

# Kava and Senna

## User Instructions

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## Introduction to the Kava and Senna Riser Recliner Chairs

### What are the Kava and Senna chairs?

The Kava and Senna chairs are a combination of elegant modern design, tailored dimensions and quality manufacture all underpinned by a sound and comprehensive understanding that sitting in a healthy and comfortable position can improve your lifestyle and your well being.

Exclusively designed for the Signature range, the Kava and Senna have unique styling characteristics and the ability to be tailored for each individual that sets them apart in the world of riser recliners.

## Why is there a need for this type of chair?

The Kava and Senna have been designed for those who require a personalised, anatomically correct riser recliner chair. Tailoring the chair for each user in terms of seat height, seat depth, seat width, back height and arm height creates a postural experience that alleviates pressure, encourages well being and avoids the negative impact of incorrect posture and poor support whether sitting in an upright or reclined position.

The ability of a seated person to function efficiently and perform activities depends on their ability to adopt the appropriate posture. All activity is posture dependent. If a person cannot move or has problems adjusting their posture, it may be necessary to use seating to try to provide externally what is limited internally.



The Kava has a simple yet smooth operating single motor action that takes you from a relaxed reclined position, ideal for watching television, reading or even having an afternoon snooze, right through to helping you to stand. At anytime through this spectrum of movement by simply releasing the button, the motion will stop.

The Senna has a more sophisticated dual motor action that enables greater flexibility and control of the chair's movements. Sitting in pristine comfort, the Senna has an independent back recline and raise facility that just like the Kava can take you to a full standing position, yet it also boasts a secondary tilting motion that enables the legrest to elevate, the back to recline and the seat to tilt providing the ultimate resting and relaxing position.

Relaxation and lasting comfort underpins the Kava and Senna chairs aiming to provide a riser recliner chair tailored perfectly for each individual user.

## Who should consider using the Kava and/or Senna chairs?

The Kava and Senna chairs are ideal for those that want a comfortable riser recliner chair. The chairs are perfect to assist those that need that little extra help to stand or require somewhere comfortable to rest and relax in a reclined position.

The Kava and Senna can be used within a variety of different environments including domestic homes, nursing and residential care homes, hospices and hospitals.

## Kava and Senna Product Information

### Range

- Kava (single motor)
- Senna (dual motor)

### Options

- Low Back (71cm/28")
- Standard Back (79cm/31")
- Tall Back (86cm/34")
  
- Plain Back
- Combi Back
- Waterfall Back

### Accessories

- Transflo Pressure Relieving Seat Cushion
- Arm Covers and Headrest Cover
- Battery Back-up
- Lateral Supports
- Side Transfer Arm
- Side Pocket
- Safety Sensors
- High or Low Armrests
- Head Cushion for Plain Back

## Guidelines for Best Practice

To ensure good practice when considering purchasing a Kava or Senna chair and effective use post purchase we advise that the following guidelines are considered:

1. Seek advice and input from a qualified therapist/professional and/or Kirton Signature representative/distributor at the initial prescription of the chair.
2. If unsure when ordering the chair and any accessories contact either the therapist involved or your Kirton Signature representative or distributor or our Customer Services Team on **Freephone 0800 212709 or +44 (0) 1440 705352** to discuss further.
3. It is recommended that following receipt of the chair all staff and family members that maybe supervising the user(s) where necessary should be trained in adjusting the chair to ensure it is adjusted safely and correct positioning is maintained for the benefit of the user.
4. Users that require supervisory care should be checked regularly to ensure their most appropriate position is maintained in the chair.

## Warranty

The Kava and Senna chairs are governed by Kirton Healthcare's Warranty and Liability provision guidance notes are included within your delivery packs.

The Kava and Senna framework and mechanism has a 2 year warranty subject to fair wear and tear and lack of abuse.

The Kava and Senna upholstery is subject to a 12 month warranty subject to fair wear and tear and lack of abuse.

Repairs under warranty must be carried out by an approved service engineer which is also recommended for repairs outside warranty.

