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## Foam Cushion Instruction & Safety Manual

Please read this manual before operation, for  
maintenance instructions and safe usage



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## Introduction & User Guide

Thank you for choosing an Unicare Health product. You're advised to read this instruction manual and in particular the safety recommendations before you use this cushion. If you have any questions about usage, maintenance or safety, please consult an authorised distributor, or your local dealer.

## Recommended Use

This basic cushion is designed for use with a standard wheelchair. It's proper use and ongoing care should be in conjunction with a health care professional to ascertain the long term suitability of this product in regards to your medical needs.

## Safety Instructions - Caution

Installing a cushion on a wheelchair may effect the centre of gravity of the wheelchair and may cause the wheelchair to tip backwards potentially resulting in injury. Always assess for the potential need for anti-tippers or amputee axle adapter brackets to be added to the wheelchair to help increase stability. Your foam cushion was designed for sitting comfort and postural support. Users should inspect their skin daily for redness. The clinical indicator for tissue breakdown is skin redness. If the skin develops redness, discontinue the use of the cushion immediately and see your doctor or other health care practitioner.

The Unicare Health Cushion is designed to help increase comfort and reduce pressure. However, no cushion can completely eliminate sitting pressure or prevent pressure sores. Good skin care should be practiced including: proper diet, cleanliness and regular relief. If you need more pressure distribution for skin protection, ask your authorised supplier for a free demonstration of any of our other cushion products.

**NOTE:** To ensure the proper use of your cushion, please read these instructions and keep them for future reference.

## Fitting a Foam Cushion

Select a foam cushion that matches the width of your wheelchair. The cushion length should extend to within 250 - 500mm (1" - 2") from the back of the knees. Place the cushion to the back of the chair with the material identification tags to the back and the contour towards the front. The product label should be visible on the right side of the cushion. Adjust the footrests so your leg rest comfortably on the cushion. Lowering the footrests on your wheelchair may help reduce the pressure on your ischials (seat bones) and coccyx (tailbone).

**NOTE:** Proper footrest adjustment may enhance sitting comfort. Also, avoid the cushion on overly stretched seat or back upholstery. Replace stretched seat or back upholstery or purchase a solid insert for your cushion. Contact an authorised supplier for a free demonstration.

## Maintenance - To clean cover

Remove the cover from the base. Turn the cover inside out and machine wash in warm water and drip dry. Do not bleach. After washing, fit cover back over foam base. Ensure the back of the cover matches up with the back of the foam base.



**NOTE:** If utilised in an institutional setting, write the resident's name with a permanent marker on the content label of the covers. This will help to ensure the return of the covers after washing.

## To clean foam base

Remove the cover from the foam base. Wipe lightly with a damp cloth and wipe off with a clean cloth. Do not use soap. Do not submerge in water. Let the cushion completely air dry before replacing cover.

## Available Spare Parts

Cover only is a spare part.

## Technical Specifications

Cover Material:	Top: PU base: PVC
Base Foam:	PU Standard Foam
Latex Content:	Latex Free
Flammability Class:	CA117

## Warranty

Unicare Health guarantees its products to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a specific period of time from date of purchase. Determine which cushion was purchased and use the following information to determine which warranty applies.

The Unicare Health Foam Cushion & Cover is guaranteed for 6 months from date of purchase. Unicare Health will, at its discretion repair or replace your cushion without charge. The warranty does not apply to, punctures, tears or burns, nor to the cushion's cover. Claims and repairs should be processed through the nearest authorised equipment supplier. Except for express warranties made herein, all other warranties which extend beyond the description on the face hereof. Remedies for breach of express warranties herein are limited to repair or replacement of the goods. In no event shall damages for breach of any warranty include any consequential damages or exceed the cost of non-conforming goods sold.

For goods provided by Unicare Health in Australia, our goods come with a guarantee by Unicare Health that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonable foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure. The benefits to you given by this warranty are in addition to your other rights and remedies under law in relation to the goods to which the warranty relates.

## Disposal

This product cannot be recycled and should be disposed of separately from household waste. Separate collection and recycling of your product at the time of disposal will help conserve resources and ensure it is recycled in a manner that it protects the environment. Ensure you are the legal owner of the product prior to making arrangements for its disposal in accordance with the above recommendations.



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