

Before using the device, please read the entire instruction manual. Correct application and care is vital to the proper functioning of the device.

INDICATIONS

The Hand Based Ulnar Gutter Brace (HB-UGB) provides stabilization to the fourth and fifth metacarpals, fourth and fifth metacarpophalangeal (MCP) joints, and the fourth and fifth digits.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Patients with known allergies to foams, adhesives, or plastic products.

⚠️ WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS

- Brace should be fitted by a qualified healthcare professional.
- Do not heat brace on the body.
- Check to make sure brace is not too hot prior to application.
- Brace should be appropriately sized to the patient to ensure proper support and function.
- Care should be taken with patients with delicate or compromised skin, especially the elderly, not to apply the brace too tightly, which MAY cause pressure and shear to the fragile tissue. PATIENTS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED ON APPROPRIATE TENSIONING DURING ONGOING USE. An under sleeve or STOCKINETTE may be used for added protection.
- Do not heat Exos™ products to greater than 212°F (100°C).

HEATING AND APPLICATION

- Proper heating temperature is 200°F (93°C).
 - Heat brace in Exos™ oven approximately 5 minutes or until brace is pliable. Brace should not be too hot to handle comfortably.
 - Ensure that skin is completely dry before application.
 - Align brace on palm so curve follows the Thenar crease. (*Figure 1*)
 - Wrap brace around hand.
 - Secure hook-and-loop fastener straps as shown. Two shorter straps may be used to secure the fingers and two longer straps are intended to secure the thumb web space and the wrist as pictured. (*Figure 2*)
 - Mold brace into desired position. (*Figure 3*)
- Warning:** The brace should not be worn too tightly. This may produce excessive mechanical force or shear forces to the skin.

