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Safety & Product Care Instructions

Floatsation® — Guidance for safe use,
cleaning, and storage (last reviewed:
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Please read this information carefully before using your Floatsation product, and keep it for future reference. For the most up-to-date version, please check the Floatsation website.

Floatsation is designed to help people enjoy supported floating on the water's surface and to develop aquatic skills. It is **not** a lifesaving device and it is **not** a swimming aid.

General safety

- Use only under supervision of an appropriately trained/qualified adult.
- Use only in shallow water (within the user's standing depth). Do not use in open water.
- Always follow venue/pool rules and any instructions from the lifeguard on duty.
- Never dive or jump onto the product.

How to use Floatsation

Getting on

- Floatsation is designed to be used on the surface of the water only. Place the unit in the water **before** anyone gets onto it.
- With support from others, the user may be helped onto the unit, or the unit may be positioned under the user while they hold on.
- Some users may be able to pull the unit under themselves and then lie back onto it (with supervision).
- **Floatsation Bath Aid:** If using in a bath/hot tub, ensure the unit is floating in the water before anyone gets on. Do not get on the unit when there is no water beneath it.

Getting off

- The user may sit up while the unit supports them, then stand (or be assisted to stand) when stable.
- If transferring with a hoist, use an appropriate sling placed between the user and the Floatsation unit.
- Do **not** hoist/lift a person into the air using the Floatsation unit.
- Floatsation units are **not** slings.
- Once the user is off, the unit may be held to provide steadying support while the user moves away (as appropriate).

Training

To get the best from Floatsation, we recommend attending a Floatsation training course (CPD linked). For details, please visit: <https://floatsation.com/product/floatsation-training-courses>.

Moving & handling, hygiene, and storage

- Do not use Floatsation as a moving, lifting, or manual-handling device in or out of the water.
- Rinse the unit in clean water after use. If required, use an appropriate mycobacterial solution for a higher level of hygiene.
- Allow the unit to dry **thoroughly** before storing to prevent mildew/mould and possible discolouration.
- Do not leave the unit in or near water when not in use.
- Use in water only. Avoid contact with hard or abrasive surfaces that may damage the unit.
- Never store items on top of the unit.

Key safety warnings

Follow these instructions to reduce the risk of drowning or serious injury:

- Floatsation is not a lifesaving device.
- Use only in shallow water and never in open water.
- Supervision by a trained adult is required at all times.
- Never allow diving or jumping onto the product.



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Always follow the rules of the facility where Floatsation is used and obey any instructions from the lifeguard on duty. In private pools, the supervising adult must take a responsible approach and use common sense at all times.

Routine checks and care

Before each use

- Check that the netting and stitching are intact, with no loose threads, tears, or abrasions.
- Check that the balls are free from holes, cracks, or indentations.
- Check that no foreign objects are lodged on or within the unit.

During use

- Users must be supervised by a trained adult at all times. Methods of use should be adapted to the user's needs and abilities and should follow the advice of trained personnel.
- Take extra care when assisting users on or off the unit, and if any user adopts a face-down position.
- Follow the rules of the facility where Floatsation is used and obey any instructions from the lifeguard on duty.

After use

- Rinse the product under a cold shower or in clean water to remove pool chemicals. If required, use an appropriate mycobacterial solution for enhanced hygiene.

- Allow the unit to drain before storing in any bag or container. For transport, place a towel in the bottom of the container to absorb excess moisture.
- Dry the unit **thoroughly** before storage to prevent mildew/mould and possible discolouration.

Benefits

When used appropriately, Floatsation can support fun, safe water-based activity while helping users build confidence and skills, including:

- **Confidence**
- **Increased self-esteem**
- **Independence**
- **Aquatic skills**
- **Water awareness**
- **Spatial awareness**
- **Team skills**
- **Relaxation in water**
- **General relaxation**
- **Safe exercise in water for all abilities and ages**

Designed for

- **Safety**
- **Stability**
- **Fun for all**
- **Exercise**
- **Relaxation**
- **Therapy**
- **All abilities**
- **All ages**

12-month warranty

- Floatsation devices are covered by a 12-month guarantee from the date of order against manufacturing defects, provided they are used in accordance with these instructions.

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