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Patient Information for Use document:
DMO® Custom Contour V Shorts



Our products

Our Custom Made Dynamic Movement Orthoses® use a soft, flexible elastomeric fabric that ensures a close fit and creates compression forces to enhance proprioceptive feedback. This base fabric is light-weight, breathable and strong.

This is combined with reinforcement panels made using a powernet material to provide strength and stability where required improving posture and biomechanical alignment.

Our made to measure orthoses work by using strategically placed reinforcements, which position the body into improved postural alignment. This new biomechanical state combined with enhanced proprioception, stimulates and adjusts the neuro-sensory system, training muscles to work with improved tone, strength and performance.

DMO®'s help both adults and children manage the physical effects of their neurological, musculoskeletal and genetic conditions.

DMO® Custom products are individually made-to-measure, and all fastenings, openings and reinforcements are individually prescribed according to the functional needs and preferences of each individual patient.

Get in Touch

To find out more about our DMO® Product ranges, contact your local DMO® provider or distributor or DM Orthotics directly to find out who that is. Email: admin@dmorthotics.com visit: www.dmorthotics.com call: +44 (0) 1209 219205

How we intend our products to be used by patients

DM Orthotics custom-made orthotic devices are intended for the **exclusive use of a single specific patient** to support and correct posture and joint alignment. It should not be worn by any other person who it was not individually measured and prescribed for.

All DM Orthotics custom made orthoses, are medical devices as defined by the EU MDR (2017/745) and are declared to conform to the regulations according to Annex II and III EU MDR, and are covered under the definition of an orthotic device: a brace, splint, or other artificial external device serving to support the limbs or spine or to prevent or assist relative movement.

The devices are custom made (according to Annex XIII MDR) and comply with the applicable requirements of the MDR (Medical Devices Regulation) (2017/745) : Custom Made Product

Date of Issue

Our custom made devices are manufactured to a specific prescription specific to an individual patient and will be issued with a date of manufacture on the accompanying statement form that is sent with your product. This is for the end user to keep for their records.

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Wear instructions

Follow the care instructions carefully. By taking care of your orthosis you will **prolong its wear and prevent damage.**

DO

- Put the orthosis on and off as advised by your therapist/ supplier. See website: www.dmorthotics.com/productcare
- Take care when putting it on and taking it off, follow the instructions in this booklet carefully– pulling it on and off roughly and long finger nails can cause damage.
- It is important to build up wear time as per your individual instructions.
- Follow the washing instructions carefully or it can become damaged.

DO NOT

- Do not put on or take off your made to measure product roughly - this can cause damage to the product with ladders or tears or holes in the fabric.
- Do not put on or take off with long finger nails, this can also damage the fabric.

FIT OR SAFETY CONCERNS

Contact your therapist / supplier **IMMEDIATELY** if it is getting really tight, causing red marks or has developed ladders and /or holes.

DMO® products are designed to complement therapy and physical exercise, so should not be removed for exercising unless advised by your therapist, or you have any other concerns that they can help you with.

Wearing time

DO

- Build up wearing time slowly over the first week, as stated below, doubling the amount of time daily until the orthosis is worn throughout the working day.

e.g. 1st day - 1 hour

2nd day - 2 hours

3rd day - 4 hours

4th day - 8 hours

5th day - can be worn all night according to your clinicians instructions

DO NOT

- Wear all day or all night immediately. this product needs a clinicians input and instructions about when to wear should be provided by them.

Special instructions

If this is for night time use only, build up the wear as indicated under the DO list, and as advised by your clinician.

If this is prescribed for periods of the day, please follow the instructions of your clinician.

Washing instructions

Follow the care instructions carefully. By taking care of your orthosis you will **prolong its wear and prevent damage**.

DO

- The orthosis should be washed at least every 2-3 days.
- The orthosis can be hand washed cool or machine washed at 30 degrees.
- Short spin only or roll up in a dry towel to remove excess moisture.
- Allow to completely dry overnight by hanging up indoors.

DO NOT

- DO NOT dry in strong direct sunlight or on a radiator.
- DO NOT WRING OUT– it will stretch out of shape and will cause damage to the materials.
- DO NOT IRON.
- DO NOT USE BLEACH, OR WHITENING AGENTS
- DO NOT USE FABRIC CONDITIONER
- DO NOT DRY CLEAN.
- DO NOT TUMBLE DRY– it will shrink.

For further help and support, we have added how to put on and take off your orthosis to our website please visit: www.dmorthotics.com/productcare.

