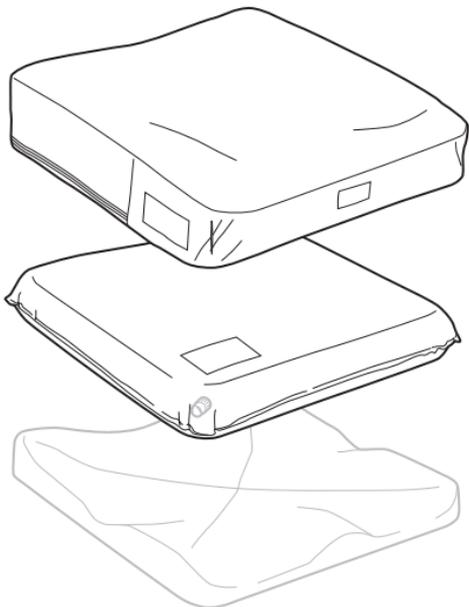




VARILITE®

IMPORTANT PRODUCT INFORMATION

Seating System Instruction Manual



Supplier:
Please ensure the user of this wheelchair cushion receives and understands this important product information.



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Important Note for Suppliers:

Please provide the User or Caregiver with this manual.

Important Note for VARILITE Seating System Users and Caregivers:

Please keep this manual for future reference.

If you do not understand this instruction manual or if you have any questions, please contact VARILITE Customer Service at 1-800-827-4548.

 **WARNING**

Do not use your cushion if the foam on the inside of the cover is wrinkled or folded. If the foam is wrinkled or folded it can create a pressure point which may lead to a pressure ulcer. Take care not to wrinkle or fold the foam during transfers. Replace the cover if the foam is wrinkled or folded.

Skin redness can indicate the beginning of a pressure ulcer. Perform regular skin checks to monitor skin redness, particularly around bony prominences. Contact your health care provider immediately if persistent redness is noted.



Seat Cushion Maintenance

Cushion maintenance is required to ensure optimal performance of your VARILITE adjustable seating system.

We recommend that you leave the valve open and allow your VARILITE cushion to fully inflate **overnight at least once a week** to maintain optimal cushion performance and foam integrity.

Check your cushion's inflation level daily and when changing altitudes.

The cushion will deflate under pressure if punctured or if the valve is not fully closed.

If you suspect your cushion has been punctured, immediately contact the company that provided you with the cushion, or contact VARILITE customer service, for instructions on how to repair your cushion.

Care and Cleaning

Care for All VARILITE Seating Systems

VARILITE cushions and covers always should be used together. The cushion cover is an essential part of the seating system by enhancing pressure distribution and promoting air circulation for healthy tissues. The cover protects the cushion from punctures, burns and being soiled.

Never expose your VARILITE cushion to sharp objects. Never store sharp or heavy objects on top of your seating system. Protect your cushion from pet claws.

Never store your seating system in conditions of extreme heat or exposure to direct sunlight for long periods of time.

Cleaning for All VARILITE Seating Systems

Clean the **cushion** by wiping with a damp cloth.

The cushion **cover** can be removed and machine washed. Refer to the cushion cover's tag for specific instructions. Air dry.

Additional seating **components** such as Wave Bases, Contoured Bases, or Wedges can be cleaned with soap and warm water. Do not saturate. Air dry.

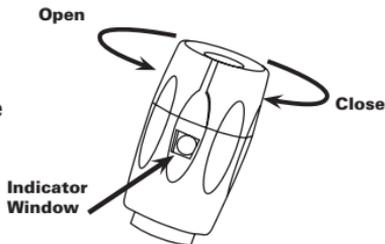


Adjusting Air Level

PSV™ (Pressure Setting Valve)

Inflating the Cushion

1. Open air valve by turning valve counterclockwise.
2. Your cushion needs to be unweighted to inflate. (You should not be sitting on cushion at this time.)
3. When cushion is fully inflated, close air valve by turning valve clockwise.



Adjusting the Cushion

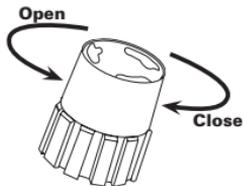
1. Begin with the cushion on the wheelchair, fully inflated with the valve closed.
2. Transfer onto wheelchair. Sit in the proper position.
3. Open the valve by turning it counterclockwise until the pre-determined position number ("1", "2", or "3") appears in the indicator window. **Unless otherwise instructed by your therapist, use position "2".** Air will escape until the valve automatically shuts off (approximately 10-15 seconds).
4. Once the valve has shut off the release of air, close the valve by turning it clockwise. This will prevent inadvertent release of additional air due to weight shifting, transferring, manual propelling, and so forth.

Adjusting Air Level

Standard Air Valve

Inflating the Cushion

1. Open air valve by turning valve counter-clockwise.
2. Your cushion needs to be unweighted to inflate. (You should not be sitting on cushion at this time.)
3. When cushion is fully inflated, close air valve by turning valve clockwise.



Adjusting the Cushion

1. Begin with the cushion on the wheelchair, fully inflated with the valve closed.
2. Transfer onto wheelchair. Sit in the proper position.
3. Turn the valve counterclockwise to open the valve and release air. You want to sink down about 1 to 2 inches (2.5cm to 5cm).
4. Close the valve when the air level that provides the support you need for comfort and functionality is reached. Generally, this is when there is between 1 and 1/2 in. (2.5 and 1.3cm) of cushion between the user's ischial tuberosity and the seating surface.



Thank You for Choosing VARILITE!

We know you will be pleased with the quality, performance and design of your VARILITE product. VARILITE systems offer unparalleled pressure relief, stability and positioning support to enhance function and performance.

Warranty Registration

*Be sure to complete the Warranty Registration form that came with this seating system, or complete the Warranty Registration form online:
http://www.varilite.com/forms_warrantyreg.aspx*

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