



# Care and Maintenance of Liko Slings

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Liko slings are intended for individual use. To avoid possible transmission of infectious disease, it is important to clean the sling if it has become soiled or if it is to be used by another patient.

Liko slings are manufactured in a number of different fabrics, with different characteristics. The slings should be machine washed. Temperatures for washing and drying can be found on the product label. Drying should be done as soon as possible after washing, preferably with tumble dryer or in cabinet dryer. As regards drying, there are a few products which cannot be tumble dried and a few which can be dried at high temperatures.

Several of the Liko slings contain reinforcement materials; for instance, leg supports and back/head supports. This material can be washed at 60-80°C (140-176°F). At higher temperatures, the reinforcement material can be deformed, become compact and thus impair comfort. The safety of the sling is generally not affected.

It is important to follow the recommended care and maintenance instructions; otherwise, the warranty will be void and the lifetime of the sling could be reduced.

## 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).

## Check the Sling after Washing

All points are inspected with regard to wear and damage:

- Fabric
- Straps
- Seams
- Suspension loops
- Buckles (where applicable)



The sling has a limited lifetime and is an important part for safety. Do not use damaged slings. Protocol for periodic inspection can be used as guidance as to which parts are extra important to check for each sling model. Slings in polyester fabric have a longer lifetime than slings in net polyester. The handles on certain slings are intended for steering. Too heavy a load on the handles can result in the sling breaking.

### Solo Products

The Liko Solo products are disposable items, intended for individual use. Solo products should not be washed but should be discarded when they become soiled or when the patient no longer needs them.



Do not wash.



Do not use.

If a Solo product is washed, this symbol is displayed, showing that the product must not be used but should be disposed of.

### Overview Washing Instructions per Fabric

		Polyester	Net polyester	Teddy bear patterned warp-knitted polyester	Plastic-coated net	Plastic-coated fabric	Polyester/Cotton RepoSheet	Cotton/Polyester LiftSheet 1900	Solo fabric	Polyamide HandySheet, HandyTube	Extension Loop, Straps for Stretcher
Wash 60-80°C (140-176°F)		X	X	X	X	X				X	
Wash 60-85°C (140-185°F)		X <sup>1</sup>						X			X
Wash 85°C (185°F)							X				
No water washing									X		
No chlorine bleaching		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tumble dry, low temperature, max. 50°C (122°F)		X	X	X				X		X	
Tumble dry, normal temperature, max. 70°C (158°F)							X				X
Do not tumble dry					X	X			X		
Ironing, max. 150°C (302°F)							X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>			
No ironing		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
No fabric softener		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No dry cleaning		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Can be wiped with alcohol					X	X					
Thermal disinfection		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X

<sup>1</sup> Prod. No. 3526111, 3526115, 3526116, 3526117

<sup>2</sup> Ironed onto the inside of the sheet (the side without straps)



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