



# Models 131, 135, 137 Flexible Stretchers

## Description

The Model 131, 135, or 137 Flexible Stretcher (called the stretcher in this manual) is designed to transport a patient or body. The stretcher is designed for use by a minimum of two trained operators. Additional help may be required to transport a heavy patient or body.

The stretcher is constructed of vinyl with oak internal slats. The vinyl is heat-sealed to protect the slats and reduce the chance for contamination from body fluids.

- **Model 131** - Version with 3 lateral restraints
- **Model 135** - Mortuary version with 3 lateral restraints and integrated body bag
- **Model 137** - Version with 3 lateral restraints plus forehead, shoulder, pelvic and ankle restraints



**Model 131 Flexible Stretcher**



**Model 135 Mortuary Flexible Stretcher**



**Model 137 Flexible Stretcher**

**⚠ WARNING**  
 Improper use of the stretcher can cause injury. Use the stretcher only for the purpose described in this manual.

## Operator Skills

Operators using the stretcher need to have a working knowledge of emergency patient-handling procedures, the ability to assist the patient, and a complete understanding of the procedures described in this manual.

## Specifications

### MODEL 131

Length ..... 74.5" (189 cm)  
 Width ..... 26.5" (67 cm)  
 Weight ..... 16 lbs (7.26 kg)

### MODEL 135

Length ..... 77" (196 cm)  
 Width ..... 27" (69 cm)  
 Weight ..... 17 lbs (7.7 kg)

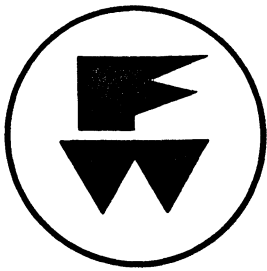
### MODEL 137

Length ..... 76.5" (194 cm)  
 Width ..... 26.5" (67 cm)  
 Weight ..... 18 lbs (8.16 kg)



### LOAD LIMIT (ALL MODELS)

Inspect the stretcher if the load limit has been exceeded.



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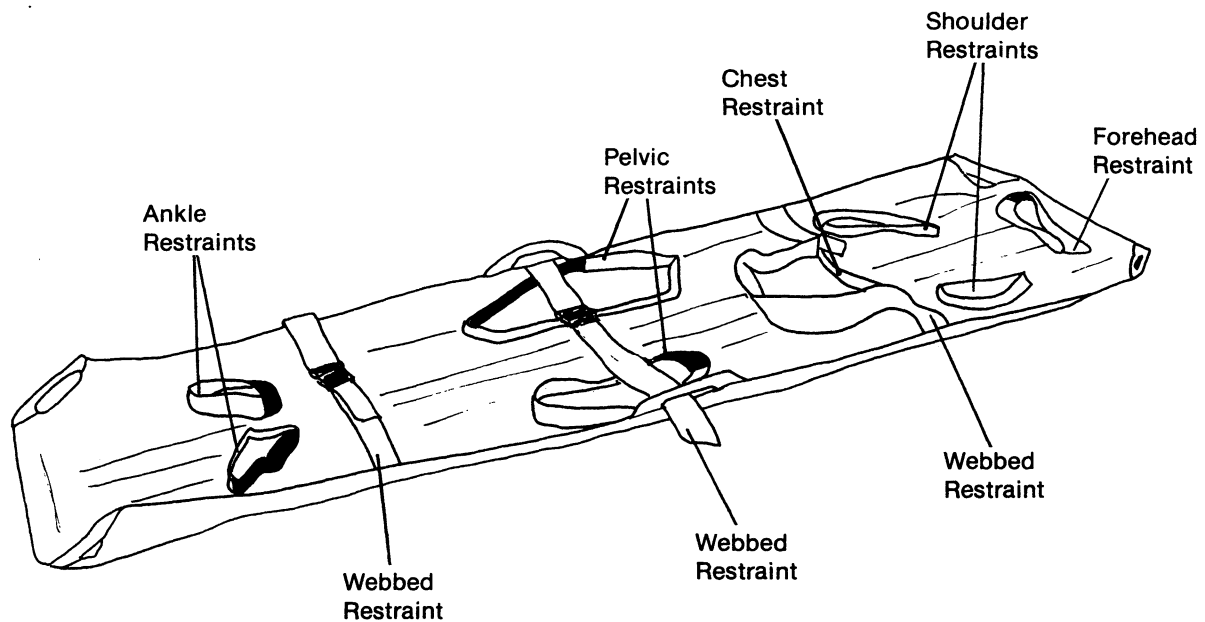
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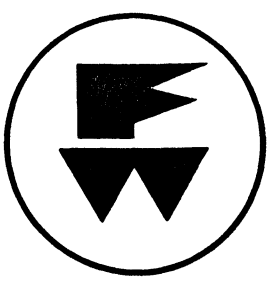
**Read instructions completely before operating this product.**