## The User Instructions

The purpose of the following user instructions is to provide a guide on how to utilise, adjust and maintain the Kava and/or the Senna chairs.

These instructions should be read by those using the chair and where necessary involved with the supervision of the user and/or the care of the chair before use.

Please retain these instructions with the Care and Maintenance card enclosed for future reference.

## Questions and Concerns

Should you experience any difficulties or have any concerns regarding the initial purchase or subsequently adjusting the Kava or Senna chair or have any concerns regarding its use or operation then immediately contact either your Kirton Signature representative, distributor or our Customer Services Team on **Freephone 0800 212709 or +44 (0) 1440 705352**, they will be delighted to help you.



## General Operation of the Kava and Senna chairs

It is recommended that each chair is manufactured to accommodate the user's specific requirements in terms of seat height, seat depth, seat width, back height and armrest height.

The general operation of each chair whether it is in rise or recline mode should be effected with the user in the chair. However, the chair has not been designed to move whilst occupied and should not be pushed with the user in the chair as this could damage the back of the chair, the mechanism and/or the framework.

Always keep the chair an adequate distance away from the wall or rear obstruction as failure to correctly position the chair may cause damage to the chair's motor action and invalidate your warranty.

## Installation of the Kava and Senna

Your armchair should be installed and explain the correct useage of the chair. Please try to minimise movement of the chiar when cleaning by using the power tilt/life, to enable you to vacuum under the chair.

Always keep the chair an adequate distance away from a wall or rear obstruction as failure to correctly position the chair may cause damage to the chair's motor action and invalidate your warranty.

## Installation of the Back

Your chair ideally should be readily assembled when delivered or assembled by your Signature representative or distributor.

However, should there be a need to either remove or replace the back there are female location brackets at the lower sides of the back, insert the male brackets protruding vertically from each side rear of the seat and push firmly down.

Test chair thoroughly full lift and recline cycle unloaded, sit in the chair and repeat procedure.

## Handset control for the Kava {single motor}

The handset controller for the Kava chair is a low pressure two button hand control.

The button on the right hand side of the handset takes the chair from recline to sitting and from sitting to the tilt/rise position.

The button on the left hand side of the handset takes the chair from tilt/rise or upright position to sitting and then if required onto recline.

The chair will stop at any position in the range of movement if pressure is released.

## Handset control for the Senna {dual motor}

The handset controller for the Senna chair on either button is a low pressure four button hand control.

The button on the top left of the handset takes the chair from sitting to the tilt/rise position.

The button on the top right of the handset elevates or lowers the legrest.

The button on the bottom left of the handset independently reclines the back and effects the tilt mechanism.

The button on the bottom right of the handset brings the chair to its upright position.

The chair will stop at any position in the range of movement if pressure is released.

## Reflexion Foam Pressure Care Foam

**REFLEXION™**  
Performance under pressure.

Reflexion foam included as standard in both the Kava and Senna chairs moulds itself to the contours of the user, this helps to spread the body weight more evenly across a greater surface area. This function is essential to avoid localised interface pressure on the critical parts of the body subjected to compression and possible tissue damage.

## Transflo Pressure Relieving Seat Cushion (accessory)

The Transflo pressure relieving seat cushion can be built into the seat module of any of the Signature range of chairs providing excellent pressure relief for those at medium to high risk of pressure problems without changing the dimensions of the seat height that has been individually tailored for you.

The Transflo's two connected gel sacs encapsulated within the cushion respond to even the subtlest of movements yet provide the greatest of protection.

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## **Arm Covers and Headrest Cover (accessories)**

These covers are protective shields for the tops of the armrests and the headrest area of the back of the chair.

The armcaps simply slip over the top/front of the armrests and help to protect the upholstery from daily wear and tear.

The headrest cover lays over the very top of the headrest area on the back of the chair to protect from general wear and tear around the head area.

## **Side Pocket (accessory)**

The side pocket is a convenient place for magazines and remote controllers to be stored away safely.

Take care not to over fill the pocket.

Do not put sharp implements in the pocket or it potentially could be torn.

