

STAR MANUAL

You are about to experience a custom engineered cushion that combines modern design with superior performance and personal comfort.

The therapeutic design of the Star Cushion relies on proven “Dynamic Air Flow” technology that utilizes flexible, interconnected air-filled cells. When you sit on the Star Cushion, the individual cells flex and move with you greatly minimizing shear and friction.

As you immerse into the cushion, the soft, flexible air cells conform to the unique contours and shapes of your body providing a low-pressure environment that enhances blood flow necessary for healthy tissue maintenance and repair. As a result, you will find that your Star Cushion is ideal for the prevention and treatment of damaged or compromised skin.

The dual and four valve Standard, Mid and Short Contour Cushions, along with CXR Cushion also allow added positioning to address posture control and other seating challenges through the use of multiple compartments that are adjust to your particular seating needs.

We are confident that with proper maintenance and use, your Star Cushion will help you enjoy a more active and healthier life.

Warning:

Under-inflation: Insufficient inflation or loss of cushion air may cause lack of body support. It is important that you are immersed into the cushion, but not resting on the base of the bottom of the cushion. Sitting on the base, or in a bottom-out situation, can result in peak pressure areas.

Prolonged exposure to peak pressures impedes blood flow and reduces essential nourishment to the skin, increasing the risk of pressure ulcer development.

Over-inflation: If the cushion remains over inflated for daily use the body will not immerse into the cells, minimizing the overall effectiveness of the Star Cushion.

Insure that the cushion is supporting you as per the instructions to acquire maximum therapeutic benefit. Repeat steps 1 through 8 if you are not properly adjusted and supported by your Star Cushion.

Instructions for Use

Please read instructions carefully and follow guidelines to properly adjust your Star Cushion. Failure to comply with the instructions may cause improper inflation of this dynamic airflow cushion, resulting in a loss of therapeutic value:

Inflating the Cushion:

1. Locate the cushions air valve and open it by turning the outer black tip counter clockwise. Do not apply pressure when opening and closing valve. The valve maintains a tight seal with a little effort.
2. Attach the rubber hose end of the pump to the open valve. Insure that the pump hose is placed tightly over the valve.
3. With the pump attached, pump to moderate inflation. *Note: Moderate inflation is achieved when the centre of the cushion begins to arch*

Personalizing the Inflation of Your cushion:

4. Remove pump from cushion valve and quickly close valve by lightly turning clockwise.
5. With the valve closed, no air escapes.
6. Now place your cushion on the chair with the inflation valve facing the front. On a single valve cushion, the valve will be located at the front, left corner when sitting in the cushion. Sit on the cushion and in the chair in a position that provides appropriate sitting posture. Ensure that your arms and legs are positioned in an appropriate and comfortable position.
7. Now place your hand between the cushion and the boniest prominence, or your ischials.
8. Open the valve and begin slowly letting air escape from the cushion. As air escapes, use you fingers as a guide to estimate distance between your boniest prominence and thee base of the cushion.
9. Continue releasing air until you are positioned approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " off the base of the cushion. At this point, gently close the valve by turning the outer Black tip clockwise to the closed position.

Enjoy. Your Cushion is now ready for use.