

Press release

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Fed up with uncomfortable chairs!

Fortunately, these new models offer the best possible comfort ...

... to full-figured persons, for instance 5090 Vega.

Bariatric Seating. Combining comfort and durability.

In recent years, there has been a rapid, global increase in obesity. People are not only growing taller, the average waist size is also growing. A rising number of people have become overweight to obese. The World Health Organisation has declared obesity an epidemic. In 2005, 1.6 billion people were overweight, 400 million were obese. 20 % of all European school children were considered overweight in 2008.

Obesity (being extremely overweight) is developing into a widespread disease which needs to be treated. Obesity can seriously increase the risk of developing diabetes, hypertension, heart diseases and mental-health problems. The US public health system spent 117 billion dollars on the medical treatment of obese persons in 2006. That is 9 % of their annual budget

The challenging treatment of obesity.

Due to the sharp increase in obesity, the holistic medical concepts for the treatment of overweight patients are in constant development. Medical wards have to consider special operating tables, beds, wheelchairs, toilets and of course seating.



Next to the specialised hospitals, each hospital is obligated to prepare itself for the emergency treatment of obese patients, including appropriate seating. Even public institutions, health resorts and nursing homes have a growing need for Bariatric Seating.

Special seating for overweight persons.

Kusch+Co has developed special Bariatric Seating adapted to needs of overweight persons, designed to offer a comfortable seat and to facilitate the act of getting up. Our Bariatric Seating is based on existing series, yet with more generously shaped dimensions and an extremely durable frame. Our Bariatric Seating is built to carry weight up to 300 kg or 660 pounds. The Bariatric Seating is perfectly suited for either use at home or in public institutions, in health resorts and hospitals or nursing homes.



Too small, too hard and far from comfortable.

Generously shaped seat, a stable frame ...

... designed to offer people with a few extra pounds the best possible comfort – series 6690.

Durable, stable metal-framed seating for persons up to 300 kg or 660 lb, fitted with an extremely comfortable and soft upholstered seat. These models consist of a tubular steel frame, a thick multi-layered beech plywood seat and backrest, entirely upholstered with piping all round. The armchair, including the seat underside, may be upholstered with a special fabric which is pleasant to the touch, hygienically impervious to germs and liquids and easy to disinfect. Available as chair or armchair with extra wide arm pads made of soft integral foam. The functional accessories, such as headrest, swivelling tray or the IV stand, are optional extras.



Appealing design, stable frame, generously shaped seat – Series 6690 for overweight persons.

Series 5090 Vega is a comfy, durable, stable wooden-framed seating for persons up to 300 kg or 660 lb, fitted with an extremely comfortable and soft upholstered seat. These armchairs have a solid beech frame, optionally sealed with an antibacterial coating. The seat and the high backrest are manufactured in thick multi-layered beech plywood, entirely upholstered. The armchair, including the seat underside, may be upholstered with a special fabric which is pleasant to the touch, hygienically impervious to germs and liquids and easy to disinfect.



These comfortable, charming armchairs are designed to accommodate overweight persons with its generous dimensions, suited to a body weight of up to 300 kg.

Tried and tested.

At present, there are no regulations for Bariatric Seating to obtain the GS certificate (Tested Product Safety). The quality tests carried out by Kusch+Co are based on the norm DIN 13761 and approved by the German Technical Inspection Authority TÜV Rheinland. The models have to show their paces during the harsh static and dynamic tests. We are confident that our Bariatric Seating meets all the requirements of future norms and the GS mark.

Optionally, the Bariatric Seating is available with the kuschmed® Hygienic-Line finish and the fireproof fabric.

We put our seating to much harder tests than required by the relevant norms and regulations. Before our series go in serial production, our prototypes have to show their paces. No exception is made for our Bariatric Seating which was subjected to harsh tests. We have based our static and dynamic tests with a high number of test cycles on the norm DIN EN 13761 and after close consultation with German Technical Inspection Authority TÜV. As a result, we can assure the highest safety and a long life cycle for our Bariatric Seating.

The Kusch+Co Bariatric Seating fulfils all the special wishes of overweight and obese persons. The models were designed to combine the highest possible comfort with an outstanding durability.

Practical tables to match.

Both series are complemented by matching tables, either with a wooden or a metal frame. These tables have an ergonomic milled cut-out, allowing overweight persons to perform a wide range of activities, such as eating, reading, writing or working on a laptop. The tables are fitted with two concealed castors fitted underneath the legs for greater mobility.



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