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## VICAIR<sup>®</sup> ADJUSTER O2 USER MANUAL

## MAIN COMPONENTS

#### Dear customer,

Thank you for choosing a Vicair® Adjuster O2. We are sure you will appreciate the simplicity, reliability and fantastic effect. Please read and understand this user manual before use. Save this manual for future reference.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Vicair Adjuster O2 is a wheelchair seat cushion that provides a very high level of skin protection for persons with a high risk of developing pressure injuries. It is also a high performance addition to a pressure ulcer treatment plan (stage I-IV). The Vicair Adjuster O2 cushion is machine washable without removing the SmartCells!

## INDICATIONS

It is used to improve the body-posture of asymmetric persons, to prevent pressure injuries and to provide comfort and stable body support.

It is also a high performance addition to a pressure ulcer treatment plan (stage I-IV).

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

When used as intended, there are no known contraindications.



- A Cushion cover
- B Cushion
- C SmartCells™
- D User manual

## **GENERAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

Product name:	Vicair Adjuster O2
Manufactured by:	Vicair B.V., The Netherlands
Warranty:	24 months
Weight (excl. cover):	Smallest size: 0,5 kg / 1.1 lbs
	Medium size: 0,8 kg / 1.8 lbs
	Largest size: 1 kg / 2.2 lbs
Used materials:	All latex free
Cushion:	Top made of polyester
	fabric with polyurethane
	coating, bottom of
	polyester mesh fabric
Filling:	Air-filled SmartCells with
	low friction coating

#### **Cushion covers:**

Comfair Cover: Top: Knitted Polyester fabric. Sides: Polyester 3D Mesh fabric. Bottom: Polyester fabric with polyurethane anti-slip coating.

Incotec Cover & Kwik Strap Cover: Top: Knitted Polyester fabric, coated with fluid resistant breathable polyurethane. Bottom: Polyester fabric with polyurethane anti-slip coating. All covers: Machine washable. Covers comply with CAL117.

## PRECAUTIONS AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

A Vicair wheelchair seat cushion may only be used as a wheelchair seat cushion. The use of this product in any other way, is considered to be misuse. Vicair B.V. cannot be held responsible for damage caused by misuse, improper use or negligence. Make sure that you read and understand this manual completely. Warning! Vicair B.V. recommends to install the Vicair Adjuster O2 under direct supervision of a therapist or Assistive Technology Professional. Warning! Your tailbone and pelvic bones should not touch the bottom of the cushion. Checking for "bottoming out" should be done during first use and after adjustments to the cushion filling. Warning! Check your skin regularly for redness, especially during the first few days. If redness occurs and does not disappear after 15 minutes, consult your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

Warning! Vicair B.V. recommends to adjust the filling grade under the direct supervision of your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional. Warning! In case of soiling with body fluids, and when transferring the product to another user, the product must be disinfected to avoid cross contamination.

Warning! Every three months, check the product for wear and deflated cells. In case of serious damage, or a large number of deflated cells, do not continue to use the product. Consult your Assistive Technology Professional.

**Caution!** Do not use or leave the product close to a naked flame or a high temperature heat source. **Caution!** Do not steam clean or autoclave the product. The product cannot withstand excessive heat or pressure. When the given cleaning instructions are not followed, it is very likely that the product and/or the product's cover will age more rapidlyly.

Caution! Do not use aggressive or abrasive cleaners, or sharp objects to clean the cushion. Caution! Do not place the topside of the Vicair O2 cushion against the glass of the washer door. Caution! Make sure the cushion cannot interfere with the wheel spokes.

**Caution!** Excessive washing may influence the aging of this product.

**Notice!** Filling grade may slightly deviate from default (see product label).

## INSTALLATION

Warning! Vicair B.V. recommends to install the Vicair Adjuster O2 under direct supervision of a therapist or Assistive Technology Professional. Caution! Make sure the cushion cannot interfere with the wheel spokes.

**Notice!** Always use cushion with cover. **Notice!** Make sure that the wheelchair seat is clean and degreased.

**Tip:** When you prefer not to use the hook and loop, you can remove the hook strips. Note that the loop strips confected to the bottom of the cushion and/or cushion cover cannot be removed.

## Perform the following steps when installing the Vicair Adjuster O2

- Check cushion size. Width of the cushion and seat should match. When the cushion rests against arm supports or side-guards, the width may be up to 2,5 cm (1") wider. Depth of the cushion and seat should match.
- Check if the size of the cover matches the size of the cushion.
- Remove the hook strips from the bottom of the cushion. Note that the loop strips confected to the bottom of the cushion cannot be removed.
- Insert cushion in cover.

