



# Posey® Metal Buckle, Quick-Release Buckle, Transfer Belt Application Instructions



## DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT:

- Cotton Gait Belt with metal buckle or quick-release buckle
- Extra-Wide Transfer Belt with quick-release buckle and six handles



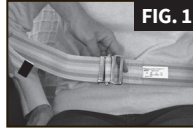
## INTENDED USE:

- Provides caregivers with a secure hold point to assist patients/residents during supervised walking and transfers.
- Patients/Residents requiring ambulation and/or transfer assistance.

## CONTRAINDICATIONS: None

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS — METAL BUCKLE:

1. With the Posey label facing outside, wrap the belt around the patient's waist, pass the metal tip of the belt through the buckle and over the teeth of the buckle (Fig. 1).
2. Bring the tip of the belt across the front of the buckle and slip it through the other side (Fig. 2). Adjust it so it is snug, but not uncomfortable for the patient. You should be able to slip your open hand (flat) between the belt and the patient.
3. The strap should lay flat across the buckle. Tuck excess under the belt (Fig. 3). ALWAYS verify proper closure before use.
4. ALWAYS grasp the transfer belt from underneath. Assist patient using your facility's approved procedures.



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS — QUICK-RELEASE BUCKLE:

1. Release the quick-release buckle by pushing inward on the quick-release buttons (Fig. 4).
2. Fit the belt to the patient's waist size.
3. Once adjusted, wrap the belt around the patient and snap the buckle shut.
4. Make sure you can slide your open hand (flat) between the belt and the patient.
5. Turn the buckle around to the patient's back (tuck excess strap under belt).
6. ALWAYS grasp the belt from underneath. Assist patient using your facility's approved procedures.



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS — TRANSFER BELT:

1. Center the belt around the patient's waist with the quick-release buckle in the center front.
2. Adjust the belt to fit so it is snug, but not uncomfortable for the patient. You should be able to slide your open hand (flat) between the belt and the patient.
3. Secure the quick-release buckle and tight straps so that they lie flat.
4. Once adjusted, wrap the belt around the patient and snap the buckle shut. Make sure you can slide your open hand (flat) between the belt and the patient.
5. Use the green handles when assisting a patient during ambulation or transfers.

## PRECAUTIONS:

- Follow your hospital's policies and procedures for the use of the gait belt. Follow your hospital's policies and procedures when assessing the patient's skin.
- A clinical assessment and decision are required when used with the following conditions: ostomy, colostomy, G-tubes, hernias, as well as those with post-surgery incisions, or those fitted with monitoring equipment, tubes or lines that might be compromised by the pressure or the rubbing against a gait belt
- Always inspect before each use; check for broken stitches or parts; torn, cut, or frayed material; or buckles that are cracked or broken and do not hold securely. NEVER use soiled or damaged products.
- This product is not intended for use as a restraint.
- Remove after each use. When not in use, the caregiver can wear the belt for immediate access as needed.

## WARNING:

- NEVER use a Gait or Transfer Belt as a seat belt or to position a person in a chair or vehicle. Gait and Transfer Belts are not designed for seat positioning or to withstand the force of a crash.
- The quick-release gait belt buckle version should be positioned to the patient's back so that the patient can not release the buckle during transfer. Release of the buckle during transfer may result in injury. ALWAYS verify the buckle is not broken or cracked and holds securely before transferring the patient.



## POSEY GAIT AND TRANSFER BELTS:

SKU	Description	UOM	Color	Length	Fits Waist Sizes
REF 6556	Cotton Gait Belt with metal buckle	CS (50 EA)	White with green stripe	66"	45" to 61"
REF 6556L	Cotton Gait Belt with metal buckle	CS (50 EA)	White with green stripe	78"	57" to 73"
REF 6556S	Cotton Gait Belt with metal buckle	CS (50 EA)	White with green stripe	54"	28" to 49"
REF 6531	Cotton Gait Belt with metal buckle	EA	Pastel	54"	28" to 49"
REF 6531L	Cotton Gait Belt with metal buckle	EA	Pastel	74"	45" to 69"
REF 6528	Cotton Gait Belt with metal buckle	EA	Navy	54"	28" to 49"
REF 6528L	Cotton Gait Belt with metal buckle	EA	Navy	74"	45" to 69"
REF 6528Q	Cotton Gait Belt with quick-release buckle	EA	Navy	52"	28" to 50"
REF 6531Q	Cotton Gait Belt with quick-release buckle	EA	Pastel	52"	28" to 50"
REF 6556Q	Cotton Gait Belt with quick-release buckle	CS (50 EA)	White with green stripe	62"	28" to 59"
REF 6556QL	Cotton Gait Belt with quick-release buckle	CS (50 EA)	White with green stripe	74"	56" to 71"
REF 6537Q	Transfer Belt with six handles and quick-release buckle	EA	Black and green	54"	28" to 52"

## WASHING INSTRUCTIONS:

- To maintain bright colors in **non-contaminated** Gait and Transfer Belts:



- For all **contaminated** Gait and Transfer Belts:



NOTE: Fasten all buckles to minimize damage during wash and dry cycles. During the washing process, metal buckles could bend and quick-release buckles could crack or break. Do not put buckles through extractors. Always ensure that all buckles are in good working order and are not cracked or broken before each use. Customers could expect up to 5% shrinkage in cotton materials over the life of the product.

**DISPOSAL:** Properly dispose of the product per facility's policy for BIOHAZARDOUS materials.

**STORAGE AND HANDLING:** Gait and Transfer Belts are designed for use in normal indoor environments. Store in ambient warehouse temperatures at normal humidity levels. Avoid excess moisture or high humidity that may damage the product.