### Instruction for use

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# SupportBelt



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### Illustrations







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#### Thank you for choosing an Etac product.

To avoid accidents and injury when moving and handling the products, please read this manual carefully.

The person described as "the user" in this "Instruction for Use" is the person who is lying or sitting on the product. The carers are the people who manoeuvre the product.



This symbol appears alongside the text in the manual. It draws the reader's attention to points at which there may be a risk to the health and safety of the user or carer.

These products comply with the standards applicable for Class 1 products in the Medical Device Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on medical devices.

At Etac we strive to continually improve our products and therefore we reserve the right to make changes to products without prior warning. All measurements given on illustrations and similar material are for guidance only and Etac cannot be held liable for errors and defects.

The information given in this manual, including

recommendations, combinations and sizing, does not apply to special orders and modifications. If the customer makes adjustments, repairs or uses combinations not predetermined by Etac, the Etac CE certification and Etac warranty will not be valid. If in doubt, please contact Etac.

Warranty: Two-year warranty on material and manufacturing defects, provided that the product is used correctly.

Expected lifetime: The device has an expected service life of 1 to 2 years under normal use. The service life of the device varies depending on usage frequency, loads and how often and how it is washed.

For further information on the Etac Patient handling, see www.etac.com.

In case of an adverse event occurred in relation to the device, incidents should be reported to your local dealer and the national competent authority in a timely manner. The local dealer will forward information to manufacturer.



#### Intended use

SupportBelt can be used in any situation where the carer needs a firm grip in order to assist/support the user. Such situations may include helping a user to move from sitting to standing position, and vice versa, and to manually handle standing and seated to/from bed, wheelchair, vehicle, commode, toilet, etc. SupportBelt can also be used to support the user during walking training.

SupportBelt has a broad contact surface and ergonomical handles, which provide a secure grip from all angles. Easy to use from all sides. Easy to buckle and tighten.

#### Intended environment

Acute care, Long-term care, Home care

### Practical handling

#### Positioning

Fit SupportBelt around the user's waist or hips. Click the buckle closed. To tighten SupportBelt: Grasp the end of the strap closest to the male part of the buckle and the functional handles on SupportBelt itself – pull down on the strap while holding back on SupportBelt.

SupportBelt tightens up around the user.

The carer should make sure that SupportBelt is secure but that it does not irritate the user.

SupportBelt should be retightened once the user has completed the move from the seated to standing position.

#### Use

The carer now has a firm grip on the user and can assist/support the user's movements (Illustration 1).

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### Notice

#### **Special features**

Always check the product before use and after washing.

Never use a defective product. If the product shows signs of wear-and-tear, it must be scrapped.

Read these instructions carefully.

It is important that carers receive instruction in manual handling. Etac offers advice and training for carers. For further information, contact Etac.

Always use the correct manual handling techniques.

Encourage the user to assist where possible.

To ensure that the user feels safe and that every manual handling is smooth, always plan the manual handling in advance. Never leave the product on the floor.

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Always conduct a risk assessment, and ensure that the assistive product can be used for the individual user and, in combination with other devices, that it is safe for the user and carers.



The carer must not wear SupportBelt – if the user loses balance, the carer risks falling with the user and sustaining a work-related injury.



Before using SupportBelt for manual handling to the standing position or for walking training, the carer should make sure that the user is capable of standing.



Do not use the product as a sling.

If in any doubt - please contact Etac.

#### Material and cleaning

#### Material:

Outer material: Polyurethane-coated nylon, water-resistant Inner surface: Non-slip Filling: Polyethylene padding Handles: Polyester tapes with polypropylene padding Buckle: Polyoxymethylene (POM).

The product should be checked regularly, preferably each time it is used, and especially after washing.

Check that there is no damage to seams or fabric.



Never try to repair a product yourself. Never use a defective product.

#### Washing instructions:

Do not use fabric softener. This product can be cleaned with a solvent-free cleaning agent with a pH level between 5 and 9, or a 70% disinfection solution.



## Products and accessories

Article no.         Product Description         Size (mm)	
IM8009009 SupportBelt XXS 450-900	
IM8010509 SupportBelt XS 650-1050	
IM8010513 SupportBelt S 650-1050	
IM8013013 SupportBelt M 900-1300	
IM8015013 SupportBelt L 1200-1500	
IM8017015 SupportBelt XL 1300-1700	

### Service information

#### Inspection

#### First inspection:

- Is the packaging intact?
- · Read the label on the packaging and check the article no. and product description
- Check that Short Instruction is enclosed updated User Manual/Instruction for use can be downloaded from www.etac.com or contact your Etac
  Customer Service or the local dealer.
- Check the label on the product does it include article no., product description, lot/batch no., cleaning instructions and supplier name?

#### **Periodic Inspection:**

- Make sure that your Manual transfer system always is in a perfect condition.
- After wash always check materials, stitching, handles, buckles.
- If the product shows signs of wear and tear, it must be removed from service immediately.



Visual inspection/Check the product: Ensure that the materials, seams, stitching, handles, buckles are intact/faultless.



#### Stability test:

Try to bend the product verify that it feels firm, stable and solid.



#### Mechanical load or stress/Test handles:

Draw hard in the handles in opposite directions and control the material, seams and stitching. Test buckles: Lock the buckle and draw in opposite directions, control the buckle and the stitching.



#### Test low/high friction:

Place the product on a firm surface or a bed, place your hands on the material and test the friction by pushing your hands down into the product.

Low friction – slides effortlessly High friction – no sliding/moving

#### Check:

Manual transfer aids with handles, straps and buckles:



Manual transfer aids with for sitting and lying transfer and with high or low friction:





Production year, month and day



The product can be scrapped in accordance with national regulations



Read the user manual