- Pass loop through eyelet in cover.
- Close zipper. Make sure to not damage the cushion.
- Remove protective backing tape from selfadhesive hook strips attached to the cushion cover.
- Place cushion by pressing firmly.
- If you're using the Kwik Strap Cover: now loop the strap at the rear of the cover around the vertical canes to securely attach the cushion to the wheelchair.
- Sit on the cushion for a few minutes, to allow the cushion to adapt to your body shape.
- If necessary, adjust footsupports.

## Checking for "bottoming out":

Warning! Your tailbone and pelvic bones should not touch the bottom of the cushion. Checking for "bottoming out" should be done during first use and after adjustments to the cushion filling. Warning! Vicair B.V. recommends to adjust the filling grade under the direct supervision of your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

- Check for bottoming out, after sitting on the cushion for approximately 5 minutes.
- Let your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional slide a hand between your buttocks and the Vicair cushion while leaning forward.
- Ask your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional to check if your lowest bony prominences are supported by at least 2,5 cm / 1" of SmartCells™. This prevents them from touching the wheelchair seat.
- Do not use the cushion if bottoming out occurs. In most cases, adjusting the filling grade of the compartments will solve the problem.

## USE

Checking for redness of the skin

**Warning!** Check your skin regularly for redness, especially during the first few days. If redness occurs and does not disappear after 15 minutes, consult your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

#### Adjusting the filling grade

**Warning!** Vicair B.V. recommends to adjust the filling grade under the direct supervision of your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

### Ready for use

This Vicair product is ready for use. It has its own unique filling grade, depending on size and model. However – if necessary – the filling grade can be adjusted by removing or adding SmartCells from/to the various compartments. You can find the default filling grade on the label attached to the cushion.

#### Conditions for use and storage

**Caution!** Do not use or leave the product close to a naked flame or a high temperature heat source.

- User weight: Minimum: 15 kg / 33 lbs, maximum: 250 kg / 551 lbs
- Temperature: Minimum: -20 °C / 4 °F, maximum: 55 °C / 131 °F
- Use at high altitude

Notice! Vicair B.V. recommends not to use the cushion above 2400 m (8000 ft) above sea level or below 50 m (164 ft) below sea level. Because each SmartCell is filled with air, the cushion may behave differently when used at high altitude or in an airplane. Under such circumstances, the cushion's firmness can be adjusted by removing a few cells from each compartment.

Air humidity:
Minimum: 0%, maximum 100%

#### Daily fluff-up

Vicair B.V. recommends to fluff-up your Vicair cushion before use on a daily basis.

#### Use of Vicair seat cushions in motor vehicles

Whenever possible, transfer out of the wheelchair and into a car manufacturedinstalled vehicle seat without the cushion, and use the vehicle's crash-tested occupant restraint system.

As an alternative for your Vicair wheelchair cushion, the Vicair Allrounder O2 (which can be fastened to the user's body) can be used if you require additional protection in a manufacturerinstalled vehicle seat during transportation. When the wheelchair is used as the vehicle seat, the applicable rules and regulations with regard to securing the wheelchair and the wheelchair user during transport should be followed. There is no data available about the influence on safety of a Vicair wheelchair cushion used in a crash-tested wheelchair.

#### **Expected lifetime**

The expected lifetime of this product is five years when used in accordance with the safety instructions, maintenance intervals and correct use, stated in this manual.

The effective lietime can vary according to frequency and intensity of use.

## Re-use - Transferring the product to another user

The product is suitable for repeated use. The number of times it can be used depends on how often and in which way the product is used. The product has to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, before another person is allowed to use the it. See chapter 'Maintenance and cleaning' for instructions.

**Notice!** Make sure the product is correctly adjusted to the other person.

#### Replacing the cushion cover

Under normal use, Vicair B.V. recommends to replace the cushion cover every year. Replacement covers can be purchased separately.

#### Disposal

The disposal and recycling of used devices and packaging must comply with the applicable legal regulation. Ensure the product is cleaned prior to disposal to avoid any risk of contamination.

## MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

**Warning!** Every three months, check the product for wear and deflated cells. In case of serious damage, or a large number of deflated cells, do not continue to use the product. Consult your Assistive Technology Professional.

**Caution!** Do not steam clean or autoclave the product. It cannot withstand excessive heat or pressure. When the given cleaning instructions are not followed, it is very likely that the product will age more rapidlyly.

