



Owners Manual

Geo-Matrix Hybrid, Geo-Matrix Hybrid Deep, Geo-Matrix Hybrid Low Profile, Geo-Matrix Hybrid Deep Low Profile, Geo-Matrix Platinum, Geo-Matrix Platinum+, Geo-Matrix Bold, Geo-Matrix Vinga, PC Cutback, Zentury

IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION

NOTICE: This manual contains instructions for use with the Blake Medical cushion products. This information must be passed on to the user of this product. Please do not remove this manual before delivery to the end user.

SUPPLIER: This manual must be given to the user of this product upon its delivery or installation.

USER: Before using this product, read this entire manual and save for future reference.

General Product Safety

Safe application of this product depends upon your good judgment and common sense, as well as that of your provider, caregiver, and/or healthcare professional and your attentiveness in following the warnings, notes, and instructions in this manual.

NOTE: We have compiled this manual from the latest specifications and product information available at the time of publication. We reserve the right to make changes as they become necessary. Any changes to our products may cause slight variations between the illustrations and explanations in this manual and the product you have purchased. Always contact your nearest authorized Blake Medical supplier, distributor, or blakemedical.ca for the latest literature and information.

WARNING: Failure to heed these instructions could result in damage to the product or injury to the user. Please read this instruction manual before using this product.

Do not install this equipment without first reading and understanding this manual. If you are unable to understand the Warnings, Cautions, and/or Instructions, contact a qualified clinician or supplier.

1. WARNING

Installing a cushion on a wheelchair may affect the center of gravity of the wheelchair. Installed incorrectly, it may cause the wheelchair to tip backwards, potentially resulting in injury. Always assess if the addition of anti-tips and/ or any additional wheelchair stabilizing devices may be needed to help increase stability after adding a cushion.

2. WARNING

All Blake Medical back supports and cushions are designed to help reduce the incidence of pressure injuries. However, no back support or cushion can completely eliminate sitting pressure or prevent pressure injuries. Blake Medical back supports and cushions are not a substitute for good skin care including proper diet, cleanliness, and regular pressure relief techniques.

NOTICE - READ BEFORE USE

3. WARNING Your tailbone and pelvic bones should not touch the bottom of the cushion. Checking for “bottoming out” should be done during first use and after any change to user’s condition (eg, excessive weight loss, excessive weight gain, extended hospital stay, etc ..).

4. Warning! Check your skin regularly for redness, especially during the first few days. If redness occurs and does not disappear after 15 minutes, consult your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

5. WARNING Be sure that the Velcro® is engaged and able to hold the cushion in place.

6. WARNING Avoid using the cushion on overly stretched seat upholstery. Stretched upholstery does not provide adequate support for the cushion and improper positioning may result. Replace stretched upholstery or add a Solid Seat Insert to the base of the cushion.

7. Warning! In case of soiling with body fluids, and when transferring the product to another user, the product must be disinfected to avoid cross contamination. *note: Foam components may be difficult to disinfect thoroughly. *



PROTECTING YOUR CUSHION

WARNING

Always avoid exposing your cushion to excessive heat or open flame. The Blake Medical cushion materials work optimally at room temperature.

WARNING

Always allow the Blake Medical Cushion to come to room temperature before use. Sitting on excessively warm or cold surfaces can cause skin damage.

OBSTRUCTIONS

WARNING

Make sure that there are never any obstructions between you and your cushion. Any obstruction will reduce product effectiveness and/or produce unnecessary pressure points for the user.

COVER ORIENTATION

WARNING

Product must be used with the cushion cover facing up. If the cover is not used correctly it may reduce or eliminate the cushion's benefits and could increase the risk of skin and soft tissue injuries.

Set up Instructions:

- Check cushion size. Width of the cushion and seat should match. When the cushion rests against arm supports or side-guards, the width may be up to 2.5 cm (1") wider. Depth of the cushion can exceed the seat by approximately 2.5cm (1")
- Check if the size of the cover matches the size of the cushion.
- Remove protective backing tape from self adhesive hook strips attached to the bottom of the cushion.
- Place cushion on the seat making sure the Blake logo is displayed on the front left.
- After several minutes of use, ensure foot supports and properly positioned to ensure sufficient weight distribution throughout the front of the cushion.