Regular and correct care of the orthosis will prevent it from developing odour and keep the material supple. If your orthosis is silver treated, this will need to be re-applied after 100 washes as the silver ions start to disperse after 50 washes.

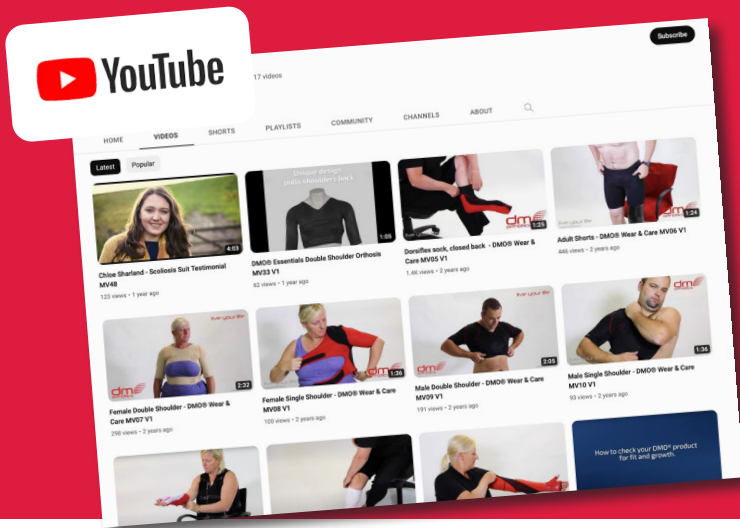


Wearing our products

We have created a range of video guides to help our customers to get the best out of their product. These guides include helpful tips and tricks to wearing our products and how you can best care for them when putting on or taking off.

To view them visit: www.dmorthotics.com/productcare

DMO® products should be worn next to the skin. It is important to build up wear time slowly over the first week, doubling the amount of time daily until worn throughout the day. e.g.



CONTRAINDICATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS

Contraindications

There are no known contraindications for using a DMO®. The assessment for a DMO® Custom made product should be undertaken by an authorised medical professional with the correct professional qualifications.

Precautions/Considerations

The following is a list of possible precautions to consider before going ahead with the prescription of a DMO® Custom made product. This should be discussed with your professionally qualified medical professional who may suggest an alternative DMO® product or altering the preferred DMO® product.

Poor temperature regulatory control

A DMO will have no affect on the temperature regulatory centre of the body. However, DMO should be treated as a layer of clothing and clothing layers will need to be adjusted for hot or cold climates accordingly. Adjustments to the prescription can be made such as short legs and arms to help improve heat control.

Primary circulation disorders

Certain primary respiratory problems where muscles are growing weaker due to deterioration of the nerves/muscles, will need careful consideration and may require discussion with the patients medical practitioner - although the suit specification may be changed to accommodate this. Secondary circulation problems associated with Cerebral Palsy can be improved due to improved posture of the trunk/body and improved position of the ribs.

Skin conditions

Skin conditions that might be exacerbated by close contact with synthetic materials for prolonged periods may require further consultation with a healthcare professional who is overseeing the patient's dermatological treatment but this is rarely a contraindication.

Skeletal fragility/brittle bones

Some conditions can be well supported by a DMO® product but this should be discussed with your medical practitioner. Alterations can be made to the preferred product such as the addition of zips or poppers or the use of short arms or legs instead of long arms or legs.

Gastrostomy, stoma and other medical requirements

We can manufacture the custom made product with a special aperture for a gastrostomy peg, stoma, suprapubic catheter etc. This will be added at the fitting stage to ensure precise placement. Please discuss this with your medical practitioner who can seek further advice from the experienced clinical team at DMO®.

DMO® Custom Contour V Shorts

Intended Purpose

The intended purpose of the DM35 contour V shorts is to stabilise and reposition the hips effectively. They are suitable for high and low tone conditions and prevent excessive abduction or adduction of the hips, this facilitates a more comfortable and safe position. They can be used to improve sleeping posture or as a therapy tool to assist corrected positioning.

Indications

Instability or poor posture of the hips and pelvis where alignment requires correction or to be maintained.

Considerations

It is vital the correct prescription is chosen, abduction or adduction variations are available, the wrong prescription can be detrimental to their hip alignment.

Intended Patient Population

Contour V shorts have no age limitation and can be used for male and female patients with many different conditions which present with maligned hip joint positions or instability of the pelvic girdle.

