

Instructions sheet

Product Name: BED PAD WITHOUT FLAPS
Product Code: 42307
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- Product description:**
- Highly absorbent full size pads are the perfect solution for any bedtime incontinence problem. Will absorb up to 3 litres of fluid
 - Built in stay dry top layer keeps the sleeper dry for the whole night, therefore maximising the patient's comfort
 - Easy to wash at 95°C before use and tumble dry on low heat below 77°C
 - Do not use softeners
 - Edges bound and stitched, therefore thicker and extra tough
 - Dimensions: 78cm x 83cm

Before Use:

Ensure you wash the product before use, on your highest wash cycle temperature, to make it smooth and comfortable.

Ensure you use a washing powder which doesn't contain Fabric Softeners or Cationic Surfactants.

You may dry the bed pads in a tumble dryer provided the temperature is below 77° C (medium setting) and ensure the product is allowed to cool prior to folding.

If drying outside, peg the product on the line so that the fabric layer is outer most.



Possible problems:

If the bed pad is not absorbing liquid, this is due to the pad being washed with a powder or liquid agent that contains cationic surfactants, or with fabric conditioners or softeners containing the same. Check the contents on the side of the packet of your washing powder.

If you have used this washing powder by accident, you can get the pad to become absorbent again if you wash it at 95° two or three times, using a washing agent that does not contain cationic surfactants. If your washing machine doesn't wash at 95°, wash it two to three times at the highest temperature you can. Department of Health recommends that any wash over 76° C will kill bacteria and control infection.





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Facts:

A washable product or reusable product is something that can be used again and again. Generally up to 300 times.

The combination of new technology, high performing textiles and superior manufacturing capabilities has led to improvements in washable products.

Each pad has a middle layer called a soak layer. The top layer wicks fluid away from the patient into the soaker layer, which quickly absorbs fluid.

The skin will stay dry, as the top layer is a one-way Stay dry fabric with hydrophobic properties. This means that once fluid has passed through the top layer into the soaker layer it is locked into the core and wetback is minimised. This acts like the non-woven top sheet on disposable products.

A waterproof vinyl backing sheet acts as a barrier and prevents moisture leaking on to clothes and bedding – this performs like the plastic backing on disposable products.

Pre-soaking agents can be used before going into the washing machine, as long as they contain only small amounts of chlorine bleach or caustic cleansing agents.

You can use an electric blanket with a bed pad, although we would recommend that you switch the blanket off when in bed.

The bed pads can be washed with other linen.

Laundry bags are available to store the soiled pads/pants before washing.

The benefits of using washable products over disposables:

- They look more pleasing
- They are more absorbent
- They can be washed at higher temperatures i.e. 95°C
- They last longer therefore save on costs
- Less storage space is needed
- More freedom for the patient i.e. skin can get air at night if using a bed pad
- Less time needed for receiving deliveries

Environmental factors:

- less waste disposal, which reduces landfill problems
- less raw materials which saves on trees used for pulp and oil used in plastic
- savings on clinical waste removal