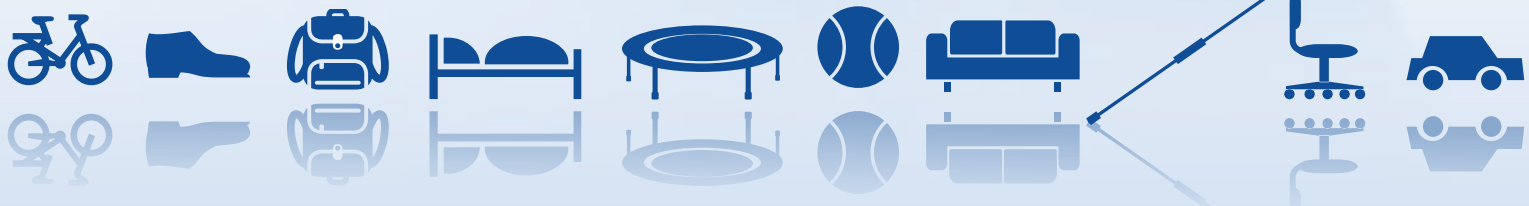




The seal of approval of the Aktion Gesunder Rücken e. V.

Decision making support when buying back-friendly products – important help for preventing and avoiding back problems



The AGR seal of approval – something you can rely on

Back-friendly everyday products are important modules in the prevention as well as in the therapy of back problems. It would be a good idea for those affected to make their personal environment more „back-friendly“, from their workplace through their personal living environment to their recreational area.

Even for experts it is not always easy to see whether the design of a product is back-friendly or not. Quite frequently, manufacturers even sell completely unsuitable products as back-friendly, and spread misleading information.

The AGR seal of approval provides reliable decision making support. It stands for strict test criteria, jointly developed by independent medical/therapeutical experts from various fields of study. The members of this body of experts come from two exceedingly competent professional medical associations, the Federal Association of German Back Schools (BdR) e.V. and the Association Forum Healthy Back e.V. – Better Living. Only products that have passed a strict test procedure receive the AGR seal of approval.

The AGR seal of approval was awarded the grade „very good“ by ÖKO-TEST (Eco-Test: significant consumer test magazine). A further proof of the quality of the cachet, with which only proven ergonomic quality is marked!

If you are looking for help with your backache, if you are looking for back-friendly products, then pay attention to the AGR seal of approval.



The Aktion Gesunder Rücken e. V. – Experts inform you



As early as the 1990s, the respected Hamburg doctor Dr. Günther Neumeyer supported the theory that back-friendly products are an important building block for the prevention and treatment of backache. Today, this theory is undisputed and has been proved in various studies. Thanks to his initiative, the independent Association Aktion Gesunder Rücken e. V. was founded in 1995. This

non-profit organisation cooperates with various medical fields of study and their associations, as well as with many thousand doctors and therapists. Comprehensive findings and information from the medical world are collected and published. The latest findings from the fields of orthopaedics, physiotherapy, industrial medicine, sports science etc. are drawn up by inde-

pendent experts. This helps many people who are stricken by backache. And that is the majority of us.

The AGR seal of approval offers valuable help, for it identifies products and articles of daily use whose ergonomic qualities were tested in several medical fields of study.

AGR also passes on medical know-how to the employees of the qualified, specialised retail trade in order to improve their advisory quality. These training courses have to be refreshed at regular intervals.

However, medical specialists also use this further training by AGR to improve their advisory competence in the field of ergonomic everyday life. These experts qualify as „Consultants for back-friendly situational prevention“.

