



DU2 - Additional Information

Important: Please read the Quick Start Guide in conjunction with this Additional Information sheet. Keeping both for future reference.

The Original Drinkup Hands-free Drinking System is a patented, versatile aid for rehabilitation and independent living. First prototyped in 1997, enabling our hospitalised Grandmother to drink autonomously. Affording her the most basic, everyday necessity whilst preventing dehydration, restoring dignity and helping faster recovery. The Original Drinkup is dedicated to her.

- An assessment is required prior to unsupervised use by children or adults.
- **Caution!** Drinkup must never be used without the bite valve being fitted correctly, as this may cause an uncontrolled flow of liquid from the drinking tube, unintentional siphon, choking or asphyxiation.
- Drinkup must never be used with very hot or cold drinks. Allow boiling drinks to cool-off. Always check that a drink's high or low temperature is safe for the User.

Box Contents

Drinkup is boxed along with a Quick Start Guide and this Additional Information sheet. Please refer to the Quick Start Guide for instructions on preparation & use. The assembly includes: A) Drinkup Base, B) Flexible Arm, B1) Flexible Arm Thumb Wheel, C) Tube Clips (x4), D) 1 Litre Drinkup Bottle, E) Cap. A Consumables Parts Pack is included, containing instructions and: F) Drinking Tube, G) Tube Collar, H) Bite Valve (Drinkup products are only supplied with genuine CamelBak® Big Bite™ valves). Spare tube clips (x3) are also included.

Unpacking & Checking

Ensure all of the items listed are removed from the packaging. If you believe anything is missing or damaged, before attempting to use Drinkup, please contact your supplier or Adret Gibs Ltd. Double-check inside the drinking tube and bite valve for any obstruction or foreign bodies. If necessary, unblock and rinse using fresh running water or use a replacement. Also check the bottle and cap for any foreign bodies and rinse before use.

Flexible Arm Limitation

Although Drinkup incorporates a flexible metal arm, this has inherent material limitations. Care should be taken to avoid bending the flexible arm within 50mm of each end. Also, the bending radius at any point along the flexible arm should be no less than 50mm. i.e. gentle bends are good, whereas tight bends will damage the structure of the arm.

Positioning & Moving

Always place the Drinkup base on a strong, stable and level surface within comfortable distance for the User. Drinkup is easiest to use when it's set up at a similar height/level to the User's head, so the flexible arm, drinking tube and bite valve are as horizontal as possible. This arrangement will minimise the effect of gravity on the drink, making it much easier for the User to suck the drink along the drinking tube. However, if needed, gravity may be used to an advantage. Please see below 'Safe-Siphon' Mode and the 'Safe-Siphon' Mode information sheet for full details.

Drinkup may be carried when empty or with the bottle in place, but the Drinkup base should always be held with both hands, preferably one hand supporting the weighted base. Never carry the Drinkup by holding the supplied bottle or the flexible arm.

Drinkup is supplied with a 1Litre bottle and cap. Larger vessels must not be used. Drinkup may also be used with a variety of ordinary cups, mugs, vending cups, glasses and drinks cans. If using an alternative cup, mug etc., please take care as to its stability when placed onto the Drinkup base, as it may not be held as securely as the bottle supplied. It may be necessary to empty the drinking tube when refilling or replacing the drinks vessel or when changing the Consumables. To do this, ensure the arm assembly, drinking tube and bite valve are above the level of drinks vessel and manually squeeze the bite valve. This will allow air into the bite valve, draining the drink back into the vessel.

Thickened Fluids

It is possible and completely safe to use thickened fluids with Drinkup. Due to the nature of peoples' different abilities and requirements, it's a case of careful assessment to determine the best consistency and set-up. In general, thin custard or medium syrup consistencies work well for most people, whilst thicker mixes are slower moving along the drinking tube and are harder to suck. The set-up can be adjusted so gravity assists. The 'Safe-Siphon' Mode can also be used with thickened fluids.

