

## BEAR POD Product Information and 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.

### Materials Information

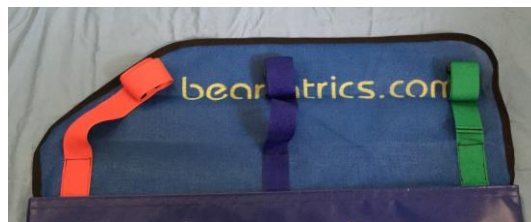
The Bariatric Equalizing Abdominal Restraint (BEAR) is made from top quality high-grade materials that are chemical resistant and UV resistant, and may be washed with soap and water. The mesh fabric is constructed of nylon that is covered with a non-porous vinyl coating and has a bursting strength of 539 psi. The 1 ½" frame straps have a tensile strength of 1000 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. 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. The BEAR is meant to be attached to the side rail frame or mattress frame of the ambulance cot, a sheet or blanket goes on top of the BEAR 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.

### Installation for STRYKER Power Pro XT and MX Pro Series

1. Remove the **BEAR** from the plastic bag
2. Look inside each **BEAR POD** and look for the **RED** Strap. The **POD** should be mounted with the **RED** strap facing to the head-end of the cot.



3. Below are the correct mounting points for the Power Pro XT Series Cot.



4. Below are the correct mounting points for the MX Pro Series Cot



**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.**



**Installation for FERNO Pro Flex and Power Flex**

**INX installation instructions upon request**

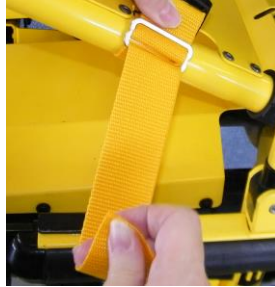
1. Below are the correct mounting points for the Pro Flex and the Power Flex. (They are the same)
2. The foot end needs to be mounted to the mattress frame and allow the foot end to be raised in the elevated position



## How to thread the TRIPLE BAR SLIDE BUCKLE



Bring the long end of the strap (the "Tail End") between the middle bar and the bottom bar of the triple bar slide.



Pull to the desired length



Bring the tail end back up between the middle bar and top bar of the triple bar slide and pull tight.



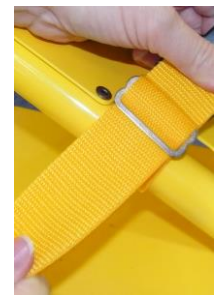
If done correctly  
It should look like  
this.



Now you are ready to tie  
the locking loop so the  
strap will not move out  
of adjustment.



Bring the tail end of the  
strap BACK DOWN between  
the middle bar and the  
bottom bar as shown.



Once the strap is  
Correct, Pull hard  
Downward.

## Transport

1. Once the BEAR device is attached to the ambulance cot. Place a flat sheet or blanket on top of the mattress and the BEAR device.
2. Assist your patient onto the cot and position them into the center.
3. Bring the blue mesh fabric up and around the abdominal mass.
4. Start connecting the RED – BLUE – GREEN straps to their corresponding buckles on the opposite side. (in some cases, crisscrossing the straps have proved beneficial)
5. **Remember, this device is designed to keep the abdominal mass from shifting left and right. The straps should not be tight and restrict chest rise and fall. The straps should never compress the chest and cause discomfort.**
6. Once the BEAR device is attached to the patient, apply your recommended manufacturers 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.