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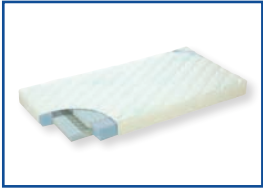
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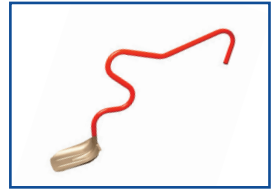
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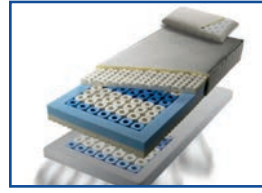
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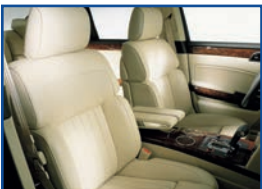
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The burden of the backbone when strapping pallets. A comparison: Manual strapping with broomstick and strapping with an ergonomic pallet strapping system.

Source: ErgoPack Deutschland GmbH

Ergonomic pallet strapping systems reduce the risk of spinal injuries.

Every year, 4.3 million German workers are treated for back and joint pain. This is the most frequent cause of injury among employees. The main catalysts for back pain in the workplace are a poor task posture and the cumulative repetitive motion of bending and holding during certain operations.

The manual strapping of pallets, during which the goods to be shipped are secured on the pallet by plastic strap is among the most back-damaging work in the occupational daily routine. Manually the strap is threaded under the pallet with the aid of a "broomstick" with a slot on its end. In this case, the operator has to bend down two times and walk around the pallet one time per strap. First he bends down for slipping the broomstick under the pallet on one side and second for picking it up on the other side. In order to fully secure the load with two strappings per pallet, the operator actually has to bend down four times and to walk around the pallet two times.

This is a physical operation which can easily cause permanent injury, especially to the spinal column. Therefore, the question of how to render this clearly unsafe task more ergonomic, be-

comes more and more the focus of enterprises concerned about the safety of their workers.

Fully developed technical measures help to reduce to a minimum, the burden on the human body in many fields, such as the manual strapping of pallets.

The "Aktion Gesunder Rücken e.V." (Campaign for Healthier Backs) suggests the strapping systems of the company ErgoPack Deutschland GmbH for the ergonomic strapping of pallets. With the pallet strapping systems from ErgoPack, recommended by AGR, all those back damaging movements are completely eliminated because the operator can strap packages to pallets of different sizes safely and comfortably in an upright position – without bending down and without walking around the pallet. This is rendered possible by a patented ChainLance which guides the strap under the pallet, up at the other side and directly back into the hand of the operator. This system can even be operated by people with existing back conditions.

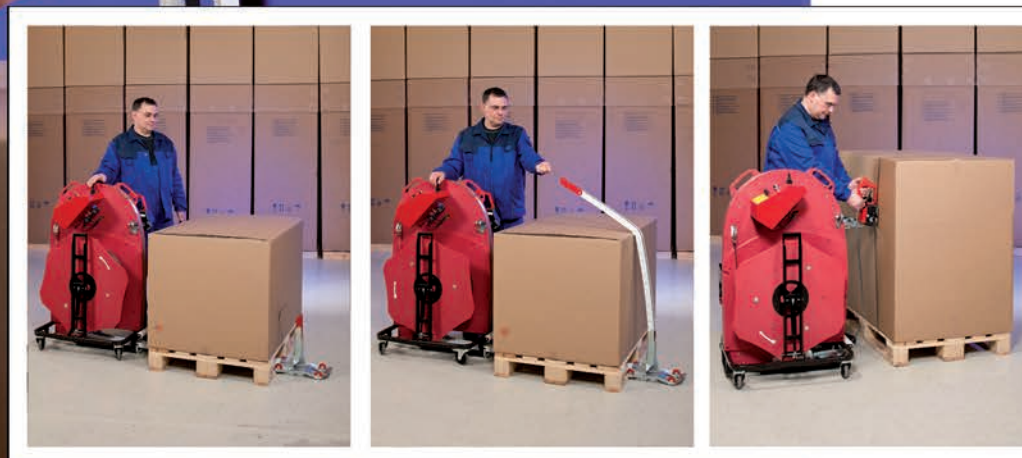


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