

SymmetriKit™ chairs
Rest - work - play!



The right chair for rest, work and play!

As well as providing the support you need to help you relax, your Symmetrikit chair can be quickly repositioned for meal times, play or other “tray-work”. The correct position for PEG feeding can be easily achieved.

The free standing table has a generous work surface and can be angled and rotated to suit your needs. It can be quickly removed and folded away.





One chair fits



MOST

Both Kerry and Courtney are using exactly the same medium module chair. Both have had their chairs adjusted to fit perfectly. What's more, these settings can be replicated for them exactly, time and time again.



It's all in the frame

Our modular design means that anyone can get comfortable in a Symmetrikit chair. Most clients find that the standard chair can be adjusted to give a high level of comfortable support for both function and relaxation. If you require a little more personalisation, this can easily be achieved using our standard Core Module and selecting the appropriate arms, back rest and height setting: The same module can cater for a wide range of need from the smaller semi-ambulant client who needs support and easy access, to a larger non-ambulant user with complex needs. Right through the range, the functionality and adjustability of the chairs remains unchanged.

Bespoke fit as standard

Stores managers will appreciate our advanced recyclability: All of our seats, backs, arms and sub frames are interchangeable meeting the widest range of seating needs with minimised stock redundancy.

Therapists know that if there is a Symmetrikit chair (2010 model or later) in store and they have a client with a need for home seating, the chances are that it can be used; needs can be met more quickly without compromise



Positioning for long term sitting and pressure relief

It's common knowledge that getting the seating correct will reduce point pressures: Getting the seat depth correct and making sure that as much weight as possible is taken through the leg rest and arm rests are the key steps to redistributing the load. Using tilt in space can spread some of the load onto the back rest. Even if pressure is not the main concern, getting these right will allow for more comfortable long term sitting.

Every aspect of the chair can be easily adjusted for correct fitting, support and growth.

Adjustments include:

