



Why?

- More stringent requirements according to ISO 10535 – 2006
- Became European and Swedish Standard 2007 – SS-EN 10535 – 2007
- National standards in the EU updated/replaced no later than July 2007
- AS/NZS ISO 10535:2011 ISO 10535:2006

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What?



- The periodic inspection of the sling should take place within the time interval recommended by the manufacturer, but **at least every sixth month**
- If the sling is used and/or washed more than customary, more frequent inspections may be needed

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Who Should Perform the Inspection?



The owner is responsible, but:
the inspection should be performed by a person who is suitable, has good experience and sufficient knowledge about design, use and maintenance of the sling

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What Does This Mean for the Facility?



- Safety in focus
- Must perform inspections and discard worn slings
- Needs staff who can perform the Periodic Inspection
- Needs training in performing PI
- Needs time to perform PI



OR employ an external inspector

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Critical Parts of the Sling



1. Edgings
2. Seam
3. Fabrics



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The Life time of the Sling can be Shortened



Laundry

- Too hot
- With bleach – or other unsuitable chemicals
- Laths left during laundry
- Washing machine too full (mechanical wear)
- Tumble dry over 50°C (122 °F)
- Dryer too full (mechanical wear)



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Sling cleaning



Washing Instructions

Follow the washing instructions on the sling's product label.



Remove plastic laths (where applicable).



If necessary, pre-wash at low temperature, 25-30°C (77-86°F). Some spots disappear more easily at lower temperatures.



Machine wash at indicated temperature. Use detergent.



Tumble dry at low temperature, maximum 50°C (122°F), or dry in cabinet dryer.

No chlorine bleaching.

No dry cleaning.

No ironing.

Alcohol Wiping

For plastic laths and products in plastic-coated net, wiping with 70% ethanol or 45% isopropanol is recommended. Plastic laths can also be wiped with water-soluble soap. However, please note that some details, for instance straps and seams, could be of a different material and may need to be machine washed to get them thoroughly clean.

Disinfection

For thermal disinfection, wash in 65°C (149°F) for at least 10 minutes or in 71°C (160°F) for at least 3 minutes. For both alternatives we recommend adding 8 minutes to ensure that the heat penetrates the fabric and that disinfection is ensured. It is important to finish the washing program with a rinse cycle.
(Ref. HSG (95)18: Hospital Laundry Arrangements for Used and Infected Linen, Department of Health, NHS).

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The Life time of the Sling can be Shortened

Handling error

- Lifting in the handles
- Getting stuck (wheelchair, bed, sling bar)

But also through:

- Wear from the sling bar
- High usage frequency
- High load



Inspection Protocol

Requirements in the standard:

The inspection protocol should be stored safely to enable review should an accident occur

Should contain the following information:

- Date
- Identification information and serial number
- The condition of the sling
- Date for next inspection
- Signature by the person who performed the inspection

HygenSling with Bar, Model 41
Periodic Inspection
72916812-01

Product information:
Product No. _____
Manufacturer _____
Year of production _____

Check points:
General inspection for the sling, points list

1. Sling label	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Sling	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Sling bar	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Sling frame	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Sling	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Suspension points	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Sling	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Sling	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Sling	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Sling	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Suspension	<input type="checkbox"/>

Approved to use the product?
Approved by: _____
Date: _____

Inspected by: _____
Next inspection: _____
Inspection performed by: _____
Inspection performed on: _____

Instructions for the check points:
1. Sling label: Check for the label, manufacturer, product number, serial number, year of production and warning. The label must be legible and not damaged. If the label is illegible, the sling must be replaced.
2. Sling: Check for the sling, manufacturer, product number, serial number, year of production and warning. The sling must be legible and not damaged. If the sling is illegible, the sling must be replaced.
3. Sling bar: Check for the sling bar, manufacturer, product number, serial number, year of production and warning. The sling bar must be legible and not damaged. If the sling bar is illegible, the sling bar must be replaced.
4. Sling frame: Check for the sling frame, manufacturer, product number, serial number, year of production and warning. The sling frame must be legible and not damaged. If the sling frame is illegible, the sling frame must be replaced.
5. Sling: Check for the sling, manufacturer, product number, serial number, year of production and warning. The sling must be legible and not damaged. If the sling is illegible, the sling must be replaced.
6. Suspension points: Check for the suspension points, manufacturer, product number, serial number, year of production and warning. The suspension points must be legible and not damaged. If the suspension points are illegible, the suspension points must be replaced.
7. Sling: Check for the sling, manufacturer, product number, serial number, year of production and warning. The sling must be legible and not damaged. If the sling is illegible, the sling must be replaced.
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11. Suspension: Check for the suspension, manufacturer, product number, serial number, year of production and warning. The suspension must be legible and not damaged. If the suspension is illegible, the suspension must be replaced.

