

# Use and Care of the Alpha® Gel Cup

## WHAT'S IN THE BOX

One of the following:

- Alpha Gel Cup, Small
- Alpha Gel Cup, Medium
- Alpha Gel Cup, Large
- Alpha Gel Cup, Extra Large

Instructions

**Note: Be very careful not to tear the Gel Cup when following these instructions. The edge of the cup was tapered very thin to minimize any gapping inside the liner.**

## DONNING THE GEL CUP

1. Turn the Gel Cup inside out. Place the dome against the distal end of the residual limb.
2. Pull the sides of the Gel Cup up so that the Gel Cup is now right side out and on the limb. Be sure that the Gel Cup is not wrinkled.
3. Push out any trapped air by pulling the side of the Gel Cup away from the skin and working the air to the edges. If it is not possible to remove all the air, a smaller Gel Cup may be required.
4. Make sure that the edges of the Gel Cup are not folded under.
5. Don the liner over the Gel Cup as described in the instruction manual for the liner. The Gel Cup will adhere to the gel of the Alpha Liner and remain in place inside the Alpha liner. Once the Gel Cup and liner have been donned, you should be able to remove and re-don the liner and Gel Cup as one.

## DAILY CLEANING

Each Gel Cup should be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day of wear.

1. Slowly and carefully separate the Gel Cup from the liner. As you peel the cup away from the liner, keep repositioning your fingers so that they are close to the adhered portion of the cup. Running water over the cup may also make it easier to remove the cup.

**Note: Grabbing the Gel Cup by the edge and pulling it off the liner without continually repositioning your fingers close to the adhered edge may cause the Gel Cup to tear.**

2. Immediately after removing the Gel Cup from the liner, clean the Gel Cup thoroughly with warm tap water and a body soap that does not leave a residue. Apply soap either by hand or with a clean, soft cloth or sponge.

**Note: Do not scrub the Gel Cup. Scrubbing can roughen the surface of the Gel Cup, which can then irritate the skin.**

3. Take special care to rinse all soap residue from the Gel Cup.
4. Place the Gel Cup on the drying stand and allow the Gel Cup to dry.

## WEEKLY CLEANING (FOR DISINFECTION)

1. Place a small amount (no more than 2 Tbs.) of ethyl or isopropyl alcohol on a soft, clean cloth.
2. Lightly wipe the Gel Cup with the cloth.
3. Place the Gel Cup on the drying stand and allow the Gel Cup to dry.

**Note: Do not soak the Gel Cup in the ethyl or isopropyl alcohol. Extended contact with large amounts of ethyl or isopropyl alcohol will stiffen the Gel Cup.**

### WARRANTY (UNITED STATES)

WillowWood warrants each Gel Cup for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of invoice against defects in material and workmanship.

A product returned during the warranty period will be evaluated and repaired or replaced at WillowWood's discretion. To avoid restocking fees, you must obtain a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) Number prior to the return of any WillowWood product. Call 800-848-4930 or 740-869-3377 to obtain an RMA.

### WARRANTY (OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES)

WillowWood guarantees that this product leaves the factory free of material and manufacturing defects.

The wear and service life of this product will be greatly affected by the technique and care applied by the prosthetist during fabrication and fitting of the prosthesis and by the level of care provided by the amputee.

Please contact your local distributor for further information.

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**Alpha Products can melt or burn if exposed to high temperatures or flame. Do not expose your Alpha product to these conditions.**



**This Alpha product is intended for use on a single patient. Use of the product with multiple patients could lead to cross contamination between patients.**



**WARNING: To avoid danger of suffocation, keep this product away from babies or children.**

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