Caution! Do not use aggressive or abrasive cleaners, or sharp objects to clean the cushion. Caution! Do not place the topside of the Vicair O2 cushion against the glass of the washer door. Caution! Excessive washing may influence the aging of this product.

#### **Cleaning the Vicair Adjuster O2**

 Cleaning the Vicair Adjuster O2 cushion cover

The cushion cover can be machine washed. Follow the washing instructions on the label attached to the inside of the cover.  $(60 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}=140 \text{ }^\circ\text{F})$ 





#### **Cleaning the Vicair Adjuster O2 cushion**

Your Vicair O2 cushion can be machine washed at 60°C / 140 °F using an anti-crease cycle and mild detergent. You do not need to remove the SmartCells before putting the cushion into the washing machine. Make sure the topside of the cushion is not placed against the glass of the washer door. Do not load the machine with more than half of its maximum load weight. Spin speed should be reduced. When using a machine with agitator, make sure that the cushion can move freely within the drum. Do not use any chlorine bleach and do not dry clean! Do not tumble dry your Vicair O2 cushion but let it air dry (5-6 hours). You can use the sling to hang dry your Vicair O2 cushion.



#### **Disinfecting your Vicair Adjuster 02**

Warning! In case of soiling with body fluids, and when transferring the product to another user, the product must be disinfected to avoid cross contamination. Clean the cushion and cover as instructed above. Preferably use an antibacterial detergent. After cleaning spray your cushion and cover with a disinfectant. Bend compartments outwards to make sure the spray gets into the gaps.

## **REPORTING OF SERIOUS INCIDENTS**

Serous incidents from use of Vicair products should be reported to the manufacturer and the relevant competent authority.

#### WARRANTY

Please see www.vicair.com for complete information on warranty processes, terms and conditions. Vicair B.V. offers a limited warranty against defects in workmanship and materials, provided the product has been used normally. Any damage arising from abnormal use, or caused by improper handling, cleaning, or negligence, is excluded from this warranty.

#### Warranty period

From original date of purchase: cushion 24 months; Comfair Cover, Incotec Cover & Kwik Strap Cover 6 months. The SmartCells in this Vicair O2 cushion have a lifelong warranty period.

Should a defect in materials or workmanship occur within the above mentioned warranty period, Vicair B.V. will – at its own choice – repair or replace the product free of charge. Remedies for breach of express warranties herein are limited to repair or replacement of the product.

In no event shall damages for breach of any warranty include any consequential damages or exceed the cost of non-conforming goods sold.

#### Any questions?

Contact Vicair B.V. at info@vicair.com or contact your country's Vicair distributor.

## VICAIR<sup>®</sup> VECTOR O2 USER MANUAL

## MAIN COMPONENTS



Thank you for choosing a Vicair<sup>®</sup> Vector O2. We are sure you will appreciate the simplicity, reliability and fantastic effect. Please read and understand this user manual before use. Save this manual for future reference.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Vicair Vector O2 is a wheelchair seat cushion with an anatomically contoured seat surface that provides a very high level of stability for persons with a high risk of developing pressure injuries. It is also a high performance addition to a pressure ulcer treatment plan (stage I-IV).

The Vicair Vector O2 cushion is machine washable without removing the SmartCells!

## INDICATIONS

It is used to provide comfort, stable body support, to improve body-posture and prevent pressure injuries.

It is also a high performance addition to a pressure ulcer treatment plan (stage I-IV).

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

When used as intended, there are no known contraindications.



- A Cushion cover
- B Cushion
- C SmartCells<sup>™</sup>, placed in 9 compartments
- D User manual

## **GENERAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

Product name:	Vicair Vector O2
Manufactured by:	Vicair B.V., The Netherlands
Warranty:	24 months
Weight (excl. cover):	Smallest size: 0,5 kg / 1.1 lbs
	Medium size: 0,8 kg / 1.8 lbs
	Largest size: 1,3 kg / 2.9 lbs
Used materials:	All latex free
Cushion:	Top made of polyester
	fabric with polyurethane
	coating, bottom of
	polyester mesh fabric
Filling:	Air-filled SmartCells with
	low friction coating

#### **Cushion covers**

Comfair Cover: Top: Knitted Polyester fabric. Sides: Polyester 3D Mesh fabric. Bottom: Polyester fabric with polyurethane anti-slip coating.

Incotec Cover & Kwik Strap Cover: Top: Knitted Polyester fabric, coated with fluid resistant breathable polyurethane. Bottom: Polyester fabric with polyurethane anti-slip coating. All covers: Machine washable. Covers comply with CAL117.