Structure of inspection protocols





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UniversalSling, Mod. 00, 02

Periodic Inspection

7EN 160803-01

Product information:	Customer references:
Product No:	Contract No:
Serial No:	Name:
Year of production:	Address:

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Structure of inspection protocols



Check points:
Instruction for check points, see page 2.

		To be Approved	actioned	Not approved	Comments:
1. Product label	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2. Fabric	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Edging	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Strap loops	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Leg support loops	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Handles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Seams	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Reinforcement seams (bartacks)	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Shortening position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
10. Documentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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Structure of inspection protocols

Approval to use the product *:

Approved To be actioned Not approved

* If the product has one or more check points with the result "Not approved" the product must not be used. If the product has one or more check points with the result "To be actioned" these actions should be performed immediately, see the document Action Instructions for Slings. After performed actions sign below and fill in the label for Periodic Inspections placed on the sling.

If anything is unclear or if you have questions, please contact Liko or your local Liko representative. Contact information is to be found at www.liko.com.

Inspection performed by: _____ **Date:** _____
Final approval by: _____ **Approval Date:** _____
Next inspection: _____

Inspection performed in accordance with ISO 10535:2006 Annex B – Periodic Inspection.

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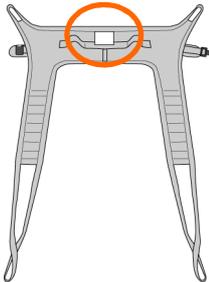
Inspection Protocol

1. Product label

Check that

- **max. load**
- **product name**
- **product number**
- **serial number**
- **year of manufacture**
- **laundry instructions**

are legible on the product label



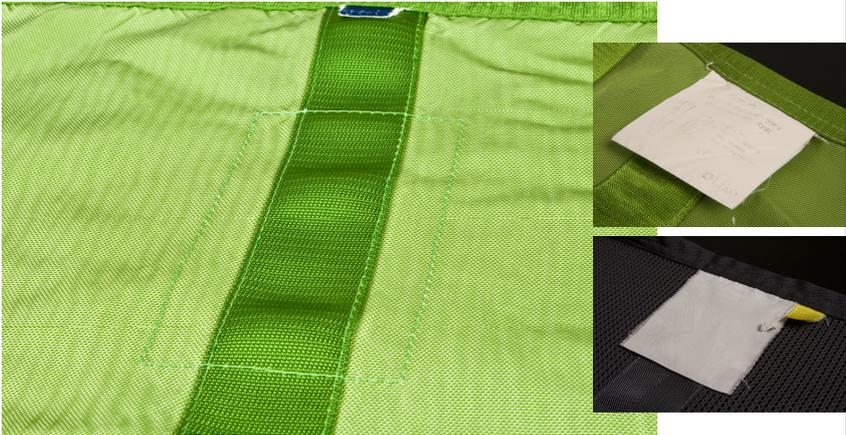
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1. Product label



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Action Product Label

New product label to be ordered from your local Liko representative

Indicate product number, and serial number if possible – to be able to get the right maximum load of the sling

The product label is sewn on by the customer

- Preferably onto the edging**
- Otherwise, carefully onto the fabric**
- Synthetic thread is recommended**
- Leather needle must not be used**

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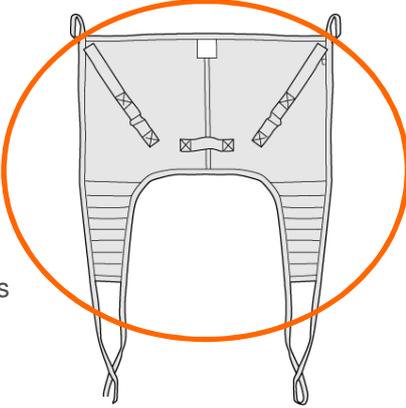


