



# **V.I.V.A. - Fabric Reinforced Sleeve**



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## **Alps Fabric Reinforced V.I.V.A. Sleeve (Valve Integrated Vacuum Activated) Gel Suction Suspension Sleeve**

The V.I.V.A. Sleeve essentially is a suspension sleeve with an evacuation valve built in. There is no longer a need for fabricating a valve in the socket because any excess air trapped in the socket will be released through the sleeve's valve providing superior suspension.

### **Sizing**

Measure the stump circumference 10cm from the apex of the residual limb.  
Select a size inferior to the measured circumference.

Example 1: Measured circumference 24

Select size 16

Example 2: Measured circumference 27

Select size 20

### **Measurements taken 10cm above the patella**

<b>Measured size (cm)</b>	<b>3mm</b>	<b>6mm</b>
20 – 24 cm	VIVA 16-3	VIVA 16-6
25 – 30 cm	VIVA 20-3	VIVA 20-6
31 – 34 cm	VIVA 24-3	VIVA 24-6
35 – 37cm	VIVA 26-3	VIVA 26-6
38 – 40 cm	VIVA 28-3	VIVA 28-6
41 – 45 cm	VIVA 32-3	VIVA 32-6

## **Instructions**

### **Donning the V.I.V.A. Sleeve**

- 1). Although it is not necessary to apply any type of lubricant to the residual limb, you may use either talcum powder or silicone skin lotion -- Alps SL108. **Avoid petroleum jelly and other oil based lubricants**, as they will damage the sleeve.
- 2). Invert the V.I.V.A. Sleeve so that the inside is facing out and roll the sleeve up onto the socket **making sure the valve is placed on the anterior aspect, proximal to the socket and just proximal to the patella. The valve should not be on the socket or on the skin because the air will not be able to be expelled.**
- 3). Introduce the residual limb into the socket.
- 4). Roll the V.I.V.A. Sleeve onto the proximal end of the residual limb.

### **Cleaning the V.I.V.A. Sleeve**

**Daily:** Wash the sleeve and the residual limb with warm water and a neutral soap such as Alps Cleanser PD 595 or other hypoallergenic pH-balanced soap. Use a washcloth, but do not rub, or scrub on the gel or you will damage the V.I.V.A. Sleeve. Rinse Well. Wipe the sleeve dry with a clean, dry towel and apply a light dusting of talcum powder to the outside of the sleeve.

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

## Warranty

V.I.V.A. Sleeve suspension sleeves are covered by our 30-day satisfaction guarantee, no questions asked. Full credit will be applied against the purchase price (excluding freight charges). Furthermore, they are guaranteed against manufacturer's defects for 90 days.

To obtain an Alps Return Authorization Number (RA#) call Alps Customer Service between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST and provide an Alps representative with the following information: **Customer ID # -- Invoice # -- Date of Invoice – Nature of the Return**

The RA# 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., and abrasions due to improper taping of the socket.

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**Subject: Billing the VIVA Sleeve**



Dear Customer,

Thank you for your purchase of the Alps Fabric Reinforced VIVA Sleeve (Valve Integrated Vacuum Activated) Gel Suction Suspension Sleeve.

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When billing the VIVA sleeve please bill under the L5999 code and attach this document to help in the consistency of wording for reimbursement purposes.

"VIVA below knee suction suspension sleeve incorporates a one-way air expulsion valve to maintain suction suspension of the prosthesis which benefits the amputee by providing secure suspension which reduces pistoning, friction, and shear forces on the residual limb"