## PRECAUTIONS AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

A Vicair wheelchair seat cushion may only be used as a wheelchair seat cushion. The use of this product in any other way, is considered to be misuse. Vicair B.V. cannot be held responsible for damage caused by misuse, improper use or negligence. Make sure that you read and understand this manual completely.

Warning! Vicair B.V. recommends to install the Vicair Vector O2 under direct supervision of a therapist or Assistive Technology Professional. Warning! Your tailbone and pelvic bones should not touch the bottom of the cushion. Checking for "bottoming out" should be done during first use and after adjustments to the cushion filling. Warning! Check your skin regularly for redness, especially during the first few days. If redness occurs and does not disappear after 15 minutes, consult your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

Warning! Vicair B.V. recommends to adjust the filling grade under the direct supervision of your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional. Warning! In case of soiling with body fluids, and when transferring the product to another user, the product must be disinfected to avoid cross contamination.

Warning! Every three months, check the product for wear and deflated cells. In case of serious damage, or a large number of deflated cells, do not continue to use the product. Consult your Assistive Technology Professional.

**Caution!** Do not use or leave the product close to a naked flame or a high temperature heat source.

**Caution!** Do not steam clean or autoclave the product. The product cannot withstand

excessive heat or pressure. When the given cleaning instructions are not followed, it is very likely that the product and/or the product's cover will age more rapidly.

Caution! Do not use aggressive or abrasive cleaners, or sharp objects to clean the cushion. Caution! Do not place the topside of the Vicair O2 cushion against the glass of the washer door. Caution! Make sure the cushion cannot interfere with the wheel spokes.

**Caution!** Excessive washing may influence the aging of this product.

**Notice!** Filling grade may slightly deviate from default (see product label).

## INSTALLATION

Warning! Vicair B.V. recommends to install the Vicair Vector O2 under direct supervision of a therapist or Assistive Technology Professional. Caution! Make sure the cushion cannot interfere with the wheel spokes.

**Notice!** Always use cushion with cover. **Notice!** Make sure that the wheelchair seat is clean and degreased.

**Tip:** When you prefer not to use the hook and loop, you can remove the hook strips. Note that the loop strips confected to the bottom of the cushion and/or cushion cover cannot be removed.

## Perform the following steps when installing the Vicair Vector O2

- Check cushion size. Width of the cushion and seat should match. When the cushion rests against arm supports or side-guards, the width may be up to 2,5 cm (1") wider. Depth of the cushion and seat should match.
- Check if the size of the cover matches the size of the cushion.
- Remove the hook strips from the bottom of the cushion. Note that the loop strips confected to the bottom of the cushion

cannot be removed.

- Insert cushion in cover.
- Pass loop through eyelet in cover.
- Close zipper. Make sure to not damage the cushion.
- Remove protective backing tape from selfadhesive hook strips attached to the cushion cover.
- Place cushion by pressing firmly.
- If you're using the Kwik Strap Cover: now loop the strap at the rear of the cover around the vertical canes to securely attach the cushion to the wheelchair.
- Sit on the cushion for a few minutes, to allow the cushion to adapt to your body shape.
- If necessary, adjust footsupports.

#### Checking for "bottoming out":

Warning! Your tailbone and pelvic bones should not touch the bottom of the cushion. Checking for "bottoming out" should be done during first use and after adjustments to the cushion filling. Warning! Vicair B.V. recommends to adjust the filling grade under the direct supervision of your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

- Check for bottoming out, after sitting on the cushion for approximately 5 minutes.
- Let your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional slide a hand between your buttocks and the Vicair cushion while leaning forward.
- Ask your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional to check if your lowest bony prominences are supported by at least 2,5 cm / 1" of SmartCells™. This prevents them from touching the wheelchair seat.
- Do not use the cushion if bottoming out occurs. In most cases, adjusting the filling grade of the compartments will solve the problem.

## USE

#### Checking for redness of the skin

**Warning!** Check your skin regularly for redness, especially during the first few days. If redness occurs and does not disappear after 15 minutes, consult your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

#### Adjusting the filling grade

**Warning!** Vicair B.V. recommends to adjust the filling grade under the direct supervision of your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

#### Ready for use

This Vicair product is ready for use. It has its own unique filling grade, depending on size and model. However – if necessary – the filling grade can be adjusted by removing or adding SmartCells from/to the various compartments. You can find the default filling grade on the label attached to the cushion.

#### Conditions for use and storage

Caution! Do not use or leave the product close to a naked flame or a high temperature heat source.