Seat width and depth

Seat height

Arm height, angles vertically and laterally

Leg length

Back rest

Leg rest

Foot-plate

Tilt in space

Upper back can fold forward for Kyphotic backs

Adjustable wings

Whole upper back can be offset



Chairs are calibrated for easy re-setting

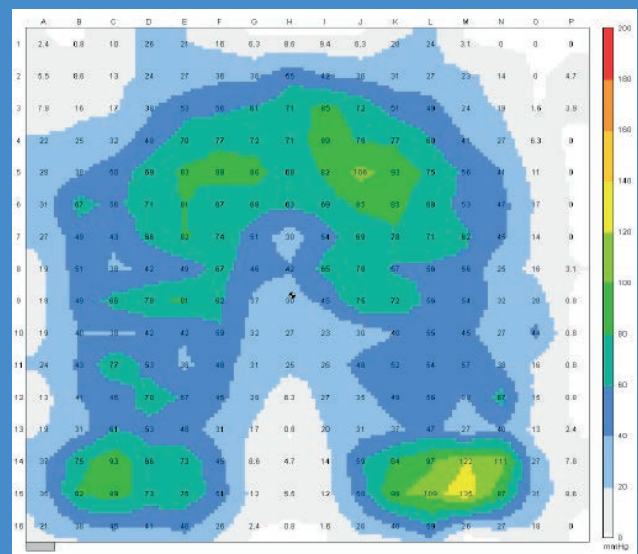


Tilt in space

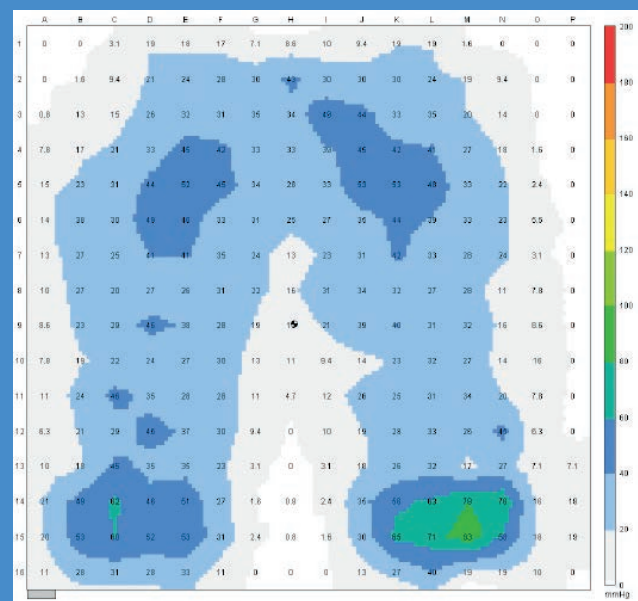
for comfort and pressure relief

Tilt in Space allows an easy change of position without disturbing any of the other chair settings - tilt back to relax, forward for function or to get in and out. A major benefit of Tilt in Space is pressure reduction, where the optimal tilt angle can reduce pressure peak and mean pressure by 40% compared to neutral sitting

Neutral



Tilted



FSA Monitor Readings

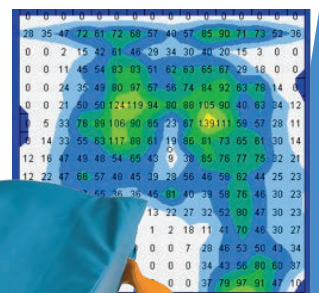
The Effect of Tilt in Space on Pressure Distribution in a Symmetrikit Chair. Single Subject (Adult Male) Jan 2003
 Snapshots of pressure readings (standard cushion) Shows a **40% reduction** in peak and mean pressures
 NB Readings are for illustration only.

Choosing the best cushion

We are regularly asked “what risk category is your cushion?” Unfortunately there is no recognised scale for seating as the commonly used scales are for mattresses. However, we do understand that there is a need to generally rank different cushions in relation to each other; here we draw on a key strength in that our parent company is a major supplier of static seating to the UK NHS wheelchair services; we are able to draw on years of design expertise and experience to provide a comprehensive choice of cushions and can rank them as our wheelchair service customers do. Please remember, this is only a guide. A pressure monitor should be used if available and inappropriate clothing, draw sheets and pads should be avoided if possible.

Lowzone™ Contour as standard

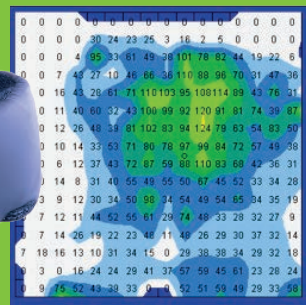
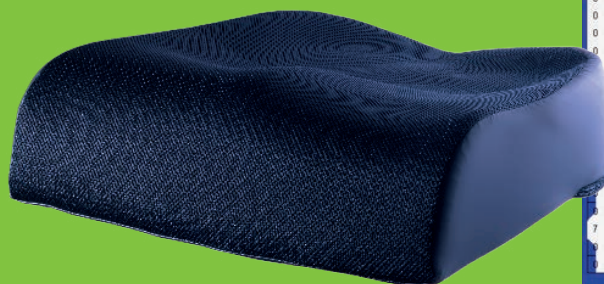
Our contoured Lowzone™ visco-elastic cushions are regarded as providing “Medium High” pressure relief. In our own trials using our FSA pressure monitors, these regularly exceed non contoured gel, water and standard visco- elastic cushions in pressure reduction. They are inherently more stable than fluid based systems.



The **NEW** Coolover® Lowzone Gel2 cushion

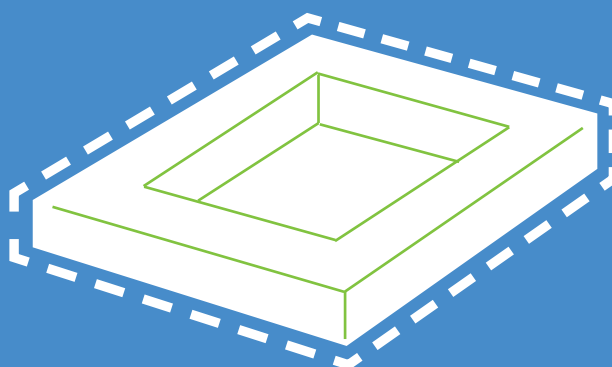
For an even higher level of care with active temperature regulation.