## **Lateral Supports (accessory)**

For those requiring a little extra body support the Kava and Senna can be fitted either at time of manufacture or retrospectively by a trained Signature representative with lateral supports that will help to maintain a midline position.

The laterals are fixed in one position vertically however, have the option of two widths horizontally.

To adjust the width of the lateral supports simply unlock the butterfly knob until loose, remove the lateral support and retighten the butterfly knob. This can be repeated on either side of the chair as required.

## **Battery Back Up (accessory)**

A 24v battery back-up system is available as an optional extra.

This system will automatically take over the running of the chair in the event of a mains power failure.

## **Safety Sensors (accessory)**

The Safety Sensor optional accessory offers the user peace of mind that should for example a pet or child be underneath the chair when it is lowering from the stand up position then the power will cut out.

These sensors help to avoid any accidents to pets and loved ones during the rise and recline motion of the chairs.



**Lateral Supports**

## Fabric Upholstery Cleaning Advice

### Novello

Novello is an attractive chenille fabric that has been produced with the very latest finishing process giving the collection a luxurious soft handle and an irregular distressed appearance.

Fire tested to **cigarette & match only and can only be sold into domestic homes environments** due to its fire test rating; it must not be sold into contract environments (a fabric that meets Crib 5 should be used).

#### Cleaning:

Professional dry clean only, first testing on unseen part of the fabric.

#### Please note:

If bobbling or pilling occurs on this fabric, this is not a problem or having any detrimental effect on the wear characteristic of the fabric. Removal by a "de-fuzzer" is the most effective method and returns fabric to its original appearance.

### Foxtrot

Foxtrot is a collection of stain repellent genuine woven easy care polyester. It is soft and luxurious to the touch and embodies the distinctive intensity of colour that only polyester can give. Colours have been carefully selected to enhance any home or contract situation.

This fabric conforms to BS 5852 Part 1 Cigarette and Match Test and BS 5852 FR3 CRIB Ignition Source 5 and BS 7176 1995 Predictive Test for Medium Hazard.

#### Cleaning:

To remove the commonest stains: Clean as soon as possible. Absorb wet stains. Scrape off solids (do not go against the grain). Wash with a mild detergent and water.

#### Please note:

Pile fabrics, by their very nature, do often have a tendency to pressure mark. This is a natural characteristic of this fine fabric

and does not in any way whatsoever detract from the exceptional hardwearing qualities of the pile material.

Stain	Treatment	Post-Treatment
Butter, Jam, Chocolate Spread, Mustard, Ketchup, French Dressing, Coffee, Chocolate, Milk, Fruit Juice	Warm water with detergent	Rinse with luke warm water
Wine	Methylated Spirits	Rinse with weak vinegar
Ink, Ballpoint, Felt tip	Methylated Spirits	
Shoe Polish Lipstick	Stain remover	
Nail Polish	Ethyl Acetate	
Chewing Gum	Harden the gum and remove with ethyl acetate	

### Suede

A quality and luxurious faux suede material.

This material conforms to BS 5852 Part 1 Ignition Source 0, 1 Cigarette and Match Test: BS 5852 Part 2 Ignition Source 5

#### Cleaning:

Brush or vacuum regularly to remove surface grit and dirt. Clean with warm water and detergent using a soft lint free cloth. More stubborn stains can be treated with white spirit providing the area is washed thoroughly with soap solution after treatment. Do not use solvent-based cleaning agents.



## Boltaflex Cadet/Vyflex Combination

Both Boltaflex Cadet and Vyflex are vinyl materials however, Vyflex is considered to be a pressure relief vinyl due to its two-way stretch characteristics.

Boltaflex Cadet with PreFixx contract vinyls are compounded with special additives that generate increased levels of anti-microbial activity.

Vyflex also has built in characteristic that include anti-microbial anti-fungal as well as stain resistance.

These materials conform to BS 5852 Part 1 Ignition Source 0, 1 Cigarette and Match Test BS5852 Part 2 Ignition Source 5

### Cleaning:

#### **Boltaflex Cadet with PreFixx:**

Use a dilute solution of household bleach to aid infection control.