- User weight: Minimum: 15 kg / 33 lbs, Maximum: 250 kg / 551 lbs
- Temperature: Minimum: -20 °C / 4 °F, maximum: 55 °C / 131 °F
- Use at high altitude
- Notice! Vicair B.V. recommends not to use the cushion above 2400 m (8000 ft) above sea level or below 50 m (164 ft) below sea level. Because each SmartCell is filled with air, the cushion may behave differently when used at high altitude or in an airplane. Under such circumstances, the cushion's firmness can be adjusted by removing a few cells from each compartment.

 Air humidity: Minimum: 0%, maximum 100%

#### Daily fluff-up

Vicair B.V. recommends to fluff-up your Vicair cushion before use on a daily basis.

#### Use of Vicair seat cushions in motor vehicles

Whenever possible, transfer out of the wheelchair and into a car manufacturedinstalled vehicle seat without the cushion, and use the vehicle's crash-tested occupant restraint system.

As an alternative for your Vicair wheelchair cushion, the Vicair Allrounder O2 (which can be fastened to the user's body) can be used if you require additional protection in a manufacturerinstalled vehicle seat during transportation. When the wheelchair is used as the vehicle seat, the applicable rules and regulations with regard to securing the wheelchair and the wheelchair user during transport should be followed. There is no data available about the influence on safety of a Vicair wheelchair cushion used in a crash-tested wheelchair.

#### Use of Vicair seat cushions in motor vehicles

**Warning!** No testing data is currently available about the safe use of Vicair wheelchair cushions in motor vehicles. Therefore we do not encourage using the wheelchair cushion in motor vehicles.

## Re-use - Transferring the product to another user

The product is suitable for repeated use. The number of times it can be used depends on how often and in which way the product is used. The product has to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, before another person is allowed to use the it. See chapter 'Maintenance and cleaning' for instructions.

Notice! Make sure the product is correctly

adjusted to the other person.

#### **Expected lifetime**

The expected lifetime of this product is five years when used in accordance with the safety instructions, maintenance intervals and correct use, stated in this manual.

The effective lietime can vary according to frequency and intensity of use.

#### Replacing the cushion cover

Under normal use, Vicair B.V. recommends to replace the cushion cover every year. Replacement covers can be purchased separately.

#### Disposal

The disposal and recycling of used devices and packaging must comply with the applicable legal regulation. Ensure the product is cleaned prior to disposal to avoid any risk of contamination.

## MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

**Warning!** Every three months, check the product for wear and deflated cells. In case of serious damage, or a large number of deflated cells, do not continue to use the product. Consult your Assistive Technology Professional.

**Caution!** Do not steam clean or autoclave the product. It cannot withstand excessive heat or pressure. When the given cleaning instructions are not followed, it is very likely that the product will age more rapidly.

Caution! Do not use aggressive or abrasive cleaners, or sharp objects to clean the cushion. Caution! Do not place the topside of the Vicair O2 cushion against the glass of the washer door. Caution! Excessive washing may influence the aging of this product.

### **Cleaning the Vicair Vector O2**

 Cleaning the Vicair Vector O2 cushion cover The cushion cover can be machine washed.
Follow the washing instructions on the label attached to the inside of the cover.
(60 °C=140 °F)



#### **Cleaning the Vicair Vector O2 cushion**

Your Vicair O2 cushion can be machine washed at 60°C /140 °F using an anti-crease cycle and mild detergent. You do not need to remove the SmartCells before putting the cushion into the washing machine. Make sure the topside of the cushion is not placed against the glass of the washer door. Do not load the machine with more than half of its maximum load weight. Spin speed should be reduced. When using a machine with agitator, make sure that the cushion can move freely within the drum. Do not use any chlorine bleach and do not dry clean! Do not tumble dry your Vicair O2 cushion but let it air dry (5-6 hours). You can use the sling to hang dry your Vicair O2 cushion.



#### Disinfecting your Vicair Vector O2

Warning! In case of soiling with body fluids, and when transferring the product to another user, the product must be disinfected to avoid cross contamination. Clean the cushion and cover as instructed above. Preferably use an antibacterial detergent. After washing spray your cushion and cover with a disinfectant. Bend compartments outwards to make sure the spray gets into the gaps.

## **REPORTING OF SERIOUS INCIDENTS**

Serous incidents from use of Vicair products should be reported to the manufacturer and the relevant competent authority.

#### WARRANTY

Please see www.vicair.com for complete information on warranty processes, terms and conditions.

Vicair B.V. offers a limited warranty against defects in workmanship and materials, provided the product has been used normally. Any damage arising from abnormal use, or caused by improper handling, cleaning, or negligence, is excluded from this warranty.