This manual has been prepared to provide general instructions for proper product use and maintenance of the Ferno Models 131, 135, 137 Flexible Stretchers. Specific application and operating techniques may vary from user to user. Ferno-Washington, Inc., does not intend or recommend this product to be used for any other purpose that for which it is designed as outlined in this manual. Any other use or application of this product becomes the complete responsibility of the owner/user.

## COMPONENTS

Model 137





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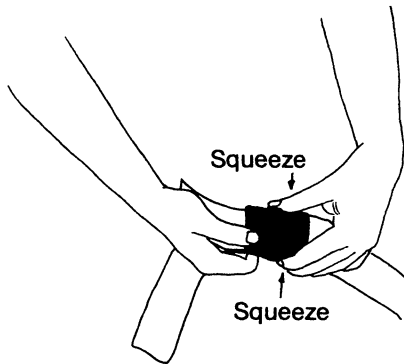
## Operating Instructions

### Using the Stretcher

In the middle of the rolled stretcher a Velcro/vinyl strap holds stretcher in stored position. Release the Velcro and unroll stretcher.

Unbuckle webbed restraints by squeezing at indented area of receiver, Illustration 1, pull tang and receiver apart, lay webbing to the side.

### ILLUSTRATION 1



### Model 135 only

When the body has been secured to the flexible stretcher, place the head flap over the face and zip attached body bag from bottom to top.

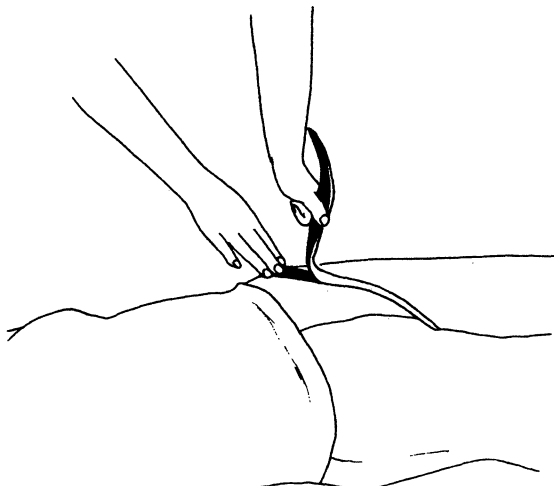
### Model 137 only

Additional vinyl restraints are sewn into the flexible stretcher for the forehead, shoulders, chest, pelvis and ankles.

Use of these restraints will help to immobilize the patient.

