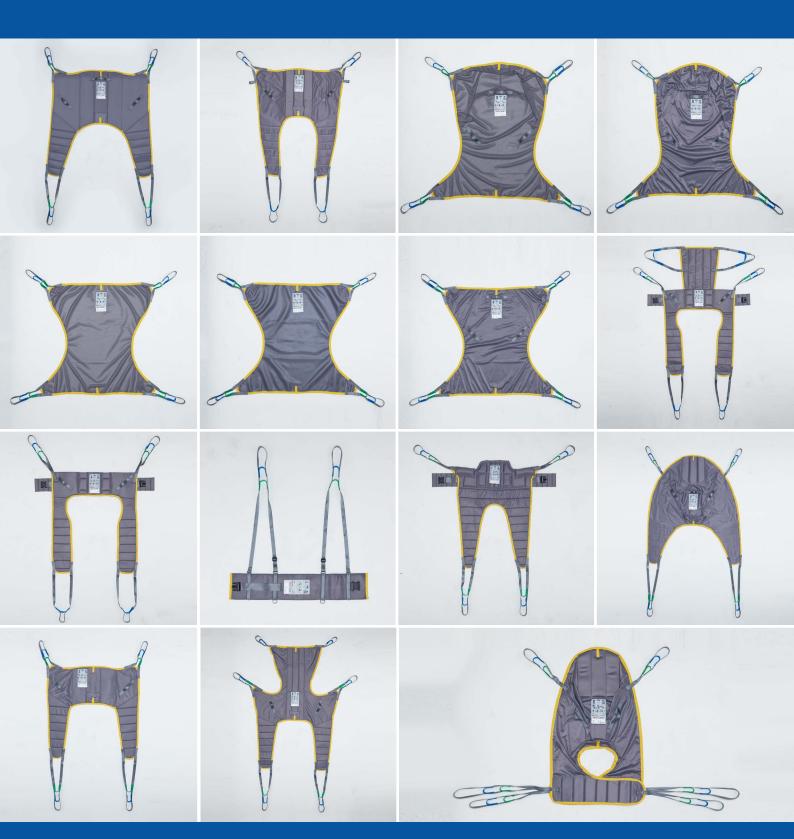
# Selecting the correct Invacare sling model



Knowledge bank



# Selecting the right sling model

Always ensure the sling is specifically designed for the hoist you are using as failing to do so, may cause serious injury. There are different types and sizes of slings available. Selecting the most suitable sling for your client will ensure safety and improve comfort during the transfer. You should consider:

- Client's functional level, size, width and weight
- The type of transfer
- Sling shape matching body control e.g. U-shape or full-body support
- Any preferred position as the result of any medical condition e.g. stroke or amputation
- Material type and any padding
- Any sensitivity to pressure in any area

The main objective of the sling selection is to give the amount of body support that is needed. Invacare Slings are designed to give support in those areas where body control and muscle tone are reduced. The main body parts to assess are the legs, hip, trunk and head. The following chart gives an overview of which sling model is suitable depending on the client's physical ability:

# **Body Control** assessment ▼



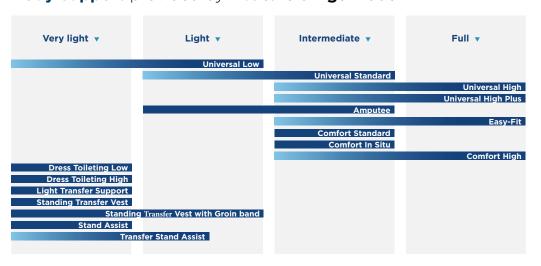








# Body Support provided by *Invacare Slings* model v



# **Intended Use**

**Universal Standard** Less **Optimal** optimal\*

## \*Less optimal

It is important to consider that the client has more remaining capabilities than the sling allows them to use. Thus, they will be immobilised over time. Additionally, more fabric than needed is used, hence it's a bigger effort to apply the sling.

# Transfer type ▼



# Sling shapes

### Slings with divided legs

The sling is easier to place and remove because of the divided leg support. The user can participate during sling application and removal. Depending on transfer task and the risk of sliding out, the Invacare Slings offer three different opening widths.

#### **Regular opening**

For universal transfer purposes.

Invacare Universal Sling family:

- Universal Low
- Universal Standard
- Universal High
- Universal High Plus

#### **Small opening**

For users with atrofi in their gluteal muscles. The leg supports can be safely placed in hammock position.

Invacare slings:

Easy-Fit

Amputee

#### Wide opening

Mainly for hygiene purposes with a very good access to the client. With less fabric than other models, it's very easy to apply and remove - especially when sitting in a wheelchair. Invacare slings:

Dress Toileting Low

Dress Toileting High

#### **▶** Undivided legs

A sling for users that need more support.

The lower part of the sling should be placed 10 cm behind the hollow of the knee.

Invacare Comfort Slings:

- Comfort Standard
- Comfort In Situ

### Comfort High

## Vest for standing and walking training

A sling that gives users a more active and independent transfer with safe support.

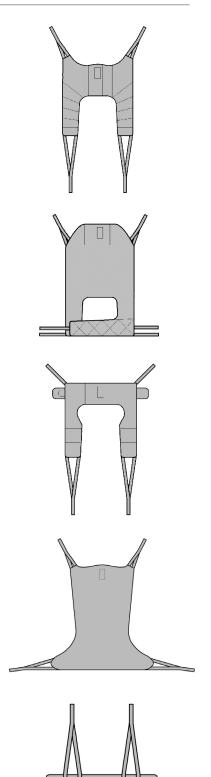
Can be used as a training tool e.g. standing or balance training.

Standing Transfer Vest

#### **▶ Light Transfer Support**

Sling for supporting, repositioning and/or lifting a part of a body.

Light Transfer Support



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