

## USER INFORMATION

### **Skinergy™ Silicone Leg Covers**

This **Skinergy** cover has been selected to provide the most suitable cosmetic finish for your prosthesis. Please take a moment to read through this information to familiarise yourself with your cover.

It has been manufactured from a silicone based polymer called **Tufsil 2™** using a seamless process. **Tufsil 2** has been chosen because it has excellent stain resistance, is tear resistant and can be stretched in any direction by over 25%. These characteristics allow it to conform accurately to the underlying structure.

Because **Skinergy** Covers are thin it is usually possible to use them as a direct replacement for fabric covers without changing the foot used. It is sensible to check the finished prosthesis with a range of the shoes that you are likely to wear. With some feet it may be necessary for the workshop to modify the internal cosmetic cover material. This will not affect the structural components.

**Skinergy** Covers are usually retained by tension in the skin stretched against the inner cosmesis. Two sizes of calf are available so that a choice is available. The prosthetist will check your calf size so that either a large or small calf size can be selected.

If required, it is possible to bond the top edge of the prosthesis to the cover for added security.

Where access to heel height adjustable feet and some suspension locks is required, your prosthetist can prepare an access hole and advise you on the correct use.

**Tufsil 2** resists tearing and puncturing, however, care should be taken to avoid the possibility of damaging the cover through contact with abrasive and/or sharp objects.

Because the material allows considerable stretch, these covers will accommodate devices that absorb torsion and allow ankle adjustment.

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**Skinergy** Covers should not be considered to form part of the prosthesis suspension however, they may be used to smooth the transition between socket and skin. Where the cover contacts the skin or is fitted over a sock, sensible precautions should be taken to observe and prevent any adverse effects in the residual limb caused by constriction or contact such as redness, blistering and coldness. If you observe these effects please discuss them with your clinic team. Some individuals are sensitive to silicone based materials. Where an obvious skin reaction occurs, use of these covers is contra-indicated. Please ensure that the reaction is recorded in your clinical notes to prevent accidental exposure in the future.

The cover is not designed to be waterproof as holes will allow ingress of moisture, this may cause damage to metallic components in the prosthesis structure and may provide the conditions for moulds to grow in and on internal parts. Please guard against such damage and inspect the cover carefully for small defects on a regular basis particularly if you are using it in environments where exposure to moisture is likely to occur, for instance pool side, beach or snow based activities.

**IMPORTANT NOTE ! : The sole of the cover will become slippery when wet. For poolside, shower or beach activities use sandals, “flip flops” or other appropriate footwear.**

Your cover can be cleaned every day simply using soap and water. Routine removal of the cover for internal cleaning by the user is not recommended.

**Skinergy** Covers are available in 12 **RSLSTEEPER** skin shades in standard finish, and 9 shades in True Finish. Discuss the best match for you with your prosthetist.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either your prosthetist, or **RSLSTEEPER**.

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