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2. Fabric

Check that:

- the fabric has no holes,
- is not thin or worn
- no wear or holes in the fabric has occurred along the border
- the fabric under the handles is intact/undamaged



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Inspection Protocol

2. Fabric



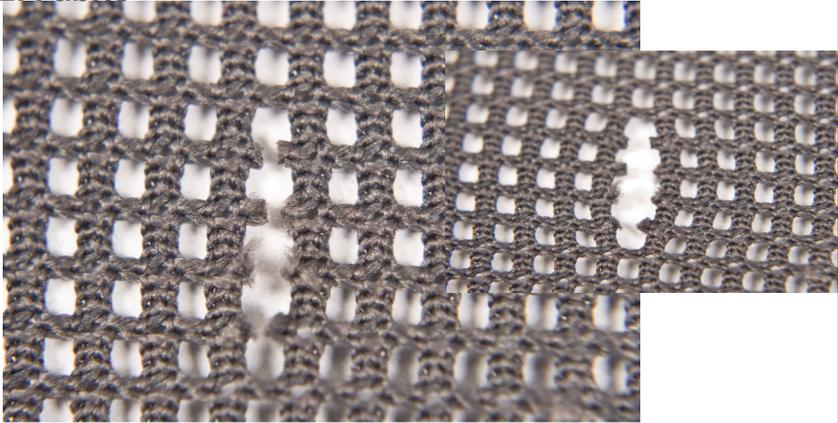
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2. Fabric



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2. Fabric



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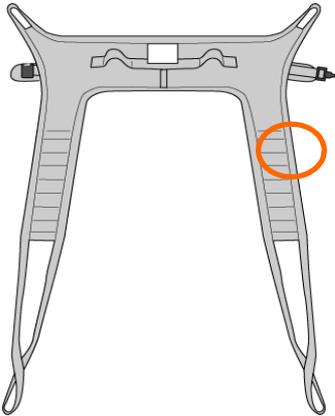
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3. Edgings

Check that the edging is not damaged



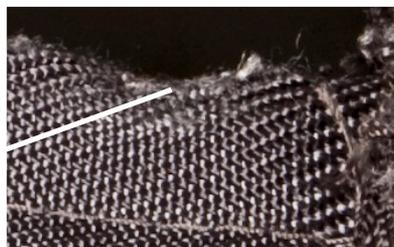
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3. Edgings

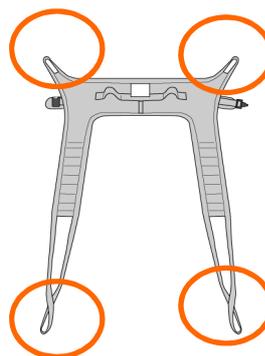


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4. Strap Loops

5. Leg Support Loops

Check that the straps have not been damaged by the sling bar. This is most often evidenced by broken threads





Inspection Protocol

- 4. Strap Loops
- 5. Leg Support Loops



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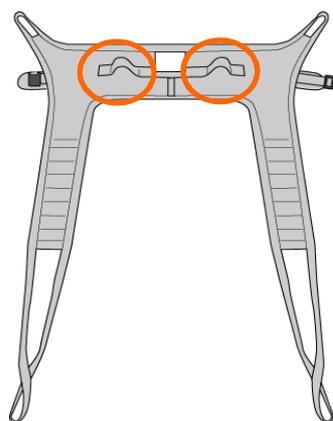
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- 6. Handles
Check that the seams on the handles are intact/undamaged



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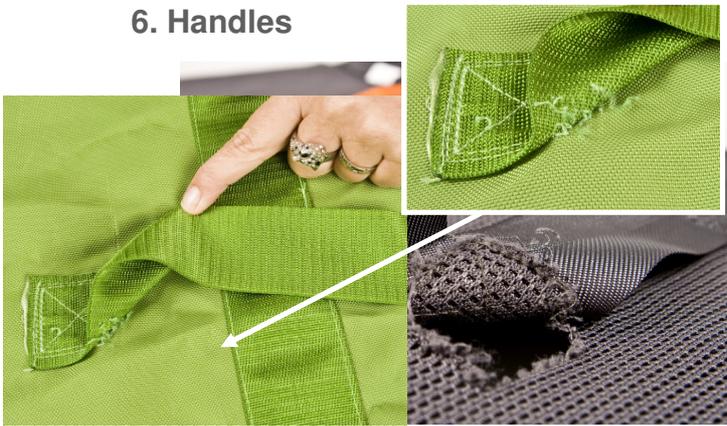
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6. Handles