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'BYO' (Bring your own!):

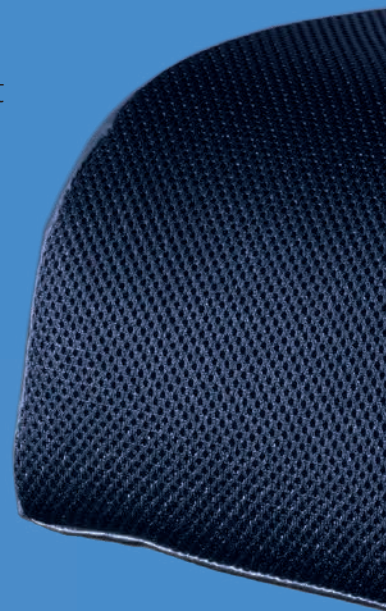
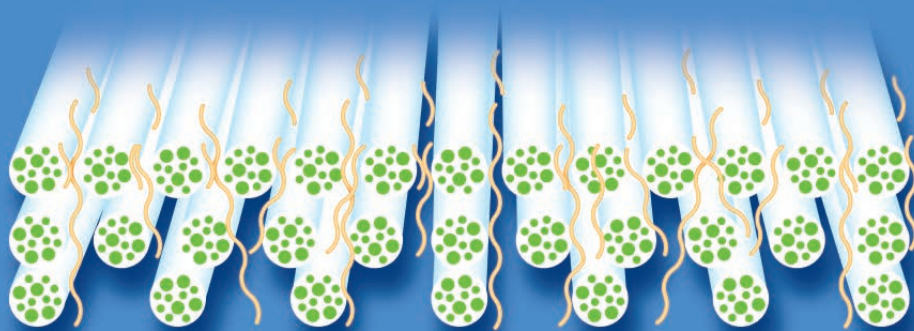
If you already have a favourite make of cushion, we can provide a "nest" to locate it securely in the chair. Aperture of 460mm x 410mm (18" x 16") to fit a 430mm x 380mm (17" x 15") Starlock cushion



Pressure care temperat

Our new Coolover® covers and Omnitherm® Therma-Gel™ offer active temperature regulation, pressure re-distribution and a gentle massaging action when you move. The Therma-Gel™ insert extends far enough forward to minimise shear and enhance conformity with minimal pooling when tilted.

Coolover® covers are made from our own engineered fabric. They are not only loaded with the Omnitherm® capsules but the variable denier knit with added bamboo is designed to enhance capillary action, drawing moisture away from the skin and allowing evaporative cooling to occur away from the skin itself to provide cooling without clamminess.



*with
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Omnitherm[®] Therma-Gel[™]
insert regulates and maintains user
temperature at an ideal 32°C

