

# FASPLINT HALFBACK®

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

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### CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The FASPLINT HALFBACK® splint is an economical, re-usable vacuum splint that can be properly cleaned and disinfected after use for additional field service and then discarded when worn out or too severely soiled. These Care and Maintenance Guidelines are recommendations for maximizing the life and service of this product. You should always follow the specific cleaning and disinfecting practices dictated by your Medical Director.

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### CLEANING PROCEDURE

The FASPLINT HALFBACK should be cleaned using soap and water, a mild detergent, or a commercial cleaner/disinfectant. Any blood, body fluids or other soiled materials should be thoroughly removed prior to disinfection. ALWAYS place the red leashed cap on the end of the MaxiValve™ before cleaning the splint. Sodium hypochlorite (bleach) solutions may be used for disinfection, but avoid prolonged exposure of the vinyl material to high concentrations of bleach to avoid discoloration. A 1% bleach solution is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ALWAYS thoroughly rinse the splint off with cold water and then allow to air dry or towel dry before placing it back in its storage/carry case. Other commercially available disinfecting agents suitable for use on vinyl surfaces may be wiped or sprayed onto the FASPLINT HALFBACK following their product manufacturer's recommended instructions for use, and allowed to dry completely. Afterwards, simply towel dry the splint and hang to air dry for an hour or so.

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### REPAIRS

The orange material used to make the front of the FASPLINT HALFBACK is very flexible and easy to mold around a patient, but it is a semi-disposable product and is not designed to be as durable as our EVAC-U-SPLINT® product line. The gray material on the back of the splint is the same material that is on the back of our EVAC-U-SPLINT vacuum mattress and is designed to make this splint more durable and increase its life and service. Both materials should be treated with care to maximize their life and minimize tears and punctures.

If the FASPLINT HALFBACK has been extensively damaged, punctured or torn, it should be discarded. If for some reason the splint is damaged during use, place a piece of non-porous adhesive tape or duct tape over the puncture site. Because air is being drawn into the splint, the vacuum will hold the tape to the splint and plug the leak. This field repair will hold until the tape is removed from the splint. Small leaks or punctures less than 1/8" in size may be repaired using the repair kit supplied with the splint and by following these procedures:

1. Apply a drop of vinyl glue to the puncture site.
2. Vacuum a small amount of air out of the splint to pull some of the glue into the puncture site.
3. Release the vacuum, allowing air to enter the splint.
4. Allow the glue to dry for 24 hours at room temperature and test the splint before putting it back into use.

For holes larger than 1/8" please view the repair instructions for the FASPLINT HALFBACK on our website or if you have any questions regarding repair procedures, please contact Customer Service directly at 760-438-5500.

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It is always a good policy to inspect your splint after each use, before placing it back in the carry case, as well as periodically throughout the year. This will guarantee that your FASPLINT HALFBACK is always ready to be used on the very next call.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

Hartwell Medical is known for its outstanding customer service and warranty program. We deliver high-quality, innovative emergency medical products and stand behind each one. Should you have any questions about the use or care of any of our products, our customer service personnel will be happy to help you.

#### Customer Service Hours:

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Additional information on our entire product line is available on our website:

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### ABOUT US

Hartwell Medical is proud to have been in business for more than 25 years as a highly respected manufacturer of innovative emergency medical products. Over the past two decades we have seen significant technological advances in the emergency care industry and are proud to have played a key role in the research and development of improved patient care equipment and techniques.

It all started in 1989 with a new splint designed to treat extremity injuries using vacuum technology instead of air pressure. Today, Hartwell Medical manufactures the two best-selling vacuum splint products in the industry; the well-known EVAC-U-SPLINT® and the new, semi-disposable FASPLINT®. In 1999, Hartwell Medical introduced the award-winning CombiCarrier®, the first combination backboard and scoop stretcher. This innovative device saved rescuers valuable budget dollars and storage space by combining 2 products into 1. Today, the next generation CombiCarrierII® is even thinner, lighter, and stronger than the original and continues to be the ideal patient handling and transfer device.

All of our products are subjected to clinical evaluation and real-life field tests to ensure they meet our high standards and your ever-changing needs. Should you have any questions about the use or care of our products, we will be happy to help. Hartwell Medical is continually working to provide you with quality products for life.