

USER GUIDE

David Lynch Tailored Slings

Technical information and user guide

Section (A) Fitting your Tailored Sling

Using the classic fit, multi fit and access fit models from a sitting position.

- 1) The Tailored Sling should be fitted to the user with the handles on the back of the sling away from the user's body
- 2) Slide the Tailored Sling down the user's back. Do this until the binding on the aperture reaches the base of the spine
- 3) Slide each leg section round past the user's hips until the end of the leg section is level with the user's knees, ensure each leg section is equal
- 4) Slide each leg section underneath each thigh, ensuring as much fabric as possible is brought under and through the thigh towards the opposite thigh
- 5) (Classic fit and multi fit models only): Connect each leg section together using the connector loop - this is colour coded and keeps the leg sections together
- 6) (Classic fit and multi fit models only): Feed the right-hand hip strap through the small leg section loop
- 7) Repeat for the left-hand hip strap
- 8) When using the access fit, cross the leg section lifting straps by passing one through the other using the loop closest to the sling
- 9) The user's arms should be inside the sling

The Sling is now ready to be connected to the spreader bar of the hoist, choosing the adjustment loop assessed. Ensure the lifting strap loops are all securely fastened to the appropriate spreader bar attachment points, before lifting the user in the sling.

Once the hoist takes the "slack" from the lifting straps and starts to tighten, check that no part of the sling is "snagged" on the wheelchair or other conflicting parts.

Using the classic fit and multi fit from a supine position

- 1) Position yourself to one side of the user and gently roll them towards you, on their side
- 2) Fold the sling in half, down its length. The binding at the aperture should be positioned at the base of the spine
- 3) Gently roll the user back into a supine position
- 4) Roll the user now the opposite way, enabling you to collect the other half of the sling. The label should be on the outside of the sling
- 5) Follow from step 4 of section (A)

Using the seat fit, moulded fit and long seat fit

- 1) Position yourself to one side of the user and gently roll them towards you, on their side
- 2) Fold the sling in half, down its length. The label should be on the outside and the top of the sling (showing Velcro) should be level with the user's shoulders
- 3) Gently roll the user back into a supine position
- 4) Roll the user now the opposite way, enabling you to collect the other half of the sling
- 5) Draw the safety pommel through the user's legs and pass the left lifting strap (the strap closest to the bottom of the sling) through the left pommel loop
- 6) Repeat to connect the right-hand lifting loop through the right-hand pommel loop. As a guide, the top of the sling should be level with the user's shoulders (without head support)
- 7) It is important that the pommel is always used
- 8) Never connect the pommel loops (using the seated fit and moulded fit) directly to the hoist spreader bar
- 9) Ensure any other lifting straps located on the sling are attached to the hoist spreader bar

The Sling is now ready to be connected to the spreader bar of the hoist, choosing the adjustment loop assessed. Ensure the lifting strap loops are all securely fastened to the appropriate spreader bar attachment points, before lifting the user in the sling.

Once the hoist takes the "slack" from the lifting straps and starts to tighten, check that no part of the sling is "snagged" on the wheelchair or other conflicting parts.

GENERAL NOTES

This user guide is designed to assist you to get the best use from our Tailored Slings. We recommend you read this in full before using our product as well as consulting the individual label, as it also contains important information such as maximum load.

Please always remember that this is designed as a guide only. When using our different styles of Tailored Slings, there can be many variations of each style so it is important to note that certain procedures may not be appropriate in every instance. In addition the user guide for the lifting device used to lift the person in the sling should be consulted as this may have an impact on the comfort and safety of the Tailored Sling.

Tailored Slings should always be used by a competent person and that person should complete a risk assessment before the Tailored Sling is fitted to the person and lifted.

We often manufacture bespoke custom styles to suit an individual's specification. If your sling has followed this process, we recommend you consult a moving and handling specialist before use.

Sling Assessment

Not all Tailored Sling styles and sizes will suit everyone so it is important that the Tailored Sling is correctly assessed to ensure it is appropriate for use, safe and comfortable. The person's disability or condition can be a big factor in your Tailored Sling selection.

Maximum load

The sling label should be consulted to obtain the safe working load of the Tailored Sling.

Tailored Sling Adjustment

The lifting straps have looped inserts to adjust the user's position to obtain a safe and comfortable position. It is important that the correct loop inserts are assessed before use by a competent person.

Compatibility

Tailored slings have been risk assessed on a number of types of hoist but not all. Please contact us if any specific advice or further guidance is required.

Washing

To maximise the life of your Tailored Sling, wash gently at 40°C. However, your Tailored Sling can be washed up to 70°C for infection control purposes if necessary. Use a mild soap solution or a non-biological detergent. Do not bleach or use any other cleaning agents that may weaken the fabric. Air dry or tumble dry on a cool cycle.

The better you care for your Tailored Sling, the longer it will last.

