

# GPFR – General Purpose Liner

**Fabric Reinforced** 



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The ALPS General Purpose Liner - Fabric Reinforced liner (GPFR) is made with a very comfortable and cushioning soft gel material. The soft feeling of the gel reduces the occurrence of rashes and skin breakdowns at the proximal edge of the liner and in sensitive bony areas. The fabric reinforcement makes it durable and easy to don and doff. The General Purpose Fabric Reinforced is an ideal interface for patients that have sensitive skin or bony prominences and they cannot tolerate the negative pressure of a locking pin type of suspension system. The GPFR can be used with any type of proximal suspension including supracondylar and straps. The recommended suspension system is with an EasySleeve gel suspension sleeve with or without an expulsion valve.

## **Sizing**

Measure the stump circumference 6cm from the apex of the residual limb. Select a size inferior to the measured circumference.

Example 1: Measured circumference 24

Select size 24

Example 2: Measured circumference 27

Select size 26

#### Measurements taken 6cm from distal end.

| Measured size (cm) | 3mm       | 6mm       |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 16 - 19 cm         | GPFR 16-3 | GPFR 16-6 |
| 20 - 23 cm         | GPFR 20-3 | GPFR 20-6 |
| 24 - 25 cm         | GPFR 24-3 | GPFR 24-6 |
| 26 – 27cm          | GPFR 26-3 | GPFR 26-6 |
| 28 - 31 cm         | GPFR 28-3 | GPFR 28-6 |
| 32 - 37 cm         | GPFR 32-3 | GPFR 32-6 |
| 38 - 43 cm         | GPFR 38-3 | GPFR 38-6 |
| 44 - 53 cm         | GPFR 44-3 | GPFR 44-6 |

# **Donning the General Purpose Liner**

Although it is not necessary to apply any type of lubricant to the residual limb, you may use either talcum powder or a very small amount of Alps SL108 silicone skin lotion. **Avoid petroleum jelly and other oil based lubricants,** as they will damage

the Liner. Talcum powder will form a scaling on the surface of the General **Purpose Liner.** (Using the SL108 is the preferred procedure).

You may don the Liner by both inverting and rolling it up or donning it like a sock. If you choose to invert it, use a powder on the outside to facilitate rolling.

Remove any air pockets trapped between the residual limb and the liner.

Place a prosthetic sheath or sock over the General Purpose Liner.

Introduce the residual limb into the socket.

## **Storing the General Purpose Liner**

Always keep the foam insert in the General Purpose Liner when not in use. Lying flat for long periods may cause creases to develop.

## **Cleaning the General Purpose Liner**

**Daily:** Wash the General Purpose Liner and the residual limb with warm water and a neutral soap such as Alps Cleanser PD595 or other hypoallergenic ph-balanced soap. Use a washcloth, but do not rub, nor scrub or you will damage the General Purpose Liner. Rinse Well. Wipe the General Purpose Liner dry with a clean, dry towel.

**Weekly:** Place a small amount of rubbing alcohol on a soft, clean cloth. Wipe the General Purpose Liner with the cloth thoroughly, wipe dry with a towel **DO NOT** soak the liner in alcohol.

Occasionally: When the fabric gets very soiled, wash in washing machine using the cold cycle and fabric detergent, using the extra rinse cycle; then dry in a clothes dryer using the "fluff" cycle.

To remove a stain on the fabric side, use a cloth dampened in nail polish remover (acetone) and rub until clean. DO NOT SOAK IN ACETONE OR YOU WILL DISSOLVE THE GEL.

## **F.A.Q.'s**

**Question:** My patient after using the General Purpose Liner for the first time complained of excessive perspiration.

**Answer:** Excessive perspiration is normal. It will gradually diminish over a period of two to six weeks. You may use an antiperspirant, but, if a rash develops, discontinue its use.

**Question:** Do I trim the General Purpose Liner above the knee or just above the socket edge or do I reflect the General Purpose Liner over the socket to provide suspension?

**Answer:** You can do all of the above. We recommend that you trim 1" above the edge of the socket. To trim, you may use scissors, a pizza roller or a hot knife for plastics.(McMaster Carr's Part #2453A61, tel. 1-404-346-7000). If you choose to reflect the General Purpose Liner over the socket, make sure that the edge of the socket is well taped or you will cut a hole in the liner. (In such a case, the warranty will not apply.)

**Question:** The General Purpose Liner stains very easily, does this affect its performance?

**Answer:** No, performance is not affected. It is true General Purpose Liners pick up stains easily. If the stain cannot be removed with the procedures described above, it is recommended that the exposed portion of the liner be covered with a 14" to 16" piece of stockinet or with a spandex cover available from Alps.

**Question:** I have experienced micro cracking of the surface.

**Answer:** Micro cracking can take place either when:

- a) petroleum products or organic oils (including human fatty acids) come in prolonged contact with the General Purpose Liner. Some patients skin may be oily enough to induce micro cracking. In such cases the life expectancy of the General Purpose Liner is greatly reduced. The prosthetist will decide if the General Purpose Liner is the appropriate liner for such patients.
- b) the General Purpose Liner is stretched over 100% of its original dimension and kept in a stretched position.

#### WARRANTY

30-day satisfaction guaranteed, no questions asked 24 month warranty against manufactures defects if pair is issued to amputee 12 month warranty against manufactures defects if a single liner is issued to

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Customer ID # -- Invoice # -- Date of Invoice – Nature of Return
The RAN must be displayed on the exterior of the returned item box or it will be refused at the dock.

**Warning:** Specific exclusions from this warranty are: cuts, holes, rips due to hits, scrapes, etc.

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