

NOTE: Check all parts for shipping damage and test before use. In case of damage, DO NOT use. Contact your equipment supplier for further instruction.

SAFETY SUMMARY

In order to ensure the safe installation, assembly and operation of the Personal Seat VF these instructions **MUST** be followed:

WARNINGS/CAUTIONS notices apply to hazards or unsafe practices which could result in personal injury and/or property damage.

WARNING

DO NOT install this equipment without first reading and understanding this instruction sheet. If you are unable to understand these instructions, contact a healthcare professional, dealer or technical personnel if applicable before attempting to install this equipment - otherwise, injury or damage may occur.

The best way to avoid problems related to pressure sores is to understand their causes and and your role in a skin management program.

Your therapist and physician should be consulted if you have questions regarding individual limitations and needs.

All cushions used for the prevention or treatment of decubitus ulcers (pressure sores) should be selected carefully. Working with your therapist, and physician is the best way to assure that a cushion choice matches your individual needs.

As the needs of the individual become more complex, the cushion evaluation becomes more important.

Skin condition should be checked very frequently after the provision of any new cushion.

INTRODUCTION

The Personal Seat VF cushion is designed to provide pelvic stability, leg positioning and pressure management for the user. The cover is made from a water repellent fabric to protect the foam and the foam is coated with a water repellent coating to provide additional protection.

Fastening Straps (Underside of Seat Cover)

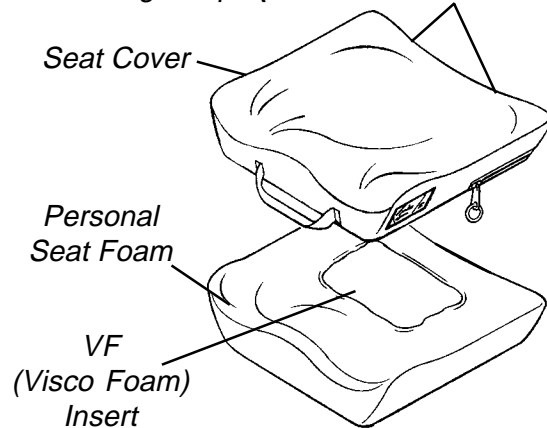


FIGURE 1 - PERSONAL SEAT VF

ATTACHING THE CUSHION TO THE SEATING SURFACE

The Personal Seat VF attaches to the wheelchair seat upholstery using the hook and loop fasteners on the bottom of the cushion cover.

NOTE: The zipper on the cushion should face rearward.

Wheelchair Seating Surface

1. Determine whether the wheelchair seating surface has hook or loop attachment strips.
2. If the wheelchair has loop attachment strips, verify that the double sided hook strips are securely attached to the loop attachment strips on the bottom of the cushion.
3. Align the front edge of the cushion with the front edge of the seating surface.
4. Secure the cushion to the seating surface, making sure that the double sided hook is securely attached to the strips of loop on the cushion cover and the chair.
5. If the wheelchair has hook attachment strips, remove the double sided hook strips from the cushion.
6. Align the front edge of the cushion with the front edge of the seating surface.
7. Secure the cushion to the seating surface, making sure that the strips of loop on the cushion cover are securely attached to the strips of hook on the chair.

8. If the wheelchair seating surface has neither hook or loop attachment strips, remove the double sided hook from the bottom of the cover.
9. Align the front edge of the cushion with the front edge of the seating surface.
10. Place the cushion on the wheelchair seating surface.

WARNING

Make sure the hook and loop fasteners are securely attached to the seating surface and the cushion before using. If the cushion is not secured to the wheelchair seating surface, exercise caution when transferring in and out of the wheelchair.

USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PERSONAL SEAT VF

Installation of the Cover

The cover is properly installed when the zipper is at the back of the cushion. The back of the cushion is where the insert is located. In addition, the back surface of the cushion is marked, "BACK".

Maintaining the Cover

The Personal Seat VF cover is fabricated with water repellent materials. The top and sides are fabricated with a patented waterproof stretch fabric. The bottom is fabricated from a special waterproof heavyweight fabric. In the event of incontinence, some leakage may occur at the seam stitching or at the zipper, so the water repellent coating should be cleaned. The cover should be machine washed in cold water and let hang dry. Refer to **INSPECTION AND CLEANING** in this instruction sheet.

Inspection and Cleaning

1. In order to ensure that the cushion is working as designed, inspection and cleaning of the cushion on a regular basis is necessary.

WARNING

DO NOT continue to use this product if any of the following problems as described are discovered. Corrective maintenance can be performed at or arranged through your equipment supplier.

2. Visually inspect all parts weekly, including hardware, upholstery materials, foams (if accessible), and plastics for deformation, corrosion, breakage, wear and/or compression.

3. **Weekly cleaning is recommended.**

CAUTION

MACHINE WASH seat cover in cold water on gentle cycle using a mild detergent. **DO NOT** use fabric softeners or bleach. **DO NOT** machine dry. **Air dry ONLY. DO NOT** dry in sun.

4. To clean the water repellent foam coating, use a soft cloth and wipe clean with warm water and a mild soap solution. Rinse off and dry.

CAUTION

The cover is designed to protect the foam against a user's incontinence and to provide fire retardency so the cushion must not be used without its cover. If the cover is torn, it must be replaced.

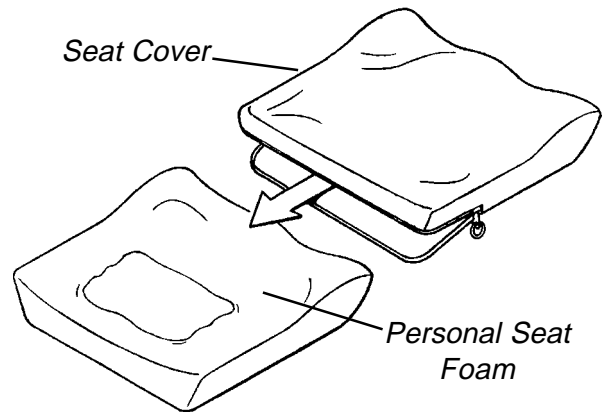


FIGURE 2 - REMOVE PERSONAL SEAT FOAM FROM SEAT COVER

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