



SLE – Suspension Sleeve EasySleeve

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Alps EasySleeve Suspension Sleeve Instructions - SLE

This is the original EasySleeve gel Sleeve from ALPS South Corp. It offers the ultimate in comfort and ease of donning and doffing. It is so stretchy that it can be donned and doffed just like a regular sock, making it easier for patients with poor manual dexterity. The gel is not restricted in elongation by the presence of any fabric and therefore, it puts virtually no constriction on to the residual limb. This is of particular importance with vascular patients

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 24

Example 2: Measured circumference 27

Select size 26

Measurements taken 10cm from distal end.

Measured size (cm)	6mm
10 – 15 cm	SLE 10-6
16 – 19 cm	SLE 16-6
20 – 23 cm	SLE 20-6
24 – 25 cm	SLE 24-6
26 – 27 cm	SLE 26-6
28 – 31 cm	SLE 28-6
32 – 37 cm	SLE 32-6

Donning the EasySleeve

- 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) Apply talcum powder to the outside of the EasySleeve.
- 3) Invert the EasySleeve so that the inside is facing out and roll the sleeve up onto the socket. Alternatively simply stretch the EasySleeve over the socket.
- 4) Introduce the residual limb into the socket.
- 5) Roll the EasySleeve onto the proximal end of the residual limb.
- 6) Cover the EasySleeve with a spandex tube (optional).

Cleaning the EasySleeve

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 wash cloth, but do not rub, nor scrub or you will damage the EasySleeve. Rinse well. Wipe the sleeve dry with a clean, dry towel.

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

EasySleeve 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 (RAN) call Alps Customer Service between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm EST and provide an Alps representative with the following information: **Customer ID # -- Invoice # -- Date of Invoice – Nature of the 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., and abrasions due to improper taping of the socket.



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