



FIRST

Prophylactic shoes

Medical device

Instructions for use

Before using the product, carefully read these instructions. Follow all recommendations in order to use the product in a proper way. The product should be used in accordance with manufacturer's intended application. In case of any doubts regarding the use of this product or if diagnosing any inborn or acquired defects of lower limbs, you should seek advice of a pediatrician or an orthopaedist.

The most important shoes in the world!

The first shoes are very important because they have a direct influence on the healthy development of children's feet.

Emel children's footwear is entirely **made by hand**. The shoes are manufactured in such a perfect way that they are guaranteed for the lifetime of the product. They are made in a workshop by craftsmen committed to making children's feet comfortable. Why is manufacturing by hand so important? The dexterity of human hands is irreplaceable, because there are no machines that are able to sense the exact tension required to apply to the fine leathers which are used in the manufacturing of Emel footwear. Leather is the main component of the shoe structure, directly influencing the comfort, functionality and appearance of the shoe. The leathers are selected by the company proprietor themselves, setting the bar extremely high for tanneries.

Usage Tips

Handmade **EMEL First Prophylactic Shoes** are perfect for children who are beginning the difficult process of learning to walk. For correct use, the size of the shoe should be well fitted to the length and width of the child's foot. Shoes should be used as recommended. Each pair of shoes should be used by one child only. The time a child should continuously wear shoes should not exceed twelve hours in any twenty four hour period. When used by small children, the shoes should be put on and taken off by the adult. When the footwear is being used, the maintenance instructions provided herein under "Cleaning and Maintenance" should be followed.

Kindly take note: it is not the foot that should grow to fit the shoe – it is the shoe that should be well fitted to the foot!

Intended use

Emel shoes are to be worn in normal conditions, and recommended for use in the prevention, as well as in the assisted treatment and rehabilitation of growth and acquired deformities of the lower limbs, such as:

- valgus deformities of knees and feet
- congenital talipes equinovarus
- talipes valgus
- hypermobility of the foot (lax ligaments)
- fallen longitudinal arches
- fallen transverse arches
- bunions
- claw toes

When appropriate, an orthopaedic inlay, selected by an orthopaedist, can be used in conservative therapy of the above-mentioned conditions.

Cleaning and maintenance

Rules for the use and proper care of shoes:
To protect the product against distortion, the shoes should always be put on and taken off only after they have been unlaced/unfastened. To ensure safety of your child, check that the shoes are well laced/fastened after having been put on. The shoes should be changed regularly and using one pair of shoes for a long time should be avoided. Match the shoes to the season of the year. The shoes should be cleaned and preserved on a daily basis using appropriate water-proofing agents.

Important to remember!
Leather footwear is not moisture resistant!

Only when regularly cared-for will the leather of the shoe be protected for a long time and its moisture resistance be increased. Protect the shoes from heavy soiling and soaking. Dirty shoes should be cleaned with a wet cloth or a natural-hair brush.

Do not wash!

A soaked shoe will lose its properties and shape, leading to deformation, colour-bleeding of the external layer of leather, loss of flexibility, or even cracking and result in the glued joints and stitches being weaker. If the shoes are soaked however, dry them at room temperature, away from sources of heat (fireplaces, heaters). Dried shoes should be waterproofed with an appropriate agent, according to the type of leather.

Important information on proper use

(Detailed usage instructions)
The product should be used as intended. The shoes are made of leather, which is a raw material. Colour fastness may reduce with use but this does not affect the functional qualities of the product. The shoe should be protected from moisture and soaking. To limit effects that may occur, such as traces of discoloration, insignificant differences in the authenticity and the grade of the leather, and also to protect the unique features of each product, the leather should be waterproofed. This should be done with the use of appropriate maintenance and waterproofing agents, which should be used in accordance with the intended use and colour of the shoes. Never wash or soak the shoes – it will make the leather less flexible and dry, which in turn will lead to its cracking and will weaken stitches and glued joints.

Instructions for the maintenance of natural-leather shoes

Below are the methods of shoe conservancy depending on the leather type which the product was made with:

For shoes made of nubuck and velour leathers:

Remove dirt with a brush. Remove stains by gently wiping with a wet and well-squeezed soft cloth or sponge. Leave the shoes to dry at room temperature, and then smooth out the bristle with a rubber brush. For the maintenance of shoes made of nubuck and velour leathers, use an aerosol preserver made for these types of leather. Do not burnish. Do not use shoe polish or cream.

For shoes made of grained leather:

Shoes made of grained leather should be rubbed with a soft cloth or sponge. Spread an even amount of shoe polish which is transparent or matched to the colour of the shoes. Polish with a soft bristle brush.

For shoes made of sprayed leather:

In shoes made of sprayed leather, the colour may change over time (become paler or darker) as a result of normal wear in the places where the leather bends, which is not a defect but a natural property of this type of leather. This is also the case with shoes made of natural leather with a cracking-grain effect. These shoes may tend to wear out faster at the top of the upper, especially in places which are particularly exposed to wear. Shoes made of both types of leather should be maintained in the same way as nubuck and velour shoes.

For shoes made of varnished leather:

Shoes made of varnished leather should be cleaned with a moist cloth or sponge. Do not polish or burnish.

Caution!

The uppers of shoes produced by our company are made of natural leather. Such leather may not have an identical colour and structure on the entire surface of the shoe. The differences are due to the authentic natural beauty and non-uniformity of leather to be appreciated as an advantage over artificial products.

Contraindications for use

The shoes must never be put on in the event of skin irritation or damage, chafing, an open and undressed wound, or an ulcer presenting on the child's feet. The shoes must not be worn by children allergic to animal leather. Should a child be prone to heavy sweating, the shoes should be frequently taken off to ventilate the foot. In such cases it is recommended to wear the shoes for several hours only. Children who tend to get foot skin diseases should see a dermatologist, paediatrician or orthopaedist before using these shoes.

Warnings:

The shoes should be put on feet wearing cotton socks, and then adjusted to the size and shape of the child's feet. No pressure on the foot should be present. In order to ensure proper wearing, the shoes cannot be used when wet, damaged or deformed. Shoe deformation is possible when worn by children with lower-limb defects. If you notice inborn or acquired defects in a child, consult an orthopaedist or paediatrician as soon as possible.

Adverse effects

In normal conditions of using the footwear and in accordance with the recommendation provided in this manual, no adverse effects are expected. In the event of any side effects, consult a specialist doctor.

Storage instructions

The shoes should be stored in a dry room, at a temperature 10-30°C, at a safe distance from any source of heat and sunlight.

Explanation of symbols indicating raw material composition

- Genuine leather
- Coated leather
- Textile
- Other material
- Upper
- Lining and insole
- Outsole

Explanation of symbols used for product marking

	CE marking (confirmation of compliance with Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council)		Manufacturer		Medical device
	Consult instructions for use		Catalogue number		Batch code
	Keep away from sunlight		Store in dry place		Temperature limit

In case of any serious incident related to the product, the manufacturer and the competent authority of the State in which the incident took place must be informed. Please contact the manufacturer directly in writing at the following address: EMEL s.c. Beata Kudrzym, Cezary Kudrzym, Karol Kudrzym, ul. Ludowa 28a, 42-215 Częstochowa; by phone at +48 34 3614914 or electronically at the email address: emel@emel.com.pl.

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