Cleaning Instructions

Cushion
1. Use germicidal soap to wash the cushion.
2. Use wash cloth to wipe the cushion dry. Do not use detergents or other solvents.
3. Do not machine wash or tumble dry.
4. Do not heat or steam autoclave.

Cover
1. Wash at 30°C / 86°F
2. Do not iron.
3. For single patient use only.

Repairing Leaks
1. Make sure the cushion and all four corners are inflated completely.
2. Immerse the over-inflated cushion into water to locate the leak. You will see air bubbles rising from the area where the leak is.
3. When the leak has been located, mark the leak by inserting a toothpick into the hole.
4. Deflate the cushion.
5. Allow the cushion to dry completely, then remove the toothpick.
6. Clean the area around the hole and let the surface dry.
7. Place a patch film over the hole.
8. Press the patch film down firmly to seal. Do not use cushion for at least 30 minutes.
9. When leak repair is complete, adjust the cushion to proper inflation according to the user manual.

Patches do not change the performance of the cushion, but if your patch is not successful in solving the problem, or there is more serious damage, please contact your local provider.

The Balanced Aire Adjustable Cushion

General Information
1. The Balanced Aire cushion is intended to provide comfort, skin protection and stability while redistributing pressure.
2. The Balanced Aire is designed for patients at high risk for pressure injuries.
3. Inflate cushion per instructions prior to use.
4. Do not bend or fold the Balanced Aire cushion.
5. If any part of the body touches the cushion base, too much air has been released, which will reduce the therapeutic effect.
6. Please check the cushion every day to make sure it is fully inflated so the user will not bottom out.
7. Please store this product and its accessories in a dry environment.
1. **Cells**: for independent pressure redistribution.
2. **Hand pump**: For cushion inflation.
3. **Valve**: Each cushion has a valve which is used to adjust the amount of air inside the cushion.
4. **Carry Handle**: for portability.
5. **Repair kit**: Includes glue and two pieces of patch film for repair in case of puncture.
7. **Cover**: Is low shear, water-resistant stretch nylon.

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1. **Place the Balanced Aire cushion on a wheelchair with the valve positioned under or behind user’s right knee (when user is seated) and the air cells up.**
2. **Open the valve by turning left or counterclockwise.**
3. **Connect silicon tube from hand pump to valve and inflate until cushion arches slightly**
4. **Allow the cushion to “settle”; air will release until atmospheric pressure is reached. Once air is no longer being expelled move to step #5.**
5. **With an open hand, palm side down, near the still opened valve, push on the Balanced Aire cushion, 5 or 6 times, expelling air with each push.**
6. **Turn the valve right or clockwise to close/lock**
7. **Cushion is now ready for use.**

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8. **Caregiver or user can further adjust cushion for comfort and/or pressure redistribution:**
   a. **For firmer cushion, add air with hand pump, following steps 1-4. Then turn valve right or clockwise to close/lock.**
   b. **For softer cushion, follow steps 5 – 6. There should always be at least 0.5” of air between user’s pelvic bones and the base of the wheelchair.**