



Better care starts with safety and comfort.



Comfort Care™

Patient comfort and care meets clinical and laundry performance in the Next Generation of patient care incontinence pads - the Comfort Care™ Synthetic Laminated Underpad.

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Encompass is proud to introduce the Next Generation of reusable incontinence pads, the Comfort Care™ patient care underpad. The Comfort Care incontinence pad is superior in performance in its ability to help promote healthy skin integrity, protect the linen and mattress, as well as offer an environmentally safe, cost-effective alternative to disposable underpads.

Not all incontinence pads, whether reusable or disposable, perform the same. Incontinence pads were originally designed to protect the sheets and mattress rather than the patient. Many pads in use today still adhere to this historical design.

We are now more aware of the extent that excess moisture, bunching, pressure, shearing and friction from bed linens and related incontinence products can contribute to skin breakdown and discomfort. A well-designed incontinence pad, along with good nursing care, can help mitigate all those negative influences.



Specifications

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Item Number	Size (in)	Facing	Soaker	Barrier	Weight (oz)	Case Pack (each)
50560-957	34x36	Mint Green 100% Polyester	7 oz, 65/35 Poly/Rayon	Blue Impermeable	15.4	24
50560-958	34x45	Mint Green 100% Polyester	7 oz, 65/35 Poly/Rayon	Blue Impermeable	19.3	24

The Comfort Care™ pad offers outstanding benefits for the patient and staff.

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Quick absorbency takes moisture away from the surface / patient's skin

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Continues to absorb after initial void

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Breathable facing fabric - dry or with a void - provides a healthy micro-climate

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Will not interfere with specialty mattresses; no additional pressure added

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Quick wicking - shortens time skin is exposed to moisture



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Thin, laminated profile reduces risk of pressure points by minimizing wrinkling and surface puckering

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Brushed Barrier reduces the risk of movement under the patient for reduced shearing

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Soft against skin providing patient comfort

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Covers more mattress surface area than a disposable pad reducing the risk of leakage and coverage for patient

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Effectively protects the linen, reducing usage and unnecessary bed changes

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TEST RESULTS OF COMPARISON OF HIGH-END DISPOSABLE, TRADITIONAL COTTON/POLY AND NEXT GENERATION COMFORT CARE™ INCONTINENCE PADS.

Underpads	High-End Disposable	Cotton/Poly Blend Reusable	Comfort Care™ Reusable	Interpretation
Horizontal Wicking (AATCC 198)	5.4 mm ² /sec	12.9 mm ² /sec	51.51 mm ² /sec	The higher the number, the better the horizontal wickability. The higher the number, the shorter the exposure to surface moisture minimizing risk for maceration. The Comfort Care™ pad has exceptional wicking capabilities
Absorbency (ASTM D1117 AB) (% change of dry weight to wet weight (grams))	3957%	334%	386%	The higher the number, the more absorbency, as a percentage of pad's original weight. The Synthetic Laminate Comfort Care™ offers better absorbency than the Cotton/Poly blend reusable pad.
Rewet Test				
Rewetting avg % change	21.45%	143.5%	21.4%	The lower the number, the less moisture rises back up to the surface. Comfort Care™ has a much lower number than the cotton/poly blend pad, providing a much better micro-climate and less risk for skin breakdown due to surface moisture.
Air Permeability (ASTM D737-18)				
Avg	0.105 cfm	0.042 cfm	0.316 cfm	The higher the number, the better the air circulation supporting a healthy micro-climate. Comfort Care™ is best.
Shrinkage (Processed 3X)				
34in WIDTH	N/A	2.5%	2.42%	The lower the shrinkage, the more coverage for the patient. The Comfort Care™ synthetic laminated pad will shrink far less than a traditional cotton/poly blended pad, with less puckering and bunching as well. The typical disposable pad is much smaller in size to begin with, and cannot cover the same bed area with a single pad like a reusable pad can, which leads to multiple pad use and excess medical waste.
36in LENGTH	N/A	6.67%	2.59%	
Surface Pilling (ASTM D3512, Random Tumble)				
Avg	N/A	1.5	5	The higher the number, the lower amount of pilling is on the fabric. (Range of 1 to 5. 1=Very Severe Pilling, 5=No Pilling.). Less pilling helps to maintain skin integrity by minimizing potential points for friction. Comfort Care™ has less pilling than cotton/poly blend.
Avg	N/A	1	5	

THE NEXT GENERATION COMFORT CARE™ INCONTINENCE PAD IS THE BEST UNDERPAD TO HELP CARE FOR YOUR PATIENTS' SKIN.

For more information on these test results, or to request a sample, please contact your local Encompass Group sales representative, or visit us at the contact info below.

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