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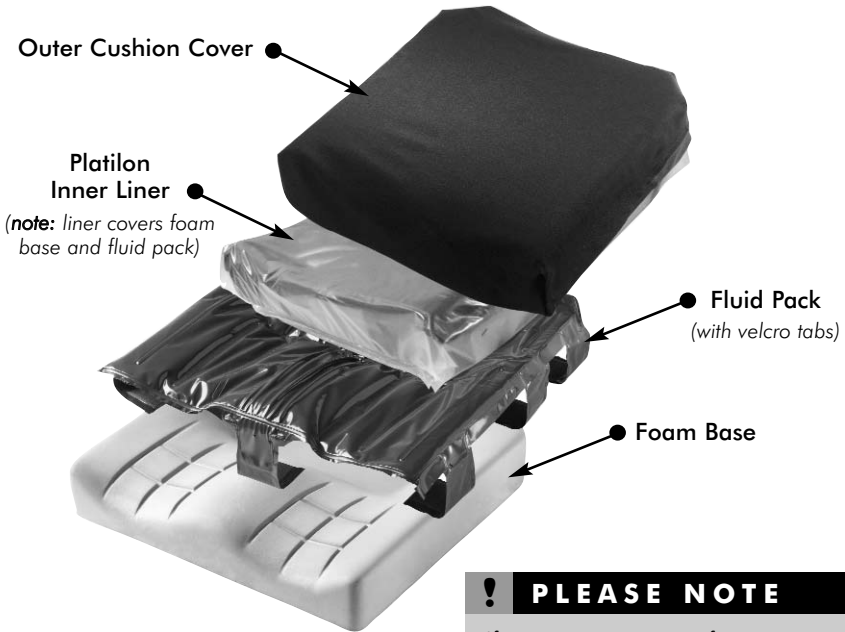
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1.0 the MaTRx Flo-Tech Cushion

Product Description:

The Matrix Flo-tech cushion is designed to provide superior skin protection for those who are at high risk of skin breakdown, or those with already established tissue damage. It uses a specially molded foam base providing support and stability, and a dual layer of fluid sacs to provide extra protection to the sensitive ischial and sacral areas. The cushion comes complete with a Platilon inner liner, designed to protect the foam base from moisture, as well as a water resistant, breathable, two-way stretch outer cover.



! PLEASE NOTE

If you require more information on the Flo-Tech cushions, please contact our Customer Service Department

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2.0 Kit Contents

1 - Foam Base

1 - Fluid Pack

1 - Platilon Inner Liner

1 - Outer Cover

3.0 Before Installation - Important!

Your Matrix Flo-tech cushion is designed to help reduce the incidence of tissue trauma. However, no cushion can completely eliminate sitting pressure leading to skin breakdown. It is always best to try your cushion for a few hours prior to prolonged sitting, and have a clinician inspect your skin to ensure that redness indicating tissue damage is not occurring. You should also continue to check regularly for signs of skin redness – an indication of tissue damage. If your skin develops redness, discontinue use of the cushion immediately and see your doctor or therapist.

The best way to avoid problems related to pressure sores is to understand their causes and your role in a skin management program. The Matrix Flo-tech cushion should be used in conjunction with a full skin management program including proper diet, cleanliness and regular weight shifts (repositioning). Repositioning relieves pressure and helps prevent tissue compression and potential tissue damage.

! PLEASE NOTE

Please note that installing a cushion on a wheelchair may affect the center of gravity of the wheelchair and may cause the wheelchair to become unstable, potentially resulting in injury.

You must assess the need for anti-tipper or amputee axle adapter brackets to be added to the wheelchair to help increase stability.

4.0 Fitting Your MaTRx Flo-Tech Cushion

When fitted correctly, your Matrix Flo-tech cushion is designed to provide excellent support and stability, as well as high level skin protection. However, fitting should only be done by an experienced fitter or therapist.

You should consult your therapist and physician if you have questions regarding individual limitations and needs. This is one of the best ways to ensure that your seating choice matches your individual needs. Seating should always be selected and fitted carefully.

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4.0 Fitting Your MaTRx Flo-Tech Cushion

Fitting Instructions:

In the seated position, select the cushion to match your hip width. The cushion length should equal the distance from the back of the buttocks to the back of the knees.

- 1 Place the cushion to the back of the wheelchair with the material identification tags towards the rear and the fluid sac and contoured surface of the foam base facing upward. When fitted correctly, your hips should be to the back of the chair. Your ischials (seat bones) should be centered over the dual compartment of fluid in the seat well of the cushion.
- 2 The hook and loop strips on the bottom of the cushion cover should align with those on the wheelchair seat. Fasten these to help secure the cushion in place.
- 3 The footrest height should be adjusted so that your legs rest firmly but comfortably on the cushion. Proper footrest adjustment may enhance sitting comfort and help lower peak sitting pressures.
- 4 Avoid the use of additional covers or padding between the user and the cushion, as this could reduce its effectiveness.
- 5 The inner foam and fluid sac should be regularly inspected. The cushion should not be used if components are damaged.

5.0 Care and Cleaning Instructions

Your Matrix Flo-tech cushion has a moisture resistant, breathable fabric outer cover, as well as a moisture resistant platilon inner liner. The cover can be easily wiped down with a damp towel, or machine washed in warm water and hung to dry. The cover should be completely dry before being refitted to the cushion. Purchase of additional cushion covers for use during laundering of existing covers is highly recommended.

Cleaning agents containing phenols or alcohols should not be used.

The inner Platilon liner should always remain in place over the fluid sac and the foam, in order to protect the foam.

Avoid sharp objects or exposure to excessive heat or open flame.

Reassembling after Cleaning:

Following cleaning of your MaTRx Flo-tech cushion, reassemble the cushion or base and cover as per fitting instructions, with the ID tags to the rear and the hook and loop strips on the cushion properly aligned with those on the wheelchair seat.

When replacing the outer cover, take care to ensure that the corners of the foam core are positioned correctly into the corners of the cover.

WARRANTY

Every MaTRx Flo-tech cushion is carefully inspected and tested to provide optimum performance. Each back is guaranteed to be free from defects for a period of 36 months from the date of purchase, provided normal use. Should a defect in materials or workmanship occur within 36 months of the original date of purchase, Motion Concepts will, at its option, repair or replace it free of charge. This warranty does not apply to punctures, tears or burns, nor to the cushions removable outer cover or inner Platilon liner.

The original cushion must be returned to the dealer and will become the property of Motion Concepts as a condition of processing the warranty claim. All warranty claims must be made through the dealer where the cushion was purchased. Except for express warranties made herein, all other warranties of fitness or use for a particular purpose are excluded. There are no warranties that extend beyond the warranties provided above. Remedies for breach of this warranty are limited to repair or replacement of goods. In no event shall damages for breach of any warranty include any consequential damages or exceed the original cost of the cushion.



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