

## Quality

PolyWeave slings are manufactured to the highest standards and quality is closely monitored at all stages in the manufacturing process. Each sling is visually inspected before it is packed.

Before being released to the market, each design has been tested in accordance with British Standard 10535:2006 'Hoists for the transfer of disabled persons - Requirements and test methods'. These tests include:

- Ascertaining which manufacturer's hoists and spreader bars can be used in safe combination with the sling
- Weight testing (1.5 times the Safe Working Load must be statically held for 20 minutes)
- Fire retardancy testing (EN1021-1 and EN1021-2)
- Laundry tests to ascertain overall shrinkage

In addition, we carry out testing for our own internal quality procedures which far exceed the minimum requirements of the standard. This additional testing includes:

- Load testing when wet
- Overloading to breaking point

Alongside the standards all products, where applicable, carry a CE (Conformity European) mark following guidelines set out by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

## Compatibility

Certain hoist manufacturers have displayed a reluctance to recognise the use of alternative slings with their products. This may be motivated by commercial or competitive reasons, or by fear of litigation. In any event, a thorough written risk assessment conducted by a competent assessor is all that is required to ensure that an alternative sling provides a safe and appropriate solution for a client's specific need, most often at a significantly reduced cost.

Further guidance on risk assessments and competency can be found under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER 5 Dec 1998)

PolyWeave slings are manufactured and are safe and fit for purpose, visibly marked with any relevant information required for a safe transfer, including information of the style of the replacement sling, the maximum weight limit, inspection instructions and unique serial numbers for identification.

We conduct regular research and testing to ensure that PolyWeave replacement slings are safe to use in combination with hoists by the leading manufacturers in the UK market. These manufacturers include:

Arjo	Freeway	Liftech	Talley
BHM	Guldmann	Liko	Westholme
Chiltern Invadex	Horcher	Locomotor	
Days Healthcare	Huntleigh	Molift	
Doherty	Invacare	Oxford	

### **Master Indemnity Agreements for trials and samples**

Lisclare has entered into a Master Indemnity Agreement with the Department of Health which indemnifies NHS trusts, PCT's and their employees from liability to damage or injury caused by way of fault in the design or workmanship of our slings during trials or through the use of a sample sling.

Our Master Indemnity Agreement reference numbers are:

<i>For use with form:</i>	<i>Lisclare Reference</i>
A – Goods on loan from Lisclare to a trust	IFA822
B – For use with samples given to the trust by Lisclare	IFB822

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