'Safe-Siphon' Mode

Drinkup may also be used safely when it's positioned above the User's head height to allow a controlled siphon feed. This arrangement is helpful when the User has a particularly weak suck ability or is unable to suck. By aiming the flexible arm and drinking tube downwards, so the bite valve is lower than the Drinkup base, allows gravity to be used to an advantage. The User then only has to apply light pressure to the bite valve to control the flow. Please see the 'Safe-Siphon' Mode information sheet for full details. Extra care must be taken to assess the User's ability to control their 'on/off' bite action and therefore, the amount of drink dispensed into their mouth at any one time.

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Cleaning, Hygiene & Care - To reduce the risk of infection in hospitals, care homes etc. we advise frequent cleaning of the Drinkup hardware and changing/disposal of the Consumables. Please follow the local protocols, training or guidance which may apply at your location.

Drinkup Hardware (base assembly, flexible arm assembly, bottle & cap)

- Drinkup may be cleaned with disposable sterilising wipes and washed by hand in warm water & mild detergent. Sterilising solution may also be used. Thoroughly rinse, drain, drip dry/wipe dry before reuse or storage.
- Drinkup may be washed in a dishwasher at a maximum temperature of 55 Celsius.
- Do not place Drinkup in a microwave or conventional oven. The supplied bottle and cap must not be used in a microwave or conventional oven.
- Do not use bleach, abrasive or aggressive cleaning pads, materials, chemicals or polish.
- Ensure the genuine Dycem® non-slip feet are kept clean and free from dust and grease.
- Drinkup hardware may only be utilised by another person after thorough cleaning/sterilising.

Drinkup Consumables Parts (drinking tube, tube collar & bite valve)

When Drinkup is used by an individual in their own home, Consumables may be reused, providing they are adequately washed and cared for. Consumables may be washed and reused for a number of days or weeks. However, the reusability largely depends on the type of drink being consumed i.e. fresh water will leave very little residue whereas fruit juice or sweet drinks will leave more residue. Long-term use of the same set of Consumables is not recommended. If in doubt of the cleanliness, do not reuse. The food grade PVC drinking tube may discolour and appear 'cloudy' after use, although this is not harmful.

- The Drinking tube may be washed by hand in warm water & mild detergent. Sterilising solution may also be used. A tube cleaning brush is available to help clean inside the drinking tube. Thoroughly rinse, drain & drip-dry.
- The bite valve may also be washed by hand but care must be taken not to damage the opening slit/valve faces.
- Consumables must not be washed in a dishwasher, as this is not effective for internal cleaning.
- Never share Consumables between different Users.

General Use & Care Information

- Keep Drinkup and Consumables away from all sources of heat, flame and smoker's materials and out of direct sunlight.
- For transportation or long-term storage we recommend keeping the original packaging safely out of sight and reach of babies and young children. Otherwise, please recycle or dispose of packaging in a responsible manner.
- Drinkup must not be used in conjunction with any other product or accessory, other than those supplied by or specifically approved by Adret Gibs Ltd.
- Only use Original Drinkup Consumables with the Drinkup Hands-free Drinking System.
- Do not use Original Drinkup Consumables in conjunction with any other product or for any other purpose.

Effective Post Market Surveillance

In compliance with EC Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC - Your supplier will retain your contact details and/or the contact details of your healthcare service provider, in case we, Adret Gibs Ltd., need to inform you/them of product safety recall or essential corrective action. Adret Gibs Ltd. is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and retains all personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

EC Declaration of Conformity



We, Adret Gibs Limited, declare that the *Drinkup Hands-free Drinking System* has been classified as class 1 in accordance with Annex IX and meets the essential requirements and provisions which apply to it as defined in Annex VII of: **EC Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC** and the National Laws and Regulations adopting this directive and other relevant directives.

Medical Device description: Drinking Aid. Type: Drinkup & Consumables Parts Pack. Harmonised standards applied (including parts/clauses of): BS EN 12182: 1999 Technical aids for disabled persons – General requirements and test methods.

Signed by Mr. C. Adams, Managing Director, Adret Gibs Limited, 23rd April 2007

The Technical File for this product is held by the manufacturer and may be inspected by arrangement. By first contacting Adret Gibs Ltd. at the following address: Adret Gibs Limited, McLellan Harris & Co., Waterloo Chambers, 19 Waterloo Street, Glasgow G2 6AY, UK. Or, Email: office@drinkup.uk.com, Web: www.drinkup.uk.com

