

Intended use and indication

Our blind sticks serve as an orientation, perception and locomotion aid for people with a disease of the eye or disorders of vision associated with a high degree of visual impairment or blindness. **It is imperative that the safety instructions are also observed!**

Contraindication

The use of blind sticks is unsuitable in case of disorders of the organ of equilibrium.

General safety information

The folding blind sticks are equipped with a rubber loop on the grip, which is used exclusively for transporting the stick. Please never pull this loop over your wrist when using the stick! Otherwise, you could possibly get caught in obstacles not only with the stick but also with your hand and injure yourself. Never put the stick together dirty or wet.

Adjusting the blind stick

Folding blind sticks can be folded for better storage. Folding should always be done from the bottom to ensure the durability of the elastic inside the stick. To do this, simply pull apart the individual tube sections and fold them together. The folded stick can be fixed with the help of the rubber band attached to the center of the upper part of the stick. Wrap the band once around the stick and tighten the loop with the sleeve. To unfold the blind stick, loosen the rubber band around the stick and plug the tube parts together. When unfolding and plugging together, be aware that there is a risk of pinching and bruising skin and fingers due to the internal elastic.

The probe tips are plugged or screwed on. Please pay attention to whether this is a blind stick with or without thread. They can be replaced when worn. Please contact your specialist dealer for replacement.

Use

The blind stick supports you reliably as an officially recognized aid with the application of various use techniques in the orientation in the close range. In addition, it is suitable in accordance with §2 Driving License Ordinance to identify pedestrians with high degree of visual impairment or blindness in road traffic. It therefore meets the legal requirements.

Important: The use of a blind stick must be learned. This is the only way to ensure safe participation in road traffic. For this reason, it is imperative that an orientation and mobility trainer for blind and visually impaired people be consulted when the stick is first purchased. Participation in appropriate training may be required. Financial subsidies for the blind sticks and participation in training is possible.

Storage and care

Never store the blind stick near sources of heat such as ovens, heaters or in the car on the shelf! Strong sun or heat will damage the material! **Warning!** Never clean the stick with oily substances or treat it with lubricants or similar! If necessary, clean the stick with a mild detergent and a soft cloth. Never use cleaners containing solvents, as these will damage the material! **Note:** If disinfection becomes necessary, use a suitable disinfectant. Please observe the manufacturer's instructions for use.

Limitation of use

Damaged blind sticks must not be used under any circumstances, as they no longer provide the required safety! **Note:** All serious incidents that occur in connection with the product must be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority of the Member State in which the user and/or the patient is located.

Re-use (rental) / duration of use

We shall only accept liability pursuant to the Product Liability Act for the initial placing of our products on the market. We only consent to reuse if we have first inspected the product. **The service life of the blind stick is limited to 2 years.** The user shall be responsible for the continued use of the stick after this time.

Warranty and liability

You have purchased a high-quality Ossenberg product. In the event of a justified material defect in spite of the highest quality standards, Ossenberg reserves the right, as part of a 12-month warranty, to either repair the defective item or replace it with a defect-free follow-up delivery, at its own discretion. Please note that stricter legal regulations are applicable to our finished products, in particular custom-made products. We shall not be liable for any damage caused by modifications to our products. The warranty does not cover defects attributable to wear and tear or improper handling. Wear parts are excluded from the warranty. Only original replacement parts and accessories must be used! Please contact your specialist dealer for replacement parts, accessories and repairs.

Disposal

Please consult your specialist dealer about the regional disposal regulations.

Technical data

REF	Name	Length total	Length folded	Weight
624	Foldable blind stick with nylon tip	110 cm	40 cm	200 g
624G	Foldable blind stick without ball tip incl. thread	110 cm	40 cm	200 g
624UE	Foldable blind stick with nylon tip	150 cm	40 cm	250 g
624GUE	Foldable blind stick without ball tip incl. thread	150 cm	40 cm	250 g



Replacement parts

REF	Name
174	Fixed nylon tip

Accessories

REF	Name
2095	Rolling adapter for non-self-rotating balls
2090	Sintered ceramic tip Ø 35 mm- not self-rotating
175	Hard ceramic tip Ø 25 mm- not self-rotating
173	Duroplast ball Ø 25 mm- not self-rotating

REF	Name
2060	Ball tip Ø 40 mm- self-rotating
2061	Ball tip Ø 32 mm- self-rotating
178	Disc-shaped rotary tip SD-DS66KT - self-rotating
171	Pear-shaped rotating tip SD-DS45KB - self-rotating
173	Polyamide rolling tip - self-rotating

Symbol directory

Item number	Batch number	Read the operating instructions	Attention	This product complies with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 (MDR).
Manufacture	Distribution by	Date of manufacture	Permissible body weight	Medical device

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