



FWE-WB-LS **Ferno Walk Belt**  
Stability Aid



**FERNO**<sup>®</sup>



**Users' Instructions**

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This manual contains general instructions for the use, operation and care of this product. The instructions are not all-inclusive. Safe and proper use of this product is solely at the discretion of the user. Safety information is included as a service to the user. All other safety measures taken by the user should be within and under consideration of applicable regulations and local protocol. Training on the proper use of this product must be provided before using this product in an actual situation.

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# 1 - SAFETY INFORMATION

## 1.1 Warning

Warning notices indicate a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in injury or death.



**WARNING**

**The leg straps are not designed or rated to take the patient's entire weight. Do not use the Walk Belt as a lifting harness.**

## 1.2 Notice

Notices emphasize important, but not hazard-related information. Failure to follow Notices could result in product or property damage.

**NOTICE**












## 1.3 Tip

Tips provide recommendations for easier use of the product.

**Tip**

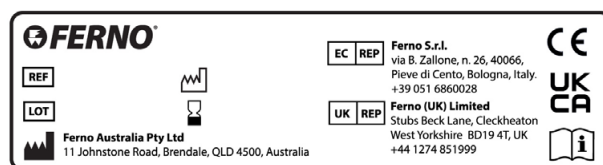
## 1.5 Symbol Glossary

The symbols defined below are used on the Walk Belt and/or in this manual.

Symbol	Definition
	Product Code
	Batch Number
	Date of Manufacture
	Date of Retirement / Expiry
	Manufacturer
	Compliant with European Union standards
	Compliant with United Kingdom standards
	Authorized Representative European Community
	Authorized Representative United Kingdom
	Medical Device
	Read and keep the User Instructions

### 1.6 Product Identification Label

The Product Identification Label contains important information about the product including serial number, date of manufacture and retirement.



## 2 - ABOUT THE WALK BELT

The Ferno Walk Belt has been purpose designed for paramedics and emergency healthcare professionals to assist patients while walking.

The Ferno Walk Belt secures around a patient’s waist and is fitted with eight handles – four horizontal and four vertical handles – as well as two leg straps that are designed to strengthen the Walk Belt when used to stabilise unsteady patients. The Walk Belt substantially reduces the effort required by the operator to assist a patient whilst walking. The Ferno Walk Belt can be machine washed and reused repeatedly.

<b>PRODUCT DESIGNATION:</b>	Stability Aid. Not for fall arrest from height.
<b>GENERAL USE:</b>	Enhances care-givers’ ability to provide stability to patients while walking
<b>SIZING Waist Circumference:</b>	FWE-WB-LS (Standard) 150 cm /FWE-WB-LS L (stor)180cm



## 3 - FITTING & USING THE WALK BELT

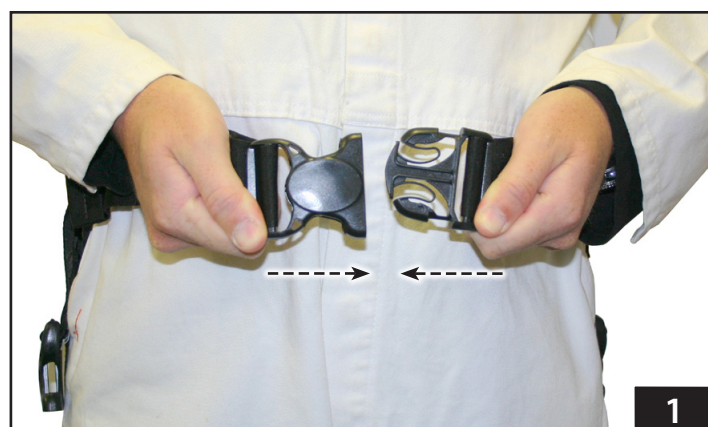
### Fitting and Using the Walk Belt

1. Release the waist belt buckle and wrap the Walk Belt around the patient’s waist. Clip the buckle together, and further adjust the belt strap so the Walk Belt fits closely against the patient’s body.

Tip

**Preadjust the Walk Belt**

To save time and reduce inconvenience to the patient, estimate the patient’s waist size and preadjust the Walk Belt before placing the belt on to the patient.



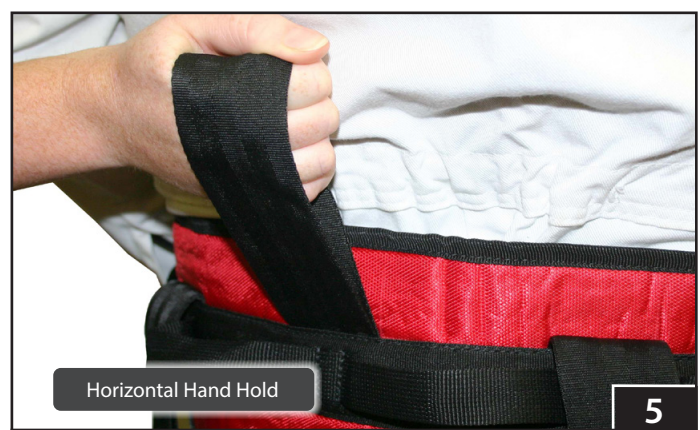
- Release the left leg strap buckle. Wrap the long left leg strap around the back of the left leg to the front of the leg via the groin area and re-connect the buckle (Figures 2 and 3). Adjust straps if required, for a snug and comfortable fit.
- Repeat Step 2 with the right leg strap.
- Once the Walk Belt is securely fastened to the patient, the operator can use any of the vertical or horizontal hand holds (Figures 4 and 5) to assist the patient while walking.

## NOTICE

The leg straps must be fitted to the patient if the patient is to be moved from either a standing-to-sitting position or vice versa. The leg straps are designed to support the patient during these manoeuvres and keeps the Walk Belt in its original fitted position.

## WARNING

The leg straps are not designed or rated to take the patient's entire weight. Do not use the Walk Belt as a lifting harness.



## Inspections

Inspect the Walk Belt to ensure it is fit for duty before stowing it away. An Inspection Check List is provided as a guide. Refer any signs of deterioration to a competent or designated person for a decision on the safety and serviceability of the product.

### WALK BELT INSPECTION CHECK LIST

WEBBING	Fraying, cuts or tears
	Damage due to heat, corrosives or solvents
	Deterioration due to rotting, mildew or ultraviolet exposure
SEWING	Broken, cut or worn stitches
BUCKLES & ADJUSTERS	Buckles are securely sewn to Walk Belt webbing
	Quick Connect Buckles engage positively when connected
	Quick Connect Buckle release mechanism operates smoothly when activated

## Cleaning

This product should be cleaned regularly to maintain its safety and serviceability.

- Brush off loose dirt.
- Spray on a cleaning solution. Do not use solutions containing bleach, phenolics, iodides or petroleum.
- Use a soft bristle brush to clean.
- Allow cleaning solution to soak into the webbing.
- Hand or machine wash up to 40° Celsius.
- Air dry in a well ventilated area, away from direct sunlight.

## Storage

Store the product away from direct sunlight, excessive dust and moisture, and corrosive atmospheres.