

# Sling Inspection and Conformity Service

It is the responsibility of every patient lift operator to inspect all slings "before each and every use". Unfortunately this inspection is not always performed adequately, resulting in potential issues.

Quality  
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Slings should be inspected by the lift operator before each lift is performed.

Potential risks occur when sling inspection is not adequately or routinely performed.

Arjo has expertise to conduct sling condition assessment and provide recommendation.

Clear identification of defective slings will reduce future potential patient risks.

## Arjo offers the Sling Conformity Service

The Sling Conformity Service consists of:

- Inspecting all slings
- Condition assessment using 10 point checklist
- Labelling and tagging

The service also includes a comprehensive assessment of your sling needs. This will ensure that you have appropriate slings available whenever needed.

The Sling Conformity Service is developed by Arjo and ensures that your slings are tested according to OEM standards and that the process complies with the EN ISO 10535 standard.

Please contact your Arjo service personnel to find out more about our Sling Conformity Service.

# Arjo, your partner for Healthcare support

Arjo is a leading global provider of products, systems and services that contribute to quality enhancement and cost efficiency within healthcare and life sciences.

The services and support offered by Arjo will enhance your investment in healthcare equipment and prolong their future value. The care and maintenance of your equipment can be placed in our hands, knowing that responsive professional support will be delivered through well trained and certified service technicians.

Our highly skilled service technicians are equipped to install, service and repair the full Arjo product range as well as other third party equipment. The product range includes medical beds, patient lifters, therapeutic surfaces, showering and hygiene systems, and other servicing needs.

## The 10 Point Checklist

The following table outlines the detailed inspection criteria utilised to determine a sling's condition and its overall rating of Pass, Fail or Recommend Replacement.

	Check	Inspection Description	Issue / Implications
Physical State (Fail)	Attachments Check	Check all loops/clips at their connection/ stress points for deterioration	Any physical damage represents an imminent structural failure and a serious issue.
	Stitching Check	Check stitching of the entire sling for deterioration including the stitching of all seams, strap connections and trim	Any physical damage represents an imminent structural failure and a serious issue.
	Body/Fabric Check	Check the entire body of the sling for any rips or holes	Any physical damage represents an imminent structural failure and a serious issue.
	Head Support / Stiffeners Check	Check for proper installation of the sling's head support stiffeners (depending on sling design)	Head support stiffeners are an integral part of a sling's structure. Using a sling without head supports is a serious issue.
	Bleach Damage Check	Check for legibility of the sling label and extremely faded colours in the body fabric or trim sizing colour	Bleach will prematurely deteriorate the sling's structure and therefore its integrity is unknown representing a potential issue.
Structural Integrity/End of Usable Life Indicators (RR-Recommend Replacement)	Heat Damage Check	Check the sling for overall shrinking or scrunching of the padded leg portion (if applicable)	Heat damage causes shrinking and damage to structural materials resulting in issues with patient comfort/skin damage therefore representing a potential issue.
	Stain Check	Check the sling for excessive chemical staining	Staining from the use of unapproved chemicals is known to prematurely deteriorate the structural sling materials and therefore its integrity is unknown, representing a potential issue.
	Label Check	Check the sling label to ensure that important information on the label is still legible, particularly the type, size and SWL (Safe Working Load) Indicators	Illegible labelling could lead to improper sling use which represents a potential issue.
	Check sling mechanical attachment	Ensure mechanical attachments are in good working order	Worn or damaged clips put the patients at risk
	Age Check	Determine the age of the sling based on the sling labelling, sling colour(s), or sling clip style	If a sling has been used for over 5 years the recommendation will be made to have it replaced.