



Model 71 Basket Series Service Life

Ferno recommends a maximum operational life of its 71 Basket Stretcher of no longer than seven (7) years from date of manufacture. This is dependent on the use of the basket stretcher, where and how it is stored, if it has been exposed to extreme temperatures, fire or flame etc.

The 71 Basket Stretcher is formed out of HDPE with an additional UV additive which makes the basket stretcher very resilient and UV stable. Over time, however, UV exposure will eventually affect the basket stretcher if it is stored outdoors in the sun and exposed to high temperatures. It is important that you follow the maintenance guide (see below) and document inspection in the provided section in the user manual. You shall follow the recommendations after each use and have at least one yearly quality control inspection. Daily use in rescue operations, storage under direct sunlight or daily contact with saltwater can reduce the lifetime of the stretcher rapidly. Following the maintenance guide in the user manual and protecting the product from environment factors like direct sunlight with our protection bag or other solutions will increase the lifetime of the product.

Ferno offers, as standard, a 12-month warranty on all new stretchers unless otherwise stated in the product's User Manual. Service and spare parts support will be provided on all stretchers for the recommended maximum operational life of the product. The model 71 rescue stretcher has a one-year warranty except parts that may be part of the Limited Warranty such as soft goods. Read the user manual enclosed each product or contact your local Ferno dealer for an updated version.

Inspection Checklist

- Are all components present?
- Are all rivets securely attached?
- Is the stretcher basket free of punctures, cracks, deep gouges, and cuts?
- Inspect for discoloration of the orange HPDE material that could indicate wear or damage. Store the stretcher away from heat and direct sunlight.
- Is the stretcher frame free of bends and cracks?
- Is restraint webbing in good condition with no cuts or frayed edges?

- Are restraint buckles free of visible damage and do they operate properly?
- Is the pad free of cuts and punctures?
- Does the pad attach to the stretcher properly?
- **Split Basket (Model 71-S Only):** Are the center plate, connector pins, and splice pins and housings present and in good condition, and do the stretcher halves attach and detach properly?
- **Model 71-M:** Are runners in good condition and securely attached to the basket? Is vinyl covering in place on the frame and are the plastic rivets (basket to frame) securely in place?