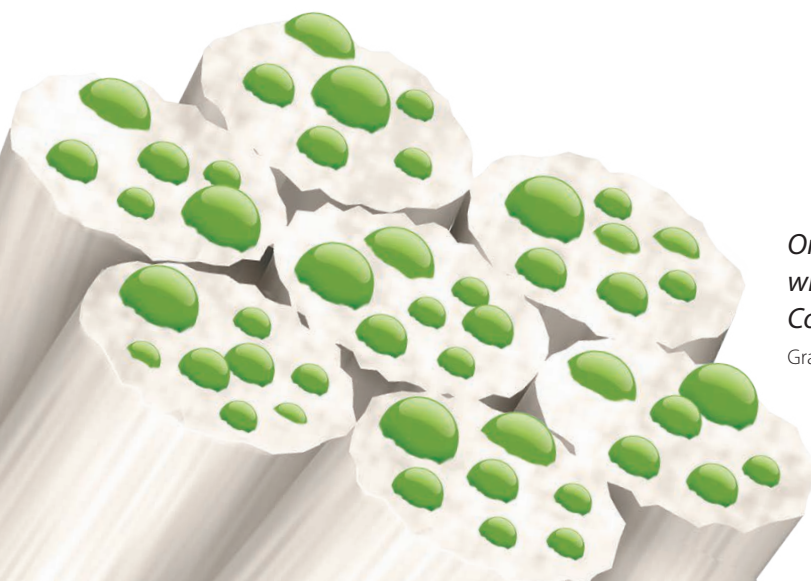
Anti thrust
Ischial shelf

COOLOVER[®] TR³

with Omnitherm



Omnitherm[®] Thermal Comfort



*Omnitherm microcapsules
within the threads of the
Coolover fabric*

Graphic representation

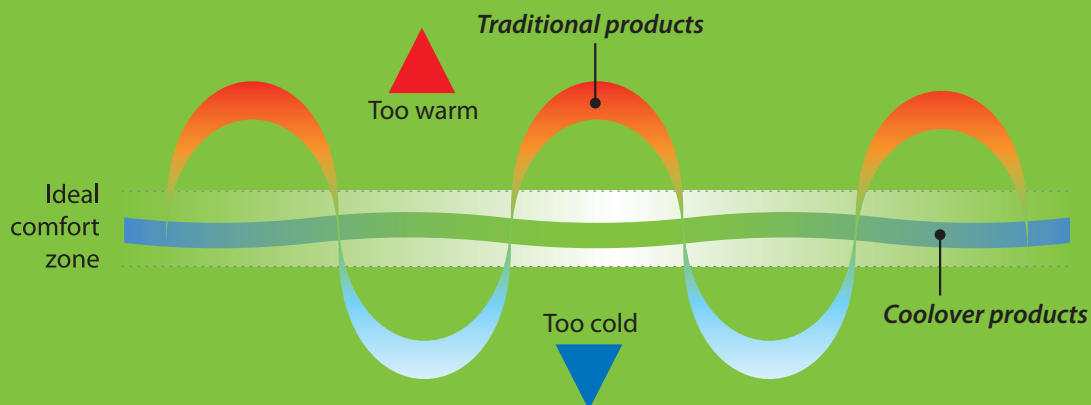
Temperature regulation

High temperatures are not good news: they can lead to a reduction in skin integrity: High humidity and damp skin are not only uncomfortable but can contribute to tissue breakdown. High temperatures can also mean increased metabolic demand and further discomfort. [1]

Our Coolover seat cover option uses our Omnitherm® technology and a clever variable Denier weave with extra Bamboo to actively manage temperature and lower skin humidity through enhanced wicking.

When skin temperature rises our Omnitherm® microcapsules start to absorb excess body heat and as your body cools, it returns this energy to help to maintain a more even temperature.

Our Omnitherm® Gel cushion offers further reserves of temperature management combined with pressure redistribution.




Where clients are unable to regulate their own core temperature or are sweating, then allowing air to circulate and moisture to evaporate will help to reduce skin temperature and humidity.

Our Aero upholstery option is manufactured with panels of Airmantle™ (as used in Our Symmetrisleep system) which allows air to circulate.

[1] References

Baharestani, M., et al. International pressure review. Pressure ulcer prevention: pressure, shear, friction and microclimate in context. in Wounds International 2010. London: Kathy Day.



A person is seated in a specialized medical chair, viewed from the back. The chair features a large, padded blue backrest and a grey plastic frame. The person's head is resting against the backrest. The chair has armrests, a footrest, and a base with wheels. The background is white with blue decorative elements on the right side.

