



APPLICATION INSTRUCTION SHEET POSEY® LOCKING CONNECTING STRAPS

Applicable Products:
Cat. No. 2320, 2350, 2360

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT: Connecting Straps for use only in conjunction with Posey Leather, Synthetic Leather or E.D. Security Cuffs.

CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW (USA) RESTRICTS THIS DEVICE TO SALE OR USE BY OR ON ORDER OF A PHYSICIAN.

INDICATIONS:

- Patients who continually disrupt life-saving treatment (e.g., chronic tube-pulling which breaks the integrity of an IV line or self-extubation).
- When a patient's pulling lines prevents the healthcare professional from adequately monitoring the vital signs of the patient.
- When a patient's picking, pulling, scratching or peeling exacerbates a skin condition, causes self-injury, or disrupts wound site integrity.
- The patient who is emotionally disturbed and combative, who strikes and endangers himself and/or others.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Contraindications include, but are not limited to the following conditions:

- Do not use limb restraints on patients with dislocations, fractures or open wounds on the affected limb.
- Do not use limb restraints if the I.V. site could be compromised.
- Aggressive, combative, restless, or suicidal patients should not be put into a restrictive product unless they will receive constant monitoring.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

Do not attach the limb holder in a way that the patient may use his/her teeth to remove the device or inflict self-injury. Additional body restraint (fifth point) may be required to prevent the patient from moving the line/wound/tube site to within access of his/her hands. Refer to Posey Psychiatric and Emergency Dept. Product Book, Part No. M1031.) Always secure strap at a frame juncture which will not allow the straps to slide in any direction, changing the position of the product.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS ON OTHER SIDE

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ADVERSE REACTIONS:

Severe emotional, psychological, and physical problems may occur if a patient's movement is severely limited. The patient may become restless or agitated if the device is uncomfortable or severely limits movement. Request assistance from a qualified medical authority for an alternative product or intervention.

WARNING

A patient in a supine position who cannot sit up requires extra vigilance. Should the patient vomit, he/she could aspirate his/her vomitus and suffocate. Monitor constantly and be prepared to intervene at the first sign of danger.

Laundering Instructions:

For cotton and polypropylene straps: This product was designed to be washed under CDC recommendations for linen soiled with blood or bodily fluids.



Lower temperature washing and drying cycle for non-contaminated linen will prolong product life.

Fasten all buckles to minimize damage during wash and dry cycle.

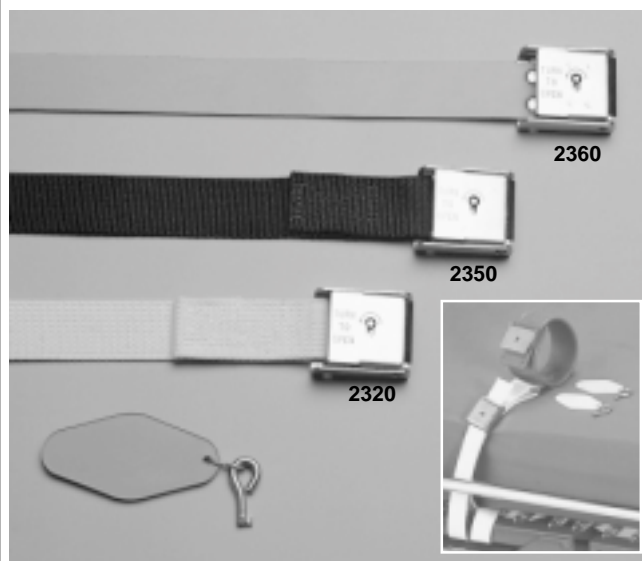
DO NOT PUT STAINLESS STEEL BUCKLES THROUGH A WATER EXTRACTOR! It crushes the buckle. For maximum life, launder in a laundry bag.

RECOMMENDED CLEANING:

Leather: There is no CDC approved method for sterilizing or disinfecting leather products. The traditional methods of disinfection (i.e., bleach, autoclaving, steam and ETO gas sterilization) cannot be used since leather will deteriorate with exposure to germicidal chemicals or high heat/moisture. Furthermore, because of the natural porosity of leather, residual disinfectant may accumulate to pose possible risk to the caregiver or patient.

Since effective disinfection of leather cannot be achieved, all Posey leather products contaminated with blood or bodily fluids should be discarded. For a durable, sterilizable restraint cuff, we recommend the Posey E. D. Security Cuff (Cat. No. 2835 or 2836).

Synthetic Leather: Sanitization of synthetic leather (reduction of at least 99.998% of organisms) may be achieved by entirely submerging the product in 70% isopropyl alcohol for 10 minutes. Be sure the product is completely dry before applying to a patient.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Pass the strap through the metal U-bar on the restraint cuff. Cotton (#2320) and Polypropylene (#2350) straps should be wrapped around the U-bar twice for more security on leather or synthetic leather cuffs.
2. Wrap the belt once (or more) around the moveable frame of the bed.
3. Pass the strap end through the lock, leaving no more than one inch of strap protruding through the lock (See Inset). Too much excess strap through the lock may allow the patient to pull on the buckle, damaging or breaking open the lock. In these cases, the strap should be positioned with the lock out of the patient's reach.
4. Pull the strap through the buckle, making sure the lock snaps shut and will not open without the key.

NOTE: Make sure the lock "clicks" shut when closing. If the lock is not completely closed, it can open without the key. Test the lock before leaving the patient to be sure it is locked correctly. Always have keys readily available to all staff members in the event of an emergency. Straps may also be cut with scissors, if needed. Universal Posey keys fit all Posey locks interchangeably. Turn the key COUNTERCLOCKWISE when OPENING to avoid jamming (See figure 1). When completed, you should be able to pass one finger between the device and the patient's limb.



Fig. 1

Tips on feeding the strap through the lock:

If the strap does not pass easily through the buckle, check to see if there is an obstruction in the lock or if the strap end is bent or curled. If the strap end is relatively straight and the lock unobstructed, but the strap still does not pass easily into and through the lock, try the following remedy:

With the lock in the 'open' position, gently push the strap end into the lock until it meets resistance. With the thumb of the other hand, gently push the lock latch down halfway (like you're closing it, but don't close the lock!). Repeat this action several times until the strap feeds itself through the passage.

- Cat. No. 2320 - Cotton strap w/keylock buckle 18", 24", 36", 48", 60", 72" (includes two keys)
- Cat. No. 2350 - Polypropylene strap w/keylock buckle 18", 24", 36", 48", 60", 72" (includes two keys)
- Cat. No. 2360 - Synthetic Leather strap w/keylock buckle 18", 24", 36", 48", 60", 72" (includes two keys)