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#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

##### ATTENTION!

Before using this product please take a few minutes to read this instruction booklet. It contains information that will aid you in achieving maximum therapeutic results from the Premium Guard Water Mattress.

(DO NOT ELEVATE BED MORE THAN 20°)

## 90 day limited warranty

Your Drive brand product is warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for 90 days.

This device was built to exacting standards and carefully inspected prior to shipment.

In the event of a defect covered by this warranty, we will, at our option, repair or replace the device.

This warranty does not cover device failure due to owner misuse or negligence, or normal wear and tear.

If you have a question about your Drive device or this warranty, please contact an authorized Drive dealer.



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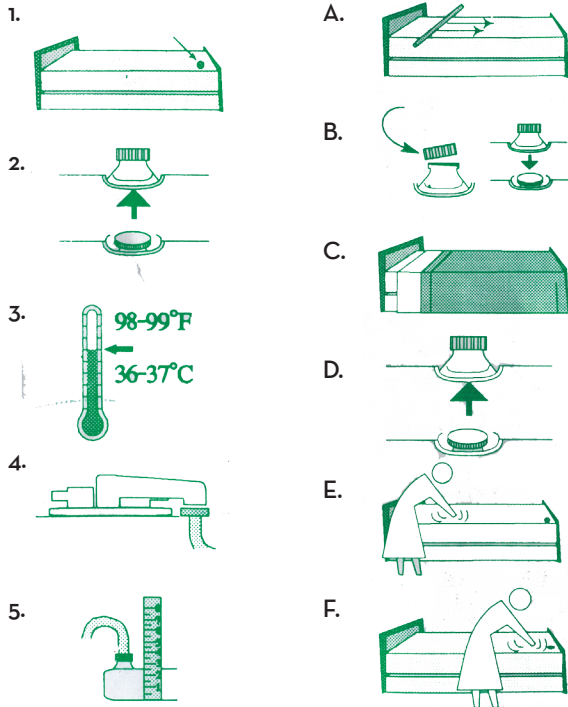
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## SAFE GUARDS:

1. **DO NOT USE HOT WATER.** It could damage the mattress. Use warm water only.
2. **DO NOT OVERFILL.** The mattress should be filled with a minimum amount of water. The patient's body should not be able to depress the top of the mattress enough to touch the bottom. Overfilling will diminish the pressure-reducing characteristics so vital to flotation therapy. Overfilling can also physically damage the mattress.
3. **AVOID PUNCTURE.** keep pins and other sharp instruments away from the mattress.



## STEPS TO ACHIEVING OPTIMAL COMFORT:

1. **Unfold the mattress.** Place it on the hospital mattress or conventional mattress with the Fill Valve visible at the foot of the bed. (figure 1)
2. **Unscrew the Fill Valve cap.** Holding the base of the Fill Valve, insert your finger into the opening and pull the valve to its raised position. (figure 2)
3. **Locate a nearby faucet to obtain warm water** (approximately 98-99°F, 36-37° C). Water temperature should approximate body temperature. (figure 3)
4. **Connect a standard type garden hose to the faucet.** Screw the female end into the male Fill Valve. (figure 4)
5. **Mattress cannot be filled with person on mattress surface.** Gently turn on the warm water. Do not leave the mattress unattended. Start by filling approximately 1 1/2" of water in mattress, fold mattress at marked line "Folding Point." You will then observe the water level rising up past the folding point. Hold mattress end upright until water level reaches Filling line. Adding more or less water will change the pressure relief depending upon the patients weight and bone structure. Do not place any person over 225 lbs. on this mattress. (figure 5)

6. Turn off the water when desired level has been reached. Do not overfill as this will cause excessive stress to the mattress and may cause seam leakage. If you accidentally overfill the mattress, drain out the excess water immediately.

7. Mark date filled.

**TRAPPED AIR:** Air bubbles can impair the softness of the mattress. To remove this trapped air, slowly draw a broomstick, or rigid rod across the top of the mattress toward the Fill Valve. Lift the bottom of the mattress slightly, to let excess air escape through small air valve. Note, you may have to squeeze bottom of air safety valve. (figure A)

**BASIC PRINCIPLE:** Fill mattress with as little water as possible. After all the caps are tightly in place, position patient on mattress with their heels at the end of mattress and their head on pillow. If necessary, safety Check: place your hand (palm up) under the flotation mattress beneath patient's buttocks. There should be approximately 1"-2" between these two surfaces. Important: Overfilling lessens pressure relief. Mattress should contour to patients body and not appear hard from overfilling. (figure B)

**INSURING PATIENT COMFORT:** To retain optimal heat, cover the mattress with a blanket and plastic drawsheet. (figure C)

**DRAINING:** To drain the mattress, place the Fill Valve in the raised position and open it. Insert the female end of hose into the Fill Valve. Locate a drain at a point lower than the mattress, then gently press down on mattress to start flow. After draining, rinse the interior of the mattress several times with water. Allow to dry. This product is a single-use product. (figure D)

**CLEANING:** You may clean the mattress with any non-petroleum-based antibacterial cleaner. Do not autoclave. The mattress may be gas sterilized. (figure E)

**REPAIR KIT:** In the event of a puncture, you can repair the mattress while it is still filled. Remove the patient from the mattress and locate the hole. Dry the area with a towel and push glue into the hole from the inclosed Repair Kit. Allow the glue to dry for ten minutes. For larger cuts, use the glue and patch kit. (figure F)