#### Warranty period

From original date of purchase: cushion 24 months; Comfair Cover, Incotec Cover & Kwik Strap Cover 6 months. The SmartCells in this Vicair O2 cushion have a lifelong warranty period.

Should a defect in materials or workmanship occur within the above mentioned warranty period, Vicair B.V. will – at its own choice – repair or replace the product free of charge. Remedies for breach of express warranties herein are limited to repair or replacement of the product.

In no event shall damages for breach of any warranty include any consequential damages or exceed the cost of non-conforming goods sold.

#### Any questions?

Contact Vicair B.V. at info@vicair.com or contact your country's Vicair distributor.

## VICAIR ACTIVE 02 USER MANUAL

## MAIN COMPONENTS

#### Dear customer,

Thank you for choosing a Vicair® Active O2. We are sure you will appreciate the simplicity, reliability and fantastic effect. Please read and understand this user manual before use. Save this manual for future reference.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Vicair Active O2 is a wheelchair seat cushion that provides a high level of skin protection for active wheelchair users with a high risk of developing pressure injuries. It is also a high performance addition to a pressure ulcer treatment plan (stage I-IV). The Vicair Active O2 cushion is machine washable without removing the SmartCells! You only have to take out the foam inlay.

## INDICATIONS

The Vicair Active O2 allows easy transfers and provides stable body support, comfort and pressure ulcer prevention.

It is also a high performance addition to a pressure ulcer treatment plan (stage I-IV).

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

When used as intended, there are no known contraindications.



- A Foam inlay with fluid-resistant foam inlay liner, placed in front compartment
- B Vicair Active O2 Cover
- C SmartCell liners, placed in four rear compartments
- D SmartCells™
- E User manual

## **GENERAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

Product name: Manufactured by:	Vicair Active O2 Vicair B.V., The Netherlands
Warranty: Weight:	24 months Smallest size: 1 kg / 2.2 lbs Medium size: 1,2 kg / 2.6 lbs Largest size: 1,5 kg / 3.3 lbs
Used materials: Filling:	All latex free 50% polyurethane foam 25% nylon fabric 25% polyethylene film
Active O2 Cover	Top: Knitted polyester mesh fabric. Sides: Polyurethane coated nylon fabric. Bottom: Knitted polyester mesh fabric.

Covers are machine washable. Covers comply with CAL117.

## PRECAUTIONS AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

A Vicair wheelchair seat cushion may only be used as a wheelchair seat cushion. The use of this product in any other way, is considered to be misuse. Vicair B.V. cannot be held responsible for damage caused by misuse, improper use or negligence. Make sure that you read and understand this manual completely. **Warning!** Vicair B.V. recommends to install the

product under direct supervision of a therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

Warning! Your tailbone and pelvic bones should not touch the bottom of the cushion. Checking for "bottoming out" should be done during first use and after adjustments to the cushion filling. Warning! Make sure that your tailbone and pelvic bones are resting on the rear compartments with SmartCell liners, not on the foam inlay.

**Warning!** Check your skin regularly for redness, especially during the first few days. If redness occurs and does not disappear after 15 minutes, consult your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

Warning! Make sure the SmartCell liners are placed in the correct compartment (see SmartCell liner label).

Warning! Vicair B.V. recommends to adjust the filling grade under the direct supervision of your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional. Warning! In case of soiling with body fluids, and when transferring the product to another user, the product must be disinfected to avoid cross contamination.

Warning! Every three months, check the product for wear and deflated cells. In case of serious damage, or a large number of deflated cells, do not continue to use the product. Consult your Assistive Technology Professional. **Caution!** Do not use or leave the product close to a naked flame or a high temperature heat source.

Caution! Do not steam clean or autoclave the product. The product cannot withstand excessive heat or pressure. When the given cleaning instructions are not followed, it is very likely that the product will age more rapidly. Caution! Remove foam inlay before washing this cushion in a washing machine.

**Caution!** Do not use the foam inlay without the foam inlay liner.

Caution! Do not use aggressive or abrasive cleaners, or sharp objects to clean the cushion. Caution! Do not place the topside of the Vicair O2 cushion against the glass of the washer door. Caution! Make sure the cushion cannot interfere with the wheel spokes.

**Caution!** Excessive washing may influence the aging of this product.

**Notice!** Filling grade may slightly deviate from default (see product label).

## INSTALLATION

**Warning!** Vicair B.V. recommends to install the product under direct supervision of a therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

**Warning!** Make sure that your tailbone and pelvic bones are resting on the rear compartments with SmartCell liners, not on the foam inlay.

