

## USER MANUAL

# C-MATT™ STRETCHER PAD

Congratulations on the purchase of your Casco C-MATT™ Stretcher Pad. Casco has been making quality brand name healthcare products for major hospital equipment manufacturers for over 30 years. We continue this tradition by using the same quality materials and methods to build this stretcher pad as we do for OEM brand stretchers. You get a quality stretcher pad, expert product support, and competitive prices to make your purchasing decisions easier. Following are the user instructions and warranty information. Inform your housekeeping, nursing and maintenance staffs of this valuable information that will help you get the service life from this product that we guarantee.

### ***SET-UP AND INSTALLATION BEFORE PATIENT USE***

The stretcher pad is shipped in a plastic bag and is either flat or folded and compressed into a carton.

1. In a work area, away from patient rooms or common areas, unpack the stretcher pad. The packing materials may pose hazards to patients and residents.
2. Inspect the stretcher pad to ensure it was not damaged in shipment and that it is the correct model and size ordered.
3. If the product is damaged or the order is not correct: Contact Casco Manufacturing Solutions, Inc. Customer Service Department at (800) 843-1339. Describe the problem to a customer service specialist and they will aid you in returning and replacing the stretcher pad at our expense.
4. If the stretcher pad is received satisfactorily, discard all shipping materials. A manufacturer's tag is attached at one end of the stretcher. Do not remove manufacturers tag. Removal of the tag will void the warranty.

#### **NOTE**

If the stretcher pad is not to be used immediately: Remove the stretcher pad from the box and store the product flat in a cool dry place. Avoid storage areas that are not temperature or humidity controlled.

5. Please note that a "Cleaning and Disinfection Instruction" label is attached behind the manufacturer's tag. Cleaning and Disinfections instructions are also included below. Ensure supervisory and housekeeping or other personnel are familiar with the prescribed cleaning methods.
6. For best results and patient comfort, we recommend that prior to use that the stretcher pad is allowed to reach ambient patient room temperature. Folded and boxed stretcher pads need time for compressed foam to return to its normal designed shape and original configuration. Depending on temperature and time in shipment, this may take anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours.

#### **NOTE**

Various types of commercial carriers are used to deliver your shipment. A polyurethane foam stretcher pad can act as an insulator and can store heat or cold for a period of time. Environmental conditions, due to weather or seasonal changes, can expose the stretcher pad to extreme temperatures that would be most uncomfortable for a patient.

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7. Once the stretcher pad has reached ambient temperature install the stretcher pad on the frame.
8. Use standard facility linens to cover the stretcher pad. Incontinence pads may be used in conjunction with this product.
9. The product is ready for patient or resident use.

#### ***CLEANING***

The pad must be cleaned between each patient change. Do not launder or dry clean this pad. The top cover on this product is Radio Frequency (RF) sealed. There are no sewn seams or holes from sewing needles. Stretcher covers (top and bottom) should be thoroughly cleaned with mild soap and water and a soft cloth to remove dirt and foreign substances.

#### ***DISINFECTION***

Follow standard precautions. Use an EPA registered disinfectant in accordance with manufacturer's label Instructions. Do not allow cleaning solutions to pool or saturate the surface. Allow covers to air-dry.

#### ***INSPECTION***

**Covers** - Regular inspection of the stretcher pads ensures that the pad is in good condition to receive a patient or resident. Inspect the stretcher pad at every patient change for cuts, rips, tears, or cracks. Do not use this product if the cover material is damaged. While inspecting the surface also check the stretcher frame deck for broken or missing springs or metal parts that could damage the pad. Avoid placing this pad on a worn or sagging deck. Repair or replace any stretcher frame that is in poor condition.

**Foam**-The best American made 100% virgin, polyurethane foams are used in the manufacture of our stretcher pads. There are no fillers. The foams used in this stretcher pad meet California Technical Bulletin 117.

#### ***WEIGHT CAPACITY***

Even the best polyurethane foams lose their original resiliency over time. Our pads are limited to a patient weight of 300 pounds. Do not place patients in excess of 300 pounds on the stretcher pad. Excess weight can permanently compress the foam and damage the product prematurely.