

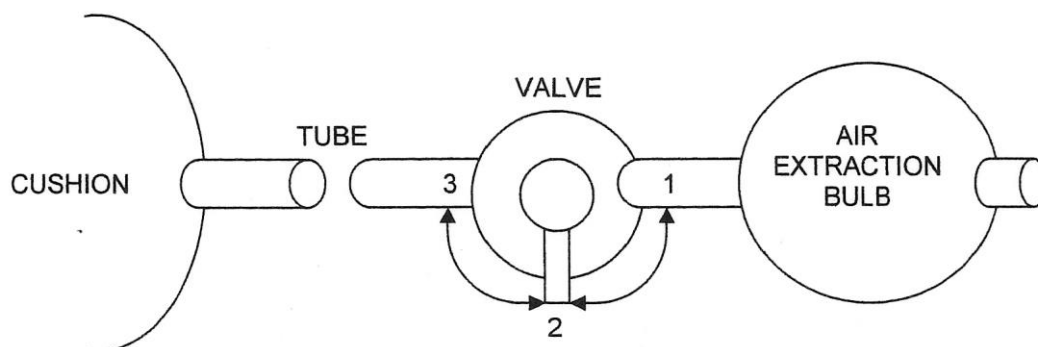
## Astor-Bannerman Vacuum Support Cushion

The Astor-Bannerman Vacuum Support Cushion moulds to the shape of the body of the user. The air is then removed from the cushion, retaining the form of the user.

**When removing the cushion from the bath for cleaning, please ensure the suckers are peeled off individually. Do not use a tearing action. Damage to the cushion caused in this way is not covered by the guarantee. Do not use any drain holes in the mattress to remove the cushion. Damage caused in this way is not covered by the guarantee.**

### IMPORTANT

Water or moisture must NOT be allowed to enter the air extraction bulb, valve, connecting pipe or the cushion itself. The ingress of moisture will seriously affect performance of the cushion and will also invalidate the guarantee.



The sequence of photographs below show the control valve fitted to the Astor Bannerman support cushions. In each of the photographs the cushion would be fitted to the left hand side, the air extraction bulb to the right as per the diagram above. The outlet facing towards the bottom is a vent.



Photo 1

With the valve in this position the cushion would be vented to atmosphere.



Photo 2

With the valve in this position the cushion can be deflated using the air extraction bulb.



Photo 3

With the valve in this position the cushion is sealed. This is the position needed to maintain the partial vacuum once the air has been removed by the air extraction bulb.

## Operating Instructions

1. Turn valve to position 1 (See Photo 1)– leave cushion to stand for two minutes to allow air pressure to equalise
2. Check that the surface to which the cushion is to be attached is clean (free from soap, grease, lime scale etc) and damp. Position the cushion ensuring the suckers are firmly secured.
3. Place either the person or object on the cushion in the desired position.

4. If necessary, further manipulate the cushion into the required shape to provide the adequate support.
5. Turn the valve to position 2 (See Photo 2).
6. Squeeze the air extraction bulb to vacuum-extract the air from the cushion until the required degree of support is obtained.
7. Turn the valve to position 3 to maintain the vacuum (See Photo 3).
8. The cushion can be left in its moulded shape if required or to release the vacuum, turn to position 1 as per Photo 1.

## **SAFETY NOTES AND CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL ASTOR-BANNERMAN CUSHIONS AND SUPPORTS**

Please ensure that all users and carers are aware of these instructions.

These instructions cover the general use of Astor-Bannerman cushion products and should be read in conjunction with the Operating Instructions.

The cushions are intended for use as aids for assisted bathing. Any person who is incapable of safely bathing themselves **MUST NOT** use the cushions without a carer present at all times.

When filling a bath, care must be taken to ensure that the hot and cold water are thoroughly mixed in the area of the cushion as well as the rest of the bath.

Ensure that the cushion is securely attached before use. Be aware that the cushion may become detached from the bath during use for a variety of reasons such as: improper use, extreme movement or turbulent water flow into the bath.

## **CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL ASTOR-BANNERMAN CUSHIONS AND SUPPORTS**

Please ensure that all users and carers are aware of the instructions.

Please note that when cleaning the cushions and supports, abrasive materials should **NOT** be used (e.g. scouring pads, abrasive pastes etc). Under no circumstances should acid or a bleach based disinfectant be used. Use of these substances will invalidate the guarantee.

### **Caution**

The persistent or heavy use of oil based products may adversely affect the blue material. Oils and other petro-chemical products should be used sparingly and any residue removed immediately.

## **Guarantee**

This product is guaranteed against all defects in manufacture for a period of 6 Months.  
This does not affect your statutory rights.

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