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BED CARE GUIDE

By taking a little extra care and looking after your new bed in your waking hours, you can rest assured that it will support and take care of you while you sleep. Here's are a few tips of how to enjoy your new bed to the full

## On Delivery

Remember, placing a new mattress on an old base can be a false economy. For example, a platform or hard top divan base will make a soft mattress feel hard. Once your new bed is in place and the packaging removed, let it air for a short while before putting on your mattress protector and bed linen. Read all of the manufacturer's care guides and the labels attached, as most give guidance on the materials and support systems in your bed. If your new mattress releases an odour, don't be alarmed, it is just airing and this will settle after a few days. It may feel a little strange sleeping on your new bed at first. Don't worry – it just takes time for your body to adjust to a new level of support and comfort.

You'll soon be enjoying a more relaxed sleep

## **After Delivery**

We recommend looking after your new bed for years to come. If you take care of your bed, it will take care of you. Please follow these tips to ensure you have the best night's sleep every night.

#### Taking Care of Your Mattress

We highly recommend the use of a mattress protector, which you can purchase in store. Try to find one that is natural rather than plastic as these are not breathable and can cause damage to your new mattress. Protectors will protect your mattress from stains, but also stop nasty bed bugs. If you fail to use one, sometimes your guarantee can be affected. Some mattress protector manufacturers even offer you a guarantee if you buy one!

Turn down your bedding each morning to allow the mattress to air. When changing your bedding, brush your mattress with a soft brush – don't vacuum it. Don't saturate the fabric with liquid and never use detergent or a hard brush, as they can damage the material and stitching. Allow the mattress to air gently, away from direct heat.

Avoid sitting on the edge of the bed for long periods as this can damage the springing/support sytems. Avoid standing or jumping on your mattress. It will break down the internal construction and can cause the mattress to collapse..

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Unless it states otherwise, turn your mattress every week for at least the first 6 months. After that, turn it at least every four weeks. If you do not turn your mattress periodically then it can result in dipping where the fillings are not settling evenly. This can also void your guarantee, as it is not a manufacturing fault. All mattresses have different turning requirements to check your care guide from the manufacturer too, however here are some you may come across:

• **No-turn mattress**: These do still require turning frequently. These mattresses have only one side with fillings so does not require flipping, only rotating, from head to toe.





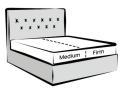
• **Turn-able mattress**: These mattresses are designed to be rotated and flipped over. We recommend rotating on week one and flipping on week 2 and then repeat this until the initial period is over.







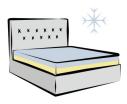
 Dual tension mattress: Mattresses with different tensions on each side (but one whole mattress) should only be flipped from head to toe. This keeps your correct sleeping side.



• Winter/Summer side mattress: Some mattresses have warmer fillings on one side and cooler on the other. These mattresses still need to be turned every week initially, however after that only flipped twice a year (we usually say when the clocks change). But please still rotate regularly.







• **Zip & Link mattress**: Please un-zip the mattresses and then rotate or flip and then zip them back together.



Turning any mattress is a 2-person job; please do not attempt to do it yourself. Keep it flat or on one side and use the handles to carry the load evenly. Please do not bend or attempt to roll your mattress, you will only cause damage.

#### Caring for your base

Check all bolts, screws, legs and castors regularly to make sure they haven't loosened. When buying a bedstead with a mattress, use a mattress pad over the wooden bedstead slats. This will reduce wear on the mattress cover and impede the transfer of tiny splinters. A mattress pad is a natural product that allows the mattress fillings to air or 'breathe'. Only use storage drawers in divan beds to carry lightweight items such as pillows, duvets, and linen. Heavier items like books or toys could cause them to collapse, or distort the drawers and pull them off their runners. You can check weight limits in your care guide from the manufacturer, or please call us and we can advise you.

If you wish to clean your fabric base or headboard, please take a look at our 'Upholstery care guide' and this will talk you through cleaning these materials.

If you wish to clean a wooden or metal bedstead, please take a look at our 'Furniture care guide' and this will talk you through cleaning these materials.









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