

BEAR POD Quick Clip Safety Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the BEAR device is to more safely and reliably transport a bariatric patient in situations involving the use of an ambulance cot or a long spinal immobilization board.

Materials Information

The Bariatric Equalizing Abdominal Restraint (BEAR) is made from top quality high-grade materials that are chemical resistant and UV resistant, and may be washed with soap and water. The mesh fabric is constructed of nylon that is covered with a non-porous vinyl coating and has a bursting strength of 539 psi. The 1 ½" frame straps have a tensile strength of 900 pounds and the 2" abdominal straps have a tensile strength of 1,200 pounds

Use Restrictions and Disclaimer

The Bariatric Equalizing Abdominal Restraint (BEAR) is designed as an accessory for transporting obese/bariatric patients on an ambulance cot or a long spinal immobilization board. The intended use is for professionals who are trained in patient transports, patient care, and any other medical training that involves monitoring the patient's breathing, level of consciousness, and overall well-being. BEAR is meant to be attached to the frame of the ambulance cot and then the patient is positioned onto the device. The nylon mesh is comfortably secure around the patient's abdominal mass to keep the abdominal mass from shifting laterally.

Directions: For ALL STRYKER AND ALL FERNO AMBULANCE COTS

1. Inside each **BEAR** storage bag you will find **2 Abdominal Restraint Panels (Marked Left and Right)** and **8 Frame Straps**.
2. Remove the Frame Straps from the bag and place them onto the ambulance cot side rail frame in this order.

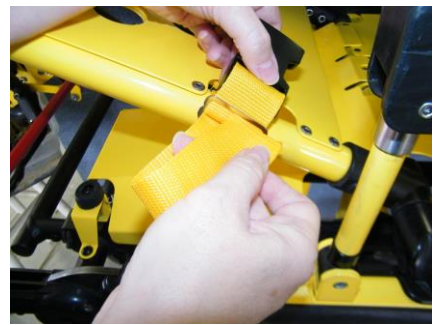
A. Place the yellow frame strap through any orifice 8" to 10" above the bend in the cot.



B. Feed the frame strap through the lower slot of the triple bar buckle and pull tight.



C. Feed the frame strap through the upper slot in the triple bar buckle.



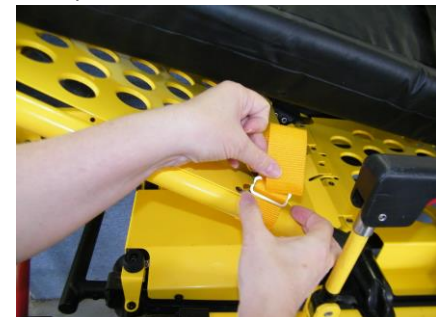
D. (Illustration of frame strap going through the triple bar buckle)



E. Pull the frame strap tight



D. Feed the frame strap back through the bottom slot of the triple bar buckle.



E. Pull the frame strap through the buckle and pull tight.



F. Finished frame strap attachment



G. Take the BEAR panel out of the bag. "R" for right and facing to the head and to the outside.



H. Correct location



I. ***Attaching the "Head End" strap first will allow using the buckles on the BEAR panel to aid in perfect frame strap placement.***



J. All straps can be connected after all the frame straps are attached.



Complete assembly



WARNING

ON A STRYKER COT, AVOID PLACING THE FRAME STRAP AROUND THE INTERNAL SLIDE OF THE COT. DOING SO WILL PREVENT THE NORMAL OPERATION OF THE COT.



5. Once the BEAR device is attached to the ambulance cot. Place a flat sheet on top of the mattress and the BEAR device.
6. Load your patient onto the cot and once they are in the center, bring the blue mesh fabric up and around the abdominal mass.
7. Start connecting the **RED – BLUE – GREEN** straps to their corresponding buckles on the opposite side.
8. **Remember, this device is designed to keep the abdominal mass from shifting left and right. The straps should not restrict chest rise and fall and cause discomfort.**
9. Once the BEAR device is attached to the patient, apply your recommended manufactures metal seat belt buckles.

Cleaning

Do not place this device in ANY washing machine as the straps could work themselves around the spindle of an agitating washing machine or around the drum of a front-loading machine and damage the machine or the BEAR device straps.

Clean with soap and water or sanitation wipes only. Do not place in a residential or commercial dryer as the straps have been known to work around the drum and cause damage to the dryer and the BEAR device straps. Hang drying is recommended.