

The Care and Maintenance of the Invacare® Sling Range

EN ISO 10535:2006

Invacare® Sling Range

The Invacare[®] sling range is designed in compliance with the standard EN ISO 10535 – and has been independently tested and accredited by German test institute TÜV.

In order to ensure, the sling is in a satisfactory working condition, a regular inspection should be made.

EN ISO 10535 suggest that every 6 months an inspection is made. In order to carry out this inspection, Invacare[®] has made a short checklist (page 2) of what to look for when inspecting a sling.

General Advice

- A risk assessment must always be carried out to ensure the correct size, type and shape of sling is being used for the patient.
- Always follow the laundry instructions on the label of the sling.
- Maximum laundering temperature: 95 °C
- A sling should be considered as a consumable product that is of critical importance to patient safety.
- The positioning handles found on the slings are intended for steering, and not lifting, patients.
 Excessive weight on the handles may cause the seams to break.
- Fore safety and hygiene reasons, individual slings should be used for each patient.



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Checklist for regular inspection of Invacare® slings

Type of sling:	Serial number:
1: Is the fabric intact? ☐ Check for tearing, holes, rips or cuts. ☐ Check whether the fabric is unusually worn which could mean it is uncomfortable.	 2. Are the straps and stitching intact? ☐ Check for damaged or worn seams. ☐ Check for tear, rips or fraying at the edges.
☐ Check for any foreign objects in the sling (e.g. sharps, pins)	☐ Check for any foreign objects on the straps (e.g. sharps, pins)
3: Is the label easy to read and complete? ☐ Check if the labels are still complete and easy to read. If labels are missing it can be difficult to define the type, and function of the sling and the maximum weight limit.	4: Is the sling still the original length and shape without use of any knots, tape, needles or other methods to change the shape and size of the sling.
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