**Caution!** Make sure the cushion cannot interfere with the wheel spokes.

**Caution!** Do not use the foam inlay without the foam inlay liner.

**Notice!** Make sure that the wheelchair seat is clean and degreased.

**Tip:** When you prefer not to use the hook and loop, you can remove the hook strips. Note that the loop strips confected to the bottom of the cushion cannot be removed.

## Perform the following steps when installing the Vicair Active O2

- Check cushion size. Width and depth of the cushion and seat should match.
- Remove protective backing tape from selfadhesive hook strips attached to the bottom of the cushion.
- Place cushion by pressing firmly. Make sure the foam inlay is at the front of the wheelchair seat.
- Sit on the cushion for a few minutes, to allow the cushion to adapt to your body shape.
  Make sure that your tailbone and pelvic bones are resting on the rear compartments with SmartCell liners, not on the foam inlay.
- If necessary, adjust footsupports.

## Checking for "bottoming out":

Warning! Your tailbone and pelvic bones should not touch the bottom of the cushion. Checking for "bottoming out" should be done during first use and after adjustments to the cushion filling. Warning! Make sure that your tailbone and pelvic bones are resting on the rear compartments with SmartCell liners, not on the foam inlay.

**Warning!** Vicair B.V. recommends to adjust the filling grade under the direct supervision of your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

- Check for bottoming out, after sitting on the cushion for approximately 5 minutes.
- Let your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional slide a hand between your buttocks and the Vicair cushion while leaning forward.
- Ask your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional to check if your lowest bony prominences are supported by at least 2,5 cm / 1" of SmartCells™. This prevents your seat bones from touching the wheelchair seat.
- Do not use the cushion if bottoming out

occurs. In most cases, adjusting the filling grade of the SmartCell liners will solve the problem.

## USE

## Checking for redness of the skin

Warning! Check your skin regularly for redness, especially during the first few days. If redness occurs and does not disappear after 15 minutes, consult your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

#### Adjusting the filling grade

**Warning!** Vicair recommends to adjust the filling grade under the direct supervision of your therapist or Assistive Technology Professional.

#### Ready for use

This Vicair product is ready for use. It has its own unique filling grade, depending on size and model. However – if necessary – the filling grade can be adjusted by removing or adding SmartCells from/to the various SmartCell liners. You can find the default filling grade on the label inside the cover.

**Warning!** Make sure the SmartCell liners are placed in the correct compartment (see SmartCell liner label).

#### Conditions for use and storage

**Caution!** Do not use or leave the product close to a naked flame or a high temperature heat source.

- User weight: Minimum: 15 kg / 33 lbs, maximum: 200 kg / 441 lbs
- Temperature: Minimum: -20 °C / 4 °F, maximum: 55 °C / 131 °F
- Use at high altitude Notice! Vicair B.V. recommends not to use the cushion above 2400 m (8000 ft) above

sea level or below 50 m (164 ft) below sea level. Because each SmartCell is filled with air, the cushion may behave differently when used at high altitude or in an airplane. Under such circumstances, the cushion's firmness can be adjusted by removing a few cells from each SmartCell liner.

 Air humidity: Minimum: 0%, maximum 100%

#### Daily fluff-up

Vicair B.V. recommends to fluff-up the four rear compartments of your Vicair Active O2 cushion before use on a daily basis.

#### Use of Vicair seat cushions in motor vehicles

Whenever possible, transfer out of the wheelchair and into a car manufacturedinstalled vehicle seat without the cushion, and use the vehicle's crash-tested occupant restraint system.

As an alternative for your Vicair wheelchair cushion, the Vicair Allrounder O2 (which can be fastened to the user's body) can be used if you require additional protection in a manufacturerinstalled vehicle seat during transportation. When the wheelchair is used as the vehicle seat, the applicable rules and regulations with regard to securing the wheelchair and the wheelchair user during transport should be followed. There is no data available about the influence on safety of a Vicair wheelchair cushion used in a crash-tested wheelchair.

## Re-use - Transferring the product to another user

The product is suitable for repeated use. The number of times it can be used depends on how often and in which way the product is used. The product has to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, before another person is allowed to use the it. See chapter 'Maintenance and cleaning' for instructions. **Notice!** Make sure the product is correctly adjusted to the other person.

#### **Expected lifetime**

The expected lifetime of this product is five years when used in accordance with the safety instructions, maintenance intervals and correct use, stated in this manual. The effective lietime can vary according to frequency and intensity of use.

#### **Replacing the cover**

Under normal use, Vicair B.V. recommends to replace the cover every year. Replacement covers can be purchased separately.

