Please review this important **assembly**, **safety** and **warranty** information about your new Merrithew™ equipment and keep it handy for future reference.
User Guidelines

Pilates equipment when used effectively can facilitate many Pilates exercises safely and effectively. However, care and caution must be taken as there are some inherent dangers when using any exercise equipment.

For inexperienced or first-time users, this equipment should only be used under the supervision of a trained professional.

This manual includes general guidelines for setup and usage. To get the most out of this equipment, Merrithew offers instructional DVDs and manuals. Personalized training is offered through our Corporate, Licensed and Host Training Centers. Visit merrithew.com for more information.

Safety and Usage

The Spine Supporter is an innovative piece of equipment that, when used properly, can facilitate many Pilates exercises safely and effectively.

- Proper fitness apparel, including sticky socks is recommended while using this equipment.
- We recommend a gripper mat to provide additional traction.
- To prevent unsafe or improper use of Merrithew equipment, please read all assembly and safety information thoroughly and follow directions carefully. Contact the manufacturer if you have any questions or concerns.
- To reduce the risk of injury, use a mat or exercise pad on wood or other hard surfaces.
- If necessary, wipe any sweat off upholstered surfaces while working out.

WARNING: As with any athletic activity, the use of exercise equipment involves risk of injury, damage and/or death.

By choosing to use Merrithew equipment, you and/or your clients/patients assume responsibility for that risk, not the people who sell, distribute and/or manufacture this equipment.

Safety Check

Upholstered Pilates equipment is subject to wear and stress.

Proper maintenance and timely replacement of your equipment is your responsibility. Conduct a regular inspection of the following:

- Clean all surface areas after each use, using a soft cloth and gentle cleanser.
- Ensure Maple handgrips are securely attached before each use.

FAILURE TO PERFORM RECOMMENDED SAFETY CHECKS, OR USING EQUIPMENT WITH IMPROPERLY ADJUSTED, BROKEN OR WORN PARTS, COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY.

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IMPORTANT!

IMPROPER USE OF EXERCISE EQUIPMENT MAY CAUSE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY. TO REDUCE RISK, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

- Before starting any exercise program, consult a physician.
- The Spine Supporter must be used under the supervision of a trained professional.
- Use equipment only for intended exercises.
- Stop exercising if you experience chest pain, feel faint, have difficulty breathing or experience musculoskeletal discomfort.
- Do not use if equipment appears worn, broken or damaged.
- Do not attempt to repair equipment yourself without consulting Merrithew.
- Do not allow children to use or be around equipment without adult supervision.
- The Spine Supporter should be used by only one person at a time, not weighing over 350 lbs / 159 kgs.
- Proper maintenance and timely replacement of your equipment is your responsibility and helps reduce the risk of injury.

Care and Cleaning

Wipe vinyl surfaces using warm water with mild soap and clear water rinses for day-to-day cleaning. Ensure soap does not leave an oily residue, or make surfaces slippery.

CAUTION: We do not recommend using chemical-based products.
Spine Supporter

Ideal for reducing neck tension, while stabilizing the spine for exercises performed on a Mat and other equipment. Used frequently for clients with weak lower backs, to modify exercises during pregnancy, and to develop proper form for abdominal work.

- Integrated support strap on either side
- Sturdy wooden construction and dense foam padding
- Includes bonus Easy Start poster with exercises

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Optional Items

**Gripper Mat**
Non-slip rubber mats increase traction and prevent slipping.

**Eco-Friendly Pilates Pad**
Non-slip eco-friendly pads can help establish correct alignment and positioning or to provide cushioned support.

**Roll-Up Pole**
Used to increase focus on scapular stabilization while performing exercises. Solid maple. Sold separately.

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Make the Most of Merrithew™ Equipment

As Leaders in Mindful Movement™, Merrithew is committed to developing unique, top-quality fitness programs based on the latest in exercise science and research. Our signature STOTT PILATES® education is unparalleled, and we bring the same expertise and passion to our full range of branded programs, including CORE™ Athletic Conditioning and Performance Training™, ZEN·GA®, Total Barre™ and Halo® Training. Join our global community of elite fitness professionals. Merrithew courses and workshops are offered worldwide.

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Warranty

Merrithew™ warrants that all new equipment is free of manufacturing defects in workmanship and materials, subject to the terms below. This warranty becomes effective at the invoice date of the original purchase. Parts repaired or replaced under the terms of this warranty will be warranted for the remainder of the original warranty period.

It is the purchaser's responsibility to notify the Company of any change of contact information. This ensures, that in the unlikely event of a replacement or safety notice, we are able to contact you immediately.

This warranty applies to equipment only:
- While it remains in the possession of the original purchaser and proof of purchase is demonstrated
- If claims are made within the part-specific warranty period
- If upgrades are made as required by Merrithew

This warranty shall be null and void if:
- Equipment failure is a result of improper assembly, installation or maintenance
- The equipment is used for any other purpose other than as intended, or is stored or used outdoors, or in environments without adequate climate/humidity controls
- Equipment has been subjected to accident, misuse, abuse, improper service, or any modification not authorized by Merrithew

This warranty does not cover damage to the finish of any equipment nor shipping charges, customs clearance fees (if applicable), or any costs incurred in installing repaired or replacement parts shipped under the provisions of this warranty.

Two (2) Year Limited Warranty
Merrithew will, at its option, repair or replace all other components other than upholstery, that fail for any reason, provided such failure is reported to Merrithew within a period of two years from the invoice date of the original purchase.

90-Day Upholstery Fabric Warranty
The vinyl fabric upholstery will be replaced if they fail to give normal wear for 90 days after delivery. Proof of damage may be required. This warranty does not cover cuts, burns, stains, soiling, pet damage or damage caused by other unreasonable use.

This warranty does not apply to fabrics cleaned with abrasive, corrosive or chemical cleansers. If the identical fabric is not available, Merrithew will provide an equivalent.

Disclaimer of Implied Warranties and Limitation of Remedies
Repair or replacement of defective parts is your exclusive remedy under the terms of this limited warranty. In the event of parts availability issues, Merrithew will not be responsible for any consequential or incidental damages arising from the breach of either this limited warranty or any applicable implied warranty, or for failure or damage resulting from acts of nature, improper care and maintenance, accident, alteration, replacement of parts by anyone other than Merrithew, misuse, transportation, abuse, hostile environments (inclement weather, acts of nature), improper installation or installation not in accordance with local codes or printed instructions.

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IMPORTANT
Please keep this manual in a safe place.
If you have questions, issues or are missing parts:
Do NOT return this unit to your local retailer, please contact the manufacturer directly.
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