**Day to day soiling:** remove ordinary dirt and smudges with a mild soap and warm water solution. Dry with a soft lint-free cloth or towel.

**Infection Control:** Wipe with a one-in ten solution of water and household bleach. Rinse with clean water and dry.

#### **Special Cleaning Problems:**

The following methods are recommended to clean stains on PreFixx protected vinyl upholstery. Many stains will be removed when these cleaning agents are used *in the following order*:

1. Non-abrasive household cleaners to be used with water and dried with a soft cloth.
2. Solvent type cleaners (e.g isopropyl alcohol) to be applied with a soft cloth. Dry area with another cloth, rinse with clean water and dry.
3. Strong, active solvent cleaner (e.g acetone/water) to be applied with a soft cloth. Stains should be treated as soon as possible after the spill and should be removed with less than six rubs. If stain persists after six rubs, stain has set and probably cannot be removed. Dry area with a separate cloth, rinse with clean water and dry.

**Caution:** These cleaners are highly flammable. Exercise proper care in cleaning. Wear rubber gloves. Use

caution in cleaning around buttons, stitching and wooden or decorative trim, as solvents could damage these areas.

### **Vyflex:**

Use a brush and tepid soapy water (non-alkaline), rinse with clear water. Never use polish, stain remover or solvent.

### **Panvelle Stretch**

Manufactured to meet the demands of the healthcare industry to help alleviate pressure related problems. Panvelle Stretch provides greater comfort to the patient with a soft textile finish and water resistant characteristics.

This material conforms to BS 5852 Part 1 Ignition Source 0, 1 Cigarette and Match Test BS 5852 Part 2 Ignition Source 5

### **Cleaning:**

1. Routine soap and warm water sponging is effective for ordinary soiling
2. Fresh stains both water and oil based are easily removed using most water based household spray cleaning agents
3. Antiseptic cleaning agents can be used and more stubborn stains may require a safe solvent such as Isopropyl Alcohol or Mineral Spirit
4. Up to 10% bleach solution can also be used as a useful disinfectant (includes Has-Tabs and Chlor-Clean)
5. Best cleaning method is "wipe & dry" technique. Full immersion is not recommended.
6. Do not dry clean!

## Care and Maintenance

For recommended care, cleaning and maintenance, please refer also to the care and maintenance guidelines enclosed with your chair and the care label fixed to your chair.

- Wipe down framework with soapy water and a soft cloth.
- Check castors regularly for build up of fluff and dirt particles
- Cleaning with scouring pads is not advised.

## Helpline

Should you have any concerns either pre or post purchase of the chair contact our Customer Services Team on

**Freephone 0800 212709** or from outside the UK **+44 (0) 1440 705352** to discuss further. Alternatively, if you purchased your chair from a Kirton distributor in the first instance please contact your point of reference there.

If your call concerns a specific seating product or item of furniture please have ready your sales order number before you telephone. This can be located at the rear of each chair underneath the back panel flap and helps us identify your details and deal with your enquiry efficiently.



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## Potential Risks, Cautions and Warnings

- The user is at risk if the Kava or Senna chairs are not specified and adjusted to their particular requirements.
- The Kava and Senna armchairs have been designed for use by one person only.
- **Do not** allow the legrest to be used as a seat, nor allow the chair to be pushed along by it. Damage or injury could result to the chair or legrest, the user or the person sitting on the legrest or pushing the chair.
- **Do not** sit on the arms as this can cause damage to the covering and could make the stability of the chair unsafe.
- Users and carers should take care not to trap fingers down either the side of the chair or between the back and the seat module.
- If using any of the accessories such as the lateral supports the user should be regularly checked and supervised to ensure correct positioning is maintained.
- Always ensure children and pets are clear of the chair before operating. Switch off and unplug at the wall when unattended and children are present.
- Always keep the chair an adequate distance away from the wall or rear obstruction as failure to correctly position the chair may cause damage to the chair's motor action and invalidate your warranty.
- Always ensure that the power cable of the chair does not cause any danger of tripping.
- No modifications are permitted without prior written consent from the manufacturer; any such non-approved modifications may invalidate the warranty.