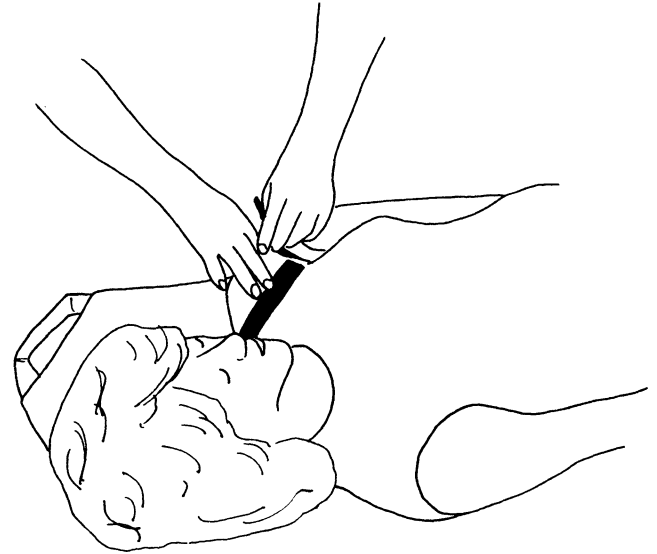
Attach each restraint to the appropriate area and secure with Velcro. Example: Thigh - bring the pelvic restraint up through the crotch and secure over the thigh, Illustration 2.

### ILLUSTRATION 2



Shoulder - wrap the restraint around the armpit and secure at the top of the shoulder, Illustration 3.

### ILLUSTRATION 3



### All Models

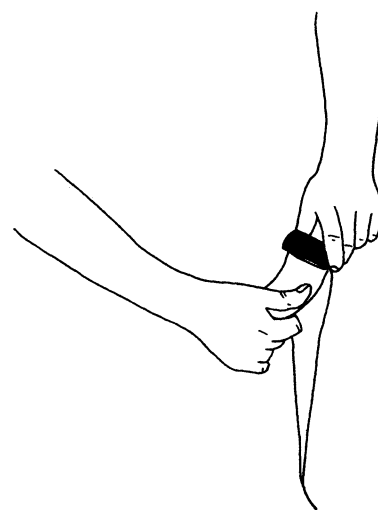
Engage the webbed restraints and tighten snugly before transporting.

To separate tang from receiver refer to Illustration 1.

### Lengthening/Shortening the Webbed Restraints

To lengthen the restraint, hold tang parallel to the ground and pull upward on tang, Illustration 4.

### ILLUSTRATION 4



To shorten the restraint, hold tang parallel to the ground and pull on loose end of restraint.

When the patient has been properly restrained, the operators follow local lifting and carrying protocols to transport the patient. Six webbed carrying handles are sewn into each stretcher.

Lift only the weight you can safely handle. Use additional help as needed to lift a heavy patient or body.

## Maintenance

The stretcher requires regular maintenance. Set up and follow a maintenance schedule. When using maintenance products, follow the manufacturers' directions and read the manufacturers' material safety data sheets. Ferno recommends that you inspect the stretcher for damage as you clean and disinfect it.

**To disinfect:** Wipe all surfaces with disinfectant. Apply the disinfectant for the contact time recommended by the disinfectant manufacturer.

**To clean:** Wash the stretcher with warm water and a mild detergent. Rinse with clean water. Dry with a towel. Allow the stretcher to dry fully before rolling or storing it.

**To inspect:** Examine the stretcher for anything that might affect the integrity of the stretcher, including:

- Broken slats
- Torn, cut or punctured vinyl or damaged vinyl heat welds
- Broken restraint buckles
- Worn, cut or frayed restraint webbing or Velcro® fastening strips
- Damaged, loose or missing carrying handles.

If damage is discovered, remove the stretcher from service and replace.

## Limited Warranty Statement

The products sold by Ferno are covered by a limited warranty. The actual terms and conditions of the limited warranty, and the limitations of liability and disclaimers, are available upon request by calling 1.800.733.3766 or 1.937.382.1451.



 **WARNING**

**Helpers can cause injury or be injured. Trained operators must maintain control of the stretcher and direct all helpers.**

**Important**

Disinfectants and cleaners containing bleach, phenolics, or iodines can damage the stretcher. Disinfect and clean the stretcher only with products that do not contain these chemicals.

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