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Action Handles



Action

- If the seam is torn and the fabric is undamaged, a new seam can be sewn by the customer
- Synthetic thread is recommended
- No leather needle

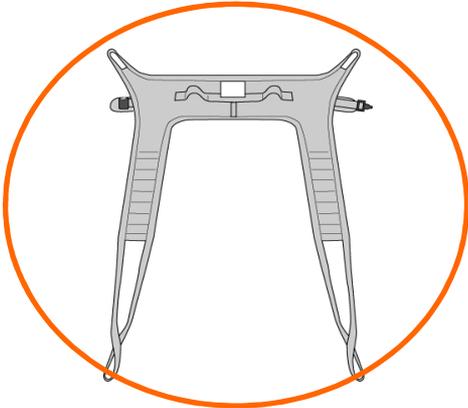
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7. Seams
Check that threads and seams are intact



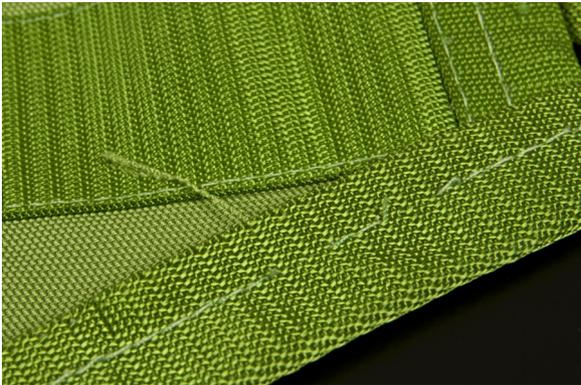
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7. Seams



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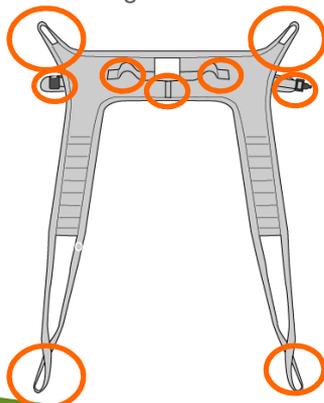
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8. Reinforcement seams (bartacks)

Check that threads and seams are intact/undamaged



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8. Reinforcement seams (bartacks)

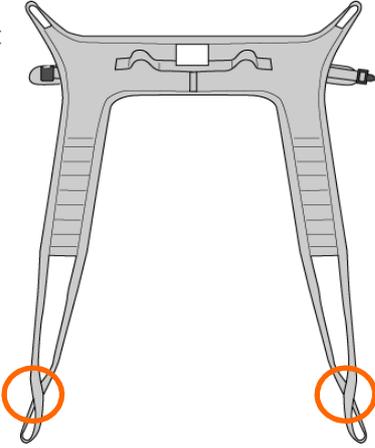


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9. Shortening Position

If the shortening position has damaged seams and a shortening of the leg support loop is desired, a knot can be tied in the loop. This will make the leg support loop approx. 10 cm (4") shorter



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9. Shortening Position



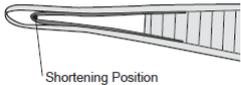

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Action Shortening Position

9. Shortening Position



Shortening Position





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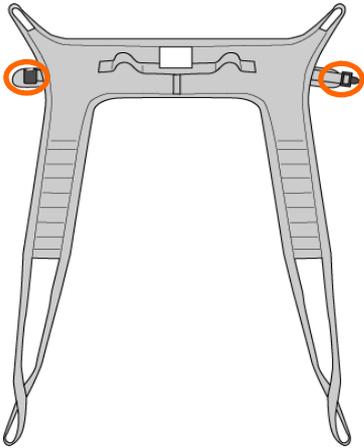


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10. Buckle

Check the function of the belt buckle by closing it and then pulling on the belt to ensure that the buckle does not open. If the buckle opens, the assessment would be "Not approved" or "To be actioned"





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