Care

The condition of your Tailored Sling should be checked carefully before every use, especially around attachment points.

All slings should be thoroughly examined by a competent person and details recorded at least every six months in accordance with the requirements of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) 1998.

The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER) 1998 require that carers are appropriately trained to use slings and hoists, this user guide is to complement only the training and offers guidance only.

David Lynch Tailored Slings are carefully manufactured in accordance with the requirements of the BS EN ISO 1035. All of our Tailored Slings carry the CE mark and are registered with the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) as a class 1 medical device.



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MODEL:

CODE:

SIZE:

SERIAL NUMBER:

SAFE WORKING LOAD:

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WELCOME, WE ARE DAVID LYNCH TAILORED SLINGS FROM SUNDERLAND, ENGLAND.

imagination, style,
comfort, quality.

Hand crafted in Sunderland, England every David Lynch Tailored Sling is manufactured with attention to detail that is unsurpassed, from the raw materials used, through to the way in which each and every customer is looked after.

Imagination, style, comfort and quality are the main ingredients that go into each and every sling we manufacture.

We set about the task in 2012 and our goal was simply...

“TO HAND MAKE A RANGE OF TAILORED SLINGS THAT WERE EXTREMELY COMFORTABLE, EXTREMELY EASY TO USE AND EXTREMELY STYLISH”

OUR VISION

To be globally recognised as a leading manufacturer of patient slings.

OUR MISSION

To build a long-term business where everything we do is about quality.

To make our Tailored Slings with not just application in mind, but comfort and style.

OUR VALUES

Heritage and growth

With our roots in north-east England, it's our experience and attitude that make us different. We want to bring style to our slings so people are proud to use them.

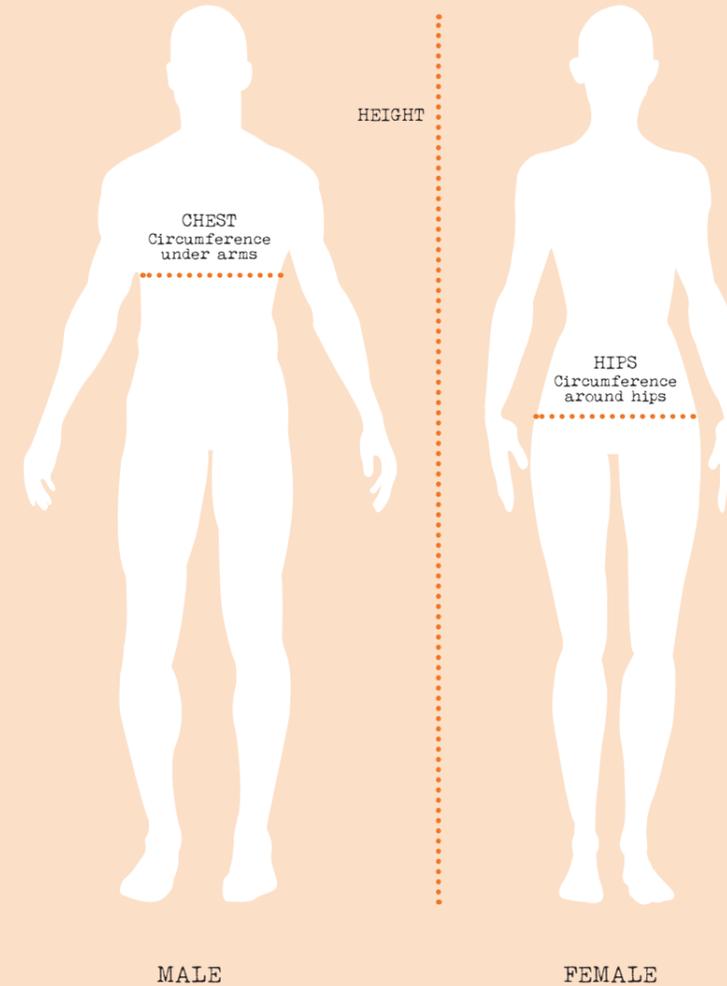
People

They are the most important part of our success, we carefully select every team member and empower them to make a difference. We expect every single member of the team to be consistent with our brand, beliefs and values.

Quality

We take huge responsibility in always maintaining a very high standard of quality. We achieve this through minute attention to detail and the ability to recognise the diverse needs of our customers and users.

SIZE GUIDE



HEIGHT (inches)	CHEST / HIPS (inches)	SIZE
39 - 47"	20 - 26"	XXXS
47 - 53"	24 - 29"	XXS
53 - 57"	26 - 32"	XS
55 - 63"	28 - 34"	S
59 - 67"	32 - 37"	M
59 - 71"	34 - 43"	L
63 - 75"	37 - 47"	XL
63 - 75"	45 - 55"	XXL
63 - 75"	55 - 60"	XXXL

Please note this sizing chart is to be used as a guide only, many other factors should be considered and a full assessment by a competent person is recommended.

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