

## Preparations for using the PT1000 and PTF1000 Stretchers

### A: Receiving Inspection

- The customer is responsible for making sure the loading dock at their facility can accommodate a shipping carton approximately 70" inches (1.778 m) long and 40" (1.016m) inches wide.
- The customer must also provide transportation equipment (forklift, etc.) for a carton weighing approximately 400 lbs (181.4 kg).



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Figure 1: Stretcher in Shipping Carton

### Inspection

1. Receiving area must meet all State and Local regulations prior to unpacking.
2. Customer must inspect carton both before and after unpacking to determine if any items were damaged during shipping.
  - A. All damaged items must be listed on the Bill of Lading.
  - B. The serial number and model number shown on the carton label must match the numbers on the Bill of Lading and the Invoice.
3. Were Shock Indicators used on the carton? The readings from shock indicators, if damage to the carton exists, are to be recorded on the Bill of Lading.
4. Customer is responsible for the proper disposal of all packing materials. The disposal of these items must meet all State and Local regulations.

### Unpacking the Stretcher

Retain all shipping materials until stretcher is completely unpacked and inspected for damage.

1. Remove metal bands holding the bottom and top of the shipping carton together. See Figure 2.



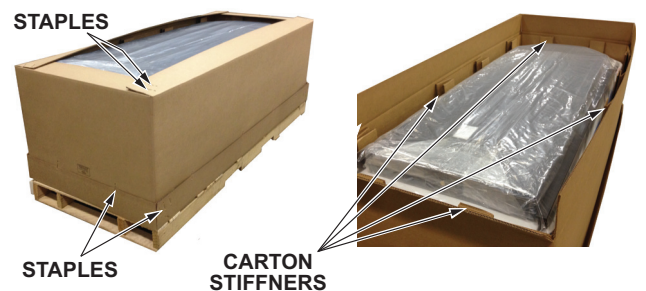
**CAUTION:** Eye protection must meet ANSI-Z87.1-2010 guidelines and be worn during the un-banding of the carton. The metal bands, when cut, can cause severe injuries to the eyes.



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Figure 2: Shipping Carton with Bands Removed

3. Remove metal staples holding the top and bottom of the carton to its sides.
4. Remove the top of the carton.



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Figure 3: Removing Staples and Stiffeners

4. Remove metal staples making the flaps around the top edge of the carton.
5. Remove metal staples attaching the sides of the carton to the bottom of the carton.
6. Remove the sides of the carton by lifting them straight up from the bottom tray.

7. Lift stretcher straight up from bottom tray of the shipping carton and remove it.



**CAUTION:** The PT1000 Stretcher weighs approximately 225 pounds (102 kg) and the PTF1000 Stretcher weighs approximately 275 pounds (124.7 kg). The weights vary due to the different bed sizes and options available. This requires two or more people to lift the stretcher out of the carton. Failure to follow this precaution can result in injury to personnel and damage to the stretchers.



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**Figure 4: Stretcher Removed from Carton**

8. Remove plastic covering.
9. The PT1000 or PTF1000 Stretcher is now ready for use.

### Visual Inspection

1. Thoroughly inspect stretcher for any damage not discovered in original unpacking.
2. Inspect all moving assemblies to make sure that the stretcher is ready for use.
  - A. Inspect all four casters and make sure they function properly.
  - B. All casters must make contact with the floor at the same time.
  - C. Inspect both Release Pedals for proper movement.
  - D. Inspect Brake Pedal Assembly to make sure the brakes will stop the stretcher.
  - E. Engage and retract both Hydraulic Cylinders to make they properly lift and lower the stretcher as needed.

- F. The Hydraulic Cylinders must reach maximum height within 23 to 28 strokes.

- G. PTF1000 Stretcher only: The 5th-Wheel, when engaged, must make solid contact with the floor.

### Clean and Discard

1. All shipping and packing materials must be discarded in compliance with Local and State regulations.
2. Stretcher must be wiped down with a mild soap and water solution to remove any debris that may have accumulated during shipping.
3. Stretchers, when not in use, MUST not be stacked on top of each other in storage.
4. Stretchers that are stored and not uncrated, MUST not be double-stacked in storage.

### Preparation for Use

1. Remove the mattress from the large plastic bag. The head-end of the mattress has large diagonal corners and should be placed over the short end of the table.
2. The bottom of the mattress has two adhesive strips. Remove the protective backing, turn the mattress over and press it into place. This will keep the mattress from making any unwanted movement.
3. Find and unwrap the IV Pole laying in the bottom tray of the stretcher.
4. Install IV Pole onto the stretcher. The IV Pole can be installed into any of four locations and is held securely in place.