

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OWW SINGLE AXIS FOOT

Please read thoroughly before assembling a prosthesis using the OWW Single Axis Foot.

Warranty

The warranty for the OWW Single Axis Foot is one year (allowing three weeks from the date of purchase for installation). Use of the OWW Single Axis Foot for amputees whose modified body weight is more than 250 lbs (113 kg) or who engage in extremely high and abusive activity is against Ohio Willow Wood Company's recommendations and will void the one year warranty. Modified body weight is defined as the weight of the amputee plus any loads carried by the amputee. "Extremely high and abusive activities" are defined as activities such as skydiving, karate, and judo; activities that could result in injury to an individual's natural feet; and activities that expose the prosthesis to corrosives such as salt water.

Modifying the Foot

The urethane foam shell may be lightly sanded with little resulting loss of strength. Do not expose the internal components of the foot, as this could reduce the structural integrity of the foot.

Exposure to Water

The OWW Single Axis Foot is essentially water resistant, provided no open cracks have developed and no area of the foot has been sanded. Seal the ankle pin holes on the sides of the foot and the ankle pin retaining screw hole on the bottom of the foot before exposing the foot to water. Complete submersion in water is not recommended.

Patient Advisory Warning

The attached Patient Advisory Warning enables you, the prosthetist, to effectively notify your patients of the limitations of the components in their prosthesis, and of the need to monitor their weight and activity levels. Please review the Patient Advisory Warning with the patient upon delivery of a prosthesis with an OWW Single Axis Foot. The patient and the prosthetist should then sign the Patient Advisory Warning to acknowledge that it has been reviewed and understood by both parties. Give one signed copy to the patient and place one copy in the patient's file.

If a patient's weight or activity level increases after receiving a prosthesis with an OWW Single Axis Foot, the patient should immediately contact the prosthetist to determine whether replacement components are necessary. If a patient continues to use a prosthesis with an OWW Single Axis Foot after experiencing an increase in weight and/or activity level, the foot could fail with the possibility of serious injury to the patient.

To ensure that the correct components are selected for each patient, the prosthetist should weigh the patient on scales in the prosthetist's office. Do not rely on the patient's estimate of his/her own weight. Instruct the patient to monitor his/her weight weekly to ensure that it remains in a range appropriate for the prosthetic components being used.



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