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Introduction

We trust you will find your AireRx AireFlow cushion to be well suited to your needs. It will provide you with the state of the art in Cool Comfort. Please read this manual fully before using your cushion, and use it as described here.

The AireFlow products are built with Anatomically Intelligent Design to provide stable posture and superior pressure distribution. They also reduce heat retention and moisture buildup in the high risk areas underneath your hips and tailbone, for maximum comfort and minimum risk of hotspots or skin ulcers.

If you have any questions, please visit our Web site at www.airerx.com or call us at 615.244.3327. We are eager to know how you like your new AireFlow cushion, and will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Parts

Your AireRx AireFlow cushion comes with an inner cushion and a cloth cover.

If you have an AireFlowSPC or AireFlowSPPC cushion, you will also receive a battery charger unit.

Assembly

Remove the cushion and the cushion cover from their packaging. Make sure the width and length of the cushion fit the size of your wheelchair or other seating surface. The cushion should not hang off the front of your seat more than 4 cm. The cushion should not be more than 2 cm wider than the seating surface. Make sure the cushion cannot rub against your wheels.

Identify the front and top of the cushion and the front and top of the cover. The bottom of the cushion is flat, and the bottom of the cover has hook and loop on it for a good attachment to your seating surface.

Your cushion comes ready to use. Always use the cushion with the cover on.

Installation

It may be best to let your clinical professional or dealer help you with the initial installation of your cushion. Place the cushion on your wheelchair seat or other seating surface. Make sure the back of the cushion is at the back of the wheelchair seat. The back of the cushion is lower in the center area, while the front of the cushion is not. The back also has a label that tells you it is the cushion back.

Make sure the hook and loop on the bottom of the cushion attach securely to your wheelchair seat if it is similarly equipped. You may want to adjust the foot rests or other features of your wheelchair so that your legs are resting firmly on the cushion but are properly supported below. You may also want to adjust arm rests or back support so that you can sit comfortably and with good posture.

Use

Have your therapist check how well the cushion fits you within the first few days of regular use. Check your skin for redness or heat. If either redness or heat occurs and does not resolve within 15 minutes, you should not continue to use the cushion. Consult a clinical professional immediately.

AireRx encourages you to replace the outer cover if it becomes worn or hard to clean. Normal use for a cover is approximately one year. Covers can be ordered from AireRx without purchasing a cushion.

If you have an AireFlowSPC or AireFlowSPPC model cushion, you should receive a battery charger in addition to your cushion and cover. The charger

plugs into a standard wall outlet, and the probe at the end of the wire from the charger should be inserted into the receptacle at the front of the cushion to recharge the batteries after a day of use. Recharging should require four to eight hours. Inside the cushion is an air flow casing that contains a fan and a rechargeable battery pack. If necessary, the lower panel can be removed by unscrewing four screws, and the fan or battery pack removed and replaced. *AireRx recommends that you have your dealer or AireRx service this area of the cushion.*

Maintenance

Do not store the cushion under a weight. This can distort its shape and damage its usefulness. Protect the cushion from temperatures above 150 degrees Fahrenheit or below 25 degrees Fahrenheit. Excessive temperature can shorten the useful life of the cushion. Do not leave the cushion close to an open flame or a high temperature heat source at any time.

If your cushion is an SPC or SPPC product, it includes a fan and rechargeable batteries. Recharge the batteries fully after each use, but do not leave the charger connected to the cushion longer than 8 hours after the batteries are fully charged.

Cleaning

Do not steam clean or autoclave the product!

Clean the AireRx cushion and cover regularly, and whenever dirty. Remove the cover and the air flow mesh inserts before cleaning the cushion. Clean the air flow mesh inserts in soapy water and rinse thoroughly with clean water. Clean the cushion with a damp cloth and dilute soap solution. Do not use abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals like bleach. You may use a soft bristle brush, but do not scratch the waterproof coating of the cushion. Make sure to wash off all soap residues with clean water. DO NOT IMMERSE the cushion in any liquid. If your product is an AireFlowSPC or AireFlowSPPC, make sure not to get water into the air flow casing. Cover the openings at the front and top of the cushion while cleaning. If water gets into the casing, you may remove the bottom panel and dry it out. You may also dry out the casing with a hair dryer.

Clean the cover with mild detergent by hand washing or using the gentle setting of an automatic washing machine. Turn the cover inside-out for washing. Make sure the cushion and the cover are completely dry before reassembling the product. You may dry the cover at a low temperature or on a tumble-only cycle of an automatic dryer.

Warranty

AireRx products are warranted against defects in workmanship and materials for a period of two years after the original date of purchase. The warranty is only valid for the person who originally purchased the product, and only if the product has been subject to normal use. The warranty provides that AireRx will repair or replace components of the product, or provide a new version of the product (at its choice), and does not provide for compensation for any incidental or consequential damages. Any damage arising from abnormal use, or caused by improper handling or cleaning, or by negligence, is not covered under this warranty. The cushion cover, battery pack and fan are excluded from this warranty. Any alteration of the product not authorized by AireRx will void the warranty. AireRx will pay for ground shipping to and from our facility in the event the company deems a product to be eligible under the terms of this warranty. In order to be eligible, you will have to provide appropriate evidence that you are the person who purchased the product.

To submit a product for a warranty claim, first call our customer service department at 615.244.3327. You will receive a Warranty Claim Number which you must include with the product when you ship it to AireRx. You will receive shipping instructions as well at that time.

This warranty gives the purchaser specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.