#### Disposal

The disposal and recycling of used devices and packaging must comply with the applicable legal regulation. Ensure the product is cleaned prior to disposal to avoid any risk of contamination.

## MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Warning! Every three months, check the product for wear and deflated cells. In case of serious damage, or a large number of deflated cells, do not continue to use the product. Consult your Assistive Technology Professional. Warning! Make sure the SmartCell liners are placed in the correct compartment (see SmartCell liner label).

Caution! Do not steam clean or autoclave the product. The product cannot withstand excessive heat or pressure. When the given cleaning instructions are not followed, it is very likely that the product will age more rapidly. Caution! Do not use aggressive or abrasive cleaners, or sharp objects to clean the cushion. Caution! Remove foam inlay before washing this cushion in a washing machine.

Caution! Do not use the foam inlay without the

#### foam inlay liner.

**Caution!** Do not place the topside of the Vicair O2 cushion against the glass of the washer door. **Caution!** Excessive washing may influence the aging of this product.

#### **Cleaning the Vicair Active 02**

After you have emptied the storage pouch and removed the foam inlay, your Vicair Active O2 cushion can be machine washed at 60°C / 140 °F using an anti-crease cycle and mild detergent. You do not need to remove the SmartCell liners before putting the cushion into the washing machine. Make sure the topside of the cushion is not placed against the glass of the washer door. Do not load the machine with more than half of its maximum load weight. Spin speed should be reduced. When using a machine with agitator, make sure that the cushion can move freely within the drum. Do not use any chlorine bleach and do not dry clean! Do not tumble dry your Vicair Active O2 cushion but let it air dry (5-6 hours).



#### Cleaning the Vicair Active O2 foam inlay

Do not machine wash the foam inlay and do not immerse it in water or any other liquid. To clean the foam inlay you first remove it from its compartment.

#### Cleaning the foam inlay liner

Take the foam out of the foam inlay liner. The emptied liner can be machine washed at 60°C. Follow the washing instructions on the label attached to the inside of the liner.







#### · Cleaning the foam

Take the foam out of the foam inlay liner and clean it by using a disinfectant spray.



#### Disinfecting your Vicair Active O2

Warning! In case of soiling with body fluids, and when transferring the product to another user, the product must be disinfected to avoid cross contamination. Clean the Active O2 cover, foam inlay and SmartCell liners as instructed above. Preferably use an anti-bacterial detergent. After cleaning spray your cover, foam inlay liner and SmartCell liners with a disinfectant. Bend the cover compartments outwards to make sure the spray gets into the gaps.

#### (Re)assembling your Vicair Active O2

The Vicair Active O2 is fully assembled on delivery. When it needs to be (re)assembled, for instance after cleaning, follow the assembly instructions underneath.

## Placing the foam inlay in the Vicair Active O2 cover

**Caution!** Do not use the foam inlay without the foam inlay liner.

- Completely open the zipper at the front of the Active O2 cover.
- Place the foam inlay in the Active O2 cover, the sloping side pointing to the back of the cushion and the contoured side on top.
- Close the zipper. Make sure you do not damage the foam inlay liner.

## Placing the SmartCell liners in the Vicair Active 02 cover

**Warning!** Make sure the SmartCell liners are placed in the correct compartment (see SmartCell liner label).

- Completely open the zipper at the back of the cushion cover.
- Place the SmartCell liners in the cover. Make sure you place the correct SmartCell liner in each compartment. The SmartCell liner's label states where it should be placed.
- Close the zipper. Make sure that you do not damage the SmartCell liners.

## **REPORTING OF SERIOUS INCIDENTS**

Serous incidents from use of Vicair products should be reported to the manufacturer and the relevant competent authority.

#### WARRANTY

Please see www.vicair.com for complete information on warranty processes, terms and conditions.

Vicair B.V. offers a limited warranty against defects in workmanship and materials, provided the product has been used normally. Any damage arising from abnormal use, or caused by improper handling, cleaning, or negligence, is excluded from this warranty.

#### Warranty period

From original date of purchase: 24 months. The SmartCells in this Vicair O2 cushion have a lifelong warranty period.

Should a defect in materials or workmanship occur within the above mentioned warranty period, Vicair B.V. will – at its own choice – repair or replace the product free of charge. Remedies for breach of express warranties herein are limited to repair or replacement of the product.

In no event shall damages for breach of any warranty include any consequential damages or exceed the cost of non-conforming goods sold.

#### Any questions?

Contact Vicair B.V. at info@vicair.com or contact your country's Vicair distributor.



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