

# INSTRUCTIONS <sup>∞</sup> FOR USE

Thermal Packs are available in a variety of sizes. They will provide up to thirty minutes of moist heat therapy and are fully reusable. Thermal Packs are easy to heat and apply, using either standard terrycloth towels or Thermal Pack Covers.

## **IMPORTANT!**

- Before using Thermal Packs, they MUST be pre-soaked and conditioned.
- If this is not performed properly, the Thermalator<sup>®</sup> tank may develop surface rust during use.
- Inspect the packs for tears, loose threads or damage before starting the pre-soak and conditioning process.
- If packs are not in good condition, do not use.
- NEVER use Thermal Packs directly on skin, as it may cause burns.
- Use Thermal Packs with Whitehall Thermal Pack covers or terrycloth toweling.

## To PRE-SOAK and condition Thermal Packs, you must perform the following steps:

- 1. Hold each Thermal Pack by the corner loops (one white, one blue) so that the sections are horizontal.
- 2. Gently shake the pack back and forth to evenly distribute the filler material.
- Place the packs (you may stack them) flat in a stainless or plastic container (DO NOT use aluminum container). Note: <u>DO NOT</u> use the Thermalator<sup>®</sup> to presoak/condition the packs).
- 4. Fill the container with enough clean water to completely cover the packs. If the local water supply in your area is not of very clean quality (is turbid, contains bacteria, etc.), use of distilled water is required.
- 5. Leave the packs to soak for a **minimum period of two hours** (longer is recommended). If the water becomes cloudy, change the pre-soak water and condition the packs again. Repeat as necessary until water remains clear.
- 6. Turn the packs upright and place in the Thermalator<sup>®</sup>.
- 7. Follow the steps in the Thermalator<sup>®</sup> operating instructions for proper heating of the packs.



## To APPLY the Thermal Pack

- Use either ordinary towels or Thermal Pack Covers.
- When using towels, wrap the Thermal Pack in a minimum of 5-6 layers of towels.
- Place the wrapped Thermal Pack on the area to be treated.
- To vary heat intensity, increase or decrease the number of towels.

**CAUTION:** Always apply the Thermal Pack to the patient. Never have the patient lie on the Thermal Pack. **DO NOT** apply over sensitive skin or on areas of poor circulation. Use extra care and judgement when using with infants or the elderly.

## To CARE for the Thermal Pack

- For daily use, keep your Thermal Packs constantly heated in the Thermalator<sup>®</sup> unit. Be certain to follow proper procedures given in the Thermalator<sup>®</sup> operating instructions.
- For storage, place the packs in sealed plastic bags and place them in a freezer. Freezing soaked packs in sealed bags will keep them clean and prevent them from drying out. Drying does not damage the packs, but drying of the filler material will cause it to become caked and hardened. *If this should happen, the packs will require pre-soaking and conditioning again before use (refer to above steps).*



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The most versatile Thermal Pack size.







**Cervical Size** 

24" Long

Easily conforms

to the neckarea.

(60cm)

Myofacial Size 23" Long (58cm) Easily conforms for treatment of neck and face.

## **Thermal Pack Covers**



Standard Size ATC4 - All Terry FTC4 - Foam Filled For Standard & Half



Vinyl-Terry VTC4 - Standard Size VTC6 - Oversize

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Drying Racks TDR-4 - Holds to dry 4 TP Covers TDR-6 - Holds to dry 6 TP Covers

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**Cervical Size** ATC2 - All Terry

Myofacial Size

ATC1 - All Terry

FTC2 - Foam Filled

5" x 12" (12cm x 30cm)

Half Size

## Spinal Size 10" x 18"



TSL1

THF1





## **Cervi-back Size**

Center cutout lets pack conform to joints.

**Knee-Shoulder Size** 

24" x 23" (61cm x 58cm) Easily conforms for treatment of back and neck.

**Oversize** 

For Oversize,

10" x 24", 10" x 18".

ATC6 - All Terry

and Knee/Shoulder

FTC6 - Foam Filled

(25cm x 46cm)

### Spinal Size 10" x 24"

(25cm x 61cm)

10" x 20"

(25cm x 51cm)

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