

Protac Ball Blanket

Directions for use

These instructions refer to ball blankets manufactured by Protac in Denmark and distributed in Britain by Kingkraft.

An example of a Protac ball blanket:



Intended use:

The blanket is intended to assist in calming the user. The ball blanket can be used in several situations but it is most important that as the intended users are children or adults with sleep difficulties and other behavioural problems, the advice of a qualified therapist experienced with the condition of the user, should be sought to assess the suitability of the product for a particular individual.



There are inherent risks (see below) when using the product and these should be assessed prior to use in conjunction with your therapist. In case of any doubt, please consult Kingkraft for advice on the number shown. Do not pull the ball blanket over the head.

The blanket can be used as a cover as with an ordinary blanket or it can be wrapped around the body so that the point pressure of the plastic balls inside the blanket can be felt. In addition if appropriate for a particular individual, the user can lie on the blanket, or use it as a cape in a sitting position or 'nest' underneath it.

Duration of use:

This depends on the individual's need for sensory stimulation and how they accept sensory inputs. Again this is a question to be determined in conjunction with your therapist. Many users sleep with the ball blanket every night whilst others use it for a short while on an occasional basis as an aid to calm the person. Observations have shown that the effect of the blanket can be felt quite quickly. If the blanket is to be of benefit, it would be expected from past experience that the calming effect due to the pressure influence of the plastic balls is felt quite quickly.

First use of the ball blanket:

Protac recommends a gradual introduction of the ball blanket. Start by using it for a short period of time and slowly increase the use in accordance with the experience gained. (Kingkraft offer a loan service prior to purchase to enable this phase to be experienced prior to committing to purchase-please enquire if appropriate).

If the user is a child, it may be a good idea to get the child to play with the ball blanket before actual use to help with familiarization.



In this first use, a good way of introduction is to present the ball blanket as a fun thing. An example would be to have the child lie flat on their stomach (if appropriate for the child) or for them to snuggle under it, so that the child loses any fear of the ball blanket and begins to feel some possible benefit. In this way it should soon become evident whether the child is able to tolerate the product and whether any benefit will be derived from using it.

Another suggestion is for relatives and carers to try the blanket themselves so that they may experience it's effect on themselves and the potential user can see them doing it.



If at any stage, it becomes clear that the user cannot tolerate the ball blanket and is exhibiting unusual activity such as excessive sleep or hyper-activity or continuous discomfort or some other adverse reaction, then it's use should be discontinued immediately and advice sought from your therapist or Kingkraft.

Product description:

The ball blanket is a square quilted duvet. The tick is made from a fire retardant material which is filled with plastic or polystyrene balls. The materials are tested by the relevant European and UK fire safety bodies.



The ball blanket with polystyrene balls contains small parts and must not be used with children under the age of three or those who may be at risk of ingestion of these parts.

Cleaning and care:

The ball blanket is supplied with a cover as an optional accessory and it is advised that this is used to prevent soiling of the tick. The blanket is machine washable (For washing machines with a minimum capacity of 16Kg (35lbs). Full cleaning instructions are given on the label on the ball blanket.

The Protac ball blanket is covered by international patents.



Important!

When the ball blanket is used with the separate incontinence cover, the following risks must be considered carefully before use:

- The incontinence cover has the same risks and hazards as a plastic bag with a danger of suffocation and other risks.
- The ball blanket with incontinence cover must not be used without adult supervision
- The ball blanket with incontinence cover must not be used by individuals who require special care without supervision.
- The ball blanket with incontinence cover must never be pulled over the head.

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