
HipSaver® Hip Protectors Laundry and Care Instructions

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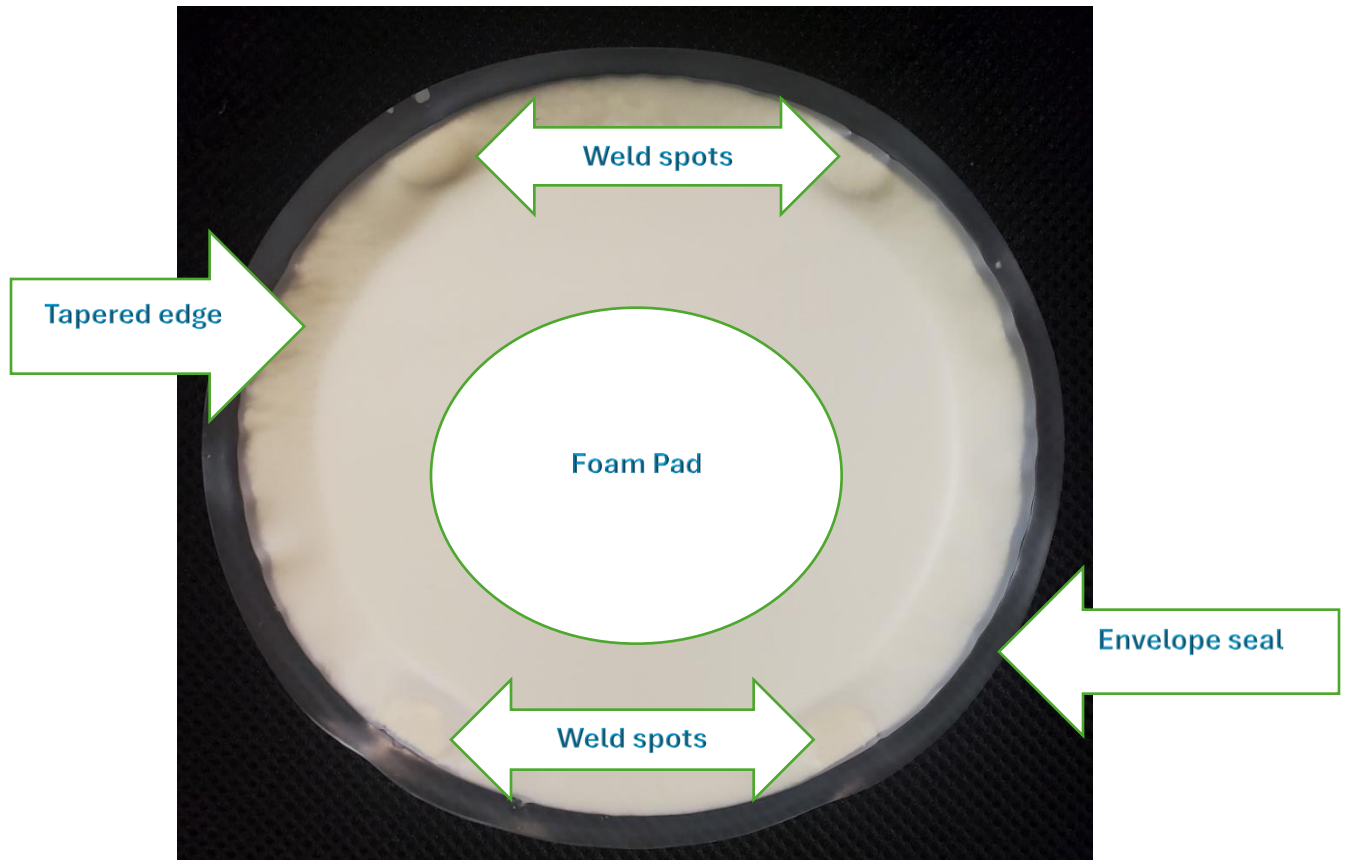
Background: HipSavers are garments (sweatpants and underwear) that have round viscoelastic foam pads designed to overlay each trochanter (hip bone) when worn. The foam pads are round and are about ½” thick. The pads are tapered around the edge so as not to create a skin pressure point edge. The foam pads are sealed into a watertight envelope for washing. The garment portion is preshrunk and is either 100% polyester or a polycotton blend. HipSaver has been in market use since 1995 and has numerous published studies showing an average 90% reduction in hip fractures. It is recognized in the industry that severe osteoporosis can result “pathological” fractures in a fall with a hip protector or even with no fall at all. Therefore, like many protective products hip protectors cannot guarantee absolute protection. The results of our published clinical studies and biomechanical tests can be seen at www.hipsaver.com.

HipSaver Laundering: Wash care label should be dated for first time use. HipSavers can be washed according to CDC guidelines for infection control (165°F for 25 minutes). Maximum heat tolerance is 200°F. They are guaranteed to last one year or 100 washings. The use of bleach is not recommended. Remove promptly from the dryer at the end of the cycle. **This is important to avoid HipSavers resting on a super-hot dryer drum with a heavy laundry load compacting down that may cause heat compression damage. For the best results the pads should be laid flat while still warm to avoid taking a “heat set” like a “bent taco”.**

After Laundering Reissue Inspection: The following are the pad conditions that heat, and rigorous mechanical forces can, on occasion, negatively distort the pad as described in the chart below:

Condition	Presentation	Action
Pad envelope took on water	Pad is very heavy & squishy	Set aside/dispose contact HipSaver
Pad and envelope folded in half	Pad and envelope folded like a taco	Massage back into shape
Weld spots failed and or internal pad folded in half and does not fill entire envelope	Internal pad folded in half and cannot be massaged flat	Set aside/dispose contact HipSaver
Tapered edge inward or outward facing	Pads facing in different directions	Ok to use – full protection intact

see pad photo – next page



Above photo shows a good quality pad:

- Is flat and foam fills entire envelope
- Weld spots are intact
- Is light weight



Mark label with date for first time use.