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**Filter** - These pouches have an integrated filter specially developed for colostomy/ileostomy patients. The filter allows gas to escape without the risk of odor.



*Each box of pouches is provided with filter covers, which are needed to close off the filter when bathing or swimming.*

**Pouch shape/design** - The pouches are offered in mini, midi, and maxi versions and feature an anatomical shape. Designs are available in three versions - transparent, opaque with cloth front, cloth front with a design. For soft cover pouches, pat the pouch dry with a towel after showering.

**Wafer** - Available in Standard Wear and Extra-Extended Wear adhesives. Also available in flat, convex light (shallow convexity) and convex (deep convexity).

**Outlet** - Available in standard outlet (for soft, loose output) and WIDE outlet (for thicker output).

### OUTLET PROCEDURE



**1a. Closing of pouch before use** - With the Velcro® hook ears facing up, fold the lower foam plate over the larger foam plate (as if you were sealing an envelope).



**1b.** Roll the outlet inward towards the pouch two more times.



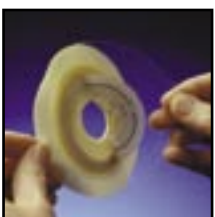
**2. Sealing of outlet** - Seal the outlet by folding the Velcro® hook ears onto the foam plate and press firmly. If desired, fold once more as described under *EMPTYING OF POUCH*, #4.

### PREPARATION



**1. Cutting the wafer** - Trace size and shape of stoma onto the cutting guide. Cut the hole in the wafer to fit (recommended cutting hole is  $\frac{1}{16}$ " larger than stoma, or cut hole same size as stoma, with four radial slits). If the opening of the wafer is larger than the stoma, leakage may occur. Cutting is easier with curved scissors. Do not cut beyond the last circle on the guide.

*Ensure skin is clean and dry before applying the wafer. Stoma size may change over time, so measure stoma before placing an order.*



**2. Removal of protective paper** - Remove the transparent protective paper. Place one thumb on the tab and pull the protective paper away with the other hand.



**3. Application of wafer** - Place the wafer on the skin ensuring a snug fit around the stoma. Press firmly against the skin starting at the bottom and smoothing upwards with fingers.

*Tip: Warm wafer between hands for one to two minutes, causing the adhesive to warm up to your skin – resulting in better wear time.*

### POUCH APPLICATION WITH ASSURA LOCKING MECHANISM

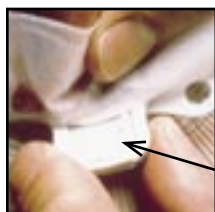


**1. Application of pouch** - Make sure the lock ring is open. Press the coupling rings on the pouch and wafer together, starting at the bottom. Run your fingers around the coupling on the outside of the pouch from the bottom to the top. When a slight click is heard, the pouch is securely positioned on the wafer. The pouch may then be turned to its optimal position.



**2. Locking the pouch** - Once the pouch is in optimal position, close the lock ring. To do this, use two fingers and squeeze the two ends of the lock ring together. When a click is heard, the pouch is securely locked to the wafer.

## REMOVAL OF POUCH AND WAFER



- 1a. Opening lock ring -**  
Open the lock ring by pressing the small tab on the pouch side with your fingertip.  
*Press here*



- 1b.** Remove the pouch from the wafer by lifting up and pulling away from the wafer simultaneously. This is easiest if you hold onto the top of the pouch.



- 2. Removing wafer -** The wafer is removed from the skin by peeling downward slowly and carefully, while holding the skin tight with the other hand.

## EMPTYING OF POUCH



- 1a. Opening the pouch -**  
Take hold of the end of Velcro® hook ears. Lift both hook ears off the foam plate. Unfold outlet over the place where pouch is being emptied.



- 1b.** Allow contents to run out while controlling the emptying with fingers. Squeeze the remainder out of the pouch.



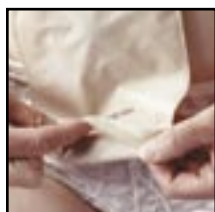
- 2a. Cleaning the outlet -**  
Place a folded tissue around the outlet tip. Clean the outlet in one sliding movement away from the body.



- 2b.** Fold the small foam plate backwards so that only the large foam plate is visible. Clean the edge with the tissue. The outlet is now clean and ready to be closed again.



- 3. Closing the outlet -** Fold the lower foam plate over the larger foam plate (as if you were sealing an envelope). Roll the outlet inward towards the pouch two more times.



- 4. Cosmetic closing of outlet -** For cosmetic purposes, the closing system can be folded under the soft fronting. The pouch will become more discreet. This cosmetic closing has no influence on the safety against leakage.

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## EMPTYING WITH EASICLOSE WIDE OUTLET (for thicker output)



- 1a. Opening the pouch -**  
Take hold of the end of Velcro® hook ears. Lift both hook ears off the foam plate. Unfold the outlet over the place where pouch is being emptied.



- 1b.** The lower part of the WIDE outlet can be folded backwards and fastened to the Velcro® dot on the back of the outlet. This prevents the bottom flap from being exposed when emptying.



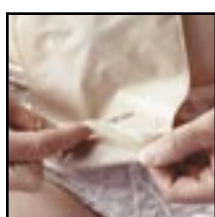
- 1c.** Allow the contents to run out while controlling the emptying with your fingers. (Squeeze the remainder out of the pouch.)



- 2. Cleaning the outlet -** With the lower part of the WIDE outlet folded back (and fastened to the back of the Velcro® dot), clean the edge with the tissue. The outlet is now clean and ready to be closed again.



- 3. Closing the outlet -** Unfasten the lower foam plate from the Velcro dot on the back, and fold the lower foam plate over the larger foam plate (as if you were sealing an envelope). Roll the outlet inward towards the pouch two more times.



- 4. Cosmetic closing of outlet -** For cosmetic purposes, the closing system can be folded under the soft fronting. The pouch will become more discreet. This cosmetic closing has no influence on the safety against leakage.



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