A reasonably high degree of dexterity and muscle tone is required for those who will be donning and doffing the shorts themselves. A carer will be required to assist with donning and doffing the shorts where this is not the case.



Intended users

The DM35 contour V shorts will require prescription and specification by a competent healthcare professional, typically a qualified orthotist, physiotherapist or occupational therapist, who has received appropriate training in the prescription and use of Dynamic Movement Orthoses® (DMO®). Such a competent healthcare professional will also be required to assess the fit of the shorts and to provide further specification advice to improve the fit of the shorts where required.

The wearer of the orthosis will typically be a lay person.

The wearer's carer who may be involved in the donning and doffing, washing and the reporting of any issues of the orthosis will typically be a lay person.

The device in question is made to measure and requires specification by a healthcare professional trained in the use of Dynamic Movement Orthoses® (DMO®). This will require a set of measurements which the healthcare professional will have been trained in taking measurements by DM Orthotics.

Provides:

- Aim to improve hip alignment
- Increase comfort during the night (if worn at night)
- Allow movement of the body
- Are manufactured with reinforcement panelling for strength and stability
- Can be worn during therapy sessions

Additional features:

- Compression fabric for comfort and movement
- Available in either **AB**duction or **AD**duction positions
- Semi rigid reinforcement panel can be adjusted using heat
- Adjustable hook and loop straps for growth and comfort.



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DMO® Contour V Shorts application instructions

How to apply the DMO® Contour V shorts. (For illustrative purposes Custom Contour V shorts have been used)

Precautions:

Remove watches and jewellery before applying the orthosis. Your clinician should have approved these DMO® Contour V shorts for use

To check the fit:

- Contour V shorts are worn over clothing or night time wear e.g. pyjamas.
- Wear time may need to be built up gradually but the aim is for the shorts to be worn all night.
- This should be possible after a week but in some cases it may take longer. Your clinician will guide you on how to build up wearing time.
- The Contour V shorts should be comfortably tight at the velcro straps at each side of the body.
- The front fly may be used for ease of toileting and / or feeding tube.
- It may be necessary to adjust the straps once all have been fastened to get a snug fit.



Unfasten all the velcro side straps.



Place the shorts on the floor or bed and pull the front of the shorts down



Lie the child on the back of the shorts placing legs either side of the flexible plastic V



Make sure the top of the V is over the crotch area

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How the Contour V shorts should look when on:



To check the fit Cont.:

- If there are any concerns with fit ie extremities turning blue or feeling overly cold to the touch, then please remove and inform your clinical team immediately for further assessment and advice.
- If there is any doubt as to its appropriate fit, please notify your clinician/therapist immediately as the orthosis may require review of fit (use of the velcro straps)



Pull the front of the shorts over the stomach.



The top of the shorts should be in line with the lower ribs.

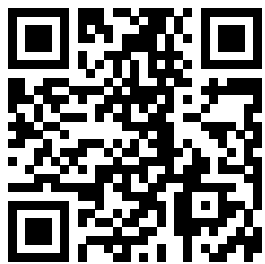


The bottom of the shorts should be just above the knee.



Fasten the Velcro straps on each side pulling the shorts tight around the trunk and legs.

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access our wear and care
videos or go to:
www.dmorthotics.com/productcare

How to remove the DMO® Contour V shorts



Lie child on their back in a safe place



Undo all the velcro straps at the right
and left side of the Contour V shorts



Pull the front of the shorts down over the stomach and away
from your child.



Lift your child gently out of the Contour V shorts

Disposal of Device Statement

The devices manufactured by DM Orthotics are class 1 / custom made orthotic devices. There are no precautions required to be taken to dispose of DMO® devices. The materials used for manufacture can be disposed of in line with your local arrangements for clothing / materials disposal. We do ask that you please wash the device before disposal.

Serious Incident Statement

If any serious incident occurs in relation to your DMO® device, you should report it immediately to the manufacturer (DM Orthotics) and the competent authority responsible for medical devices in your Member State for example in the UK this would be the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency MHRA.

Manufacturer



Patient identification



Product/model ID



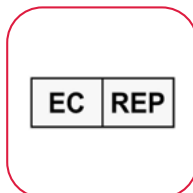
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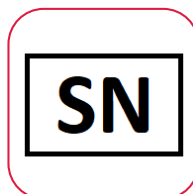
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Order number



Medical Device



Please note user modification is not recommended and by altering the orthosis yourself your warranty can be affected or deemed void. Please contact your clinical specialist or DM Orthotics for information on alterations and product modifications.



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