Phil is comfortably supported by
our Symmetricare back

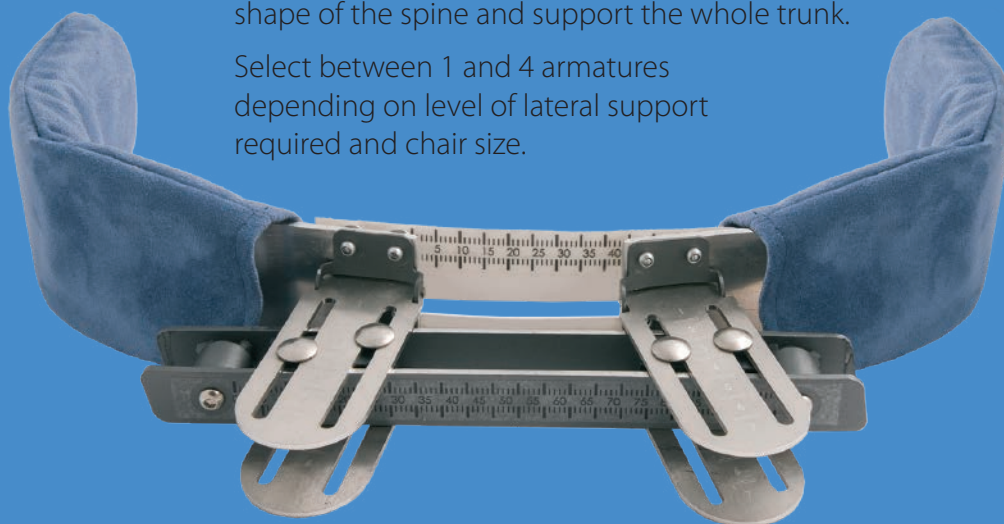
Supportive backs

Fingerform™ back

Fingerform users tend to have a more complex wheelchair or activity chair and cannot tolerate anything less in their 'relax' seating.

Individual fingers can be adjusted up and down, in and out, angled, set off to one side and even to pivot. This ability allows one to accurately follow the shape of the spine and support the whole trunk.

Select between 1 and 4 armatures depending on level of lateral support required and chair size.



Symmetricare™ back

The Symmetricare back is for users who need more supported seating, but don't need as much support as the Fingerform back offers. Clipping in to our standard back frame, it provides a more secure 'hug'. Adjustability without complexity.

'MaxRelax' back adjustment

Our MaxRelax design makes it easier to move between reclined and upright positions, reducing shear forces and minimising gaps appearing between seat and back. In manual chairs, this design also eliminates any sudden movements when the backrest is released.

You already know it's a chair but it's also

a bed &

Our chair is a multifunctional piece of furniture delivering tilt in space sitting, reclining and side lying. Use it head down for postural drainage and "back to front" for a prone stretch.



*It's easier with
a power chair:*

3 function Battery Power option
(Tilt, recline and leg elevation)
Complies with BS8480 Anti Entrapment

a wedge!



Beth having a stretch
in prone

Edna enjoying the papers in her **Symmetrikit™** chair with Neo covers. Optional Glide wheels, table and headrest.

Optional Table

Designed to work seamlessly with the chair, the table can be adjusted for height and table top angle. It can be used for almost any task that requires a flat surface!



Living with your chair

Compact yet multi functional and easy to clean. Our chairs are simple to use yet no less practical. Our new designs mean that chairs are easier to adjust and are calibrated allowing adjustment between pre determined positions. The chair is easy to clean and care for and the covers are removable and washable.

Courtney takes a break



Fold down arms

Getting in and out of any chair can be a struggle. Quick release arms facilitate side transfers and can help with correct sling fitting.

Easy flip footplate

Easy flip down footplate gives proper support to the feet and ankles.



Upholstery styles

Suede effect

Blue

NEO

Contemporary styling with a minimalist feel.

Fully washable, waterproof, mock suede is soft, durable and stylish.

Available with Aero inserts for temperature control



Cuero Brilliant PU

Black

Blue

Cuero

The modern alternative to Vinyl.
Soft, flexible, breathable but tough. Ideal for ward use



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Symmetrikit Chair

Medium

Seat Tilt	+10° / -30°
Seat Depth (with Tiltrite back)	315 -520mm
Seat Width	
Standard arm setting	315-455mm
Arm Height (top of seat to top of arm)	
Shallow arms	160-220mm
Standard arms	160-220mm
Leg Length (with foot rest)	235-460mm
Seat To Floor Height (when tilted forward - std seat)	580mm
Backrest Height (seat top to top back)	750-950mm
Footplate Angle Range	180°
Arms Adjustable For Height, Angle and Skew	✓
Calibrated Tilt, Recline And Arm Settings	✓
Lowzone Seat Cushion	✓
Storage Tray	✓
Push Handle	✓
Castors - 2 braked	100mm
Rigid Locking Gas Jacks - manual chairs	✓
MaxRelax Recline Action	✓
Maximum User Weight	140Kg

ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE IN MM

Power chairs comply with BS8480 - All chairs comply with BS5852 Ignition Source 5

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